

ELEMENTARY LIBRARY IDEAS FOR MARCH

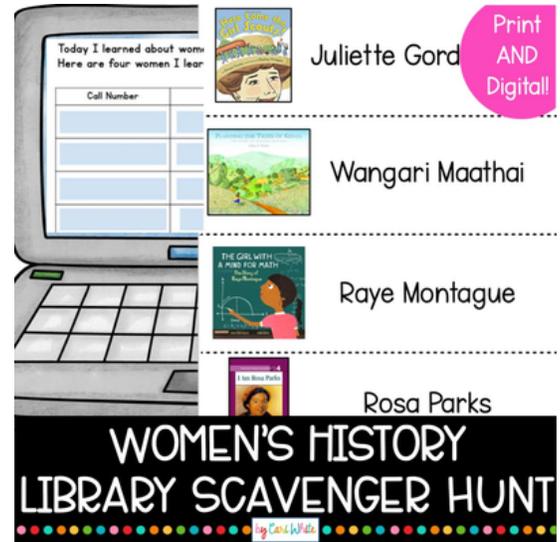
Idea #1: Organize a Women's History Scavenger Hunt

by Cari White (Library Learners)

Teach all of your March library lessons to grades 3-5 with Women's History!

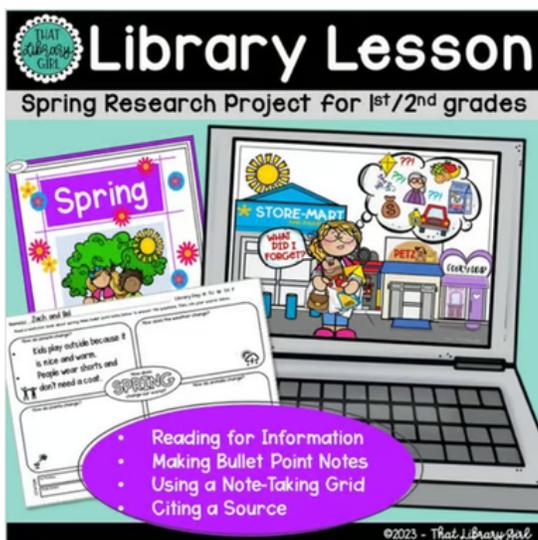
The exit tickets keep students accountable for what they learned.

(See this [Library Scavenger Hunt](#) in the [Library Learners TPT store](#).)



Idea #2: Teach Early Research Skills with EPIC

by Julie Olson (That Library Girl)



This research lesson uses a worn-out mama's "to do list" and an EPIC book about springtime to help 1st and 2nd graders develop beginning research skills like "bullet list note-taking" on a graphic organizer and citing a source

(See this [Library Lesson](#) in the [That Library Girl TPT shop](#))

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Idea #3: Try a New Lesson Planning Routine

by Laura Trapp (The Trapped Librarian)

We all know that creating engaging and effective library lesson plans can feel like a never-ending challenge!

Get some game-changing tips that will help you transform your lesson planning routine so you can breathe easy in the month ahead.

[\(Read this article from The Trapped Librarian\)](#)



PreK-
Grade 5

Favorite New Book Releases

New Books
released in
February

by Leigh Collazo (MrsReaderPants)

PICTURE BOOKS

- *Ten Little Rabbits* (Sendak)
- *The Teeny-Weeny Unicorn* (Harris)
- *Go Forth and Tell* (McDaniel)
- *Are You Big?* (Willems)
- *The Blue Pickup* (Tripplett)
- *Soren's Seventh Song* (Eggers)
- *Tomorrow's Lily* (Raschka)
- *A Plate of Hope* (Frankel)
- *Is This a House for Hermit Crab?* (McDonald)
- *Afikoman, Where'd You Go?* (Levington)
- *Jam, Too?* (Brown-Wood)
- *The Gabi That Girma Wore* (Adefris and Ackerman)

CHAPTER BOOKS / NOVELS

- *Wildful* (Kurimoto)
- *The Astrochimps* (Kusick)
- *Across So Many Seas* (Behar)
- *Art Club* (Doucet)
- *Not the Worst Friend in the World* (Rellihan)
- *The Observologist* (Clarkson)
- *Heroes* (Gratz)
- *Eowulf* (Cavallaro)
- *Viewfinder* (Chung and Majoka)
- *The Sixth Extinction* (Kolbert)
- *Medusa* (Marsh)
- *Max in the House of Spies* (Gidwitz)
- *Unstuck* (Dee)

Say HELLO! to Fiona the Hippo and Her Bloat!

