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American Heart Month: Share easy ways to help support [heart health](#).

Library Lover's Month: Ask patrons to take selfies with an [easy DIY frame](#).

National Black History Month: Inspire patrons with these [6 ways to celebrate](#).

International Boost Self-Esteem Month: Share quotes that [inspire self-esteem](#).

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The **United Service Organization** was founded in 1941. Contact your **local office** to share resources and support military families.

Game time! Share tips on hosting the ultimate **Super Bowl 52 party**.

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National Weatherperson's Day commemorates the birth of John Jeffries, a Boston physician and one of America's first weather observers. Invite your local meteorologist to the library.

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Book Release: "Alaska, 1974. Untamed. Unpredictable. And for a family in crisis, the ultimate test of the human spirit." — ***The Great Alone*** by Kristin Hannah

"Don't worry about a thing, 'cause every little thing gonna be alright." — **Bob Marley**, born on this day in 1945

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Plan a **family tinker program** to celebrate **National Inventors' Day** and **Thomas Edison's birthday** (b. 1847). Encourage participants to explore the **many inventions of Edison**.

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Help patrons properly **maintain home computers** on **Clean Out Your Computer Day**.

On **International Darwin Day**, reflect on the principles of intellectual bravery, perpetual curiosity, scientific thinking and hunger for truth.

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Invite a local pastry chef to your library to teach a class on the traditional "**king cake**" for **Mardi Gras**.

Share "**26 Homemade Pancake Recipes**" for **Pancake Day**.

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Movie Release: In ***Black Panther***, "T'Challa, after the death of his father, the King of Wakanda, returns home to the isolated, technologically advanced African nation to succeed to the throne and take his rightful place as king."

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Book Release: In ***Fifty Fifty*** by James Patterson and Candice Fox, "It's not easy being a good detective—when your brother's a serial killer."

Explore the history of **Presidents' Day**, which was originally established in 1885.

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Invite a local photographer or conservationist to discuss the importance of **Ansel Adams's** works. Adams was born on this day in 1902.

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Get patrons moving with a free **Zumba** class at your library. Work with a local gym that would like to offer a sneak-peak of its classes or invite an instructor to your library.

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"I hear the train a comin', it's rolling round the bend." — **Johnny Cash**, born on this day in 1932. Create a display that highlights Cash's life or plan a screening of ***Walk the Line***.

Explore the **cultural history** of the Grand Teton National Park, established in 1929.

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"In character, in manner, in style, in all the things, the supreme excellence is simplicity." — American poet **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**, born on this day in 1807

Promote **low-cost spay and neuter programs** in your area on **World Spay Day**.

FEBRUARY

Adult Engagement Calendar

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1

Lexicographer James Murray published the first part of the **Oxford Dictionary** in 1884.

"I'm no actor, and I've never been. What people see on the screen is me." — Hollywood legend **Clark Gable**, born on this day in 1901

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Share the history behind **Groundhog Day**, first celebrated in 1887.

"They lived and laughed and loved and left." — Celebrated Irish author **James Joyce**, born on this day in 1882

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"Without thinking too much about it in specific terms, I was showing the America I knew and observed to others who might not have noticed." — **Norman Rockwell**, born on this day in 1894. Explore his **collections**.

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Brighten someone's day with a **homemade "hello"** on **Send a Card to a Friend Day**.

Charlie Chaplin's famous character "Tramp" debuted on this day in 1914 in the silent film *Kid Auto Races*.

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"And whichever way thou goest, may fortune follow." — **Jules Verne**, born on this day in 1828. Take a **Journey to the Center of the Earth** with your book club.

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Invite local restaurants to help host a blind **taste test** or pizza party for **National Pizza Day**.

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Arthur Miller's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, **Death of a Salesman**, premiered on this day in 1949 at the Morosco Theatre in New York City.

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Explore "**The Dark Origins of Valentine's Day**."

"I don't remember not dancing. When I realized I was alive and these were my parents, and I could walk and talk, I could dance." — **Gregory Hines**, born on this day in 1946. Hold a tap dancing performance at your library.

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Create a display that highlights the pioneers of the women's suffrage movement in honor of **Susan B. Anthony Day**.

Invite your local astronomical society to discuss **amateur star gazing** in celebration of **Galileo's** birthday in 1564.

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Beat the winter blues with a fun themed murder mystery at the library for adults — and you don't have to break the budget with these **free resources**.

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Share **50 fun ways to celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day** with your community.

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Library Scrabble: It's a passive program and book display all in one! Challenge your patrons with this fun contest.

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"Into the darkness they go, the wise and the lovely." — Pulitzer Prize-winning poet **Edna St. Vincent Millay**, born on this day in 1892

Woolworth's, the nation's first chain store, opened in 1879. Was this five-and-ten variety store in your community?

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Host a screening of **Flags of Our Fathers** in honor of **Iwo Jima Day**. U.S. Marines raised the American flag on the crest of **Mount Suribachi** on this day in 1945.

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Wilhelm Grimm, the younger of the Grimm brothers, was born on this day in Hanau, Germany, in 1786. The brothers developed their collection of tales by listening to storytellers. Share the tradition and invite a storyteller to your library.

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105.9 million viewers watched the Alan Alda-directed "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen" finale episode of **M*A*S*H** in 1983. Share "**17 Painless Facts About M*A*S*H**."

