

Description of Reading Promotion Activity / Action		
CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR		
Reaches disadvantaged pupils / families	yes no x yes but not only	
Multilingual activity	yes x no	
Action especially for	girls boys x both	
Involves parents	x yes no	
Utilizes ICT	x yes no	
Objective (s)	 To engage children in reading for pleasure and enhance their reading habits. To experience the need to read specific books they have encountered during LiRe activities. To draw aesthetic pleasure out of books. To develop reading communities and enhance the school's reading culture. To motivate and inspire families to read themselves and encourage their children to do so too. 	
Age level (s)	6 - 12	
Preferable number of participants	All students, staff, and family members	
Duration	2 h - 1 week	
Setting, materials, and preparation	Place: School library or other spacious room in the school Materials: A selection of books about Christmas, space and materials for book exhibition, PCs, projectors, PPT presentations	
Step -by-step description	 The Christmas Book Fair is widely advertised. New and old Christmas books are exhibited. The exhibition hall is decorated in order to create an atmosphere of festivity and magic. Christmas music sounds during the event. Book covers are scanned into short power point presentations about the exhibited books. 	



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	 Staff communicate to the children that this is an extraordinary event, not only because of Christmas but also because of the magic of the Christmas books. Christmas readings for children by invited authors, actors and animators take place. A bookseller organizes a stand with books of the author who is reading to children, or of Christmas books, so that children are given the opportunity to buy them, or the attending parents to select a good present.
Notes to reading promotion facilitator	 Similar activities can take place on a class-level.
Suggested follow-up actions/ activities	 Children are encouraged to read Christmas stories, present and discuss them in class.
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