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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

1

Celebrate **World Vegetarian Day** by creating a display of vegetarian cookbook titles in your collection and inviting a nutritionist to speak on cooking healthy vegetable-based meals.

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Host a town meeting with your local police department to discuss how the community can work together to combat violence for **International Day of Nonviolence**.

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Partner with a local electronics store to host a technology petting zoo or set up a tech-help booth at a community organization to answer questions for **National Techies Day**.

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Walter Lord, author of *A Night to Remember*, a book about the sinking of the *Titanic*, was born on this day in 1917. Create a display of books about the *Titanic*.



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*"You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one.
I hope some day you'll join us
And the world will be as one."*
— **John Lennon**, born on this day in 1940

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Invite a professional to your library to discuss ways to improve mental health for **World Mental Health Day**.

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The **modern era of manned flight** began in 1783 when Joseph-Michael and Jacques-Etienne Montgolfier **lifted off in a hot air balloon in Paris**.

Hand out frozen banana treats in honor of the ***I Love Lucy*** premiere in 1951.

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Get crafty with **DIY succulent planters** as gifts for **Boss's Day**.

Host a Canned Foods for Fines event for **World Food Day** and donate the items to a local food bank.

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Share some **quick and easy meals** for **National Pasta Day**.

"It is rare for people to be asked the question which puts them squarely in front of themselves."

— from *The Crucible* by **Arthur Miller**, born on this day in 1915

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"That is what learning is. You suddenly understand something you've understood all your life, but in a new way."

— **Doris Lessing**, born on this day in 1919

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Oscar-winning director **Ang Lee** was born on this day in 1954. Host a book-to-movie night of **Yann Martel's *Life of Pi*** and Lee's 2012 theatrical release.

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In 1901, Annie Edson Taylor became the **first person to ever go over Niagara Falls** and survive. Make a display of **fiction titles** featuring the natural wonder.

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"Cats choose us; we don't own them."

— Author Kristin Cast.

Make easy **DIY cat toys** to donate to a local shelter for **National Cat Day**.

30

Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility* was published anonymously on this day in 1811. Show the 1995 film starring Emma Thompson and Kate Winslet.

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Celebrated on Halloween, **National Knock-Knock Joke Day** is the answer to every child's favorite question, "Who's there?" Cover your library or display space with knock-knock jokes to bring laughter to your day.

OCTOBER

Adult Engagement Calendar

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Dick Tracy, the square-jawed detective, made his comic book debut on this day in 1931. Create a display of **popular private-eye fiction titles**.

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Dr. No, the first **James Bond** film, premiered on this day in 1962. Screen a Bond movie marathon to celebrate the start of the movie franchise.

Delight your volunteers with **tasty treats** to thank them for all they do on **Do Something Nice Day**.

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Blade Runner 2049, starring Harrison Ford and Ryan Gosling, hits theaters today. Hold a screening of the 1982 movie *Blade Runner*.

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You don't have to spend a lot to live a full life. Create a display of resources in your collection for **International Frugal Fun Day** and share **"66 Tried-and-Tested Tips for a Frugal Life."**

Share homemade recipes for **National Frappe Day**.

11

Invite your local Department of Natural Resources to discuss what fossils can be found in your area for **National Fossil Day**.

Saturday Night Live premiered on this day in 1975. Show some **classic episodes**.

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Share **recipes of South Louisiana's legendary dish** for **National Gumbo Day**.



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Have patrons try their hand at **Pysanky** (Ukrainian egg dying) in celebration of **World Egg Day**.

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"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter."

— American poet **E. E. Cummings**, born on this day in 1894

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Only 14 more days until **National Novel Writing Month**! Schedule a brainstorming session for local writers to prep for this year's 50,000-word novel sprint.

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Evaluate Your Life Day offers an opportunity to reflect upon our lives. Sometimes it's easiest to start with small changes, such as **thinning out your closet**.

The Siege of Yorktown ended with the surrender of the British on this day in 1781.

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"Somebody once asked me if I ever went up to the plate trying to hit a home run. I said, 'Sure, every time.'"

— **Mickey Mantle**, born on this day in 1931. Create a display of your favorite baseball movies and biographies.

21

The **Orionids Meteor Shower**, created by dust left behind by Halley's Comet, will produce up to 30 meteors per hour at its peak between October 20 and 22.

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In 1854, British troops misinterpreted an order, resulting in the **Charge of the Light Brigade** during the Crimean War. Listen to an audio recording of **Afred Lord Tennyson's poem** about the event.

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In 1881, the Earp brothers, along with Doc Holliday, met the Clanton-McLaury gang at what is known as the **Gunfight at the O.K. Corral**, a legendary example of Western vigilante justice. Screen the **1957 film** starring Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas.

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Invite veterans and active members of the U.S. Navy to your library for a coffee hour to reminisce on **Navy Day**. Encourage them to record and share their stories for **Story Corps**.

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The **Prohibition Amendment** went into effect on this day in 1919. Explore the **documentary** by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick on PBS.

Invite volunteers to join you in a community project on **Make a Difference Day**; **register your project** for the chance to win a grant.

American Cheese Month

- Host a grilled-cheese recipe contest.
- Teach a class on **homemade cheesemaking**.

Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

- Plan a pet adoption day.
- Collect toys and treats to donate to a local shelter.

Domestic Abuse Awareness Month

- Take a stand with **31 ways to stand up to domestic violence**.