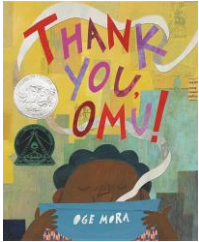
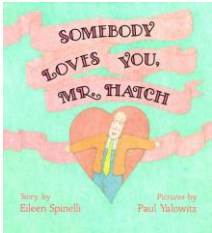
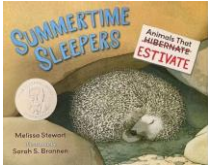


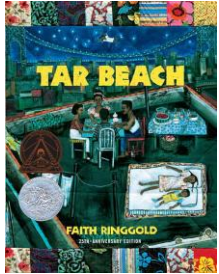
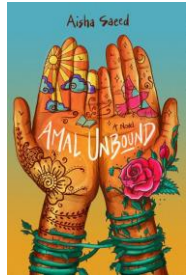
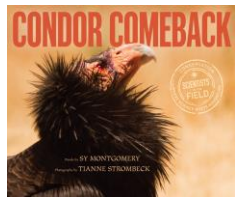
February Book Ideas

Refer to the [TeachingBooks Literary Calendar](#) for curricular connections and birthday and holiday celebrations.


Grades	Title	Themes	Possibilities or Choose Your Own
PreK-2	 <p>Thank You, Omu! by Oge Mora *Also available in Spanish</p>	Picture Book Realistic African American	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before beginning the lesson, listen to the Meet-the-Author Recording to build your own background knowledge. • Sing, “If You’re Thankful and You Know It” from Jumpstart’s Activity Guide. • Read <i>Thank You, Omu!</i> or use the Complete Book Reading from Jumpstart. • Grades 1-2: Watch the Author Interview from Little Brown School & Library. Grades PK-K: Use Jumpstart’s Story Guide to talk, write, or draw about being thankful.
	 <p>Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch by Judith Stuller Hannant, Eileen Spinelli, and Paul Yalowitz</p>	Picture Book Valentine’s Day Social Emotional Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play the Complete Book Reading of <i>Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch</i>. • Utilize the Lesson Plan from Storyline Online to talk about how Mr. Hatch changed during the story. • Guide students to make a list of ways they can practice acts of kindness—extra points for doing them. • Visit Eileen Spinelli’s personal website and watch her reading <i>Love You Always</i>.
1-5	 <p>Summertime Sleepers by Melissa Stewart and Sarah S. Brannen</p>	Nonfiction Animals Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan your lesson using the discussion guide from Charlesbridge. • Watch the book trailer to introduce the story. • Practice fluency while presenting the reader’s theater script. • Listen to the Meet-the-Author Recording to learn how the author performs research.

February Lesson Ideas

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of February

Grades	Title	Themes	Possibilities or Choose Your Own
1-5	 <p><u>Tar Beach</u> by Faith Ringgold</p>	Picture Book African American Social Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate the Coretta Scott King Book Awards with the Complete Book Reading of <i>Tar Beach</i>. • Play the Audio Name Pronunciation of Faith Ringgold. • Use the Teacher Guide from Reading Rainbow to talk about the places they would go or what they would give to Cassie. • Follow the Teaching Ideas from the International Literacy Association to take students on a virtual field trip to the Guggenheim.
4-8	 <p><u>Amal Unbound</u> by Aisha Saeed</p>	Realistic Fiction South Asian Social Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce the author by playing her Audio Name Pronunciation. Then show the Book Trailer to introduce her book, <i>Amal Unbound</i>. • Play the Audiobook Excerpt. • Create a Cultural Representation Reflection to allow students to compare and contrast their lives with Amal's. • Continue reading with the Google Preview, through Chapter 5, then listen to the Meet-the-Author Recording to discover the author's purpose.
	 <p><u>Condor Comeback</u> by Sy</p> <p>Montgomery and Tianne Strombeck</p>	Nonfiction Science Series	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce Sy Montgomery by showing her Meet-the-Author Movie. • Show the Google Preview of her 2020 book, <i>Condor Comeback</i>. Allow students to read the first 8 pages. • Open the Scientists in the Field page (linked under the book title) to show students that there are many books in this series. • Invite readers to choose a title from the series to learn more about that subject and report back to the class about what they learned.

February Author Study Ideas

<p>Grace Lin: <u>Author Study</u></p> 	PreK-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduce the author, Grace Lin, by playing the Audio Name Pronunciation. ● Play the Complete Video Reading of <i>Circle! Sphere!</i> by Grace Lin. ● Use the Activity Guide from Charlesbridge to play the shape game with your readers. ● From the “books” section of the author page, select “Browse books by Grace Lin” and use the filters to the left to locate other PreK-2 titles by Grace Lin that your listeners may enjoy.
	1-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduce the author, Grace Lin, by playing the Audio Name Pronunciation from the author’s page. ● Play the Book Trailer to introduce the book, <i>Not Exactly the Same</i>, a Ling and Ting beginning reader title from the series of the same name. ● Play the Video Book Reading and talk about how Ling and Ting are no longer the same. You might also refer to the Educator’s Guide from Little, Brown and Company. ● Listen to the Meet-the-Author Recording to find out why Lin wrote a book about twins.
	4-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduce the author, Grace Lin, by playing the Audio Name Pronunciation from the author’s page. ● Show the Book Trailer of <i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i>, then play the Video Book Reading narrated by Grace Lin. ● Allow students to listen to the Meet-the-Author Recording to learn why Lin wrote this book. ● From the top portion of the book page, show them how to browse more titles with the same Cultural Area by clicking on the “Asian/Pacific American” button.