

MEDIA LIST | NOVEMBER

Hippo-Not-Amus	Kraus, Jeanne	K-2, Portly didn't ask to be a hippo; he was just born that way. And frankly, he's starting to find being a hippo kind of boring - standing in the water all day up to his eyeballs, eating grass - no fun at all! So he embarks on a journey to figure out just what kind of animal to be, and along the way, meets all kinds of creatures. As he tries to do everything they do, this heartwarming story of a youngster searching for his identity and trying to be somebody he's not will strike a chord with all readers. Repetitive, silly text and bright illustrations make Hippo-Not-Amus an infectiously fun read.
Owen and Mzee: A Day Together	Hatkoff, Isabella and Craig	K-2, Owen and Mzee's true story of friendship continues! Owen the baby hippo, who was separated from his mother during the devastating tsunami in Southeast Asia, chose Mzee the giant tortoise as his friend — and the pair's bond only continues to grow. This story of survival and hope has captured the hearts of people the world over who marvel as the two unique friends spend their days together. As any good friend knows, you don't need words to show you care.
Chubbo's Pool	Lewin, Betsy	K-2, A funny story about a hippo based on observation of animals in the wild with vivid watercolor paintings of the wildlife of Botswana.
Birdbrain Amos	Delaney, Michael	3-5, Poor Amos! He hired a tick bird to eat the bugs off his back so he could be like all the other hippos. There's just one problem. Kumba, his tick bird, takes it a bit too literally when Amos tells her to make herself at home. Now Amos has to walk around with a bird's nest on his head, and he doesn't like it one bit! To make matters worse, all of the other animals are making fun of him. What's a hippo to do? Is there any way he can be grateful for what he does have?
Andy and the Lion: A Tale of Kindness Remembered or the Power of Gratitude	Daugherty, James	K-2, In this retelling of Androcles and the Lion, Andy meets a lion on the way to school and wins his friendship for life by removing a thorn from his paw.
My Big Book of Thank You	Page, Claire	K, This delightful book lets children count their blessings. Everything from food to family to being able to swim to the stars in the sky is a blessing and can be counted. The last spread is a wipe off page on which children can record the things that they are grateful for themselves.
Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message	Swamp, Jake	K-5, Based on the Thanksgiving address of the Iroquois people, the words in this read-aloud book reflect the Native American tradition of greeting the world each morning by giving thanks to all living things. Giving Thanks is a special children's version of the Thanksgiving Address, a message of gratitude that originated with the Native people of upstate New York and Canada and that is still spoken at ceremonial gatherings held by the Iroquois, or Six Nations.
A Gift for Beth	Pfeffer, Susan	3-5, Kind, shy, and generous, Beth March longs for a new piece of piano music to share with her family. When new sheet music appears, she must determine who to thank and how to express her gratitude.
Grateful: A Song of Giving Thanks	Bucchino, John	K-5, "Grateful" is an anthem -- a loving reminder of the gifts available to us when we approach life with gratitude. It is a song that inspires courage, compassion, and hope. In this exquisite picture book and accompanying CD recorded by Art Garfunkel, Anna-Lisa Hakkarainen's radiant paintings bring John Bucchino's words to life. A joyous celebration of the beauty of the seasons, the wonders of nature, and the blessings of faith, here is a gift to be treasured by children and adults of all ages
Crictor	Ungerer, Tomi	K-2, A highly diverting picture book about an agreeable pet boa constrictor that earns the affection and gratitude of a French village.
Thanks for Thanksgiving	Markes, Julie	K-5, Everyone knows that Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks—the question is, where to begin? From the turkey on the table to warm, cozy cuddles, life is full of small things and bigger pleasures. But what is most important is being able to share them with family! Julie Markes reminds kids and adults alike about the little details that make each day enjoyable.

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Gracias Thanks	Mora, Pat	K-2, Straight from the heart of a child flows this lighthearted bilingual celebration of family, friendship, and fun. Come share the joy, and think about all the things for which you can say, "¡Gracias! Thanks!"
Thanks a Million	Grimes, Nikki	3-5, This collection of sixteen poems reminds children that there are so many things for which to be thankful and shows how important the words "thank you" are.
Circle of Thanks	Fowler, Susi	K-2, An Alaskan boy and his mother walk through the slushy tundra. When a baby otter pup slides into the icy river, the boy's mother rushes in to rescue her, a selfless act which prompts a chain reaction of rescues from other animals, including Raven, Mother Caribou, and Arctic Fox.
Thanks to Sandra Cisneros	Santacruz, Daniel	3-5, When his teacher assigns a poem to be written for the next day, Miguel has no idea what to write about until his sister helps him find the right subject.
Thanks for Giving (Ready, Freddy! Reader, #4)	Klein, Abby	K-2, The students in Mrs. Wushy's class learn a lesson about sharing when they celebrate the meaning of Thanksgiving by collecting canned food for less fortunate families. But what will Freddy do when class bully Max wants to steal his cans?
Thank You, Mr. Falker	Polacco, Patricia	3-5, In this autobiographical story, Little Trisha, overjoyed at the thought of learning how to read struggles when she finds that all the letters and numbers get jumbled up. Her classmates make matters worse by calling her dummy. Finally, in fifth grade, she is lucky enough to have a teacher who recognizes Trisha's incredible artistic ability — and understands her problem, and takes the time to lead her to the magic of reading.
The Pilgrims at Plymouth	Penner, Lucille	3-5, Life on the Mayflower was harsh, and when the Pilgrims reached America, things got even worse. More than half the Pilgrims died the first winter. Fortunately, the Pilgrims made friends with the nearby Indians and thanks to their help, the Pilgrims set up the first successful American colony at Plymouth, Massachusetts.
8th Grade Superzero	Rhuday-Perkovich, Olugbemisola	3-5, Ever since a deeply unfortunate incident earlier this year, Reggie's been known as "Pukey" McKnight at his high-intensity Brooklyn middle school. He wants to turn his image around, but he has other things on his mind as well. The elections for school president are coming up, but with his notorious nickname and "nothing" social status, Reggie wouldn't stand a chance. Then Reggie gets involved with a local homeless shelter. Haunted by two of the clients there—George, a once-proud man who shares his interest in comic books, and Charlie, a six-year-old kid—he begins to think about making a difference, both in the world and at school. Pukey for President? It can happen...if he starts believing.
Don't Know Much About the Pilgrims	Davis, Kenneth C.	3-5, Thanksgiving today is a time for families to say grace and gobble turkey. But why did the Pilgrims start this tradition? And who were these people anyway? Now you can discover a wealth of cool and astonishing facts about the Pilgrims. Did you know that they made the long ocean journey in a cramped boat, or that the friendly Indians helped the Pilgrims survive that first winter? Would you have liked being a child in Plymouth? You wouldn't have gone to school, but just read about the chores you would have done! You'll get an insider's view of the Pilgrims' life. It wasn't easy, but they helped make America what it is today. Now that is something to give thanks for!