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*“A library is a good place to go when you feel unhappy, for there, in a book, you may find encouragement and comfort.”*  
— E. B. White

**Holiday**  
**Celebration**  
**Birthday**



# Children's Activity Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>There is no better place to be happy, for you may find comfort.”</p> 		<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>Peachaloo in Bloom</i> by Chris Raschka, a middle-grade novel about a girl helping her community in a time of need.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>World UFO Day:</b> Read <i>Mr. Wuffles</i> by David Wiesner, a nearly wordless science fiction tale, and invite kids to write their own alien language.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Ice Cream Month:</b> Decorate your space with all things ice cream! Invite an ice cream truck as a treat after a fun ice cream-themed read-aloud.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>  <p><b>U.S. Independence Day:</b> Explore dozens of <b>activities and learning opportunities</b> from the The Everymom.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Graham Cracker Day:</b> Host a summertime gingerbread house event or make indoor s’mores.</p>
	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Shark Week:</b> Launch this educational event with the newly published <i>Sharks Unhooked: The Adventures of Cristina Zenato, Underwater Ranger</i> by Patricia Newman, illustrated by Becca Hall.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Share NEA’s Read Across America July picture book, <i>Cesaria Feels the Beat</i> by Denise Rosario Adusei, illustrated by Priscila Soares. Have kids dance like the main character.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>Sarang Saves the School</i> by Korena Di Roma Howley, illustrated by Joowon Oh, a picture book inspired by true events about saving a school in South Korea.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Plastic Free July®:</b> Read Miranda Paul’s <i>One Plastic Bag</i> and visit <a href="http://oneplasticbag.com">oneplasticbag.com</a> for exciting ways to take part in this global movement.</p> 	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>The newly released <i>The Wild Robot on the Island</i> by Peter Brown is a great springboard for summer STEAM ideas like making a painting of the island or building your own Roz.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>E.B. White’s Birthday:</b> Share <i>Some Pig! A Charlotte’s Web Picture Book</i>. Have kids write their own inspirational word in a web for a great STEAM extension.</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Rock Day:</b> Read <i>A Rock Can Be...</i> by Laura Purdie Salas, illustrated by Violeta Dabija, and use her <b>teaching guide</b> to explore this lyrical picture book.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Happy early Book Birthday</b> to <i>Kwame’s Magic Quest: Curse of the Akoma Stone</i> by Bernard Mensah, illustrated by Natasha Nayo, the newest addition to Scholastic’s Branches books.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>Tiny T. Rex and the First-Day Oopsies</i> by Jonathan Stutzman, illustrated by Jay Fleck. Tiny is on his way to school and some oopsies happen along the way.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>World Snake Day:</b> Share <i>Verdi</i> by Janell Cannon and invite a community member to bring in their pet python for a real-life encounter.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>World Emoji Day:</b> Use an emoji book title challenge to keep kids and families guessing — or make your own emoji story today.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Ashley Spires’ Birthday:</b> Pick your favorite <b>Spires books</b> to read and decide on a STEAM activity to go along with it.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Wild About Wildlife Month:</b> Make a book display featuring all sorts of wildlife and arrange for a wildlife expert to present on your local animals.</p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>World Chess Day:</b> Read <i>Elsa’s Chessboard</i> by Jenny Andrus, illustrated by Julie Downing, about how chess helped a young girl during a turbulent time. Set up some chess boards for play.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Sea Day:</b> Read <i>Spencer and Vincent, the Jellyfish Brothers</i> by Tony Johnston, illustrated by Emily Dove, and pair it with an adorable jellyfish craft.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>Recess!</i> by Lane Smith, an interactive picture book perfect for reading aloud.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Amelia Earhart’s Birthday</b> (tomorrow): Share this read-aloud video of <i>I Am Amelia Earhart</i>, read by author Brad Meltzer.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>On this day in 1832, the first wagon train makes it across the Rocky Mountains led by Benjamin Bonneville. Read <i>Wagons Ho!</i> and help kids make a <b>covered wagon</b> by DLTK Kids.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Comic-Con International:</b> This event is dedicated to sharing awareness of and appreciation for comics and related art forms. Show appreciation by creating a display of graphic novels and manga.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Disability Independence Day:</b> This day commemorates when the ADA was signed into law in 1990. The <b>Schneider Family Book Award</b> honors books featuring the disability experience.</p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Anti-Boredom Month:</b> There is no better place to combat boredom than in a library! In addition to the ideas on this calendar, what other programming can you offer in your space this month?</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Horseshoe crabs have existed unchanged for nearly 445 million years. Read <i>High Tide for Horseshoe Crab</i> by Lisa Kahn Schnell, then make a <b>horseshoe crab craft</b> from Loggerhead Marinelife Center.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Tiger Day:</b> Tigers are on the endangered species list. Read <i>Mr. Tiger Goes Wild</i> by Peter Brown and share resources about worldwide conservation work.</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>Paperback Book Day:</b> Host a paperback book swap today. Offer supplies at a center for kids to make their own paperback book.</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>Avocado Day:</b> Read <i>Avocado Feels a Pit Worried</i> by Brenda Miles, illustrated by Monika Filipina, a story about facing anxiety and building confidence. Make guacamole to share!</p>		

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