

Other Ways to Celebrate ISLM

1. Posters

- **Activity:** Invite your students to design an invitation card for ISLM celebrations or create posters inspired by the books or poems they are reading. This activity encourages students to express their creativity and artistic skills.
- **Display:** Showcase the posters in a prominent area outside the library or around the school. This public display not only celebrates student work but also emphasizes the role of literature and libraries as community connectors, sparking interest and conversation among peers and visitors.

2. Author Spotlight

- **Activity:** Plan engaging activities to enhance the Author Spotlight experience. Encourage students to creatively explore and understand their favorite authors and their works. Students can present themselves as an author using props and costumes, allowing them to either choose their favorite author or be assigned one.
- **Goal:** This activity aims to deepen students' appreciation for authors and literature, encouraging them to research and embody the lives and stories of the authors they admire.

3. On the Spot: Weaving a Magic Tale

- **Activity:** Engage students in spontaneous storytelling and creative writing by organizing activities that encourage them to collaboratively weave a magical tale. This can be done in small groups where each student contributes a part of the story.
- **Goal:** This activity fosters creativity, teamwork, and the ability to think on their feet, while also developing their narrative skills and imagination.

4. Literary Trivia

- **Activity:** Organize a fun and educational literary trivia game to test students' knowledge of famous authors, classic literature, and literary elements. Divide the class into teams and award points for correct answers.
- **Goal:** Encourage students to explain their answers or provide additional context to deepen their understanding of the literature, promoting both learning and engagement through friendly competition.

5. Book Recommendation Wall

- **Activity:** Create a dedicated display area in the library where

students can recommend their favorite books. Provide colorful sticky notes for students to write brief book recommendations and stick them on the wall.

- **Goal:** This promotes peer-to-peer book recommendations and helps students discover new reads, fostering a community of readers who share their literary interests.

6. **Book Character Dress-Up (Primary Level)**

- **Activity:** Organize a book character dress-up day where students come to school dressed as their favorite literary characters. Host a parade or presentation where students share their character's name, book, and a brief description.
- **Goal:** This creates a lively and interactive environment that celebrates reading and helps younger students connect with literature in a fun and imaginative way.

7. **Community Encyclopedia**

- **Activity:** Ask students to create a book about their community, focusing on its culture, history, and unique characteristics. Students can include interviews, photographs, and illustrations.
- **Display:** Showcase these books in a school exhibition to celebrate community pride and encourage students to explore and document their local heritage.

8. **My First Audiobook**

- **Activity:** Have students select one of their favorite books and create an audiobook version. They will be responsible for voicing characters, writing dialogue, and composing music scores.
- **Goal:** This activity enhances students' literary, technical, and performance skills, while also introducing them to the process of audiobook creation.

9. **Community Connectors**

- **Activity:** Connect with a nearby library to organize an event that highlights the role of school libraries as community connectors. Develop a Little Library (either for long-term or temporary use) to share books with the local community near your school.
- **Goal:** This promotes community engagement and encourages the sharing of resources, fostering a love for reading across different groups.

10. **Five Minute Reads Points**

- **Activity:** Identify several waiting areas around the school where students and staff can enjoy quick reads. Place reading materials such as newspapers, poetry collections, magazines,

and visually rich books in these areas, ensuring there is seating available.

- **Goal:** Use visible signage to promote these Reading Points, encouraging students to use short waiting times for reading, thereby integrating reading into daily routines.

11. **Creative Writing**

- **Activity:** Organize creative writing activities for students such as poetry writing, short stories, and descriptive pieces. Use tools such as writing frames, creative modeling, and visual stimuli to support their writing process.
- **Goal:** Arrange for students to read their work at an event for family and others, providing a platform for them to share their creativity and receive feedback.

12. **Intergenerational Poetry Project**

- **Activity:** Encourage students to connect with an older person, such as a grandparent or elderly neighbor, to discuss a poem they remember from school or their favorite poem. Students then share a poem they love with the older person.
- **Collation:** Compile all the shared poems into a "Book" to be displayed in the library, and invite the participating contributors to view it.
- **Goal:** This fosters intergenerational connections and enriches students' understanding of poetry through personal experiences.

13. **A Themed Reading Assignment**

- **Activity:** Choose a topic and create a list of titles that feature that theme. Invite students to read from that list to explore different life circumstances, such as disability, diversity, LGBT issues, racism, overcoming adversity, being refugees, domestic violence, and overcoming challenges.
- **Goal:** This activity encourages empathy and understanding by exposing students to diverse perspectives and experiences.

14. **Book Buffet**

- **Activity:** Set up separate reading points with various genres of books. Students read at different points for 10-15 minutes, then rotate to the next. This exposes them to new genres and sparks interest in diverse titles.
- **Goal:** This method helps students discover books they might not typically choose, broadening their reading horizons.

15. **Book Bingo**

- **Activity:** Create a bingo card with different book types. Challenge students to read books matching the card,

rewarding them for completing rows or the entire card.

- **Goal:** Select books that provide insights into different communities, aligning with the theme and promoting a diverse reading experience.

16. **Book Displays**

- **Activity:** Organize a display in your library showcasing authors who depict various types of communities.
- **Goal:** This raises awareness and encourages students to explore diverse literature, fostering a more inclusive reading environment.

17. **Book Talk**

- **Activity:** Host an event where a writer discusses a community depicted in their book. Invite students to share their thoughts on the discussed book or any other book that presents a community.
- **Goal:** This promotes literary discussion and deepens students' understanding of different communities through author insights.

18. **Act Out**

- **Activity:** Arrange for senior students to visit primary classes to read and act out stories using props. This interactive session fosters imagination and engagement for both the actors and the audience.
- **Goal:** This activity promotes storytelling and performance skills, creating a fun and educational experience for all students involved.

19. **Author/Illustrator Visit**

- **Activity:** Organize an author visit and prepare student questions focusing on how authors develop their stories and ideas. For illustrators, discuss the process from concept to page.
- **Goal:** This provides students with firsthand insights into the creative process and inspires them to pursue their own creative endeavors.

20. **Shared Community Reading Activity**

- **Activity:** Partner with another school or local group for a shared reading activity. Everyone reads the same book, followed by an event where participants share their thoughts.
- **Goal:** This fosters community connections and shared literary experiences, promoting a sense of unity through reading.

21. **Library Scavenger Hunt/Treasure Hunt**

- **Activity:** Hide books and library materials throughout the

school. Under teacher supervision, organize a scavenger hunt to find these items, promoting exploration and discovery.

- **Goal:** This fun and engaging activity encourages students to familiarize themselves with the library's resources.

22. **Create Stories Together**

- **Activity:** Start a story with one student and pass it to others in different countries. Each culture adds to the story, weaving diverse customs and traditions.
- **Goal:** This collaborative storytelling activity fosters cultural understanding and highlights the richness of global diversity.

23. **Other Suggestions**

- **Reading Challenges:** Set up challenges that encourage students to read a certain number of books or explore different genres within a set timeframe.
- **Book Swaps:** Organize book swap events where students can exchange books they've read for new ones, promoting sharing and exploring new titles.
- **Digital Storytelling:** Encourage students to create digital stories using multimedia tools, combining text, images, and audio to tell their stories in innovative ways.
- **Book Clubs:** Start book clubs where students can discuss books they've read, share their thoughts, and engage in meaningful literary conversations.
- **Reading Buddies:** Pair older students with younger ones to read together, fostering mentorship and a love for reading across different age groups.
- **Library Events:** Host events like poetry readings, storytelling sessions, and author talks to celebrate literature and engage the school community.