

"I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June."

—Lucy Maud Montgomery

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Audio Book Month | Dairy Month | National Candy Month | National Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Month | National Rose Month | National Safety Month

June 1

Hot off the press: a legal thriller for kids by John Grisham titled *Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer*.

June 2

National Spelling Bee finals (June 2–3)

It's Helen Oxenbury's birthday.

Visit PBS Kids at www.pbskids.org/games/spelling.html for several online spelling games.

June 3

It's Dairy Month.

Host a storytime about cows.

June 4

Summer Race!

Share *Shark vs. Train* by Chris Barton and see who wins this competition.

June 5

It's Rick Riordan's birthday.

World Environment Day

It's National Trails Day.

Take a hike! Visit www.americanhiking.org/NTD.aspx for more information on National Trails Day.

June 6

D-Day Anniversary

Find Normandy on a map.

June 7

Share a whale of a tale—read *Billy Twitters and His Blue Whale Problem* by Mac Barnett.

June 8

Reluctant readers may enjoy Barbara Bottner's *Miss Brooks Loves Books (and I Don't)*. A girl rejects every book that is suggested to her until one day . . .

June 9

Bubblicious!

Share Margaret Mahy's picture book *Bubble Trouble*, which tells the tale of a girl who blows a bubble that encases her baby brother.

June 10

It's Maurice Sendak's birthday.

Have children draw or make "wild things" after reading the book.

June 11

What is the best way to communicate with a fish? *Drop it a line!*

June 12

It's Anne Frank's birthday.

Did you know? Good and Plenty candy was trademarked on this day in 1928.

June 13

Need an icebreaker or group activity?

Visit Group Games at www.group-games.com for ideas.

June 14

Flag Day

It's Laurence Yep's birthday.

Visit Surfnet for Kids at www.surfnetkids.com/flag_day.htm for links to sites with Flag Day activities.

June 15

Fly a Kite Day

It's Brian Jacques' birthday.

Make kites and share kite stories.

June 16

Feature your audio books including award winners (ALA Notable Recordings, Audies, Grammy, and Odyssey Awards) this month.

June 17

It's National Safety Month.

Visit www.nsc.org/nsc_events/Nat_Safe_Month/Pages/Week5.aspx for summer safety tips and downloadable materials.

June 18

It's Vivian Vande Velde's birthday.

The film *Shrek Forever After* opens in theaters today.

June 19

Juneteenth, commemorating the end of slavery in the US.

Juneteenth Jamboree by Carol Boston Weatherford introduces readers to this holiday.

June 20

Father's Day

Plan a "Dads and Donuts" or "Fathers and Franks" program for kids and their dads.

June 21

Summer begins.

Celebrate summer light. Share *Arctic Lights, Arctic Nights* by Debbie Miller, illustrated by Jon Van Zyle.

June 22

The doughnut was invented on this day in 1847.

Read the "The Doughnuts" chapter in *Homer Price* by Robert McCloskey and *The Great Doughnut Parade* by Rebecca Bond.

June 23

It's Wilma Rudolph's birthday.

Visit Games for Youth Groups at www.americanhiking.org/NTD.aspx for relay game ideas in honor of Olympic runner Rudolph.

June 24

ALA Conference begins in Washington D.C. (June 24–29)

Hooray for libraries!

June 25

It's Eric Carle's birthday.

Carle's books about seahorses, ducks, ladybugs, caterpillars, etc. are perfect summer choices for storytimes.

June 26

Full Moon

Play Candy Land today in honor National Candy Month and the invention of the game in 1951.

June 27

It's Helen Keller's birthday.

It's National Rose Month.

Bring a rose to storytime and share books about flowers like Arnold Lobel's *The Rose in My Garden*.

June 28

The Raggedy Ann doll was invented in 1928 today.

Bring in a Raggedy Ann doll and share the stories by Johnny Gruelle.

June 29

It's Library Advocacy Day.

Visit www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/libraryadvocacyday/index.cfm for more information.

June 30

It's David McPhail's birthday.

