

June 2008

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

June 1

Order Trenton Lee Stewart's exciting sequel, *The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey*.

June 2

It's Paul Galdone's birthday.

Share Galdone's *The Gingerbread Boy* and make gingerbread cookies.

June 3

Visit Kidsreads at www.kidsreads.com/features/010627-camp.asp for a list of great books to take to camp.

June 4

June is Dairy Month.

Visit www.first-school.ws/theme/animals/farm/cow.htm for preschool activities and crafts.

June 5

World Environment Day

"Kick the Habit! Towards a Low Carbon Economy" is the slogan for World Environment Day 2008. Visit www.unep.org/wed/2008/english for more information.

June 6

D-Day

It's Cynthia Rylant's birthday.

Did you know? Rylant says it took her an hour to write her first book, *When I Was Young in the Mountains*.

June 7

It's National Trails Day.

Display nature guides, books on hiking and information on places to hike in the area.

June 8

Skulduggery Pleasant is back with a sequel, *Skulduggery Pleasant: Playing with Fire* by Derek Landy.

June 9

It's Donald Duck's birthday.

Plan a storytime about ducks.

June 10

It's Maurice Sendak's birthday.

Read *Where the Wild Things Are* and have children draw "wild things."

June 11

Movie watch: *Kit Kittredge: an American Girl*, starring Abigail Breslin is due out this month.

June 12

It's Anne Frank's birthday.

Share *One Thousand Tracings: Healing the Wounds of World War II* by Lita Judge, about a family's efforts to send care packages overseas.

June 13

Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow.

—"Inch by Inch, the Garden Song" by David Mallett

June 14

Flag Day

Visit www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/flagday for Flag Day activities and crafts.

June 15

Father's Day

Host a Dads and Doughnuts storytime in honor of dads.

June 16

It's baseball season. Share Robert Burleigh's picture book *Stealing Home: Jackie Robinson: Against the Odds*.

June 17

What did the beach say when the tide came in?

Long time, no sea.

June 18

It's Chris Van Allsburg's birthday.

Visit Van Allsburg's site at www.chrisvanallsburg.com/flash.html for teacher resources, kids pages, and more.

June 19

Juneteenth

Visit www.juneteenth.com for information on this day commemorating the ending of slavery.

June 20

Summer begins.

In 1840 Samuel Morse was granted a patent for telegraphy signals.

Here's how to say "Summer Reading" in Morse code:

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June 21

It's National Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Month.

Share Lois Ehlert's *Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A to Z* along with samples of fruits and vegetables.

June 22

Legend has it that the doughnut was invented on this day in 1847.

Visit www.howstuffworks.com/krispy-kreme.htm/printable for a short video on how Krispy Kreme doughnuts are made.

June 23

Did you know?

Arthur Melin obtained a patent for the Hula-hoop in 1964.

June 24

Feature children's audiobooks this month.

June 25

It's Eric Carle's birthday.

Did you know? *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* has been translated into more than 45 languages and has sold over 25 million copies.

June 26

ALA Annual Conference (June 26–July 2) in Anaheim.

It's Charlotte Zolotow's birthday.

Visit www.education.wisc.edu/cbbc/books/zolotow.asp to learn about the Charlotte Zolotow Award, given to the author of the best picture book text.

June 27

The American Library Association (ALA) awards the first Newbery Medal, honoring the year's best children's book, to *The Story of Mankind* by Hendrik Willem van Loon today in 1922.

June 28

Learn a new story to tell this summer.

June 29

Guinea Pig Lovers Alert!

Read *Oh, Theodore! Guinea Pig Poems* by Susan Katz is a whole book full of guinea pig poems.

June 30

Visit www.rhymes.org.uk for an interesting site with words and history and origins of nursery rhymes.