

Favorite Christmas Read-Alouds and Library Activities

We asked our library friends to chime in on their favorites.

Here are their responses:

Read-Alouds

(Some are out of print, but maybe you have a copy in your library)

The ~~Worst~~ Best Christmas Pageant Ever
'Twas the Night Before Christmas
Mr. Willoughby's Christmas Tree
How the Grinch Stole Christmas
How the Grinch Lost Christmas

The Teacher's Night Before Christmas
Merry Christmas, Big Hungry Bear
The Puppy Who Wanted a Boy
Pete the Cat Saves Christmas
A Mustache Baby Christmas

Dasher
Santa Kid
The Shelf Elf
The Snowy Day
Are You Grumpy, Santa?
Click Clack Ho! Ho! Ho!
The Christmas Cobwebs
Christmas in the Barn
Shooting at the Stars
Christmas Tapestry

Turkey Claus
Red and Lulu
Santa Duck
Jackie's Gift
The Legend of the Poinsettia
Bear Stays Up For Christmas
A World of Cookies for Santa
The Night Before Christmas
The Last Christmas Tree
Froggy's First Christmas

Santa Cat
Stick Man
I Am Max
The Great Santa Escape
How Santa Got His Job
The Christmas Spurs
The Christmas Cricket
The Polar Express
Clifford's Christmas

Activities

(For some, visit Teachers Pay Teachers for More Info)

Making Christmas ornaments for parents
Make a Christmas tree out of books
Christmas crafts
Christmas memories
Christmas trivia
Make Santas with dried okra pods
Acting out The Polar Express
Design an ugly sweater

Write letters to Santa
Roll-a-story with Christmas prompts
Write silly elf sentences
Elf job application activity
Christmas book-reading bingo
Reindeer research project
Gingerbread Man Escape Zipline
Santa Parachute STEM Activity

- After reading The ~~Worst~~ Best Christmas Pageant Ever, watch the movie.
- Christmas bookmark design contest - top three are copied and distributed.
- Students and staff hunt for elves hidden in the stacks.
- Invite guests to read to students and share their family traditions and childhood.
- After reading "The Legend of the Poinsettias," students make poinsettias to decorate the library.
- Build a Christmas tree using green solo cups using STEM strategies.
- While reading "'Twas the Night Before Christmas", students sit at tables and jingle bells are on the table, one fewer than the number of students. Every time they hear a simile, they grab a bell. Kind of like the "Spoons" card game. The student without a bell can be out...or not - it gets pretty competitive.