24 Nights of Stories

The Book Advent Planner - No New Books Required

A free printable from Coryverse - for all ages, especially young children.

You do not need 24 new books.

You need 24 nights. Some of those nights are books you already own, wrapped in brown paper so they're a surprise again. Some are library books - those go first, before their due dates. A few are watch-and-read-along nights with our free read-aloud videos. And one or two can be brand new, saved for the nights that matter most.

Pick your track: 24 nights (start Dec 1) or 12 nights (start Dec 13 - no shame, teachers do it this way too). Wrap on a table, wrap with your kids, and use last year's paper. Imperfect is the tradition working as intended.

The rule that makes it magic: the same time every night, one book, lights low. That's the whole ritual. The wrapping is just the invitation.

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The Dec 26 trick (no competitor tells you this)

Before the decorations come down: re-wrap next year's owned books tonight, and pack them away with the ornaments. Next November, you are already done.

The mix formula

Cost is solved by the mix, never by buying 24 new books:

Source	Nights	Rule
Library books	6 nights	Nights 1-8 only - due dates first
Owned favourites, re-wrapped	6 nights	Brown paper; kids don't remember, they rediscover
Coryverse nights	10 nights	One per book; 3 are read-aloud video nights
New or gifted	2 nights	The only spend; place mid-roster + Dec 23
TOTAL	24 nights	12-night track = the Coryverse 10 + finale + 1 family pick

Order is engineered, not random: library books first (due dates), the quiet meaningful book mid-roster, kids'-choice repeats near the end, and ONE anchor finale on Dec 24.

Starting late? The 12-night track starts Sun Dec 13 with Night 13 - it is the smart version, not the small version. Classrooms use the same 12-book standard, one for each school day before winter break.

The filled 24-night roster

Steal it whole, or use it as the template for your own shelf. Coryverse nights link from thecoryverse.com/book-advent - three of them are free read-aloud VIDEO nights.

1	Tue Dec 1	Library	A big Christmas classic (e.g. Bear Stays Up for Christmas)
2	Wed Dec 2	Library	A funny one (e.g. Santa Bruce)
3	Thu Dec 3	Coryverse VIDEO	Benny and the Buzzing Brain - unwrap the book, watch the full read-aloud together
4	Fri Dec 4	Library	A rhyming one (e.g. Stick Man)
5	Sat Dec 5	Owned re-wrap	The most-loved book on your shelf
6	Sun Dec 6	Library	A silly one (e.g. Turkey Claus)
7	Mon Dec 7	Coryverse	Kelli the Koala
8	Tue Dec 8	Library	A gentle one (e.g. Llama Llama Holiday Drama)
9	Wed Dec 9	Owned re-wrap	A book from when they were littler
10	Thu Dec 10	Coryverse	Trent the T-Rex
11	Fri Dec 11	New book	The one new book they asked for
12	Sat Dec 12	Coryverse	Shaun the Sloth (slow Saturday-night read)
13	Sun Dec 13	Coryverse	Ryan the Rhino - 12-NIGHT TRACK STARTS HERE
14	Mon Dec 14	Coryverse	Britini the Butterfly - the quiet, meaningful night
15	Tue Dec 15	Library / Owned	Last library book out before holiday closures
16	Wed Dec 16	Coryverse	Doug the Duck
17	Thu Dec 17	Owned re-wrap	A winter (not Christmas) favourite - it stays out all January
18	Fri Dec 18	Coryverse VIDEO	Maya's Marvelous Wiggles - full read-aloud night
19	Sat Dec 19	Kids' choice	They pick any earlier night to re-read
20	Sun Dec 20	Coryverse	Harry the Hurricane
21	Mon Dec 21	Owned re-wrap	The funniest book you own
22	Tue Dec 22	New / gifted	A gifted book, saved for tonight
23	Wed Dec 23	Coryverse	The Bedtime Rocket - the calm-down night before the big one
24	Thu Dec 24	FINALE	The Night Before Christmas (family copy) - read with the Christmas Eve box

Parent Key Sheet (nights 1-12)

Fill this in BEFORE wrapping - it prevents the classic failure (forgetting which wrapped book is the library one due Thursday). Keep it somewhere the kids never look.

