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Just as ol' river keeps the fishes

And little stars keep silver wishes

Just as the ocean keeps the blue

I will stand here close to you.

—Kathi Appelt, *The Underneath*

JULY 2018

Children's Activity Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>1</p> <p>National Ice Cream Month Work with children to assign a different ice cream treat to each day of the month. Challenge yourself by trying to pick an ice cream flavor to compliment each celebration on this calendar!</p>	<p>2</p> <p>On this day in 1937, American aviator Amelia Earhart and her navigator Fred Noonan were heard for the last time before disappearing.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>National Make a Difference to Children Month Share information on local places that are looking for volunteers, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters or a local children's hospital.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day Celebrate the birth of our nation by reading <i>Blue Sky White Stars</i>, an exceptionally beautiful picture book by Sarvinder Naberhaus, illustrated by Kadir Nelson, celebrating the flag and our nation's great peoples and landscapes.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>National Graham Cracker Day Make summer-themed gingerbread houses out of graham crackers, frosting and other yummy ingredients. Hansel and Gretel would be proud!</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Kathi Appelt's Birthday Listen to an audiobook of one of Appelt's outstanding novels, like <i>The Underneath</i> or <i>Maybe a Fox</i>.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Macaroni Day Today, try one of these "8 Macaroni Crafts for Kids."</p>	
<p>8</p> <p>Raffi's Birthday There are so many wonderful Raffi songs to choose from! Sing your favorite in celebration of the beloved children's singer/songwriter.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>National Park and Recreation Month Find a map showing the locations of each of your city or county's parks. If no map exists, make your own to share.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Super Manny Cleans Up!</i> by Kelly DiPucchio, illustrated by Stephanie Graegin.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>All American Pet Photo Day Invite kids to bring in pictures of their beloved pets, and post them on a bulletin board.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Paper Bag Day Paper bags and hand puppets — the perfect marriage! Here are 20 Paper Bag Animal Crafts for Kids from I Heart Crafty Things.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>International Puzzle Day Puzzles make for a great passive program. Hello Subscription has a list of jigsaw puzzle subscriptions and clubs that might be the perfect fit for your library or classroom.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>National Tape Measure Day Have kids measure things around the library, or record calculations today to share with students when school returns. How tall is your tallest bookshelf? How thick is your biggest book?</p>	
<p>15</p> <p>National Ice Cream Day Share (and test!) some of the Best Ice Cream Soda Recipes from The Daily Meal.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>National Hot Dog Month Share <i>The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog!</i> by Mo Willems.</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>It's Show and Tell, Dexter!</i> by Lindsay Ward</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Ashley Spires' Birthday Enjoy one of the many amazing adventures of P.U.R.S.T. (Pets of the Universe Ready for Space Travel) in Ashley's Binky The Space Cat graphic novel series.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Hold a summer craft workshop in your library.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>International Chess Day Challenge yourself to a game against a friend today, or attempt to best the computer.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Share music by Secret Agent 23 Skidoo, the 2018 National Summer Reading Champion.</p>	
<p>22</p> <p>Pi Approximation Day Pi is the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. It's roughly equivalent to 22 divided by 7, or 22/7 (which is also a way to write today's date).</p>	<p>23</p> <p>National Picnic Month Read <i>The Pickwicks' Picnic: A Counting Adventure</i> by Carol Brendler, illustrated by Renée Kurilla, to discover that a picnic can be had just about anywhere, including in the middle of a traffic jam!</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Samurai Scarecrow: A Very Ninja Halloween</i> by Rubin Pingk</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Stumpkin</i> by Lucy Ruth Cummins</p>	<p>25</p> <p>National Carousel Day Share this video from Barrango, one of the leading carousel developers in the country.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>National Aunt and Uncle Day While thinking about your favorite aunts and uncles, consider the most memorable from literature. (And maybe be grateful you aren't related to Uncle Vernon and Aunt Petunia!)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>National Walk on Stilts Day It can be a lot of fun to see the world from a couple extra inches up. iCreatables has an easy-to-follow video for making DIY stilts.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Beatrix Potter's Birthday Visit the official online home of Peter Rabbit to learn more about his creator, other books by Potter, and to access a number of fun games and activities.</p>	
<p>29</p> <p>National Blueberry Month Read aloud <i>More Blueberries!</i> by Susan Musgrave, and try out one of these "33 Blueberry Recipes We're Completely Obsessed With" from Bon Appétit.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>National Cheesecake Day Share <i>Charlie Cheesecake Crumbles</i> by Ann Hollingsworth Moss. Then check out over 600 different cheesecake recipes that are sure to make your mouth water.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Smiley's Dream Book: From the Creator of Bone</i> by Jeff Smith</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #ADD8E6; margin-right: 5px;"></div> Holiday </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #90EE90; margin-right: 5px;"></div> Month/Week/Day/World Celebration </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #FFD700; margin-right: 5px;"></div> Birthday Celebration </div>				

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