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2006

Anti-Boredom Month | National Blueberries Month | National Hot Dog Month | National Recreation & Parks Month

July 1

Canada Day

It's National Hot Dog Month.

Get the scoop on hot dogs at www.foodreference.com/html/fhotdogs.html.

July 2

Did you know?

Aviatrix Amelia Earhart disappeared on this day in 1937.

July 3

Dog Days begin this month.

These are the hottest days of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

July 4

Independence Day

For links to sites with Fourth of July activities, visit

www.kate.net/holidays/4thjuly/funstuff.html.

July 5

Make a list of ten things to do if you get bored this summer.

July 6

It's Malawi Republic Day.

Find Malawi on a map. Read *The Mean Hyena: A Folktale from Malawi* by Judy Sierra.

July 7

According to the lunar calendar, it's Tanabata, the Star Festival, in Japan.

People write their wishes on colorful strips of paper and hang them from bamboo poles.

July 8

It's Raffi's birthday.

Sing Raffi songs in your storytimes.

July 9

Amazing!

Visit Robert Abbott's site at www.logicmazes.com/ for several different kinds of online mazes to play.

July 10

Full Moon

Plan a full moon storytime.

July 11

It's E. B. White's birthday.

What can you find out about orb spiders?

July 12

It's Henry David Thoreau's birthday.

Display books about Henry David Thoreau, like D. B. Johnson's "Henry" books.

July 13

Visit Colorín Colorado at www.colorincolorado.org/homepage.php. In both Spanish and English, the Web site offers tips and activities for parents to help their child to succeed in school.

July 14

It's Woody Guthrie's birthday.

Sing "This Land Is Your Land."

July 15

It's National Rabbit Week (15–21).

Plan a rabbit storytime "Somebunny Loves to Read," or a program on rabbit pet care.

July 16

If you could have any pet, what would it be? Read Lauren Child's *I Want a Pet* and find out what kind of pet a young girl gets.

July 17

Dancing Hamsters?

Check out www.hamsterdance.com and meet Hampton, Dixie, Fuzzy and Hado.

July 18

Going buggy this summer?

Read *The Bugliest Bug* by Carol Diggory Shields.

July 19

R.E.A.D. all about it—Reading Education Assistance Dogs that help kids improve their reading. Visit their site at www.therapyanimals.org/read/index.php.

July 20

Do you know any Black Stallion fans?

Check out the Black Stallion Web site at theblackstallion.com/, where you can join the fan club.

July 21

Time for a picnic—a Teddy Bears' Picnic.

Read bear books, sing bear songs and don't forget your teddy bear.

July 22

Down on the farm.

Young children learn about farm animals and can hear what they sound like at www.kidsfarm.com/farm.htm.

July 23

It's National Blueberry Month.

Share Robert McCloskey's *Blueberries for Sal* and serve fresh blueberries.

July 24

So many things are possible just as long as you don't know they're impossible.

—*The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster

July 25

Do you like puppets?

Visit Mr. Anderson's Company at www.misterandersons.com/ for a variety of finger and hand puppets.

July 26

The Chincoteague pony roundup begins today.

Read *Misty of Chincoteague* by Marguerite Henry.

July 27

Long ago and far away.

Read *Listening for Lions* by Gloria Whelan about thirteen-year-old Rachel who is orphaned in East Africa during the flu epidemic of 1918.

July 28

Need a coloring sheet to go with a story?

Visit Ivy's Search Engine at www.ivyjoy.com/coloring/search.html and search by subject for printable coloring pages.

July 29

Visit Planet Esme at pages.ripco.net/~esme/ for book recommendations and much more.

July 30

Did you know?

The modern paperback book was introduced in 1935 when the first Penguin paperback was published.

July 31

It's J. K. Rowling's birthday.

Happy birthday from all of your fans!