

2017

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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National Home Furnishings Month: Have an interior decorator share tips and tricks.

National Preparedness Month: Invite local emergency staff to help families make home safety plans.

Responsible Dog Ownership Month: Partner with a local veterinarian to host a microchipping clinic.

SEPTEMBER

Adult Engagement Calendar

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Plan a **book club discussion** on Margaret Atwood's *Hag-Seed*, a retelling of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.

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This day marks the first electric lighting in New York City, when approximately 400 lights came on in lower Manhattan after **Thomas Edison** created the world's first central power station.

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Babe Ruth hit his first professional home run on this day in 1914. Share some cool facts about the Sultan of Swat.

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Create a **display of western books and movies** in celebration of the premiere of **Gunsmoke** on this day in 1955.

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Little House on the Prairie premiered on this day in 1974. Check out *Smithsonian Magazine's* discussion about **the science of the well-loved story**.

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"Awards become corroded, friends gather no dust." — **Jesse Owens**, born on this day in 1913. Screen the 2016 biopic **Race**, which details Owens' 1936 Olympic journey.

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Have patrons submit their own lyrics for **International Country Music Day**.

The **Battle of Antietam** was fought near Maryland's Antietam Creek in 1862.

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The **U.S. Air Force** was established on this day in 1947 with the National Security Act signed by President Truman. An amendment in 1949 reorganized military services, bringing the USAF under the Department of Defense.

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Encourage patrons to take advantage of the last of the summer sun by getting outside solo or as a family and going on a **geocaching treasure hunt** for **International Talk Like a Pirate Day**.

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F. Scott Fitzgerald was born on this day in 1896. Create a display of his works as well as the 1920s Jazz Age that he chronicled in **his writings**.

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Host the ultimate debate on **National Comic Book Day** and invite Marvel and DC fans in your community to show their fandom pride with costumes and **trivia**.

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Celebrate **Love Note Day**, as well as the premiere of *West Side Story* in 1957, by sharing **famous love letters** from history along with popular romance titles.

National Voter Registration Day: Get **partner resources**.

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Iconic American author **Edgar Rice Burroughs** was born on this day in 1875. Create a display or direct patrons to his works on **Project Gutenberg**.

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On this day in 1945, Japan formally surrendered aboard the U.S.S. *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay, effectively ending WWII. The day is now known as **V-J Day**.

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Pull out the coffee maker and invite patrons to get cozy for **Read a Book Day**. Encourage families to pick out a book to read aloud together.

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Buddy Holly was born on this day in 1936. Create a display of music and biographies of famous 1950s teen idols.

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Host a **Star Trek** movie marathon and boldly go where no one has gone before with a discussion on the **science of Star Trek**. The original series premiered on NBC in 1966.

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Hold a family program to make personalized **DIY painted mugs** for **National Grandparents Day**.

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Inspire crafters to make their own beautiful wall art designs with **a class on hand lettering**.

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Help the adults in your community fall in love with storytelling just like they did as children with a program like the **Seattle Public Library's "Thrilling Tales" storytime for adults**.

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"The impossible could not have happened, therefore the impossible must be possible in spite of appearances."
— from *Murder on the Orient Express* by **Agatha Christie**, born on this day in 1890

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Share **delicious recipes** for **International Eat an Apple Day**.

Anne Bradstreet Day celebrates the first woman to be celebrated as a "New World Poet." She arrived in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1630.

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National Pepperoni Pizza Day sounds as good as it tastes. Share mouth-watering **homemade pizza recipes**.

Host a **Game of Thrones** trivia night to celebrate the birthday of **George R.R. Martin**, born on this day in 1948.

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"Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All" is the theme for the 2017 **International Day of Peace**.

Host an evening that brings together the migrants and refugees in your community.

Science-fiction writer **H.G. Wells** was born on this day in 1866.

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Teach a class on the **bullet journal system** or **smashbooks** for **Dear Diary Day**.

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Meriwether Lewis and William Clark returned to St. Louis from their expedition to the Pacific Coast on this day in 1806. **Explore a timeline** of their journey and discoveries.

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Invite a nutritionist or personal trainer to speak about healthy choices for **National Women's Health and Fitness Day**.

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Make **stovetop potpourri gifts** for **Good Neighbor Day**.

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Check out the **recipes** on the American Heart Association's website for **World Heart Day**.

Scotland Yard made its first appearance in 1829 when Sir Robert Peel established London's Metropolitan Police.

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The first section of the **Gutenberg Bible** was published on this day in 1452.

The **Haleakala National Park** on Maui was established on this day in 1961. The park is also an International Biosphere Reserve to support the native ecosystem of the volcanic landscape.