

# june 2004

National Rose Month | Dairy Month

## June 1

"No more pencils, no more books,  
No more teachers' dirty looks,  
No more things that bring us sorrow  
For we won't be here come tomorrow."  
—*And the Green Grass Grew All Around* compiled by Alvin Schwartz

## June 2

**Time to Grow Your Own Pizza.** This fun book by Constance Hardesty is a great way for kids to have fun in the garden this summer.

## June 3

"Weeds are flowers too, once you get to know them." *Winnie-the-Pooh* by A. A. Milne.  
Make a lovely weed bouquet today.

## June 4

Read *Rats! The Good, The Bad and the Ugly* by Richard Conniff. Will reluctant readers be reluctant to read about rats? I don't think so.

## June 5

**World Environment Day**  
Read *The Chimpanzees and Me: Saving Their World and Ours* by Jane Goodall.

## June 6

**D-Day**  
**Cynthia Rylant has a birthday today.**  
Make a summer reading list for you.

## June 7

**Trying to track down an old favorite book?** Try Bookfinder.com at [www.bookfinder.com/about/](http://www.bookfinder.com/about/).

## June 8

**Read some dog stories during the dog days of summer.**  
Try *Widget* by Lynn Rossiter McFarland and "Let's Get a Pup," *Said Kate* by Bob Graham.

## June 9

**Donald Duck has a birthday today.**  
"Sometimes one must travel far, to discover what is near." *The Treasure* by Uri Shulevitz.  
Think of things that are near (and dear) to you.

## June 10

**Maurice Sendak's birthday.**  
"And now," cried Max, "let the wild rumpus start." *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak.  
This sentiment works for the end of school as well as the beginning.

## June 11

**Did you know?**  
Saturn's rings are made from ice chunks and rocks. They are only visible using a telescope.

## June 12

**Anne Frank was born on this day.**  
Make a list of all the things you want to do this summer. Go to the library to find books that will help you.

## June 13

"... but Tucker had one of those hoarding souls that couldn't bear to lose a thing." *Harry Cat's Pet Puppy* by George Selden.  
If you are like Tucker Mouse, you might think about a clean up day.

## June 14

**Flag Day**  
The Caldecott Medal was first awarded in 1938. How many Caldecott books have you read?

## June 15

Visit Daniel Handler's, a.k.a. Lemony Snicket of the A Series of Unfortunate Events series, Web site at [www.lemmonysnicket.com](http://www.lemmonysnicket.com).

## June 16

Look through your home library and donate books you no longer want to your local library for their book sale.

## June 17

**Did you know?** Disneyland opened on this day in 1955.

## June 18

**Chris Van Allsburg has a birthday today.**  
Read his 1986 Caldecott acceptance speech at [www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/authors/vanallsburg/calpolar.shtml](http://www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/authors/vanallsburg/calpolar.shtml).

## June 19

**Juneteenth**  
**Garfield the Cat has a birthday.**  
Summer is a great time to read or reread the many Garfield comics.

## June 20

**Father's Day**  
Read *Taxi! Taxi!* by Cari Best about a girl who spends every Sunday with her Dad, a taxi driver.

## June 21

**First day of summer**  
Visit the National Teacher's of Science Association's site at [www.nsta.org/index.html](http://www.nsta.org/index.html) for their "Outstanding Science Trade Books" lists.

## June 22

**The doughnut was invented in 1847.**  
Enjoy a cup of coffee and a doughnut today.

## June 23

**Wilma Rudolph was born on this day.**  
**Did you know?** Wilma Rudolph won three gold medals at the 1960 Summer Olympics.

## June 24

**American Library Association Annual Conference (24–30) in Orlando, Florida.**  
On this day in 1874 Mark Twain patented a scrapbook. Start a scrapbook this summer.

## June 25

**Eric Carle was born on this day.**  
Visit the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art at [www.picturebookart.org](http://www.picturebookart.org).

## June 26

**Charlotte Zolotow was born on this day.**  
Visit her Web site at [www.charlottezolotow.com](http://www.charlottezolotow.com) for a biography, teacher resources and information about the Charlotte Zolotow Award.

## June 27

**Helen Keller was born on this day.**  
Reread a favorite childhood book.

## June 28

**It's National Dairy Month**  
Read *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* by Doreen Cronin.

## June 29

Check out the Chet Gecko detective series by Bruce Hale. This hard-boiled gumshoe will entertain third and fourth graders.

## June 30

**Did you know?**  
The National Organization of Women was founded on this day in 1966.