

# Nov. Dec. Library Gr. K

Content Area: **Library**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **November**  
Length: **6-8 Weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## Unit Overview

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Students will be introduced to books about the holidays.

## Enduring Understandings

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We can learn about the holidays through books.

## Essential Questions

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What can we learn about the holidays?

## Instructional Strategies & Learning Activities

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Di-November - Dinosaurs  
Fiction and non fiction

Bivona - K  
Hanukkah  
book - Hanukkah Haiku  
How do dinosaurs celebrate Hanukkah  
video - The first night of Hanukkah  
activity - color dreidels

Holidays  
books - Dewey, there's a cat in the library and  
Dewey's Christmas at the Library  
activity - make a tree decorated with red yard like the one in the book

book - Santa the number one toy expert

activity - would you rather holiday edition

## **Integration of Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills**

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TECH.9.4.2.CI.1

Demonstrate openness to new ideas and perspectives (e.g., 1.1.2.CR1a, 2.1.2.EH.1, 6.1.2.CivicsCM.2).

Brainstorming can create new, innovative ideas.

## **Technology and Design Integration**

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Students will learn to interact with the Smartboard.

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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Students will learn about Science and Social Studies through the book choices.

## **Differentiation**

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- Understand that gifted students, just like all students, come to school to learn and be challenged.
- Pre-assess your students. Find out their areas of strength as well as those areas you may need to address before students move on.
- Consider grouping gifted students together for at least part of the school day.
- Plan for differentiation. Consider pre-assessments, extension activities, and compacting the curriculum.
- Use phrases like "You've shown you don't need more practice" or "You need more practice" instead of words like "qualify" or "eligible" when referring to extension work.
- Encourage high-ability students to take on challenges. Because they're often used to getting good grades, gifted students may be risk averse.
- **Definitions of Differentiation Components:**
  - Content – the specific information that is to be taught in the lesson/unit/course of instruction.
  - Process – how the student will acquire the content information.
  - Product – how the student will demonstrate understanding of the content.
  - Learning Environment – the environment where learning is taking place including physical location and/or student grouping

**Differentiation occurring in this unit:**

Students will be encouraged to choose books that are based on their interests and skill levels.

## Modifications & Accommodations

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Refer to QSAC EXCEL SMALL SPED ACCOMMODATIONS spreadsheet in this discipline.

**Modifications and Accommodations used in this unit:**

IEP and 504 plans will be utilized.

## Benchmark Assessments

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**Benchmark Assessments** are given periodically (e.g., at the end of every quarter or as frequently as once per month) throughout a school year to establish baseline achievement data and measure progress toward a standard or set of academic standards and goals.

**Schoolwide Benchmark assessments:**

Aimsweb benchmarks 3X a year

Linkit Benchmarks 3X a year

**Additional Benchmarks used in this unit:**

Teacher record of book choices.

## Formative Assessments

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Assessment allows both instructor and student to monitor progress towards achieving learning objectives, and can be approached in a variety of ways. **Formative assessment** refers to tools that identify misconceptions, struggles, and learning gaps along the way and assess how to close those gaps. It includes effective tools for helping to shape learning, and can even bolster students' abilities to take ownership of their learning when they understand that the goal is to improve learning, not apply final marks (Trumbull and Lash, 2013). It can include students assessing themselves, peers, or even the instructor, through writing, quizzes, conversation, and more. In short, formative assessment occurs throughout a class or course, and seeks to improve student achievement of learning objectives through approaches that can support specific student needs (Theal and Franklin, 2010, p. 151).

**Formative Assessments used in this unit:**

Discussion

Teacher observation

Checklists

## Summative Assessments

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**Summative assessments** evaluate student learning, knowledge, proficiency, or success at the conclusion of an instructional period, like a unit, course, or program. Summative assessments are almost always formally graded and often heavily weighted (though they do not need to be). Summative assessment can be used to great effect in conjunction and alignment with formative assessment, and instructors can consider a variety of ways to combine these approaches.

**Summative assessments for this unit:**

Teacher made assessments

## Instructional Materials

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See books listed above

Library selections

## Standards

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LA.RL.K.4	Ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.
LA.RL.K.5	Recognize common types of texts (e.g., storybooks, poems).
LA.RL.K.7	With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which they appear (e.g., what moment in a story an illustration depicts).
LA.RL.K.9	With prompting and support, compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories.