

2019

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The month for love is also American Heart Month. Educate patrons on heart health with resources for wellness, physical activity, and delicious healthy eating.

Recognize Black History Month by sharing seven ways to celebrate black lives and excellence.

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America's first movie studio, the Black Maria, was completed on this date in 1893 by inventor Thomas Edison. Celebrate with a special list of films about filmmaking.

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The first 45 rpm vinyl record was released on this day in 1949. Invite a local collector to set up a display of vintage singles.

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**NFL Super Bowl Sunday:** While the footballers are focused on Atlanta, build a comical display of other "bowl" subjects: bocce and tenpin, kitchenware, millinery styles, and potty training.

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Use your social media to note the birthdate of Facebook, which launched on this day in 2004, and share tips on how to optimize your Facebook page.

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There's really only one way to celebrate World Nutella Day. Find new culinary inspiration by polling your patrons about what they're spreading it on.

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Bob Marley was born on this day in 1945. Celebrate by featuring your reggae collection and Jamaican travel books.

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Laura Ingalls Wilder was born on this day in 1867. Revisit childhood memories (and changing times) with a re-read or re-watch of Little House on the Prairie.

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Author John Grisham was born on this day in 1955. Celebrate by creating a read-alike bookmark.

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Alice Walker was born on this day in 1944. Celebrate by displaying the work of this Pulitzer Prize-winning author.

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Feature your golf resources today in honor of Hall of Fame golfer Greg Norman, who was born on this day in 1955.

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On this day in 1937, the United Auto Workers union was first recognized by General Motors, ending the Flint Sit-Down Strike.

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The first stone of Washington D.C.'s Lincoln Memorial was put into place on this day in 1914. It's also the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, who was born in 1809.

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The "trial of the century" ended on this day in 1935 with Bruno Hauptmann convicted of killing the baby son of aviator Charles Lindbergh. Highlight this and other true-crime stories that grabbed headlines.

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**National Donor Day:** Invite your health organization to create a display or give a program on organ, blood, and tissue donation.

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Canada adopted a new flag featuring a red maple leaf on this date in 1965.



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A flu season fact: During the bubonic plague of 600, Pope Gregory the Great decreed "God bless you" to be the correct response when someone sneezes.

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**Random Acts of Kindness Day:** Start a chain with your own behavior, and see how many people around you also participate!

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**Presidents' Day:** Celebrate all presidents past and present with a display of biographies and autobiographies.

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**National Chocolate Mint Day:** Share 14 mouthwatering recipes that all chocolate mint lovers will want to make.

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Feature your World War II collection in honor of Chicago airport namesake Edward O'Hare, who became the U.S. Navy's first flying ace in a battle against the Japanese on this day in 1942.

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Show off your modern art collection and start a conversation. The first American exhibit of modern art, the Armory Show, debuted in New York this week in 1913. The star of the show, Marcel Duchamp's "Nude Descending a Staircase," created a media frenzy.

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On this day in 1932, an executive order officially reintroduced the Purple Heart medal in honor of George Washington's military career and his 200th birthday. Invite a military historian to discuss the significance of the Purple Heart.

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Build a booklist to commemorate an epic purchase: On this day in 1904, the US received control of the Panama Canal Zone in exchange for \$10 million.

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A different kind of presidential milestone: On this date in 1868, the House of Representatives voted to impeach President Andrew Johnson.

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A favorite of the Texas Rangers cavalry, Samuel Colt patented his revolver design on this day in 1836. Build a display of cowboy and western films and novels.

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**Spay Day USA:** Invite the Humane Society or a local vet to create a display about the pet overpopulation problem.

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While legendary for her beauty, today's birthday girl Elizabeth Taylor, born in 1932, left a legacy of philanthropy. Highlight her pet projects, along with her films.

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There's a movement afoot to make this National Public Sleeping Day. Libraries are a likely target; be vigilant.

FEBRUARY

Adult Engagement Calendar