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UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Virginia Association of
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Conference
Book Signing, Nov. 19,
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**Harrison Road
Elementary**

Dear Laura Murray,

Fresh Out of the Oven! The Gingerbread Man Loose at Christmas



The GB man and his class are on a secret mission to spread joy and cheer to unsuspecting community helpers in town. But when snowy weather threatens, the GB Man is determined to deliver his last big surprise, both in town and back at school! A fun and heartwarming story with themes of kindness, gratitude, and giving. Poster Included.

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The Gingerbread Man Loose at Christmas GIVEAWAY!



- Autographed Hardback copy of The Gingerbread Man Loose at Christmas
- A GB Man Plush Puppet
- A Poster
- 30 Gingerbread Man Tattoos

To enter the giveaway, click below between
November 18-29.

Author Presentations,
Nov. 23rd,
Fredericksburg, VA

Cub Run Elementary
Author Presentations,
Nov. 30th, 2015, Penn
Laird, VA

Arbor View Elementary
Skype Visit, Dec. 2nd, IL

Weyanoke Elementary
Author Presentations,
Dec. 3rd, Alexandria, VA

St. Stephen's & St.
Agnes School
Author Presentation,
Dec. 4th, Alexandria, VA

Forestville Elementary
Author Presentations,
Dec. 7th, Great Falls, VA

Union Mill Elementary
Author Presentations,
Dec. 9, 2015, Clifton, VA

Colin Powell Elementary
Author Presentations,
Dec. 9, 2015, Centreville,
VA

Barnes and Noble
Freedom Hill ES Book
Fair, Dec. 11th, Tyson's
Corner, VA

Glebe Elementary
Author Presentations,
Dec. 15, 2015, Arlington,
VA

Campbell Elementary
Author Presentations,
Dec. 16th, Arlington, VA

St. Luke's School
Author Presentations,
Jan. 28th, 2016, Mclean,
VA

Arrowhead Elementary
Author Presentations,
Feb. 1, 2016, VA Beach,

Goodreads Book Giveaway



The Gingerbread Man Loose at Christmas

by Laura Murray

Giveaway ends November 29, 2015.
See the [giveaway details](#) at
Goodreads.

[Enter Giveaway](#)

Last Month's



The winner of the November [The Gingerbread Man Loose on the Fire Truck](#) giveaway is Amy Merrill, the Librarian and Reading Specialist at Calvin Coolidge ES in Binghamton, NY. Congratulations Amy!! I hope your smart cookies enjoy the book, tattoos, poster, and fire truck Legos!

LESSON:

**Gingerbread Man on the Loose?
Who should you call...
Community Helpers!**

So much fun! Combine the School Gingerbread Man Hunt with an introduction to community helpers. Not only can your students go on a school GB Man hunt and become



VA

Point O'View Elementary
Author Presentations,
Feb. 1, 2016, VA Beach,
VA

Hoffman Boston
Elementary
Author Presentations,
March 31, 2016,
Arlington, VA

ALA National
Conference
Book Signing, June 25-
28, 2016 Orlando, FL

AUTHOR VISITS:

Invite Laura to visit your smart cookies! Consider an author school visit. A former teacher herself, Laura is local to Northern Virginia. [Click here to find out more.](#)



Fun New Book- Related Goodies:



[New GB Man Plush
Puppet](#)

familiar with school staff (who are school community helpers.), but it is doubly fun to involve community helpers outside the school as well.

One school I know of formed a "Gingerbread Man Apprehension Team (GMAT) and invited a police officer to help them catch their GB Man who had "made a break for it." The Sheriff took down the missing GB Man's description from the kids as they made Missing posters. Another school found the GB Man on the Fire truck that was visiting at the end of the week.

Here's a fun article about it-

[Gingerbread Man on the Escape: Essex County Sheriff's Office Helps Track Down the Runaway](#)

ACTIVITY LESSON:

Story Sequencing Sheets

Click on the titles to download the sequencing sheets.



[The Gingerbread Man Loose in the
School Sequencing Sheet](#)

[The Gingerbread Man Loose on the Fire
Truck Sequencing Sheet](#)

[The Gingerbread Man Loose at Christmas
Sequencing Sheet](#)



Do you see someone you recognize on this special promotion [Little Debbie Box](#)? Yummy!



