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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

- Holiday
- Celebration
- Birthday

1
New Year's Day: After reading *Every Month Is a New Year: Celebrations Around the World* by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Susan L. Roth, have kids write a poem about their upcoming year.

2
Science Fiction Day: Think of out-of-this-world ways to promote the genre.

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Bobblehead Day: Have a 3D printer or clay and some springs? Help kids make their own bobblehead and check out the website from the **Bobblehead Hall of Fame**.

8
Show and Tell Day at Work: Give the school or library staff an opportunity to show and tell today.

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Static Electricity Day: Try these **7 Awesome Static Electricity Experiments** by Kitchen Science Lab.

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 Make these easy and adorable **snowman corner bookmarks** as a quick craft.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Read *Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop* 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.

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Happy Book Birthday to *Forever and Always* 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.

21
Hugging Day: Read one of many picture books about hugs and make these **hug cards** from Somewhat Simple to give out to loved ones and friends.

22
 ALA's Youth Media Awards will be announced this morning starting at 8:00 am EST. **Watch them live** during the LibLearnX.

23
Crayola Creativity Week: **Check out their site** for ways to bring out the creativity in kids.

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Seed Swap Day: 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.

29
Happy Book Birthday tomorrow to *Kid Olympians* 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.

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Happy Book Birthday to *Today* by Gabi Snyder, illustrated by Stephanie Graegin. Have kids share what is wonderful about today.

January 2024

Children's Activity Calendar



WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY


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Check out **NEA's Read Across America January Picks** and share them with readers.

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Jonathan Stutzman's Birthday: Make Fitz and Cleo ghost birthday cards and snap a picture to post on his social media timeline.

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Bird Day: After reading *The Blue Songbird* by Vern Kousky, have kids research how many blue colored birds are in the world.

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Technology Day: Allow kids to explore simple artificial intelligence with **Google Shadow Art**. Isn't technology cool?

10

Brain Teaser Month: Post a brain teaser every day. Try a few of these from **Prodigy**.



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Need a time-filler? Use this **winter-themed choice board** by Shannon McClintock Miller.

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Braille Literacy Month: Read *Six Dots: A Story About Louis Braille* by Jen Bryant, illustrated by Boris Kulikov. Then, use this **braille activity sheet** to give kids an opportunity to read and write in braille.

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International Skeptics Day: Share *Because a Little Bug Went Ka-Choo!* by Dr. Seuss under his pen name Rosetta Stone. Ask kids to think critically about what may or may not be true.

17

Soup Month: Or is it slop month? Read *I Really Like Slop* by Mo Willems and watch him cook up his own pot in this **hilarious video**. Have kids write a recipe for the perfect soup.

18

Winnie the Pooh Day: In honor of author A.A. Milne's birthday, play **Winnie the Pooh Bingo** from Sweet Tea and Saving Grace.

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Get ready for ALA's Youth Media Awards on Dec. 22 by reading *Wolf in the Snow*, the 2018 Caldecott winner by Matthew Cordell. Dive deeper using the **teacher resource** from The Curriculum Corner.

20

Tedd Arnold's Birthday: Choose a **Fly Guy craft** to make after sharing your favorite Fly Guy book.

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Library Shelfie Day: Take pictures of your classroom, library, or home bookshelves and post the photos using #libraryshelfie.

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Got the winter blahs? Try these **15 Winter STEM activities** by Kitchen Counter Chronicles.

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Shannon Hale's Birthday: Display the author's books and plan a **Real Friends and Best Friends Event** for kids or families.

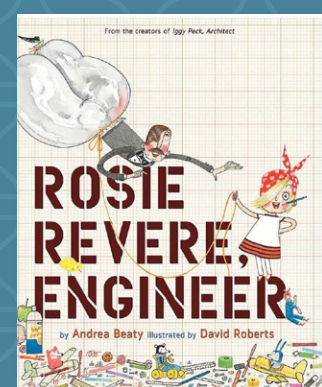
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Hobby Month: Encourage kids to share their hobbies after reading *Rosie Revere, Engineer* by Andrea Beaty, illustrated by David Roberts.

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Backward Day: Walk down the hallway, sit in a chair, wear a shirt — what else can kids do in reverse? Pair backwards activities with *The Backward Day* by Ruth Krauss, illustrated by Marc Simont.

“If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.”
— Martin Luther King Jr.



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