



# ELEMENTARY LIBRARY IDEAS FOR MARCH

## Idea #1: Go On A Women's History Scavenger Hunt

by Cari White (Library Learners)

These Women's History Library Lessons use a scavenger hunt of picture book biographies as an engaging start to learning more about women in history!

(see them in the [Library Learners TPT store](#))



## Idea #2: Practice Using the OPAC

by Julie Olson (That Library Girl)



Are your students learning to use the OPAC?

These CAT tags can help. "CAT" stands for a book's Call number, Author, and Title.

With this freebie – you'll have a tool to help foster a little independence among your students!

(see it in [That Library Girl's TPT store](#))

## Idea #3: Enjoy a Leprechaun Storytime

by Laura Trapp (The Trapped Librarian)

March is definitely the time for a fun Leprechaun Storytime in your elementary library!

Engaging picture books, music, movement, and fun lead to high levels of engagement. This lesson is a true favorite with my younger students (the older ones like it too, actually!).

I love an excuse to bring out my St. Patrick's Day t-shirts, shamrock eyeglasses, and all things green to get in the spirit of the holiday.



(see this [Leprechaun Storytime](#) in The Trapped Librarian's TPT store)



## Favorite New Book Releases

by Leigh Collazo (MrsReaderPants)

Released in  
the last 30  
days

### PICTURE BOOKS

- *Sometimes It's Nice to Be Alone* by Amy Hest
- *In Every Life* by Marla Frazee
- *The Fire of Stars* by Kirsten W. Larson
- *Once Upon a Book* by Grace Lin
- *Finding Papa* by Angela Pham Krans
- *You Are a Story* by Bob Raczka
- *Friends Beyond Measure* by Lalena Fisher
- *9 Kilometers* by Claudio Aguilera

### CHAPTER BOOKS / NOVELS

- *The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels* by Beth Lincoln
- *The Grace of Wild Things* by Heather Fawcett
- *Evergreen* by Matthew Cordell
- *The Worlds We Leave Behind* by A. F. Harrold
- *Lasagna Means I Love You* by Kate O'Shaughnessy
- *Not An Easy Win* by Chrystal D. Giles

## DID YOU KNOW...?

March always begins on the same day of the week as February in non-leap years, and it also begins on the same day as November. March always ends on the same day of the week as June. [Read more...](#)





## Idea #4: Teach About Tall Tales

by Leigh Collazo (MrsReaderPants)

If you are looking for elementary library lesson ideas, try teaching tall tales!

These exaggerated stories are always a hit with students. They are short, funny, silly, and so much fun!

Here are five ideas for teaching tall tales in your library...

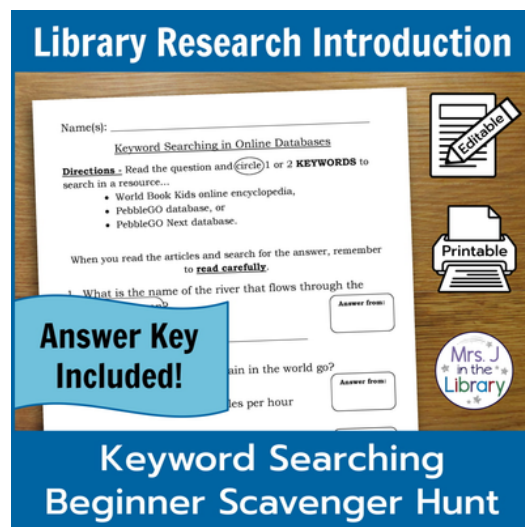
([read article series on MrsReaderPants](#)).

## Idea #5: Practice Keyword Searching

by Collette Jakubowicz (Mrs J in the Library)

Teach your students to use keyword searching to find information in your library research databases and other reference sources with this editable scavenger hunt.

([see it on Mrs J in the Library](#)).