[Scholastic Audio GB Man Books](#)

Students can color and number the sequence of events of all three Gingerbread Man stories.

Common Core Skills:

CC.RLK.2 With prompting and support, retell familiar stories, including key details.

SKILLS:

Tour the Town: Map Skills

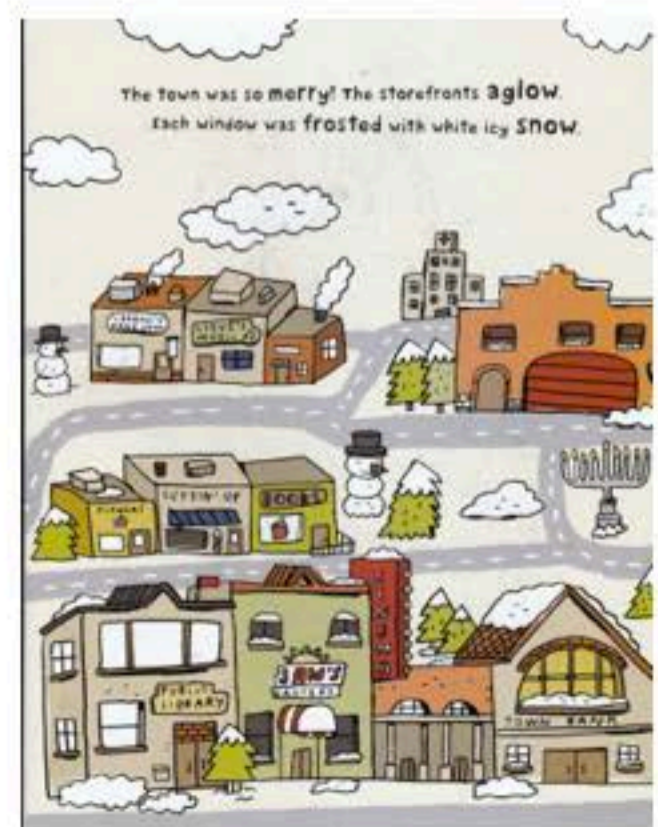
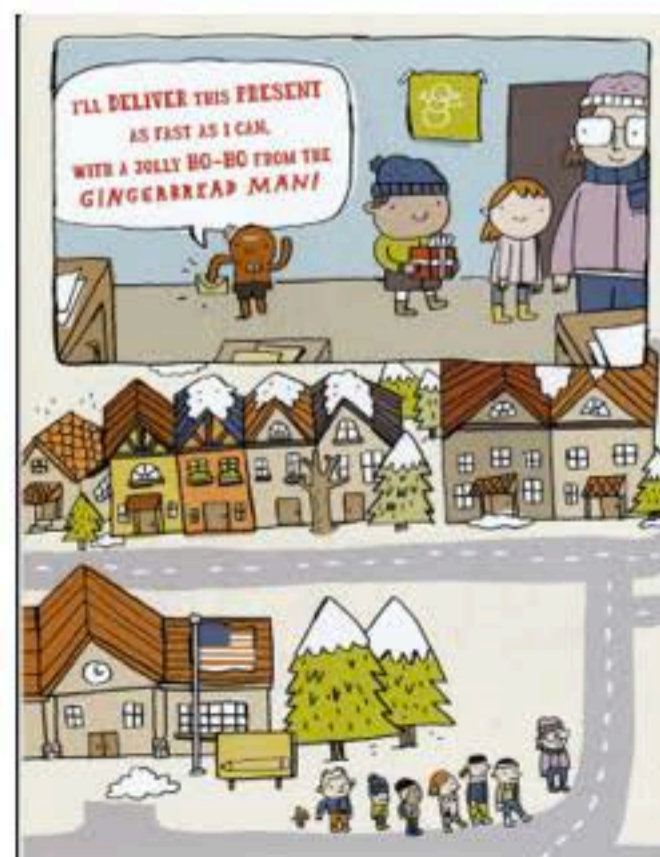
People in your Neighborhood: Community Helpers

