

# june 2005

National Rose Month | June Dairy Month | National Fruits and Vegetables Month | Audio Book Month

## June 1

Learn something new this summer. Try *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell.

## June 2

It's Paul Galdone's birthday.

The school year is ending. Give a bookstore gift certificate to your favorite librarian or teacher.

## June 3

Share your favorite edition of Ernest Lawrence Thayer's "Casey at the Bat," first published on this day in 1888.

## June 4

Fly high with *Airborn* by Kenneth Oppel, a Victorian adventure story that takes place in an airship.

## June 5

World Environment Day is held in San Francisco this year.

Visit EcoSchool Design at [www.ecoschools.com/KeyOrgs/KeyOrgs\\_wSidebar.html](http://www.ecoschools.com/KeyOrgs/KeyOrgs_wSidebar.html) to learn more about green schoolyards.

## June 6

D-Day

It's Cynthia Rylant's and Peter Spier's birthdays.

Did you know? Author Cynthia Rylant has a library degree and once worked in the children's room at the Akron Public Library in Ohio.

## June 7

It's Nikki Giovanni's birthday.

Look for summer constellations in the night sky. Visit [www.windows.ucar.edu/tour/link=/the\\_universe/Constellations/north\\_constellations.html](http://www.windows.ucar.edu/tour/link=/the_universe/Constellations/north_constellations.html) for more information.

## June 8

It's Frank Lloyd Wright's birthday.

Get out the blocks and build something in honor of architect Wright's birthday.

## June 9

It's Donald Duck's birthday.

Celebrate this famous "quacker's" birthday with Doreen Cronin's *Giggle, Giggle, Quack* and *Duck for President*.

## June 10

It's Maurice Sendak's birthday.

Think alligators today. Draw alligators. Make alligators. And most of all enjoy Sendak's *Alligators All Around: An Alphabet*.

## June 11

Dragon Boat Festival in China.

Visit [www.dragonboatcalendar.com/usa.htm](http://www.dragonboatcalendar.com/usa.htm) to find a dragon boat festival near you.

## June 12

It's Anne Frank's birthday.

Choose a special notebook and start a diary today. Read literary diaries this summer.

## June 13

Anniversary of the first roller coaster in 1884 at Coney Island New York.

Take a ride with Marla Frazee's *Roller Coaster*.

## June 14

Flag Day

Design your own flags. Visit [www.kidsdomain.com/craft/makeurflag.html](http://www.kidsdomain.com/craft/makeurflag.html) for easy directions.

## June 15

Magna Carta signed on this day in 1215.

Sir Walter Scott's *Ivanhoe* is set during this period in English history.

## June 16

New to graphic novels? "Bone" up on them starting with *Bone*, an epic adventure by Jeff Smith.

## June 17

It's fishing season. Display books on fishing for all ages.

## June 18

It's Chris Van Allsburg's birthday.

Have a Van Allsburg fest. Start with *The Stranger*, a book with a "summer" mystery.

## June 19

Juneteenth

Father's Day

Barbara M. Joosse follows up her story of unconditional love set in Alaska (*Mama, Do You Love Me?*) with a new book set in Africa entitled *Papa, Do You Love Me?*

## June 20

In 1840 Samuel Morse was granted a patent for telegraphy signals. Here's how to say "READ" in Morse code: .- .- .- ..

## June 21

First day of summer.

Read William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Bruce Coville and celebrate the beginning of summer.

## June 22

Full Moon

It's National Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Month. Try a new fruit and vegetable this month.

## June 23

American Library Association Annual Conference (23–29) in Chicago.

It's Wilma Rudolph's birthday.

The Hula Hoop was popular in the 1950s but patented in 1964. Bring in a hula hoop and hula ([inventors.about.com/library/bl/cal/bljune.htm](http://inventors.about.com/library/bl/cal/bljune.htm)).

## June 24

June is Dairy Month.

Visit [www.practicalkitchen.com/kids/making\\_butter.shtml](http://www.practicalkitchen.com/kids/making_butter.shtml) and make an easy butter churn and butter.

## June 25

Eric Carle's birthday.

Read a story with multiple characters then ask children which is their favorite.

## June 26

It's Pearl S. Buck's birthday.

"I'd prefer not to."—*The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place* by E. L. Konigsburg. Find out what Margaret Rose Kane prefers not to do.

## June 27

It's Helen Keller's birthday.

Plan a reading picnic—A storytime outside with a picnic basket of books and snacks. Don't forget a big soft blanket to sit on.

## June 28

Calling all Diana Wynne Jones fans! Another Chrestomanci novel is out: *Conrad's Fate*.

## June 29

The Juicy Fruit chewing gum trademark was registered in 1915. Pass out samples today ([inventors.about.com/library/bl/cal/bljune.htm](http://inventors.about.com/library/bl/cal/bljune.htm)).

## June 30

"The only good reason for swimming, as far as I can see, is to escape drowning."—*Ordinary Jack* by Helen Cresswell