



Winter Reads for Children, Young People and Families

I'm not sure I can guarantee snow this Christmas but I can guarantee some great books to read that will hopefully get the whole family to unwind and start to look forward to a Christmas break. We have some wonderful, unashamedly classic Christmas reads; some laugh-out loud picture books and some wintry page-turners for teens. There's also the [Winter Mini Challenge](#) from the Reading Agency for children to have fun and keep reading during the school holidays. Children can review their books, do online activities and unlock their special virtual badge and certificate.

All the following books are available to borrow from Bradford Libraries. These are just a selection; there are many more titles on [Bradford Libraries catalogue](#). All books are available to borrow via our Order & Collect service. For more details of how to use Order & Collect visit www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries. And don't forget we have eBooks and eAudio Books too. Click here for [Borrowbox](#).

If you are not finding titles of books that you feel would enhance our children's book stock and enrich children's understanding, learning or reading enjoyment please email Development Officer for Children and Young People (christinea.donnelly@bradford.gov.uk) with your suggestions.

Classic Christmas Reads for Children, Young People and Families



Squash up on the sofa with a classic Christmas read for all the family to enjoy.



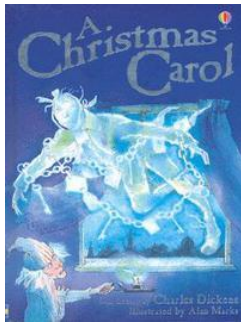
One Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth



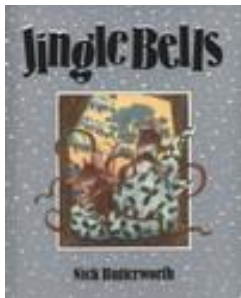
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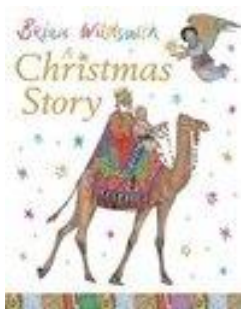
Stick Man by Julia Donaldson



A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens



Jingle Bells by Nick Butterworth



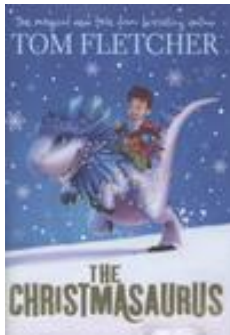
A Christmas Story by Brian Wildsmith



Twelve Days of Christmas by Jane Ray



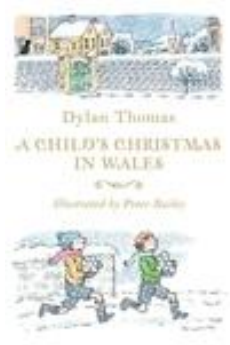
The Night Before Christmas by Clement C. Moore



The Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher



How The Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss



A Child's Christmas in Wales by Dylan Thomas



Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg



The Jolly Christmas Postman by Janet & Allan Ahlberg

Christmas Picture Books



Enjoy all the fun of the season with Christmas picture books to make you smile and sometimes laugh-out-loud.



There's an Elf in your book by Tom Fletcher



Emily Brown and Father Christmas by Cressida Cowell



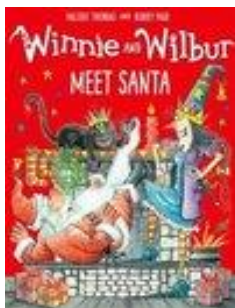
I love you Father Christmas by Giles Andreae



Pip and Posy The Snowy Day by Axel Scheffler



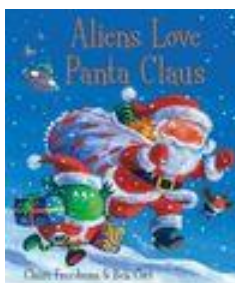
Refuge by Anne Booth



Winnie and Wilbur Meet Santa by Valerie Thomas



Father Christmas Needs a Wee! By Nicholas Allan



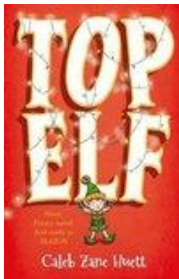
Aliens Love Panta Claus by Claire Freedman

Festive Stories for all the Family.

Why not have some family-time and take it in turns to read out-loud a chapter a day.



The Snowman by Michael Morpurgo



Top Elf by Caleb Zane Huett



Hetty Feather's Christmas by Jacqueline Wilson



A Boy Called Christmas by Matt Haig



The Night I Met Father Christmas by Ben Miller

Wintry Page Turners for Teens



One Crow Alone by Sophie Crockett



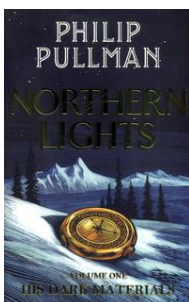
Snow Like Ashes by Sara Raasch



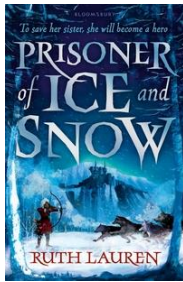
Lost Christmas by David Logan



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C S Lewis



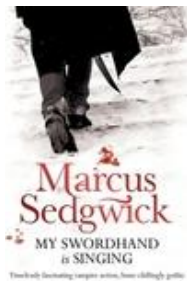
Northern Lights by Philip Pullman



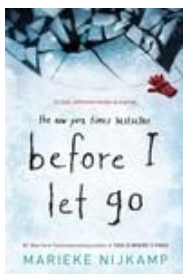
Prisoner of Ice and Snow by Ruth Lauren



Shadow of Winterspell by Amy Wilson



My Swordhand is Singing by Marcus Sedgwick



Before I let go by Marieke Nijkamp



I'll be Home for Christmas Various Authors



The Stones Winter by Oskar Jensen



The Winter Mini Challenge from the Reading Agency

If you're a fan of the annual summer reading challenge then you'll love the Winter Mini Challenge from The Reading Agency.

This winter they have teamed up with award-winning inclusive publisher Knights Of to run an Everyone Is a Hero themed Mini Challenge - to celebrate heroes in all their forms and keep children reading this winter.

The Winter Mini Challenge runs until Friday 15 January 2021- it encourages children to keep up their reading habits over the winter holidays, with a free-to-access website featuring rewards and incentives for reading and reviewing books.

This year's Mini Challenge features characters from books published by Knights Of, including those from Knights and Bikes (written by Gabrielle Kent; illustrated by Rex Crowle), High-Rise Mystery (written by Sharna Jackson; illustrated by Wumzum), and the Run series (written by Jason Reynolds; illustrated by Selom Sunu). Knights Of have also created a special booklist of their favourite titles to try during the Challenge. The list is full of heroes that inspire, challenge and push the definition of what it means to be a hero.

Children can visit the Winter Mini Challenge website at www.wintermini.org.uk from 1 December 2020 to start rating and

reviewing their books and enjoying the online activities. They need to read three books to unlock the special virtual badge and certificate.

Merry Christmas to all our readers.

See you in 2021 for more great books to read and share
with Bradford Libraries.



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