

2019

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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April Fool's Day: Highlight some epic fools from history. The BBC may have been the first to **air a spoof documentary** in 1957 with its program about spaghetti farming.

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Nicholas Murray Butler was born on this day in 1862. Butler led Columbia University and won a Nobel Peace Prize, but also acquired several notable literary nemeses. This colorful historical character is worth a few minutes of reading.

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National Handmade Day: Set aside a display case this week to feature a variety of your patrons' arts and crafts.

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Draw a Bird Day: Set up a craft corner and invite patrons to draw birds today. Share the drawings on a bulletin board or on social media.

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National Library Workers Day: Make sure your coworkers know you appreciate their expertise with a day of **professional compliments**.

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An explosion aboard **Apollo 13** in 1970 threatened the NASA mission. Three days later, the astronauts safely returned to Earth.

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The **Titanic** sank on this day in 1912 in the icy Atlantic.

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National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day: A nod to the stereotypical long night preparing last-minute taxes, this day can only be celebratd by sporting your favorite uber-comfy clothes.

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Rome wasn't built in a day, but according to legend, it was **founded** on this one, in 753 BC.

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Thousands of settlers rushed to stake claims in the Unassigned Lands when the **Oklahoma Land Rush** officially began at noon on this day in 1889.

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Book release: *I Know Who You Are* by Alice Feeney

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National Pet Parents Day: For many, pets are a part of the family. Sponsor a "cute pet" photo contest on your social media to celebrate our furry, finned, or four-legged loved ones.

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U.S. troops **liberated survivors** at Dachau concentration camp on this day in 1945.

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Celebrate the birthday of Lisbeth Salander, star of Stieg Larsson's **Millennium series**, with an all-black wardrobe and temporary tattoos. Or feature your Nordic crime collection.



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WEDNESDAY

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Using a 2.4-pound phone, **Martin Cooper of Motorola** made the first handheld mobile call on this date in 1973. In comparison, the iPhone XS weighs 6.24 ounces.

THURSDAY

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Maya Angelou was born on this day in 1928. Create a display of her work and those inspired by her.

FRIDAY

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The first patent for the **USB flash drive** was filed on this day in 1999.

SATURDAY

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Tartan Day: Proudly wear your plaid in honor of Scottish ancestors, on the anniversary of the day they declared independence from England in 1320.

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Halley's Comet passed on this day in 837 in its closest approach to Earth. More recently, the comet visited in 1986. It will reappear in 2061.

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National Alcohol Screening Day: Put **resource links** on your social media and create a handout about dependent drinking behaviors.

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National Blue and Green Day: Wear blue and green to raise awareness and registration for organ, eye, and tissue donation and transplantation.

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National Make Lunch Count Day: Host a **lunch-and-learn** speaker today.

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Scholars have identified today as the birthdate of **The Canterbury Tales** — the day it was first told (1397), as well as the start of the book's pilgrimage (1387).

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Yankee Stadium opened on this day in 1923. Celebrate baseball with a **special display** today.

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Host a film series in honor of **Tim Curry**, who was born on this day in 1946.

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On this day in 2008, Danica Patrick became the first female IndyCar winner when she won the Indy Japan 300 in Montegi, Japan. Feature books on race car driving.

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Display some history and political tomes today in honor of **Winston Churchill**, who was knighted on this day in 1953.

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Hand out a bookmark of resources on **alternative energy** resources today in honor of the first practical solar cell, publicly exhibited on this day in 1954.

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John James Audubon was born on this day in 1785. Coordinate an ornithology program, perhaps with a field trip for bird watching.

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Feature some **meteorology materials** in commemoration of the 2011 Super Outbreak on April 25–28, when more than 300 tornadoes touched down in the Southeastern United States (more than 200 on April 27 alone).

National Stress Awareness Month: Arrange for a month of mini-sessions on stress and stress relief. Invite health care and mental health professionals, along with crafters, exercise professionals, and others, to give programs to help patrons cope with and release stress.

National Volunteer Month: Celebrate your current volunteers this month, but also encourage new ones with information about how they can help the library.