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Write a Business Plan Month: Get a jump on New Year's resolutions and start planning now.

Tie Month: Learn how to pick the right tie for every occasion.

Human Rights Month honors **the basic human rights set forth by the United Nations** after World War II.

Operation Santa Paws raises funds and supplies for animal shelters and rescues throughout the month of December.

DECEMBER

Adult Engagement Calendar

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Dice Day is a great reason to try **the 13 Most Popular Dice Games**. Be warned; things may get noisy!

National Cookie Day: Celebrate with some **scrumptious holiday cookies**.

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International Ninja Day: Pick from the **15 Best Ninja Movies** list and host a movie night. Provide a take-home list of those available to check out from the library.

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The **Washington Monument** was completed on this day in 1883, standing 555 feet, 5 1/8 inches tall.

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Host a holiday-card-making workshop in your library.

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Gingerbread House Day: Provide supplies and invite patrons to **build their own gingerbread houses**.

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National Cocoa Day: Stir it up and try one of these **healthy variations on the traditional recipe**.

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While searching for stray cattle, **Richard Wetherill** and **Charles Mason** found the **ancient ruins of Mesa Verde on this day in 1888**. Mesa Verde National Park was established in 1906.

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The National Hockey League, comprised of 5 Canadian teams, opened its first season on this day in 1917.

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Sandra Cisneros, author of *The House on Mango Street*, was born on this day in 1954.

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"Atticus told me to delete the adjectives and I'd have the facts."
— Scout

To Kill a Mockingbird debuted in theaters on this day in 1962.

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Candy Cane Day: Invite patrons to a **candy cane crafting event at your library**.

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Radio City Music Hall opened on this day in 1932 and created a holiday tradition with their Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes.

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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Eat a Red Apple Day: Read **fun facts about apples** and **share some tasty and fun apple recipes**.

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Fritters Day: Share **19 easy and delicious recipes**.

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24 years ago today, **Neil Papworth sent the first text message**, "Merry Christmas," from his office computer to his boss's cell phone. Create a display of books about technology.

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Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day: Create a display of books commemorating the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

Wax Museum creator **Madame Tussaud** was born on this day in 1761.

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National Brownie Day: Celebrate the occasion with these **decadent brownie recipes**.

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National Pastry Day: Provide some tasty treats for your patrons.

Helen Reddy's "I Am Woman" topped the pop charts on this day in 1972, despite Reddy not liking the way it turned out.

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Poet **Emily Dickinson** was born on this day in 1830. While very few of her poems were published during her lifetime, she is now considered one of the most significant American poets in history. Display her work and host a poetry-writing workshop.

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Monkey Day: Display books about primates and share some of your favorite **banana recipes**.

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Re-gifting Day just happens to coincide with the most common date for work parties and celebrations. Hold a drive for patrons to unload any unwanted gifts, and donate them to a local charity.

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Underdog Day: Create a display of books that celebrate **underdogs in literature**.

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Charles Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol* was published on this day in 1843.

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Crossword Puzzle Day: Print out **a variety of crossword puzzles** for a passive program.

Short Story Day: How many on this list of **100 Great Short Stories** have you read?

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Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.
— **Lady Bird Johnson**, born on this day in 1912

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Festivus: Show the classic *Seinfeld* episode that brought this celebration to light.

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On this day in 1851, a fire swept through the **Library of Congress** and destroyed two-thirds of **Thomas Jefferson's** personal literary collection.

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Card Playing Day: **Hoyle** is the source for official rules of the game.

Denzel Washington, born on this day in 1954, has appeared in nearly 50 films, winning an Oscar for Best Actor in 2002 for his role in *Training Day*.

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Tick Tock Day: You have 2 days to achieve your goals and resolutions for 2016. Is it time to cram?

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The founder of Instagram, **Kevin Systrom**, was born on this day in 1983. Hold an Instagram how-to session.

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Take a **360-degree tour of the John Denver Sanctuary** in Aspen, CO, honoring the late singer, songwriter and naturalist who was born on this day in 1943.