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December

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

Everybody loves **bingo**, and December is officially the game's birth month. Host a month-long bingo series with a different theme each week.



Teen Activity Calendar

<p>2</p> <p>French pointillist Georges Seurat was born on this day in 1859. Invite everyone to paint with Q-tips and limited pure colors to generate "visual mixing" like the master.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>National Roof over Your Head Day: Set up a volunteering program with your local homeless shelter to donate time and effort to aid those without a roof over their heads.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>National Dice Day: Coordinate a gaming festival with many, many dice. How many games can you play with nothing more than simple six-sided dice?</p>
<p>9</p> <p>On this day in 1968, Douglas Engelbart gave "The Mother of All Demos" to debut a lot of what we now consider computer basics - including the mouse. Celebrate modern technology with a display of tech books.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Poet Emily Dickinson was born on this day in 1830. Create a bulletin board about slant rhyme — then demonstrate with modern hip-hop examples, too.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Singer/actor Hailee Steinfeld was born on this day in 1996. Display biographies, DVDs and music from her impressive career.</p>
<p>16</p> <p>National Chocolate-Covered Anything Day: Did you say <i>anything</i>? Host a daring program of unusual, gross, or just strange foods to see if it is possible to make "anything" better by covering it in chocolate.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Wright Brothers Day: Set up a paper airplane station in honor of the first successful flights at Kitty Hawk.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Book release: <i>Dear Heartbreak: YA Authors and Teens on the Dark Side of Love</i> edited by Heather Demetrios</p>
<p>23</p> <p>National Roots Day: With all the family gatherings this time of year, play up an interest in family history with a program on genealogy and family trees.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Coordinate a Twihard movie marathon in honor of author Stephenie Meyer, who was born on this day in 1973.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>A'Phabet Day: Celebrate a day of puns for no-L.</p>
<p>30</p> <p>National Bicarbonate of Soda Day: Host a STEAM program with experiments and crafts that center around baking soda.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Artist Henri Matisse was born on this day in 1869. Invite patrons to cut shapes from bright paper to build a cooperative mural.</p>	



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Honor “No Gender December” by reviewing your library services and management practices to see where you can reduce social biases.

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World AIDS Day: At the start of AIDS Awareness Month, create a booklist of history and science titles on the AIDS pandemic. Build a month-long display with **fiction** and **nonfiction** materials available for checkout.

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Feature your Disney books and movies to celebrate **Walt Disney**, born on this day in 1901.

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Professional Hollywood stuntwoman Kitty O’Neil **shattered a landspeed record** in 1976 at Alvord Desert in Oregon with a speed of 512.710 mph. Build a booklist featuring fascinating **women with unusual careers**.

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National Letter Writing Day: Set up a notecard station (with the good pens) and encourage everyone to **handwrite a note** or two of thanks or greeting.

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Pretend to Be a Time Traveler Day: Seek inspiration from the fiction section and the 390s to determine the customs and dress required for your intended destination.

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On this day in 1980, the Codex Leicester, a notebook containing a collection of Leonardo da Vinci’s scientific writings, was sold for more than \$5 million. Host a STEAM program exploring Da Vinci’s famous **mirror writing**.

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On this day in 1972 as part of the Apollo 17 mission, humans set foot on the moon for the last time to date. Issue this as a creative writing prompt: Who will be the next person on the moon, and what will he or she find?

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World Monkey Day: Feature a display in appreciation of all things simian. Did you know a group of monkeys is referred to as a tribe or a mission?

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French engineer **Gustave Eiffel** was born on this day in 1832. In addition to the Eiffel Tower, he worked on the Statue of Liberty and the Panama Canal. Invite a local engineer to give a program on careers and creativity.

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On this day in 1983, the Jules Rimet Trophy, the original FIFA trophy, **was stolen** and has never been seen again. Make it a soccer/*futbol* day at the library, with teamwear and themed displays.

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A fresh-faced **Elvis Presley** was drafted into the US Army on this day in 1957. Invite a military representative to give a talk on **Selective Service registration and enlistment**.

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National Flashlight Day: Use the earlier sunset to your advantage and host a game of flashlight tag in the dark.

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On this day in 1956, the **Columbus Zoo** celebrated the first gorilla born in captivity and named her Colo for Columbus and Ohio. Create a display about gorillas and worldwide conservation efforts.

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In the last week of the year, everybody’s thinking about resolutions. Pull together some **goal-setting resources** and help patrons succeed.

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With striped peppermint candies, cookie cutters and a little heat, you can make fun, pleasantly scented **ornaments**. And the candy’s on sale this week!

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William Finley Semple patented a chewing gum on this day in 1869. Pick a flavor (mint, bubble gum, fruit) and host a taste testing where you review a variety of brands. Make a score sheet and post the final tallies.

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It’s day five of **“The Twelve Days of Christmas,”** which means everybody’s favorite part: FIVE GOLDEN RINGS! See how many times you can work this into your day’s interactions.