The film *Twilight Saga: Eclipse* opens in theaters today.

**“We hope that, when the insects take over the world,
they will remember with gratitude how we took them along on all our picnics.”**

—Bill Vaughan

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National Blueberries Month | National Hot Dog Month | National Recreation and Parks Month

July 1

It's Emily Arnold McCully's birthday.

July is the perfect time to share *Picnic* by Emily Arnold McCully, the story of a mouse family on a bright summer day.

July 2

Serve fresh blueberries at storytime for National Blueberries Month.

July 3

Have a birthday party for the United States at the library.

July 4

Independence Day

What did one flag say to the other flag?

Nothing. It just waved!

July 5

It's P.T. Barnum's birthday.

The Circus Ship by Chris Van Dusen is about a traveling circus whose vessel sinks off the coast of Maine—and whose animals take refuge on a nearby island. Read it aloud today!

July 6

The volcanic eruption in Iceland of Eyjafjallajökull may pique the interest of budding geologists. Visit www.volcanoes.com for information about volcanoes around the world.

July 7

Cool off! Visit Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution's Polar Discovery site at <http://polardiscovery.whoi.edu/>.

July 8

It's Raffi's birthday.

Check out “Cool It,” Raffi's rockin’ call-to-action song about climate change at www.raffinews.com/educators/cool-it.

July 9

Youth Day in Morocco.

Share *My Father's Shop* by Satomi Ichikawa about a young boy in Morocco.

July 10

Visit www.songsforteaching.com/phonemicawareness.htm for links to songs that build phonological awareness.

July 11

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

“It is not often that someone comes along who is both a true friend and a good writer. Charlotte was both.” —*Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White

July 12

It's Henry David Thoreau's birthday.

Celebrate with *The Trouble with Henry* by Deborah O'Neal and the picture books of D.B. Johnson starting with *Henry Hikes to Fitchburg*.

July 13

Rhyme time. Display nursery rhymes and rhyming stories.

July 14

It's Woody Guthrie's birthday.

It's Brian Selznick's birthday.

Martin Scorsese is directing a film based on Selznick's Caldecott Medal book, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*.

July 15

Fly a Kite Day

It's Brian Jacques' birthday.

Chew on this: Read *Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum* by Meghan McCarthy.

July 16

It's Richard Egielski's birthday.

Did you know? Apollo 11 was launched on this day in 1969.

July 17

Disneyland, America's first theme park, opened today in 1955.

July 18

It's Felicia Bond's birthday.

It's National Ice Cream Day.

Share Gail Gibbons's *Ice Cream: The Full Scoop*.

July 19

J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Fellowship of the Ring* was published today in 1954.

July 20

Did you know? The Special Olympics were founded on this day in 1968.

July 21

Have children make paper bag puppets to accompany a story.

July 22

It's Alexander Calder's birthday.

Host a mobile making program!

July 23

Watch for *Ramona and Beezus* in theaters starting today.

July 24

It's Amelia Earhart's birthday.

Celebrate with a paper airplane making day!

July 25

Keep hydrated—make a paper cup.

Visit www.origami-fun.com/origami-drinking-cup.html for instructions.

July 26

Full Moon

It's Jan Berenstain's birthday.

Have an evening storytime with stories about the moon.

July 27

Walk on Stilts Day

Invite a stilt walker to perform at the library.

July 28

It's Beatrix Potter and Natalie Babbitt's birthday.

The Walt Disney's film, “Alice in Wonderland” was released on this day in 1951.

July 29

It's Sharon Creech's birthday.

Share *The Unfinished Angel*, Creech's story about an angel and a girl set in the Swiss Alps.

July 30

The board game Monopoly was copyrighted on this day in 1933.

July 31

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

Play Harry Potter Wizard Trivia at www.scholastic.ca/harrypotter/trivia/.

"The Queen of Hearts, she made some tarts, All on a summer day.
The Knave of Hearts, he stole those tarts, And took them quite away!"

—Lewis Carroll

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Children's Vision and Learning Month | Get Ready for Kindergarten Month | National Inventors Month

August 1

It's Maria Mitchell's birthday.