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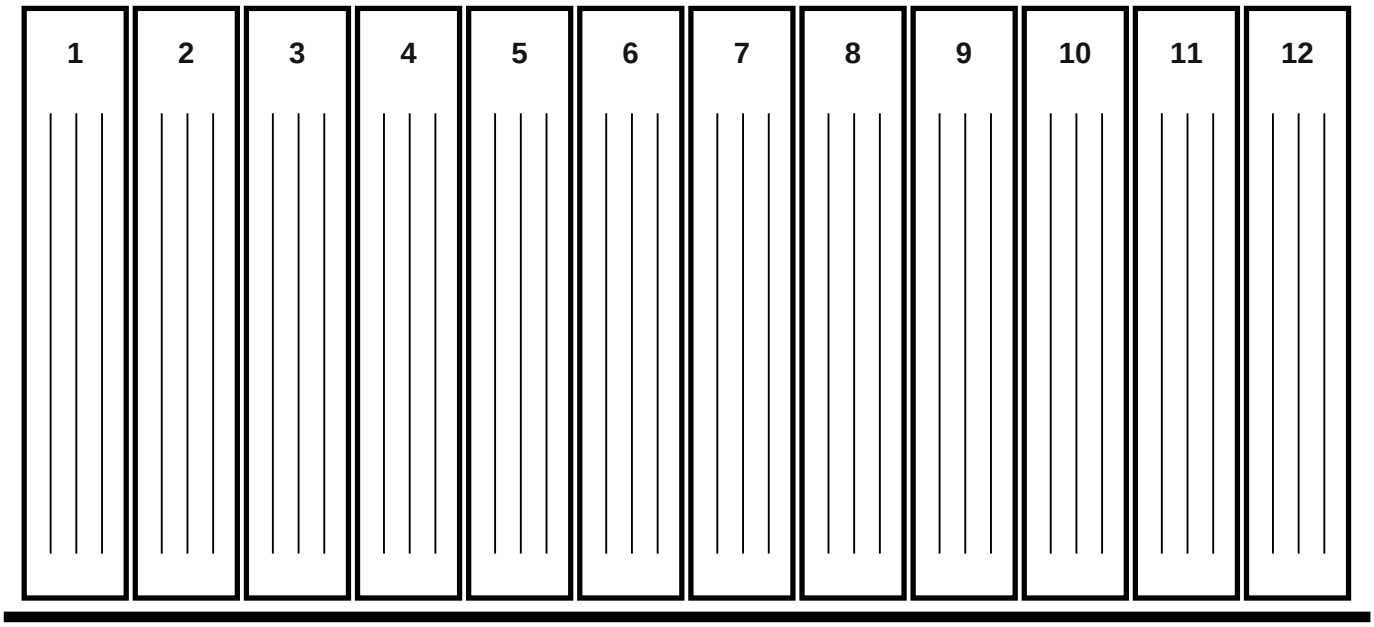
Parent Key Sheet (nights 13-24)

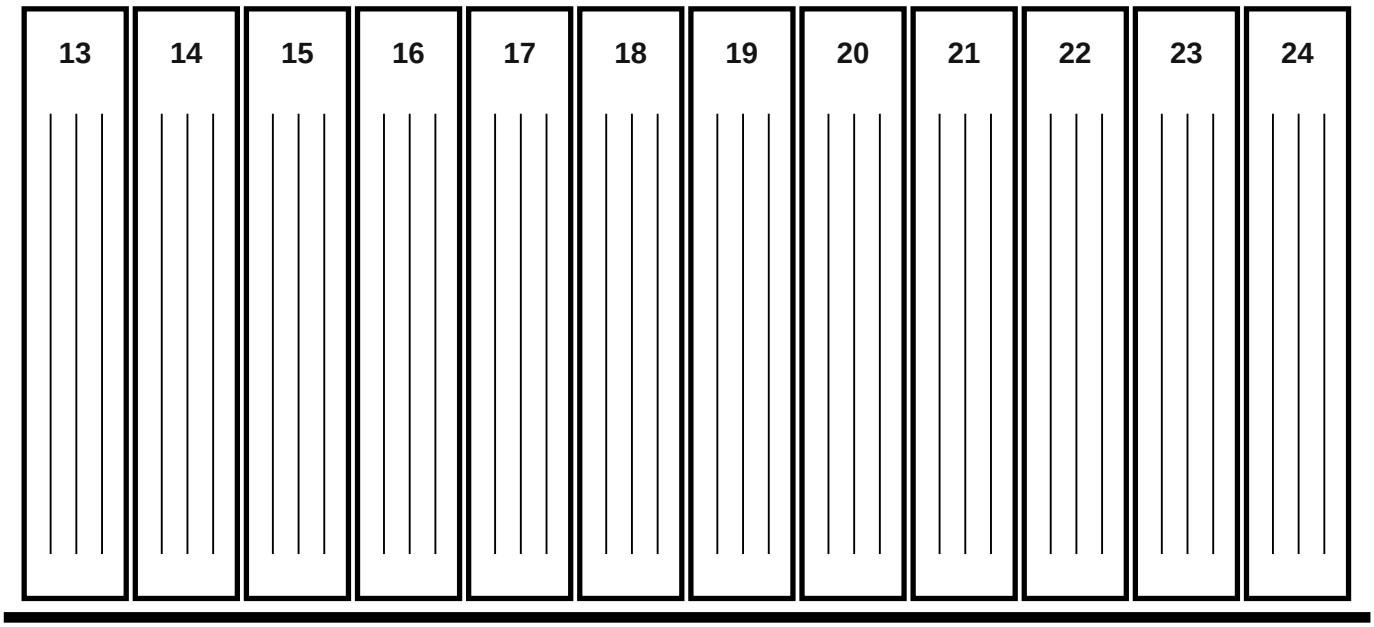
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The Bookshelf Tracker

Colour one spine every night and write the title on it. By Christmas Eve the shelf is full - and it's your record of every story December held.





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