



Event Ideas for your school library or classroom

Compiled by Christi Showman Farrar, MLS

If you're short on time:

- **Sticker voting***: Create a bulletin board with cover images of the nominated Children's Choice/Teen Choice books. Have students vote by putting a sticker next to their favorite title. You can enter their votes into the Group Ballot form at everychildareader.net/choice/fun-stuff
- **Book trivia***: Each day of Children's Book Week, ask a book-related trivia question during morning announcements.
- **Surprise DEAR***: Hold a couple of surprise "drop everything and read" sessions throughout the week.
- **Bookmark coloring table***: Set up an area with markers, colored pencils, and bookmarks and let students color during library time/study periods.
- **Book display on tour***: Create pop-up book displays around the school. If you have more time, reward students who check out these books by inviting them to a special Book Week event.
- **"One World, Many Stories" reading challenge**: Create a map bulletin board. Have kids read books throughout the week that feature characters, history, locations, and cultures from around the world. You can stick a push pin in the map for every different location a child learns about through reading during the week

If you have more time:

- **Voting booths/voting party***: Set up mini voting booths in the school library and let students vote for the Children's Choice & Teen Choice Book Awards during their library visit in the weeks preceding Children's Book Week. If time allows, have students make campaign materials for their favorite finalist(s).
- **Guess that teacher***: Photograph teachers holding up their favorite book in front of their face. Let students guess who the teachers are.
- **Finalist book discussions***: Host book discussion groups for each of the Children's & Teen Choice finalists.
- **Read-a-thon***: Have students read as much as they can for the week, with proceeds going to a community organization or school project.
- **Book buddies**: Pair up older students with younger students and have them read together during their literacy period.
- **Book cover design***: Let students create new book covers for their favorite books, then display them in the library. For older students, work with art classes on this project and then replace worn book covers with the new designs.

*Ideas also appropriate for high schools

