

2016

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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**Healthy Aging Month: It's not too late to be the best you can be.**  
**11 Facts for National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15–Oct. 15)**  
**Self Improvement Month: Explore 42 practical ways to get started.**  
**National Chicken Month: Rachael Ray offers 6 recipes to celebrate.**

SEPTEMBER  
Adult Engagement Calendar

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Explore the audio archives of radio commentator **Paul Harvey**, born on this day in 1918. Bring in an expert to teach others how to podcast.  
**Kelly Clarkson won the first American Idol contest** in 2002. Consider hosting your own community Idol contest.

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**Jack Kerouac's** novel *On the Road* was published on this day in 1957. Create a display featuring titles from the 1950s beat movement.

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**Fight Procrastination Day:** There's no time like the present to share these **18 tips for overcoming procrastination.**  
**The Jane Addams Hull-House Museum** is a memorial to the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, who was born on this day in 1860.

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In 1915, *Collier's* magazine published the second in a series of three essays on automobile travel, "**By Motor to the Fair,**" by Emily Post, who was not yet well known.

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View photos of **JFK and Jacqueline Bouvier's** 1953 wedding.  
**How do I love thee...** Poets Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning eloped on this day in 1846. Create a display of romance poetry to celebrate.

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Confectioner **Milton S. Hershey** was born on this day in 1857. Host a chocolate bake-off and tasting night.  
**Share fun facts about "Law & Order,"** which premiered on NBC in 1990, became one of the longest running primetime dramas and spawned several spin-offs.

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**Aging Awareness Day:** Learn more about how the brain affects healthy aging.

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**Jimmy Fallon**, late night TV host, was born on this day in 1974.

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**Dale Chihuly**, glass sculptor, was born on this day in 1941. Hold an intergenerational program to **create Chihuly art to display.**  
**Retrace the history of the Festival de Cannes**, which opened on this day in 1946.

**25**  
It's your duty as an American to celebrate **National Comic Book Day.** Invite an expert.  
**National One-Hit Wonder Day:** Can your patrons find their favorites on the list of **the 25 Most Loved One-Hit Wonders Ever?**

**26**  
**National Pancake Day:** Watch this **video on the history of pancakes**, and then share some new recipes.

**27**  
**National Voter Registration Day**  
**National Woman Road Warrior Day:** Introduce frequent travelers to your library's digital content and resources.

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

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Show **Titanic**; the wreckage was found on this day in 1985 by scientist **Robert Ballard**.

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**Jimmy Connors**, born on this day in 1952, dominated the world of tennis, winning 1,254 of the 1,532 matches he played.

**The first ATM opened** for business in 1969 at Chemical Bank in Rockville Center, NY.

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**U.S. Bowling League Day:** Do you know these **weird-but-true facts about bowling?**

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*"You can learn a line from a win and a book from a defeat."*

– **Paul Brown**, born on this day in 1908

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Actor **Peter Sellers** was born on this day in 1925. Have you seen all of his **10 essential films?**

**National Ampersand Day:** Create a display where patrons can list their favorite pairs, such as PB&J.

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The Continental Congress formally replaced the term "United Colonies" with "United States" on this day in 1776.

*"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."*  
– **Leo Tolstoy**, born on this day in 1828

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*"Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it."* – **Mary Oliver**, born on this day in 1935

Celebrate **Sewing Machine Day** with a sewathon. This **technology was embroiled in patent wars in the 1850s** and is now a staple in library makerspaces.

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**Robert McCloskey**, author of *Make Way for Ducklings*, was born on this day in 1914. Create a display for patrons to share their favorite children's books.

**John Steinbeck** received the **U.S. Medal of Freedom**, presented by **Lyndon B. Johnson** on this day in 1964.

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Show patrons how to **take action for the environment on Greenpeace Day**.

**Cannonball Adderly, Jazz musician, was born on this day in 1928.** Team up with local organizations to sponsor a Jazz in the Park night.

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**Guacamole Day:** **Share recipes for this tasty dish that dates back to the Aztecs.**

Host a magic show to honor **David Copperfield**, who was born on this day in 1956.

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The Constitution was signed on this day in 1787. **Test your Constitution IQ.**

**Oprah Winfrey** launched her book club on this day in 1996. Challenge patrons to **start working their way through the list.**

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**Charles Jones**, the animator and illustrator responsible for Pepe Le Pew, Road Runner, Wile E. Coyote, and others, was born on this day in 1912.

**Army General Colin Powell** became chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest military post, on this day in 1989.

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**National Centenarian's Day** salutes those 100 years and older. Share **longevity diet tips from the Blue Zones.**

**Celebrate Hobbit Day**, and **give patrons their hobbit name** when they check out!

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Make today about music and celebrate the birthdays of **Bruce Springsteen, Ray Charles, and John Coltrane.**

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**National Punctuation Day:** Have some fun with this day and create a **display of misguided messages.**

**Museum Day:** Share a list of museums offering free admission.

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**National Women's Health & Fitness Day:** Host demos and classes, and feature library resources.

**Ask a Stupid Question Day:** Challenge your reference librarians to **design a creative display of questions.**

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Check out **10 weird facts** to celebrate **National Coffee Day.**

**Miguel de Cervantes**, author of *Don Quixote*, was born on this day in 1547.

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**Truman Capote** was born Truman Streckfus Persons on this day in 1924. **Explore other things you may not know about this famous author.**