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Irish-born American labor leader **Mary "Mother" Jones** (1837-1930) was born in County Cork, Ireland, on this day in 1830. **Feature *Mother Jones* magazine in your library.**

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Dr. Benjamin Spock, author of *Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care*, was born on this day in 1903, and it's also Baby Day. Host a New Parents Resource Fair. Invite community agencies and businesses to participate.

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Garden Meditation Day: Display books on mindfulness, such as *8 Minute Meditation: Quiet Your Mind, Change Your Life* by Victor Davich.

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Mother's Day

In 2010 at age 88, Betty White became the oldest *Saturday Night Live* host. Display *If You Ask Me (And of Course You Won't)* and *Here We Go Again: My Life in Television*.

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Lost Sock Memorial Day makes for a perfect **craft day** in the library.



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World Lupus Day: Wear purple in support of the five million people affected worldwide.

The Union Pacific and Central Pacific railways joined their rails at **Promontory Summit, Utah**, in 1869.

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Chocolate Chip Day: **Find 100+ recipes.**

"What people have the capacity to choose, they have the ability to change." – **Madeleine Albright**, born on this day in 1937

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Biographers Day: Choose a **biography to discuss in your book club.**

The first Academy Awards ceremony took place on this date in 1929. It was a dinner party for around 250 people.

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World Baking Day: Show someone special how much you care by baking them a special treat! **Choose from recipes galore.**

In 1875, the first Kentucky Derby horse race took place at Churchill Downs. Check out the **museum online.**

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Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes, was born on this day in 1859. Display your collection of Sherlock Holmes or other mystery books.

In 1843, a massive wagon train, known as the **"Great Emigration,"** set off on the Oregon Trail.

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Margaret Fuller, first American female foreign correspondent for the *New York Tribune*, was born on this day in 1810.

The **New York Public Library** was dedicated on this day in 1911.

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In 1883, the **Brooklyn Bridge** over the East River opened, connecting the cities of New York and Brooklyn for the first time in history.

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The 100th **Indy 500** takes place today.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the 35th U.S. President, was born on this day in 1917.

Explorers first reached the summit of **Mount Everest** in 1953. Display books on Everest or mountain-climbing.

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Memorial Day

Take a **virtual tour** of the Lincoln Memorial, dedicated on this day in 1922.

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Save Your Hearing Day:

Diminished hearing impacts our memory and attention, starting in our 30s. Understand the risk of **exposure to everyday noises**, and see if you need a **hearing test.**

MAY

WEDNESDAY

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Firefighter's Day: Wear blue and red ribbons pinned together (red for fire and blue for water) to show your gratitude for firefighters.

"If I'm honest I have to tell you I still read fairy tales, and I like them best of all."— **Audrey Hepburn**, born on this day in 1929.

THURSDAY

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"Energy rightly applied and directed will accomplish anything." — Pioneering American journalist **Nellie Bly**, born on this day in 1864

FRIDAY

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National Nurses Week (May 6–12)

Beverage Day: Learn more about the **history and origins** of your favorite beverages.

John Steinbeck was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for *The Grapes of Wrath* in 1940.

SATURDAY

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Join Hands Day is dedicated to bringing the older and younger generations together through volunteer community service. **Find volunteer opportunities in your area.**

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Modern dance pioneer Martha Graham was born on this day in 1894.



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International Nurses Day is celebrated on the anniversary of the birth of **Florence Nightingale**, who is widely considered the founder of modern nursing.

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Leprechaun Day: It is said that if you catch a leprechaun, he will give you his pot of gold. Find ways to build your own pot of gold and improve your **financial literacy**.

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In 1804, **Lewis and Clark** embarked on what has been described as the greatest camping trip of all time. Join in and learn about this historic journey of 8,000+ miles.

Bobby Darin, the consummate cool-cat crooner, was born on this day in 1936.

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International Museum Day: Promote your museum pass service, or look into starting one.

It's **Visit Your Relatives Day**. Dig deeper into your ancestry using **Ancestry.com** and local history resources.

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May Ray Day: If you have an outside library space, encourage patrons to get outside and soak up the sunshine.

Raisin in the Sun playwright **Lorraine Hansberry** was born on this day in 1930.

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In 1927 at age 25, **Charles Lindbergh took flight** at 7:52 a.m.

Five years later, in 1932, **Amelia Earhart** became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

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Clara Barton founded **The American Red Cross** in 1881.

On this day in 1901, **Connecticut became the first state to pass a speed limit law.**

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Senior Health & Fitness Day
Display books and DVDs to promote fitness and provide information on local resources.

American author and philosopher **Ralph Waldo Emerson** was born on this day in 1803.

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World Lindy Hop Day: **Get your dancing shoes on** for this fun, frenetic, and occasionally frenzied dance.

John Wayne was born on this day in 1907.

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The Golden Gate Bridge opened in 1937.

Hubert H. Humphrey, 38th vice president of the United States, was born on this day in 1911.

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All-around athlete **Jim Thorpe** was born on this day in 1888.

Lyme Disease Awareness Month: Know the signs and symptoms.

Hamburger Month: So many recipes to try!

Photography Month: Inspiration and tips for photo taking.

Barbecue Month: Cooking out is fun and relaxing!

Get Caught Reading Month: "Catch" readers at your library!