

# june 2006

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

## June 1

It's Adopt-a-Shelter-Cat Month.

Visit the ASPCA's site at [www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=al\\_calendar\\_june](http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=al_calendar_june) for more information.

## June 2

It's June Dairy Month.

Share ice cream with your students today.

## June 3

It's National Trails Day.

Take a hike.

## June 4

Did you know?

2006 marks the three hundredth anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth. Franklin began the first circulating library in the colonies.

## June 5

It's World Environment Day.

What can you do to help our planet?

## June 6

D-Day Anniversary.

The Allied forces landed in Normandy, France, on this day in 1944. Have students find Normandy on a map.

## June 7

Did you know?

It's poet Nikki Giovanni's birthday. Read *The Sun Is So Quiet* or visit her Web site at [www.nikki-giovanni.com](http://www.nikki-giovanni.com).

## June 8

Spend a warm summer day with *The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy* by Jeanne Birdsall.

## June 9

It's Donald Duck's birthday.

Dig up some old Donald Duck comics and cartoons. Visit Donald's official site at [disney.go.com/vault/archives/characterstandard/donald/donald.html](http://disney.go.com/vault/archives/characterstandard/donald/donald.html).

## June 10

Re-read a favorite horse story in celebration of the Belmont Stakes today.

## June 11

Full Moon

It's Jacques Cousteau's birthday.

Display books about ocean animals.

## June 12

It's Anne Frank's birthday.

Read *The Harmonica* by Tony Johnston, about a young Jewish boy in a concentration camp who finds hope in playing Schubert on his harmonica.

## June 13

[Chester Cricket] began to chirp to ease his feelings. He found that it helped somehow if you sang your sadness.

—*The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden

## June 14

Flag Day

Plan a popcorn and movie night at the library this month.

## June 15

It's baseball season.

Read aloud Patrick Jennings's *Out Standing in My Field*.

## June 16

It's thunderstorm season.

Read Patricia Polacco's *Thunder Cake* and then make a thunder cake.

## June 17

Vinegar Day

Visit [www.hgtv.com/hgtv/ah\\_kids\\_family\\_activities/article/0,1801,HGTV\\_3123\\_2950290,00.html](http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/ah_kids_family_activities/article/0,1801,HGTV_3123_2950290,00.html) for some fun vinegar projects.

## June 18

Father's Day

Check out David M. Schwartz's *Supergrandpa*, about 66-year-old Gustaf who aims to bike the 1,700k Tour of Sweden.

## June 19

This is the birthday of a famous cartoon character. His name begins with "G" and he loves lasagna. Who is he? (*Garfield*)

## June 20

What's that flavor?

Have children taste a jellybean with their eyes closed and try to guess its flavor.

## June 21

Summer begins.

Find a place for an outdoor storytime this month.

## June 22

American Library Association Annual Conference (22–28) in New Orleans.

Play Cajun and zydeco music in honor of Louisiana.

## June 23

It's Wilma Rudolph's birthday.

This Olympian was the first woman to win three gold medals in one Olympics. Read more about her.

## June 24

If you could take a vacation anywhere, where would you go?

## June 25

Weed Away!

Weed your garden and your book collection this summer.

## June 26

Learn and tell a story about Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox. Make a mural with markers and poster paper and display it in the library.

## June 27

Who Dunit?

Plan a mystery party at your library this summer.

## June 28

In the news.

Read Deborah Ellis's novels, *The Breadwinner* and *Parvana's Journey*, about a girl in Afghanistan during the rule of the Taliban.

## June 29

Read David Wiesner's picture book, *June 29, 1999*. Visit his Web site at [www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/authors/wiesner/home.html](http://www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/authors/wiesner/home.html).

## June 30

End the month with a Calvin and Hobbes day.