

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>New Year's Day:</b> After reading <i>Every Month Is a New Year: Celebrations Around the World</i> by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Susan L. Roth, have kids write a poem about their upcoming year.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Science Fiction Day:</b> Think of out-of-this-world ways to promote the genre.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Check out <b>NEA's Read Across America January Picks</b> and share them with readers.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Jonathan Stutzman's Birthday:</b> Make Fitz and Cleo ghost birthday cards and snap a picture to post on his social media timeline.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Bird Day:</b> After reading <i>The Blue Songbird</i> by Vern Kousky, have kids research how many blue colored birds are in the world.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Technology Day:</b> Allow kids to explore simple artificial intelligence with <b>Google Shadow Art</b>. Isn't technology cool?</p>	
<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Bobblehead Day:</b> Have a 3D printer or clay and some springs? Help kids make their own bobblehead and check out the website from the <b>Bobblehead Hall of Fame</b>.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Show and Tell Day at Work:</b> Give the school or library staff an opportunity to show and tell today.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Static Electricity Day:</b> Try these <b>7 Awesome Static Electricity Experiments</b> by Kitchen Science Lab.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Brain Teaser Month:</b> Post a brain teaser every day. Try a few of these from <b>Prodigy</b>.</p> 	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Need a time-filler? Use this <b>winter-themed choice board</b> by Shannon McClintock Miller.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Braille Literacy Month:</b> Read <i>Six Dots: A Story About Louis Braille</i> by Jen Bryant, illustrated by Boris Kulikov. Then, use this <b>braille activity sheet</b> to give kids an opportunity to read and write in braille.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>International Skeptics Day:</b> Share <i>Because a Little Bug Went Ka-Choo!</i> by Dr. Seuss under his pen name Rosetta Stone. Ask kids to think critically about what may or may not be true.</p>	
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Make these easy and adorable <b>snowman corner bookmarks</b> as a quick craft.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day:</b> Read <i>Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop</i> by Alice Faye Duncan, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie. This Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book is about a young girl who witnessed the 1968 sanitation strike.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>Forever and Always</i> by Brittany J. Thurman, illustrated by Shamar Knight-Justice. Learn about a little girl who anxiously awaits her father's return from work each evening.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Soup Month:</b> Or is it slop month? Read <i>I Really Like Slop</i> by Mo Willems and watch him cook up his own pot in this <b>hilarious video</b>. Have kids write a recipe for the perfect soup.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Winnie the Pooh Day:</b> In honor of author A.A. Milne's birthday, play <b>Winnie the Pooh Bingo</b> from Sweet Tea and Saving Grace.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Get ready for ALA's Youth Media Awards on Dec. 22 by reading <i>Wolf in the Snow</i>, the 2018 Caldecott winner by Matthew Cordell. Dive deeper using the <b>teacher resource</b> from The Curriculum Corner.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Tedd Arnold's Birthday:</b> Choose a <b>Fly Guy craft</b> to make after sharing your favorite Fly Guy book.</p>	
<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Hugging Day:</b> Read one of many picture books about hugs and make these <b>hug cards</b> from Somewhat Simple to give out to loved ones and friends.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>ALA's Youth Media Awards will be announced this morning starting at 8:00 am EST. <b>Watch them live</b> during the LibLearnX.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Crayola Creativity Week:</b> <b>Check out their site</b> for ways to bring out the creativity in kids.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Library Shelfie Day:</b> Take pictures of your classroom, library, or home bookshelves and post the photos using #libraryshelfie.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Got the winter blahs? Try these <b>15 Winter STEM activities</b> by Kitchen Counter Chronicles.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Shannon Hale's Birthday:</b> Display the author's books and plan a <b>Real Friends and Best Friends Event</b> for kids or families.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Hobby Month:</b> Encourage kids to share their hobbies after reading <i>Rosie Revere Engineer</i> by Andrea Beaty, illustrated by David Roberts.</p>	
<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Seed Swap Day:</b> Have kids or patrons bring in seed packets to share and choose a day in the spring to have a plant swap to show off your efforts. Pair it with your favorite seed-themed book.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday</b> tomorrow to <i>Kid Olympians</i> by Robin Stevenson, illustrated by Allison Steinfeld. Have kids pick a famous athlete and write a prediction about what they think the athlete's childhood was like.</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>Today</i> by Gabi Snyder, illustrated by Stephanie Graegin. Have kids share what is wonderful about today.</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>Backward Day:</b> Walk down the hallway, sit in a chair, wear a shirt — what else can kids do in reverse? Pair backwards activities with <i>The Backward Day</i> by Ruth Krauss, illustrated by Marc Simont.</p>	<p><b>"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."</b> — Martin Luther King Jr.</p>			