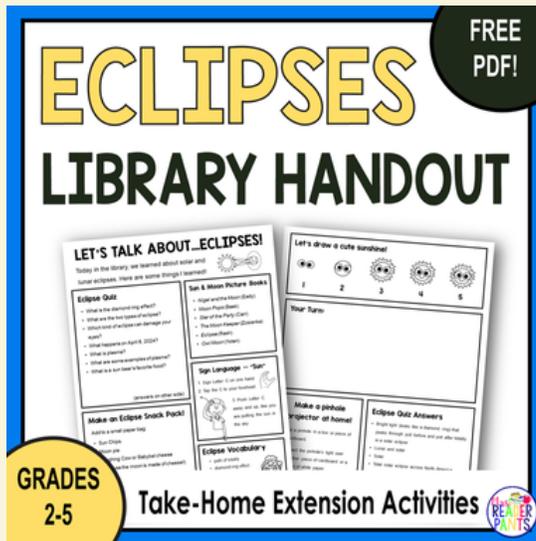


Have you heard of Fiona the Hippo or read the picture books about her?

Fiona is a real hippo! This video allows you to follow Fiona's journey from premature birth to happy, robust hippo living among her bloat at Cincinnati Zoo. Such a great story of veterinary medicine and survival!

Idea #4: Generate a Buzz About the Eclipse

by Leigh Collazo (MrsReaderPants)



This Eclipse Library Handout Freebie can be used alone with eclipse storytime or library lessons.

It includes eclipse vocabulary, a quiz, eclipse snack pack ideas, directed drawing, and more for both solar and lunar eclipses.

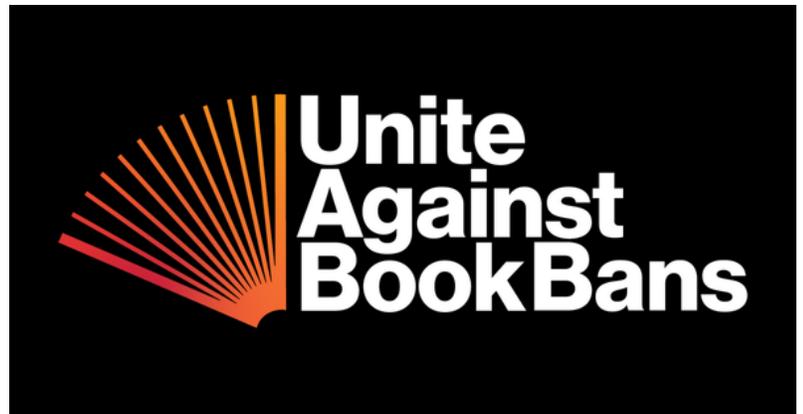
Give it to students to take home for the April 2024 eclipse.

(See this freebie from MrsReaderPants)

Idea #5: Bookmark a Book Bans Toolkit

article submitted by Sonya Dykeman (The Library Patch)

With the ongoing threat of book censorship, this article provides an amazing toolkit that we should all bookmark!



(See the Action Toolkit from Unite Against Book Bans)

What is a Solar Eclipse? (in English and Spanish) - Video by NASA



Want a NASA-created video about the solar eclipse that's easy for young students (and amazing librarians) to understand?

You can find it in English and Spanish at this link!

Idea #6: Make Your Nonfiction Section Easier to Browse

by Collette Jakubowicz (Mrs. J in the Library)



See it on [Librarians Teach](#) or on [TPT](#).

Your nonfiction section is usually the hardest area for students to navigate and find what they want. These signs will help them to be more independent when looking for books!

There are 92 popular nonfiction topics, plus alphabet signs for the other sections of the library: everybody, fiction, biography, and graphic novels.

You also get a choice between the larger 4" wide signs, or the slimmer 1/2" wide signs that take up less space on the library shelf.