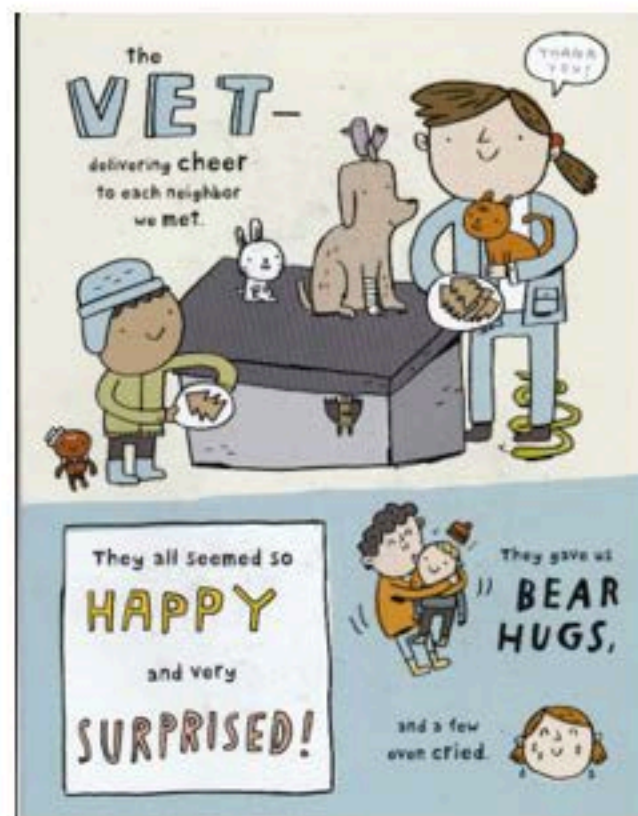
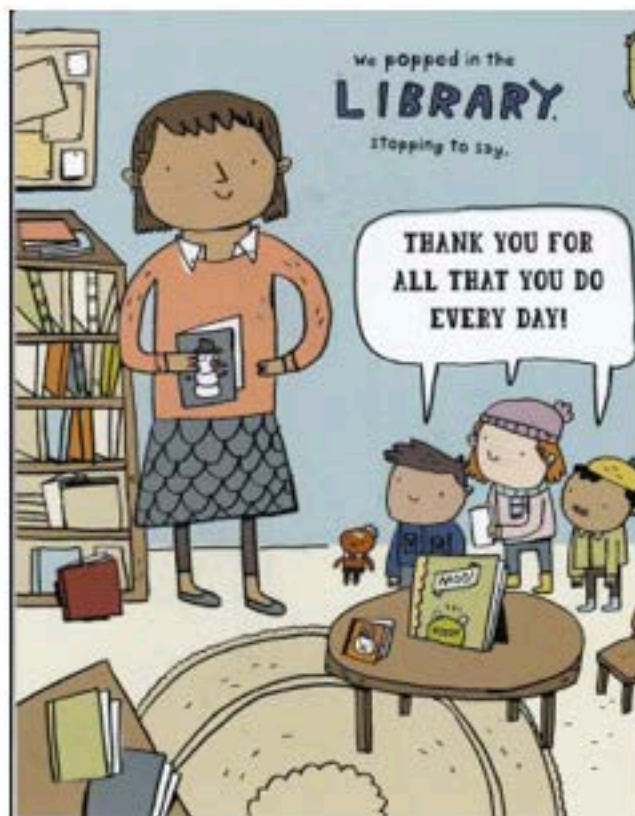
The Gingerbread Man Loose at Christmas not only has universal themes of kindness and giving, but it also serves as a wonderful **mentor text** for discussions on home and neighborhood Map Skills and Community Helpers.

In the story, the Gingerbread Man and his class make gifts to surprise their neighborhood community helpers. Some are homemade gifts like cookies and cards, and some are gifts that are "outside the box" like songs, poems, smiles, and compliments.

As they journey into town to deliver their gifts, the town illustration provides a wonderful example and introduction to home & neighborhood primary **map skills**.

The **community helpers** they meet along the way (a police lady, garbage collector, librarian, dentist, grocer, vet, barber, bookseller, doctor, florist, bank teller, baker, as well as special surprise for their teacher) demonstrate the wide range of people who make a big difference in our towns and lives with the jobs they do.





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