

May your holidays be filled with warmth, comfort,  
good cheer and a great book.

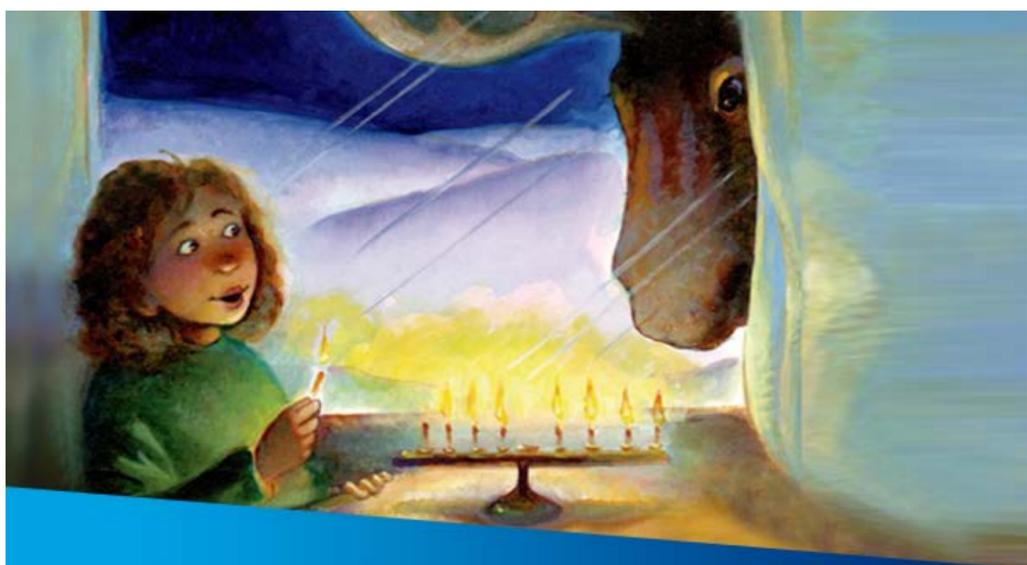


### Relax with Reading this Holiday Season

The holidays are a great opportunity to spend time with those closest to you. Take time to turn off the television, cuddle up and read with a child in your life. To make reading part of your holiday tradition, follow the link to check out literacy activities to get you into the holiday spirit.

### Chilly Reads for a Winter Day

There are lots of reasons to celebrate in December! The winter solstice marks the shortest day of the year and many cultures celebrate special days in December. Help children learn about the importance and meaning of Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa with RIF's book resources. You'll find activities, puzzles, sing-along videos and read-alouds to accompany treasured holiday books.



### Gifts that Give Back

Ditch the socks and fruitcake and give a gift that keeps on giving! Visit our Gifts that Give Back page where you can support a RIF kid, teacher or classroom all while checking names off your holiday shopping list.



### Your Gift to RIF Will Have TWICE the Impact This Month

There's still time to support children's literacy this year! Only 1 in 300 low-income children have a book of their own and gifts made during the holidays will support RIF's work year-round to provide children with free, high-quality books and literacy resources. Thanks to a generous donation from a member of the writing community, all tax-deductible donations made by December 31 will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000.



### There's Snow Better Time to Read!

RIF program sites across the country are getting ready for winter with warm drinks and cool reads. Gladiola and Oriole Park Elementary Schools in Michigan hosted a "There's Snow Better Time to Read" themed book celebration event as part of the Books for Ownership program. While sipping on hot cocoa, students made a bookmark and curled up with a book of their choosing to take home as their own.

*Do you have a great story from a RIF book celebration to share?  
Email [LiteracyNetwork@rif.org](mailto:LiteracyNetwork@rif.org) for a chance to be  
RIF's next spotlight and win free books!*

