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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

- Holiday
- Celebration
- Birthday

	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Wimbledon Tennis Championships (July 1–14):</b> Display tennis books, read <i>The Great Fuzz Frenzy</i> by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel, or host a table tennis competition.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>Wings of an Eagle</i> by Billy Mills and Donna Janell Bowman, illustrated by S.D. Nelson. This autobiographical picture book recounts Billy's journey from orphan to Olympic Gold Medalist.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Plastic Free July®:</b> Spread the message about this global movement to <b>reduce plastic waste</b>, including displaying books like <i>Me and Marvin Gardens</i> by Amy Sarig King.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Fourth of July:</b> Fireworks in a jar? Yes! Try a <b>sparkling experiment</b> from Little Bins for Little Hands.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Summer is a hot time to try <b>Summer STEM Activities</b> by STEAM Powered Family. Make a compass, a bottle rocket, or even rainbow rain!</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Ekua Holmes's Birthday:</b> Read one of this award-winning <b>author-illustrator's books</b> and have kids create art in her style.</p>	
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Share NEA's July Read Across America picture book pick, <i>Song in the City</i> by Daniel Bernstrom, illustrated by Jenin Mohammed. Take kids outside to observe the sounds around them.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Ice Cream Month:</b> Share <i>Ice Cream Man</i> by Glenda Armand and Kim Freeman, illustrated by Keith Mallett, and a printed <b>ice cream in a bag recipe</b> from 4 Sons 'R' Us.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Disability Pride Month:</b> Share Books to <b>Uplift Perspectives and Experiences of Disability</b> from the National Education Association.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Jellyfish have no brain, heart, bones, or eyes, but the book <i>Spencer and Vincent: The Jellyfish Brothers</i> by Tony Johnston is full of heart. Pair it with a fun jellyfish craft for a summer storytime.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Patricia Polacco's Birthday:</b> Make a display of Patricia's books and share her <b>personalized Youtube videos</b>.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Malala Day:</b> In honor of Malala Yousafzai, the world's youngest Nobel Prize laureate, share her book <i>Malala's Magic Pencil</i> or one of the many biographies about <b>her inspiring story</b>.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Are kids heading to the beach this summer? Read <i>Flotsam</i> by David Wiesner and encourage them to hunt for flotsom and other treasures.</p>	
<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Laura Numeroff's Birthday:</b> Only four days separate the birthdays of the best-selling author-illustrator team Laura Numeroff and Felicia Bond (July 18). Celebrate with <i>If You Give</i> activities.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday (July 16)</b> to <i>A Party for Florine: Florine Stettheimer and Me</i> by Yevgenia Nayberg. This picture book features a young girl who imagines sharing moments with a modernist painter.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>Sister Day</i> by Jyoti Rajan Gopal, illustrated by Fanny Liem, about sisters, backyard adventures, and forgiving one another.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>World Emoji Day:</b> Create a mystery reads display! Wrap books in plain paper and add emoji to the front to represent the hidden story inside.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Felicia Bond's Birthday:</b> Celebrate Felicia's famous <i>If You Give</i> illustrations with <b>themed coloring pages</b>.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Share <i>All the Rocks We Love</i> by Lisa and Taylor Perron, illustrated by David Scheirer, and set up a rock art project table.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>International Moon Day:</b> Create an out-of-this-world display with books about the moon like <i>Moon! Earth's Best Friend</i> by Stacy McAnulty. Plus, share her <b>activity kit</b>.</p>	
<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>International Zine Library Day:</b> A zine is a homemade mini magazine about a particular topic or a story. Host a zine-making session with <b>kid-friendly instructions</b> from Read Brightly.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Shark Week (July 21–28):</b> Create a "Take A Bite Out of Summer" bulletin board, add a themed book display, or set up shark crafts. Consider taking donations for <b>The Shark Conservation Fund</b>.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Blueberry Month:</b> Decorate your space with all things blue!</p> 	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Amelia Earhart Day:</b> Share a <b>video</b> about two admirable women, Amelia Earhart and Eleanor Roosevelt, as well as <i>Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride</i> by Pam Muñoz Ryan.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>San Diego Comic Con (July 25–28):</b> Host your own Comic Con complete with graphic novel displays, a comic writing contest, or guest superheroes. Check out <b>Kids Comic Con</b> for more ideas.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Talk in an Elevator Day:</b> Since talking in an elevator can be awkward, tell this joke: Q: What did one elevator say to the other? A: I think I'm coming down with something! Plus, share <i>Lift</i> by Minh Lê.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Park and Recreation Month:</b> Invite your local Parks Department to visit your space to share all the wonderful events planned in your community.</p>	
<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Water Park Day:</b> If your community doesn't have a water park nearby, share <b>DIY water park ideas</b> from the Great Wolf Lodge.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Rain Day:</b> This holiday dates back to the late 1800s. It honors the importance of rain for all forms of life! Share a <b>rain-themed book</b> while kids <b>make rainsticks</b> from Super Simple.</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>Paperback Book Day:</b> Host a <b>paperback book swap</b>. Consider taking donations or weeding your collection ahead of time to give away to visitors without trade-ins.</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>Avocado Day:</b> Host a read-aloud of <i>Bravo, Avocado!</i> by Chana Stiefel, illustrated by Anna Süßbauer. Invite attendees to play "pin the pit on the avocado."</p> 	<p><b>"One child, one teacher, one pen, and one book can change the world."</b> — Malala Yousafzai</p>			



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 Children's Activity Calendar