PICTURE BOOKS TO CELEBRATE SPRING



- *Spring is Here* by Will Hildenbrand
- *And Then It's Spring* by Julie Fogliano
- *When Spring Comes* by Kevin Henkes
- *The Perfect Nest* by Catherine Friend
- *Chickens to the Rescue* by John Himmelman
- *Too Many Carrots* by Katy Hudson
- *Don't Touch That Flower!* by Alice Hemming
- *What's Inside a Caterpillar Cocoon?: And Other Questions About Moths & Butterflies* by Rachel Ignotofsky
- *The Great Eggscapes* by Jory John and Pete Oswald (non-religious, but includes color-dyed eggs that look like Easter eggs)
- *The Very Impatient Caterpillar* by Ross Burach (and the rest of that series)
- *Dandy* by Ame Dyckman
- *Winged Wonders: Solving the Monarch Migration Mystery* by Meeg Pincus
- *Spring Stinks* by Ryan T. Higgins
- *If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson
- *Spring* by Cynthia Amoroso
- *Grow Happy* by Jon Lasser & Sage Foster-Lasser
- *The Concrete Garden* by Bob Graham
- *Zap! Clap! Boom! The Story of a Thunderstorm* by Laura Purdie Salas



Idea #7: Let Students Create a "Perfect Nest"

by Cari White (Library Learners)

The Perfect Nest is one of my favorite spring read-alouds!

With this free printable, your students can design and label their own perfect nest after hearing the fun story.

(See this freebie in the [Library Learners TPT store](#).)



Idea #8: Introduce Students to the April Eclipse

Article submitted by Julie Olson (That Library Girl)



Author Darcy Pattison is offering a FREE flip book (STEM activity) AND a video to help your students learn about the eclipse! Find out more on her website -- be sure to follow her instructions on how to get the video for FREE!

(See [Darcy Pattison's book and website here](#) -- NOT an affiliate link).

Watch Eagle Eggs Hatch During Library Checkout! - Video by Explore.org



One of our favorite spring traditions is to have the Decorah Eagles webcam playing each week as students check out books.

It's so amazing to watch the eagle eggs hatch and to see the parents caring for their eaglets through all kinds of weather.

Idea #9: Share Some St. Patrick's Day Bookmarks

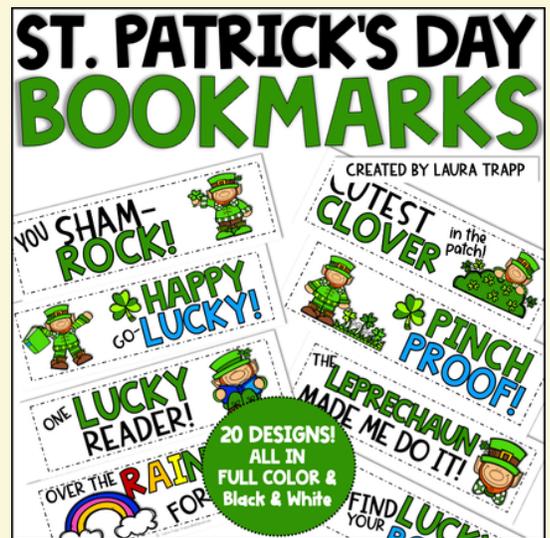
by Laura Trapp (The Trapped Librarian)

Add some fun to your March library lessons with these St Patrick's Day Bookmarks!

Your students will love the St Patrick's Day jokes, greetings, and cute characters.

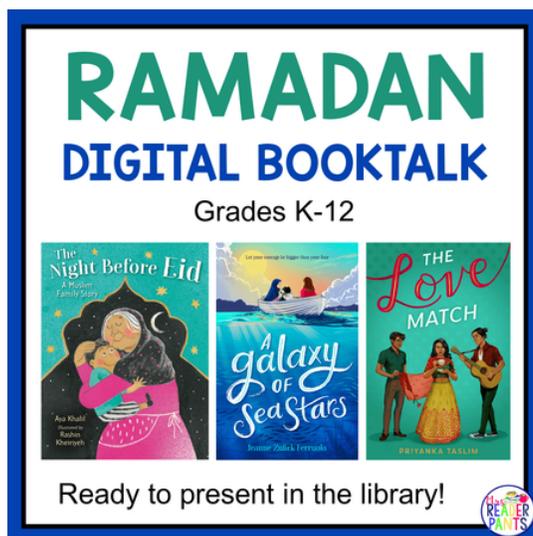
Encourage reading and spread some springtime fun in your library.

(see these colorful bookmarks in The Trapped Librarian TPT store.)



Idea #10: Celebrate Ramadan with a Digital Booktalk

by Leigh Collazo (MrsReaderPants)



Celebrate Ramadan in the library with 34 Ramadan books for kids and teens!

