



Dear Tutors,

As we head into the holiday season, I would like to wish you a very **Merry Christmas** and extend warm wishes from me and my family to you and yours! I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your time and dedication to tutoring and supporting your learners. I know that what you do is making a huge difference to their lives. One of the upcoming Tutors Talking newsletters will focus on the role of AI in adult learning. In the meantime I tried a little experiment and asked for a list of fun Christmas activities for your adult learners and this is what it came up with!

## **Inspiring adult readers with fun Christmas activities**

Inspiring adult readers with fun Christmas activities is all about blending nostalgia, creativity, and connection with the season's festive spirit. Here are some ideas:

### **1. Host a Holiday-Themed Book Club**

- Pick a holiday classic like *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens or a cozy Christmas romance. Add festive snacks and beverages like mulled wine or hot chocolate to the meeting.
- Include a discussion about personal Christmas traditions or favorite seasonal reads.

### **2. Plan a Christmas Reading Challenge**

- Create a festive reading bingo card with prompts like "Read a book set during Christmas," "Read a book with snow on the cover," or "Read a book with red and green in the title."
- Offer a small prize, like a holiday mug or bookmark, for participants who complete the challenge.

### **3. Encourage DIY Holiday Crafts Inspired by Books**

- Suggest making ornaments, bookmarks, or wreaths based on book themes.
- Share tutorials for crafting paper snowflakes out of old books (only ones destined for recycling!).

### **4. Organize a Festive Read-Aloud Event**

- Host a storytelling night where participants read excerpts from Christmas classics, poetry, or personal holiday writings.
- Pair it with a cozy setting: soft lighting, a crackling fireplace, and warm drinks.

### **5. Write Letters to Santa (or Someone Special)**

- Inspire adults to revisit their childhood by writing letters to Santa, focusing on gratitude and wishes for the future.
- Alternatively, have them write a holiday letter to someone meaningful in their life.

### **6. Cook or Bake From Literary-Inspired Recipes**

- Explore recipes featured in books, such as Christmas pudding from *A Christmas Carol* or butterbeer-inspired drinks from *Harry Potter*.
- Make it a potluck event where everyone brings a literary-inspired dish.

### **7. Curate a Christmas Movie and Book Pairing Night**

- Pair books with their movie adaptations, like *The Polar Express* or *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Discuss differences while enjoying popcorn and festive treats.

### **8. Organize a Holiday Book Exchange**

- Run a Secret Santa-style book swap with a small budget or "gently loved" books.
- Add a twist: participants write a heartfelt note explaining why they chose that book.

### **9. Inspire Journaling with Festive Prompts**

- Provide writing prompts such as:
  - "Describe your perfect Christmas Day."
  - "What's your favourite childhood Christmas memory?"
  - "If you could spend Christmas with any book character, who would it be?"

### **10. Plan a Charity Event Around Books**

- Host a book drive to donate to local shelters, hospitals, or schools.
- Pair the event with a cozy Christmas-themed gathering for participants.

### **11. Create a Holiday Photo Booth with Bookish Themes**

- Set up a photo booth with props like Santa hats, reindeer antlers, or book-themed signs. Include a festive backdrop featuring book stacks decorated with lights and ornaments.

### **12. Host a Christmas Trivia Night**

- Create trivia questions around Christmas books, movies, and traditions.

- Play in teams and award prizes like holiday candles or ornaments.

The key is to make these activities lighthearted and interactive, ensuring they evoke the joy and warmth of the holiday season.

