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**1**  
Irish-born American labor leader **Mary "Mother" Jones** (1837-1930) was born in County Cork, Ireland, on this day in 1830. **Feature *Mother Jones* magazine in your library.**

**2**  
**Dr. Benjamin Spock**, author of *Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care*, was born on this day in 1903, and it's also Baby Day. Host a New Parents Resource Fair. Invite community agencies and businesses to participate.

**3**  
**Garden Meditation Day:** Display books on mindfulness, such as *8 Minute Meditation: Quiet Your Mind, Change Your Life* by Victor Davich.

**4**  
**Firefighter's Day:** Wear blue and red ribbons pinned together (red for fire and blue for water) to show your gratitude for firefighters. *"If I'm honest I have to tell you I still read fairy tales, and I like them best of all."* – **Audrey Hepburn**, born on this day in 1929.

**5**  
*"Energy rightly applied and directed will accomplish anything."* – Pioneering American journalist **Nellie Bly**, born on this day in 1864

**6**  
**National Nurses Week (May 6–12)**  
**Beverage Day:** Learn more about the **history and origins** of your favorite beverages.  
**John Steinbeck was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for *The Grapes of Wrath*** in 1940.

**7**  
**Join Hands Day** is dedicated to bringing the older and younger generations together through volunteer community service. **Find volunteer opportunities in your area.**

**8**  
**Mother's Day**  
In 2010 at age 88, Betty White became the oldest *Saturday Night Live* host. Display *If You Ask Me (And of Course You Won't)* and *Here We Go Again: My Life in Television*.

**9**  
**Lost Sock Memorial Day** makes for a perfect **craft day** in the library.



**10**  
**World Lupus Day:** Wear purple in support of the five million people affected worldwide.  
The Union Pacific and Central Pacific railways joined their rails at **Promontory Summit, Utah**, in 1869.

**11**  
**Modern dance pioneer Martha Graham** was born on this day in 1894.



**12**  
**International Nurses Day** is celebrated on the anniversary of the birth of **Florence Nightingale**, who is widely considered the founder of modern nursing.

**13**  
**Leprechaun Day:** It is said that if you catch a leprechaun, he will give you his pot of gold. Find ways to build your own pot of gold and improve your **financial literacy**.

**14**  
In 1804, **Lewis and Clark** embarked on what has been described as the greatest camping trip of all time. Join in and learn about this historic journey of 8,000+ miles.  
**Bobby Darin**, the consummate cool-cat crooner, was born on this day in 1936.

**15**  
**Chocolate Chip Day:** **Find 100+ recipes.**  
*"What people have the capacity to choose, they have the ability to change."* – **Madeleine Albright**, born on this day in 1937

**16**  
**Biographers Day:** Choose a **biography to discuss in your book club.**  
The first Academy Awards ceremony took place on this date in 1929. It was a dinner party for around 250 people.

**17**  
**World Baking Day:** Show someone special how much you care by baking them a special treat! **Choose from recipes galore.**  
In 1875, the first Kentucky Derby horse race took place at Churchill Downs. Check out the **museum online**.

**18**  
**International Museum Day:** Promote your museum pass service, or look into starting one. It's **Visit Your Relatives Day.** Dig deeper into your ancestry using **Ancestry.com** and local history resources.

**19**  
**May Ray Day:** If you have an outside library space, encourage patrons to get outside and soak up the sunshine.  
*Raisin in the Sun* playwright **Lorraine Hansberry** was born on this day in 1930.

**20**  
In 1927 at age 25, **Charles Lindbergh took flight** at 7:52 a.m.  
Five years later, in 1932, **Amelia Earhart** became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

**21**  
**Clara Barton** founded **The American Red Cross** in 1881. On this day in 1901, **Connecticut became the first state to pass a speed limit law.**

**22**  
**Arthur Conan Doyle**, creator of Sherlock Holmes, was born on this day in 1859. Display your collection of Sherlock Holmes or other mystery books.  
In 1843, a massive wagon train, known as the **"Great Emigration,"** set off on the Oregon Trail.

**23**  
**Margaret Fuller**, first American female foreign correspondent for the *New York Tribune*, was born on this day in 1810.  
The **New York Public Library** was dedicated on this day in 1911.

**24**  
In 1883, the **Brooklyn Bridge** over the East River opened, connecting the cities of New York and Brooklyn for the first time in history.

**25**  
**Senior Health & Fitness Day** Display books and DVDs to promote fitness and provide information on local resources.  
American author and philosopher **Ralph Waldo Emerson** was born on this day in 1803.

**26**  
**World Lindy Hop Day:** **Get your dancing shoes on** for this fun, frenetic, and occasionally frenzied dance.  
**John Wayne** was born on this day in 1907.

**27**  
**The Golden Gate Bridge opened in 1937.**  
**Hubert H. Humphrey**, 38th vice president of the United States, was born on this day in 1911.

**28**  
All-around athlete **Jim Thorpe** was born on this day in 1888.

**29**  
The 100th **Indy 500** takes place today.  
**John Fitzgerald Kennedy**, the 35th U.S. President, was born on this day in 1917.  
Explorers first reached the summit of **Mount Everest** in 1953. Display books on Everest or mountain-climbing.

**30**  
**Memorial Day** Take a **virtual tour** of the Lincoln Memorial, dedicated on this day in 1922.



**31**  
**Save Your Hearing Day:** **Diminished hearing** impacts our memory and attention, starting in our 30s. Understand the risk of **exposure to everyday noises**, and see if you need a **hearing test**.

**Lyme Disease Awareness Month: Know the signs and symptoms.**  
**Hamburger Month: So many recipes to try!**  
**Photography Month: Inspiration and tips for photo taking.**  
**Barbecue Month: Cooking out is fun and relaxing!**  
**Get Caught Reading Month: "Catch" readers at your library!**

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