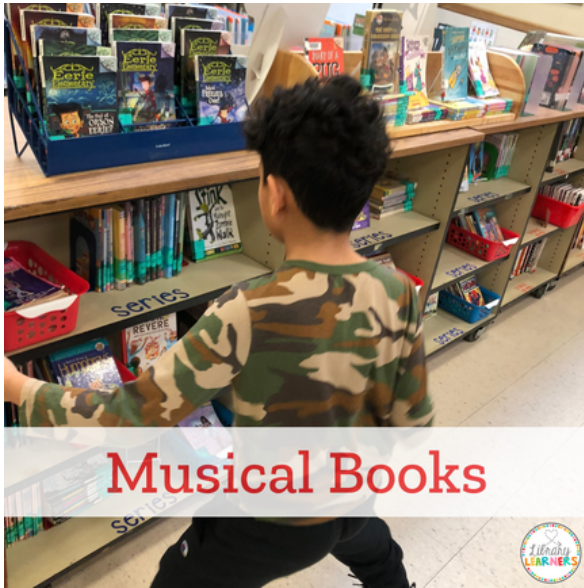
## History of Women's History Month



PBS Kids made a great, short (2 minute) video to explain the history of Women's History Month! [Check it out here!](#)

# Idea #6: Play A Musical Books Library Game

by Cari White (Library Learners)



Looking for a fun, but impactful, library activity as you head into testing season?

Check out this Musical Books library game!

[\(Read more on the Library Learners blog\).](#)



## OUR FAVORITE READ-ALOUDS FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

- *Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor* (Patricia Valdez)
- *Milloo's Mind: The Story of Maryam Faruqi, Trailblazer for Women's Education* (Reem Faruqi)
- *Bessie the Motorcycle Queen* (Charles R. Smith Jr.)
- *Making Their Voices Heard: The Inspiring Friendship of Ella Fitzgerald and Marilyn Monroe* (Vivian Kirkfield)
- *To the Front!: Clara Barton Braves the Battle of Antietam* (Claudia Friddell)
- *I Am Mozart, Too: The Lost Genius of Maria Anna Mozart* (Audrey Ades)
- *She Caught the Light: Williamina Stevens Fleming: Astronomer* (Kathryn Lasky)
- *Instructions Not Included* (Tami Lewis Brown)
- *The Ocean Calls: A Haenyeo Mermail Story* (Tina Cho)
- *The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read* (Rita L. Hubbard)
- *One Wish: Fatima al-Fihri and the World's Oldest University* (M.O. Yuxsel)
- *Breaking the Ice: The True Story of the First Woman to Play in the National Hockey League* (Angie Bullaro)



## Idea #7: Promote Spring-Themed Books

by Leigh Collazo (MrsReaderPants)

This Spring Digital Booktalk includes 27 books for elementary libraries.

All of my Digital Booktalks are carefully-curated to include titles that have positive reviews and appeal to elementary students.

It's divided into two sections: 15 spring picture books and 12 spring chapter books/novels.

([Download the free presentation](#)).



## Idea #8: Continue Practicing OPAC Skills

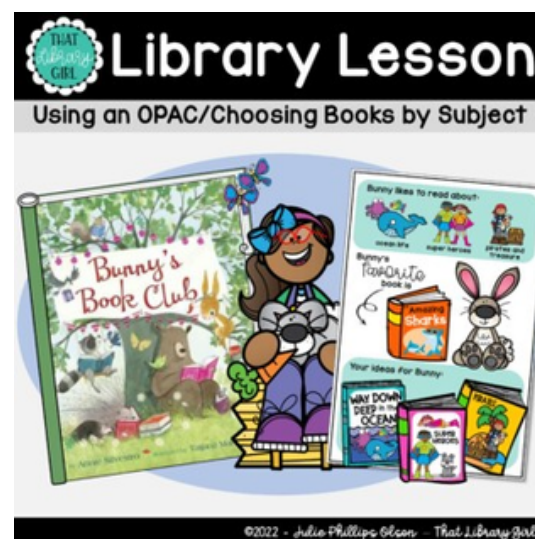
by Julie Olson (That Library Girl)

In Bunny's Book Club each animal friend has specific tastes when it comes to reading!

This activity makes your students the librarians. Can they find the best books for each book club member?

When students are ready, this lesson easily extends to teach about using an OPAC, subject keywords, and C.A.T. tags, too.

([see it in That Library Girl's TPT store](#)).



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## Idea #9: Find More March Ideas

by Laura Trapp (The Trapped Librarian)

If Spring Fever is starting to spread through your school, it's time for some engaging, rigorous, and fun activities in your elementary library!