Bookmark www.kidsreads.com for the latest about books and authors.

Kids can also sign up for an e-newsletter.

August 2

The first Lincoln penny was issued on this day in 1909. This year there is a new design on the reverse side of the coin. .

August 3

National Watermelon Day

Cool off with *Icy Watermelon/Sandia Fria*, a picture book by Mary Sue Galindo.

August 4

It's Louis Armstrong's birthday.

Do some summer "weeding" in your library this month.

August 5

It's Neil Armstrong's birthday.

Check out Awesome Clip Art for Educators at

www.awesomeclipartforeducators.com.

August 6

"She was, above all else, a master librarian and knew where to find any book on any subject in the shortest possible time." —*Mudshark* by Gary Paulsen

August 7

It's Sea Serpent Day.

Celebrate with a Sea Serpent Party. Read *The Sea Serpent and Me* by Dashka Slater and visit www.dashkaslater.com/pdf/sea%20serpent%20party.pdf for ideas.

August 8

It's National Inventors Month.

Visit Kid Info at www.kidinfo.com/American_History/Inventors_Inventions.html for links to many Web sites about inventions and inventors.

August 9

It's Patricia McKissack's birthday.

Smokey Bear has a birthday. Visit Smokey Bear Historical Park at www.smokeybearpark.com where you'll find the history of the famous bear and activities.

August 10

Where did the lamb go on vacation? *The Baaaaahamas!*

August 11

Ramadan begins at sundown.

Add *Night of the Moon: A Muslim Holiday Story* by Hena Khan to your holiday collection.

August 12

It's Ann M. Martin and Walter Dean Myers's birthday.

Do some August stargazing. On the night of the 12th and 13th, watch the Perseid meteor showers from late night till dawn.

August 13

Tales from Earthsea, an anime film loosely based on some of the books in the Earthsea series by Ursula LeGuin, is released in the US today.

August 14

Canoe Days, a picture book by Gary Paulsen with gorgeous illustrations by Ruth Wright Paulson, will show you the delights of a summer canoe ride.

August 15

It's National Aviation Week (Aug. 15–21)

Display model airplanes and airplane books this week.

August 16

Museum of the Month.

Visit the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum at www.nasm.si.edu.

You'll find online activities under Education.

August 17

Help children get ready for kindergarten with a display or booklist of stories featuring kindergartners.

August 18

End your summer library program with a splash. Play water games in the park or outside your library.

August 19

The "Black Cow" root beer float was created on this day in 1893. Plan a storytime about cows and serve black cows.

August 20

Share *Summer Wonders* by Bob Raczka.

August 21

I Spy! Share Tedd Arnold's *I Spy Fly Guy* and play "I Spy" games with children.

August 22

It's Children's Vision and Learning Month.

Stress the importance of eye exams to parents of children starting school.

August 23

Celebrate fair season with Debra Frasier's *A Fabulous Fair Alphabet*.

August 24

Full Moon

Mockingjay, the final book in the Hunger Games series by Suzanne Collins hits shelves today!

August 25

It's Ian Falconer's birthday.

Listen to *Olivia, the Audio Collection*, a recording of five Olivia stories read by Dame Edna Everage.

August 26

Women's Equality Day

Take the Women's Equality Day Quiz at www.nwhp.org/resourcecenter/equalityday_quiz.html.

August 27

Banana Lovers Day

Learn how to perform the magic banana trick at www.wikihow.com/Slice-a-Banana-Before-It-Is-Peeled.

August 28

It's Allen Say's birthday.

Visit Expo 2010 Shanghai China online at <http://en.expo2010.cn>.

August 29

Be sure to thank everyone involved in your summer reading program! Evaluate your success.

August 30

It's Virginia Lee Burton's birthday.

Virginia Lee Burton: A Sense of Place is a one-hour documentary film about this beloved author. Visit www.nasm.si.edu for more information.

August 31

"Being a princess isn't all it's cracked up to be." —Diana, Princess of Wales