The dates of Ramadan change every year; in 2024, Ramadan is from March 10 to April 8.

This Digital Booktalk features 34 Ramadan books for kids and teens. It includes picture books, middle grade titles, and YA titles.

(see this Ramadan Digital Booktalk from MrsReaderPants)



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Idea #11: Practice Student Research Skills with Task Cards

by Sonya Dykeman (The Library Patch)

Encourage kids to practice their researching skills by finding the answers to interesting and engaging questions with these editable March research task cards.

Each one of the 20 research task cards presents a single fact about the month. Each fact is followed up with three research questions pertinent to that fact. Each question is easily researched, and the answers could be found in multiple resources.

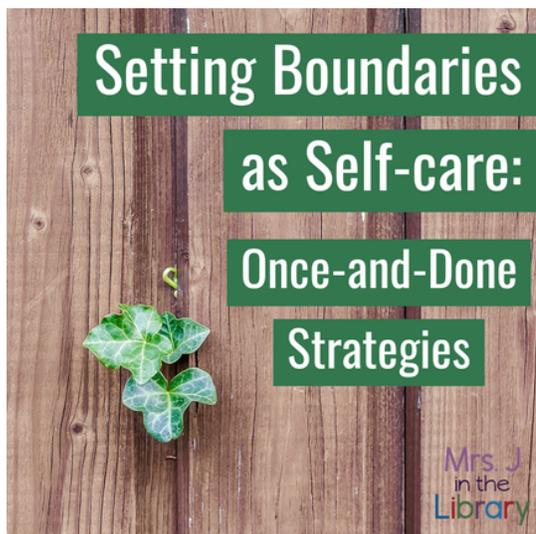
These task cards are multi functional: EDITABLE, DIGITAL, and PRINTABLE!!



(see these Editable Research Task Cards for March from The Library Patch)

Idea #12: Set (Or Reset) Some Realistic Boundaries

by Collette Jakubowicz (Mrs. J in the Library)



We're librarians...Of course we love saying "yes" when a teacher wants to collaborate.

We're librarians...Of course we want to do our best for our students.

We're librarians...Of course we are also human, and need to set healthy boundaries between our work and personal lives.

This pair of articles shares very practical, realistic ideas for setting boundaries on your librarian life, so you don't burn out.

Read the 1st article on Mrs. J in the Library.

Read the follow-up article on Mrs. J in the Library.



Q: Why do leprechauns recycle?

A: They like to "GO GREEN!"

Idea #13: Combine Music, Movement, and Books

by Cari White (Library Learners)

A picture book bracket is a fun way to combine music, movement and books.

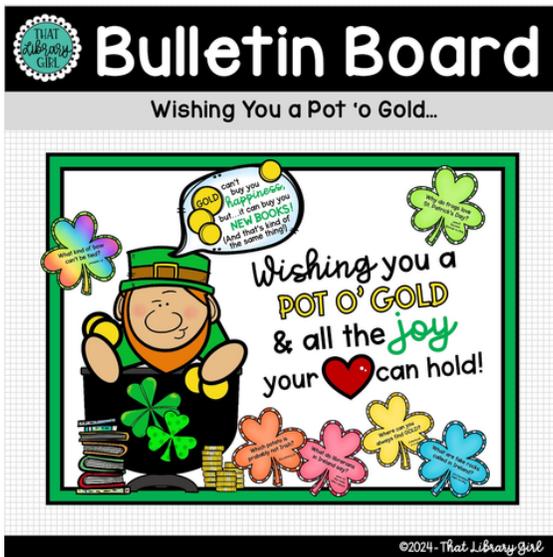
Read all the details in this blog post!

[\(Read the full article from Library Learners\)](#)



Idea #14: Download a Limited-Time Bulletin Board Freebie

by Julie Olson (That Library Girl)



Stop your shenanigans and head over to TPT for this library leprechaun bulletin board!

It's a FREEBIE -- BUT ONLY through March 17!

[\(Download this limited-time freebie from That Library Girl\)](#)

[Get the Wiggles Out with "10 Little Leprechauns" - Video by Maple Leaf Learning](#)



This fun leprechaun song is great to get your youngest students singing and moving when it's time to get the wiggles out during your March library lessons!

Idea #15: Gather Some Leprechaun Books!

by Laura Trapp (The Trapped Librarian)

March brings springtime fun to your library!