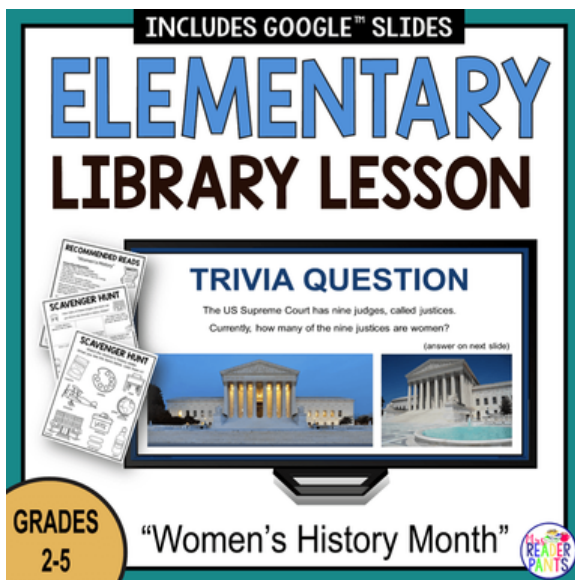
Spread a love of reading, work on research skills, and create a calm atmosphere with these fun library activities for March.

[See more March ideas at The Trapped Librarian](#)



## Idea #10: Learn About Women in History

by Leigh Collazo (MrsReaderPants)



This Elementary Library Lesson is themed for Women's History Month or International Women's Day.

It mentions or features biographical information about 28 women throughout history. Includes trivia, fun facts, and would-you-rathers. Editable in Google Slides and PowerPoint.

[See it in the MrsReaderPants Shop.](#)



Q: Why do leprechauns love to garden?

A: They have green thumbs!

## Idea #11: Try a Whisper Read to Self Center

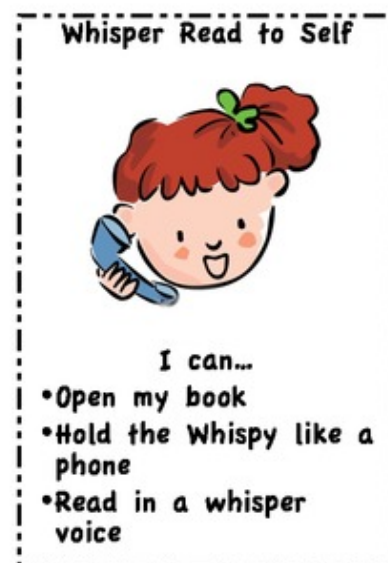
by Cari White (Library Learners)

One of our favorite library centers for kindergarten through fifth grade was always this Whisper Read to Self Center!

Buy the Whispy from Amazon or with your Scholastic Dollars, and be sure to wipe them down frequently with germ-killing wipes.

Even the most reluctant reader loves to read with the magical whisper phone!

(Grab this freebie from [Library Learners on TPT](#)).



## Idea #12: Spread Some Shamrock Cheer

by Laura Trapp (The Trapped Librarian)

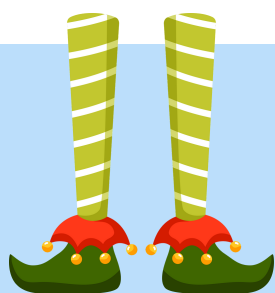


It's the perfect time to lift up staff morale with a fun "pass-it-on" activity – You've Been Shamrocked!

This time of year can be a little dreary at school. The weather is changing, kids are a little squirrely, and teachers are starting to get stressed out about testing season!

Spread some good cheer with this fun freebie!

(See this Freebie at [The Trapped Librarian](#)).



Q: Where do leprechauns live?

A: In lepre-condos!





# Idea #13: Polish Up Your Library Website

by Collette Jakubowicz (Mrs J in the Library)



([Get the checklist here](#)).

It's easy to put our library websites at the bottom of your to do list, but it can actually be an advocacy tool for your library program.

Get a FREE Website Checklist for what to include on your library website, plus a Logins & Passwords template to customize and share for accessing your databases and library resources.

# Idea #14: Read an Irish Folktale

Submitted by Julie Olson (That Library Girl)



BOOKTALK / FIONA'S LUCK - When the greedy Leprechaun King scoops up all the luck on Emerald Isle, things begin to look grim indeed – but clever Fiona has a plan! Can she outsmart the King and release the luck for all to share once more?

Written by Teresa Bateman and illustrated by Kelly Murphy – For ages 5-8.

([read it on EPIC](#)).



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