

# 2018

## SUNDAY

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

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### 1

Help your staff get organized after the holidays with these **clever storage hacks**.

**Reinvigorate readers' advisory services** this year with your staff like the Denver Public Library system.

### 2

**Book Release:** "After the traumatic events of the War for Phang, Hazel and her parents embark on a life-changing adventure at the westernmost edge of the universe" in **Saga, Vol. 8** by Brian K. Vaughan.

### 7

Have patrons cast their own ballots and then share the results when the **Golden Globe Awards** airs live.

The premiere exhibition basketball team, the **Harlem Globetrotters**, played their first game on this day in 1927. Share **10 fun facts**.

### 8

Share these "**11 Desk Organization Hacks**" that will improve your productivity on **National Clean Off Your Desk Day**. Stay organized with **upcycled storage** made from cereal boxes.

### 9

French writer, philosopher, and feminist **Simone de Beauvoir** was born on this day in 1908. Share **10 of her most timeless quotes**.

### 14

**Celebrate National Dress Up Your Pet Day** with a pet parade at your library. Clean out your closet, and upcycle old clothes into fun **coats and outfits** for canine companions.

### 15

Celebrate **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** with speakers and guided conversations about nonviolence, tolerance, and civil rights.

"Goodbye grey sky, hello blue..." **Happy Days** premiered on this day in 1974.

### 16

Allied forces launched Operation Desert Storm, an air offensive in Iraq, to begin the **Gulf War** in 1991. Create a display about the war in the Persian Gulf.

### 21

Robert Weston Smith, known as **Wolfman Jack**, was born on this day in 1938. Screen **American Graffiti**, the film inspired by Wolfman Jack.

Reach out to your local **Kiwanis Club**, which was established on this day in 1915.

### 22

Bring all generations together with crafts and games for **Celebration of Life Day**.

The pioneering sketch comedy show that left its mark on pop culture, **Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In**, premiered on this day in 1968.

### 23

Highlight your community's expert bakers with a pie contest on **National Pie Day**, or inspire patrons to try their hand at one of these **50 delicious recipes**.

British-born physician **Elizabeth Blackwell** became the first woman to receive an MD degree in the U. S. on this day in 1849.

### 28

Start a conversation about staying safe online with solutions for **Data Privacy Day**.

**Jackson Pollock**, American painter and leader in the abstract-expressionist movement, was born on this day in 1912.

### 29

**The Seeing Eye**, North America's first guide dog school, was established in 1929. Invite a local organization to share the journey of a service dog and the types of services they provide.

### 30

**The Beatles performed for the last time** together on this night in 1969. Plan a game night of "Name That Tune," or set out a **puzzle** of the Beatles as a passive activity to celebrate.

# JANUARY

## Adult Engagement Calendar

## WEDNESDAY

### 3

"Still round the corner there may wait / A new road or a secret gate..." — from *The Lord of the Rings* series by **J.R.R. Tolkien**, born on this day in 1892. Discover the **sketches** Tolkien used to build Middle Earth and **10 things you might not know** about the famous author.

### 10

Invite your local energy company to the library to discuss ways to save on **National Cut Your Energy Costs Day**.

Committed to bringing quality drama to American television, PBS premiered **Masterpiece Theater** on this date in 1971.

### 17

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." — **Benjamin Franklin**, diplomat, scientist, and Founding Father, born on this day in 1706. Explore **10 of Franklin's famous inventions**.

Plan a mixer at the library for **Get to Know Your Customers Day**.

### 24

Create a sticky-note wall where patrons can leave their favorite jokes on **Belly Laugh Day**, or share some silly **knock knock jokes**.

Gold was discovered in **Colma, California**, on this date in 1848, triggering the California Gold Rush.

### 31

Plan a painting party to encourage adults to explore emotion, creativity, and self-expression through art on **National Inspire Your Heart with Art Day**. Not sure what to paint? Visit **Social Artworking** for easy templates to lead your own canvas painting program.

## THURSDAY

### 4

Librarian, mythologist, and author **Jacob Grimm** was born on this day in 1785. Grimm was best known for *Grimm's Fairy Tales*, which he wrote in collaboration with his brother, Wilhelm. Share the **eBook version** from Project Gutenberg.

### 11

"And when my prayers to God were met with indifference, I picked up a pen, I wrote my own deliverance."

— **Alexander Hamilton**, lawyer, military leader, and Founding Father, born on this day in 1757

### 18

Beat the winter blues with a colorful craft that lets your patrons get creative—have fun with **alcohol-ink-dyed coasters**.

### 25

Journalist **Nellie Bly** successfully completed her around-the-world trip in just 72 days in 1890. Suggest **Eighty Days: Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland's History-Making Race Around the World** by Matthew Goodman for book club.

## FRIDAY

### 5

Highlight the talents of local screenwriters with table readings of their scripts on **National Screenwriter's Day**.

**All My Children** premiered on this day in 1970. The show won more than 150 Daytime Emmy Awards.

### 12

"Pow! Boff! Whack!" The **Batman TV series** premiered on this day in 1966. Hold a *Batman* movie marathon, and share a **visual guide to all 37 villains** in the series.

**Hattie Wyatt Caraway** became the first woman elected into the Senate in 1932.

### 19

One of America's most influential 19th-century authors, **Edgar Allan Poe**, was born on this day in 1809. Celebrate with a storytelling night and perform some of his famous works.

French Post-Impressionist painter **Paul Cezanne** was born on this day in 1839.

### 26

**Paul Newman** was born on this day in 1925. Celebrate with a marathon of his **most famous films**.

Rocky Mountain National Park was established in 1915.

## SATURDAY

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Partner with a local electronics recycling organization for patrons to **recycle responsibly** at your library for **National Technology Day**.

Channel your inner game show host and plan your own **Wheel of Fortune** event to celebrate the premiere on this date in 1975.

### 13

**Saturday Librarian:** Not sure what to read this year in book club? Simon & Schuster provides reading guides for its favorite **book club picks**.

### 20

January 20–February 19 is traditionally identified as the sun sign of **Aquarius**. Those born under the sign are said to be truthful, just, and curious. Create a display of books by Aquarius authors, such as Charles Dickens, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Lewis Carroll, Judy Blume, and Mo Willems.

### 27

American composer **Jerome Kern** was born on this day in 1885. Kern was famous for writing not only scores for stage and screen, but also mainstream hits including "Ol' Man River," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," and "The Way You Look Tonight."

**Financial Wellness Month:** Encourage patrons to develop a personal **money management system**.

**National Be On Purpose Month:** Start a conversation about **mindfulness** and **living in the moment**.

**National Personal Self-Defense Awareness Month:** Partner with martial arts organizations to offer **self-defense classes**.