Whether you're planning a leprechaun storytime or you just want to have plenty of St. Patrick's Day books on hand for your students, here are some titles that are not to be missed!

(Read the post and download the freebie from The Trapped Librarian - freebie is at the bottom of the post)

Picture Books for **LEPRECHAUN** Storytime



LIBRARIAN VIDEOS WE ❤️❤️❤️

Here are some fun video for March Library Time!
Links are in the titles and on the images.

Time-Lapse of Chicken Eggs Hatching (video by Organic Productions)



After your read a book about chicks and eggs, share this time-lapse video of a chick hatching.

Explain to your students that the process can take up to 14 hours in real life. The video is speeded up.

What Will Happen During the Eclipse? (video by SciShow Kids)



This video is from the 2017 eclipse, but the concept is the same.

Includes safety tips for eclipse viewing.

Idea #16: Explore the Color Green with PreK and K

by Leigh Collazo (MrsReaderPants)



This Color Green Library Storytime reviews the fantasy genre, rhyming skills, counting syllables, a nursery rhyme, and more!

It's perfect for elementary librarians on the specials rotation. Includes three parts: a whole-class discussion, a scrolling slideshow, and three review slides.

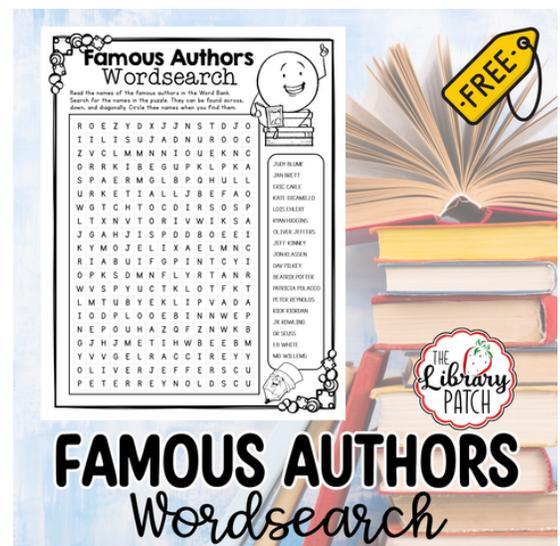
(see this [Green Storytime](#) in the [MrsReaderPants shop](#)).

Idea #17: Search for Famous Authors for RAA Day

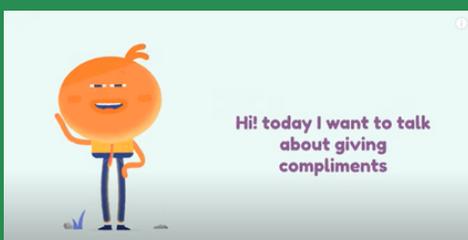
by Sonya Dykeman (The Library Patch)

March 2nd may be National Read Across America Day; however, you can use this FREE wordsearch celebrating famous authors all month long.

([download this FREEBIE](#) from The Library Patch)



[How to Give a Compliment Social Story](#) by All Special Needs Now

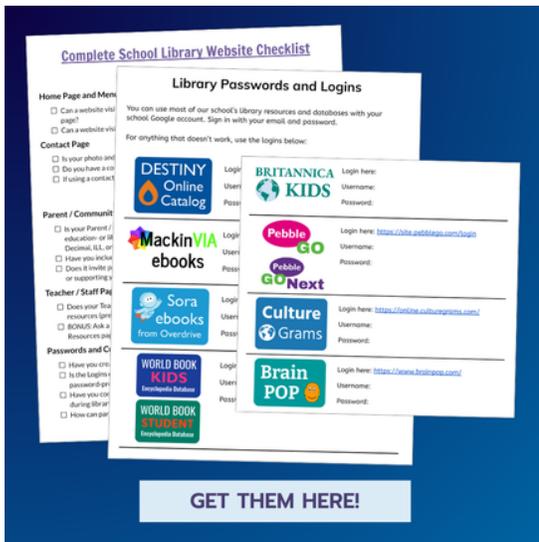


March 1st is World Compliment Day! Introduce how to give a compliment with this Social Story video.

There is also a [companion video for accepting compliments](#).

Idea #18: Polish Up Your Library Website

by Collette Jakubowicz (Mrs. J in the Library)



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.

[Get the checklist at MrsJintheLibrary.com](http://MrsJintheLibrary.com)

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