

2018

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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Women's History Month: Create a **display of books** featuring prominent women from history.

National Kite Month: Plan a **stunt kite club meet-up** at your library.

Red Cross Month: Host a **blood drive** at your library.

National Optimism Month: Create a **bulletin board of optimistic book quotes**.

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Hand out **printable ballots** and have your community make their **Academy Awards** predictions. Who do they think will take home Oscars?

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Share **resources** that will help patrons get a good night's rest to celebrate **National Sleep Awareness Week** (March 4–10).

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Italian artist **Michelangelo** was born on this day in 1475. Highlight your books on the Renaissance and share a **virtual tour** of the Sistine Chapel.

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On **National Check Your Batteries Day**, remind your patrons to test and replace batteries that are important in an emergency, and help them find responsible ways to recycle.

Share **"8 Things You May Not Know About Daylight Saving Time."**

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Get ready for **March Madness** (which officially starts March 13th) by having patrons fill out brackets with their predictions. Encourage staff to wear colors supporting their favorite teams.

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Book Release: *The Flight Attendant* by Chris Bohjalian. "Flight attendant Cassandra Bowden wakes up next to a dead man in a Dubai hotel room. Could she have killed him? If not, who did?"

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Contact your local poison center for resources or share materials on the **American Association of Poison Control Centers** during **National Poison Prevention Week** (March 18–24).

John Updike was born on this day in 1932.

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Highlight your western fiction or plan a viewing and discussion of the **1994 film** about **Wyatt Earp**, who was born on this day in 1848.

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Book Release: *Accidental Heroes* by Danielle Steel. "A heart-stopping thriller that engages ordinary men and women in the fight of their lives during a flight from New York to San Francisco."

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Tolkien Reading Day celebrates the date of the downfall of Sauron and the fall of Barad-dur. Set up a station in your lobby where patrons can read their favorite passages from the works of J.R.R. Tolkien.

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"The best way out is always through." — poet **Robert Frost**, born on this day in 1874
U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward signed a treaty with Russia in 1867 for the purchase of Alaska. Create a display of "Essential Alaska Movies" and resources for **Seward's Day**.

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American Diabetes Association Alert Day was created to bring awareness to the prevalence of type 2 diabetes in adults. Invite a local physician to speak about risk factors or make **free risk tests available**.

MARCH

Adult Engagement Calendar

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1

Take a book club to the next level with an entire night of themed foods, costumes, and discussion questions — be inspired by this fun meeting for **V.E. Schwab's *A Darker Shade of Magic***.

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Create a display of artistic and thematic chess boards or invite an expert in to teach a beginner's class and inspire your community to fall in love with the game.

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Explore **needle felting** with the crafty members of your community, and have fun creating **adorable animals** on **World Wildlife Day**.



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Set up a station in your lobby for patrons to explore the **meaning of their name** on **Discover What Your Name Means Day**, or have fun asking them to make up their own definition.

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Invite a Master Gardener to your library to offer tips and tricks on starting indoor vegetable and **herb gardens** or share a **"Grower's Cheat Sheet"** to inspire green thumbs in your community.

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Encourage patrons not to miss out on important moments because of distraction on **National Day of Unplugging**. Check out their website for free resources and promo materials.

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Teach a class on ancestry databases on **Genealogy Day**.

"I'm the thing that monsters have nightmares about. And right now, you and me are gonna show 'em why." — from **Buffy the Vampire Slayer**, which premiered on this day in 1997

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Hygge is a Danish word that describes a state of coziness, comfort and a feeling of contentment. Help patrons relax by sharing a list of **Hygge resources** or hosting your own calming Hygge program.

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"Leave the gun. Take the cannoli." — from **The Godfather**, which premiered on this day in 1972. Plan a screening of Francis Ford Coppola's award-winning film. Explore why to **"Beware the Ides of March."**

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Looking for a fun new way to host a conversation about books and reading in your community? Check out **Cuyahoga County Public Library's "Night Owls,"** quick and easy reader's advisory on social media.

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Create a collection of favorite recipes in celebration of **St. Patrick's Day** and **National Corned Beef and Cabbage Day**. Share **"The Ultimate Corned Beef and Cabbage"** recipe.

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On **Memory Day**, create a display of resources on Alzheimer's and other cognitive disorders, and challenge patrons to **test their short-term memories**.

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Share Health.com's **"7 Steps to Defy Your Age Inside and Out"** on **National As Young As You Feel Day**. The highly decorated **Tuskegee Airmen** were activated on this day in 1941.

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Work with a local animal shelter to help get dogs adopted on **National Puppy Day** with a **social media push** that pairs pets with books, or invite a veterinarian to discuss how to **choose the perfect puppy** for your family.

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Spring is underway! Create a display of resources to help patrons get organized, make their own quick and **easy homemade cleaners** and build a **spring cleaning plan**.

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Celebrate **National Craft Month** with an easy and beautiful **DIY Moroccan Lantern** project using mason jars and **mirrored paper** or **paint**.

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Host an event at your library to highlight small businesses in your community or recognize them on social media for **National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day**.

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Movie Release: *Ready Player One*. "When the creator of a virtual reality world called the OASIS dies, he releases a video in which he challenges all OASIS users to find his Easter Egg and win his fortune."

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Get out your virtual reality glasses and take patrons on a 360-degree tour of the **Eiffel Tower**. The landmark was officially opened on this day in 1889.