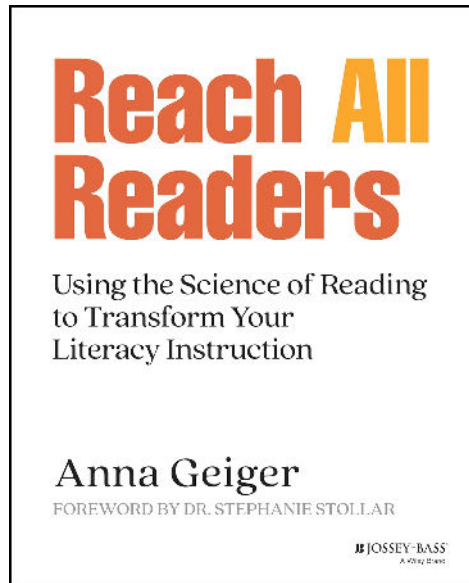


Literacy Center Ideas



Read about small group teaching and literacy centers in Chapter 11 of *Reach All Readers*.

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Independent or Buddy Reading

Students read from their bag or box of books. You might have students put their decodable books and passages in their bags after their phonics lessons so they have reading material. You might also put partner plays and other partner reading material inside the bags. The important thing about this center is accountability; students are expected to read the material in their bags, not choose a new book every day from the shelf. When students do buddy reading at centers, it makes sense to have their partner be someone from their reading group.

Free decodable books: <https://www.themeasuredmom.com/free-decodable-books/>

Decodable passages in my shop:

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Word Work Center

Have students practice reading words featuring the phonics patterns you've taught. Popular game formats include Roll and Read, Follow the Path games, Sentence Reading Games, and more. It's helpful to use the same game format(s) each week, simply switching out the words the following week. This way you don't have to teach students how to play a new game each week.

Phonics Centers Mega Bundle: <https://www.themeasuredmom.com/product/phonics-centers-mega-bundle/>

Fluency Mega Centers: <https://www.themeasuredmom.com/product/fluency-centers-mega-bundle/>

Listening Center

Have students listen to recordings of books that they can read along with. If you have students who are below grade level, consider recording yourself reading past and future decodable texts from your phonics lessons. They can work to read along with the recording. If you are using the listening center to build fluency, it's important to remember that you want students to actually read along, not just listen. Consider using any of these free sites for recorded books that students can listen to:

- Epic
- Vooks (free for teacher)
- Storyline Online
- Storytime from Space
- Starfall
- A Story Before Bed
- Or ... have classroom parents record themselves reading books!

For more literacy center ideas, check out Mrs. Winter's Bliss (currently rebranding to Leaders in Literacy). She has many blog posts about literacy centers with free resources. <https://mrs winters bliss.com/literacy-centers-for-primary-students/>