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July 2019

Children's Activity Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

	<p>1</p> <p>Canada Day: Share stories of the Indigenous people who knew the land before Canada was founded. This Place: 150 Years Retold is a graphic novel anthology of Indigenous stories from 1867 to present.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Small World</i> by Ishta Mercurio, illustrated by Jen Corace</p>
<p>7</p> <p>National Parks and Recreation Month: Read <i>You Are Home: An Ode to the National Parks</i> by Evan Turk and find a national park near you.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Video Game Day: Can you name five video games your students are playing? Ask students what games are piquing their interests and what makes these games so irresistible for gamers.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Not Quite Snow White</i> by Ashley Franklin, illustrated by Ebony Glenn</p>
<p>14</p> <p>National Tape Measure Day: How might you measure up using Mary Poppins' tape measure? Invite students to use a permanent marker to customize a class tape measure for the library.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>National Anti-Boredom Month: Here are 10 ways to beat summer boredom rain or shine, indoors or outdoors, using easy-to-find materials.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Imagine That: A Hoot & Olive Story</i> by Jonathan D. Voss</p>
<p>21</p> <p>National Hot Dog Month: The Pigeon of Mo Willems' best-selling series loves hot dogs! Give students hot dog coloring pages and have them draw ridiculous toppings to surprise and delight Pigeon!</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Pi Approximation Day: In math, pi is used to find the area and circumference of a circle. Its approximate fraction is 22/7, so today is a fun day to be a little math-y!</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Scouts</i> by Shannon Greenland</p>
<p>28</p> <p>National Hamburger Day: Read <i>Sam's Hamburger</i> by David Pelham for a truly entertaining and not-as-it-seems story of a sandwich thief and two kids determined for payback.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>National Ice Cream Month: Cake batter? Cookie dough? Why not go wild with one of these 11 Crazy Ice Cream Concoctions for Adventurous Kids (and Adults) from Familii.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>I Am a Tiger</i> by Karl Newson, illustrated by Ross Collins</p>

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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Compliment Your Mirror Day: Who do you see when you look in the mirror? Take a moment today to affirm that beautiful, strong, intelligent person in your reflection.

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Independence Day: As we celebrate the birth of our nation, share these books about independence, citizenship, and immigration collected by **Reading Rockets**.

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Comic Sans Day: The widely-used font was released by the Microsoft Corporation in 1994. Have students invent their own typeface today.

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Kathi Appelt's Birthday: Watch this **video** interview filmed at the L.A. Times Festival of Books with Kathi Appelt and Alison McGhee discussing *Maybe a Fox*.

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Don't Step on a Bee Day: The bees are buzzing about the flowers. Be careful not to step on one, but go ahead and read Toni Yuly's *Thank You, Bees* to these hardworking pollinators today!

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Patricia Polacco's Birthday: **Listen** to renowned picture book author-illustrator Patricia Polacco share how her family and her childhood has inspired her stories.

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National Paper Bag Day: Create a zoo in your library with these **20 Paper Bag Animal Crafts for Kids** from I Heart CRAFTY Things.

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Ashley Bryan's Birthday: Enjoy poet and influential storyteller Ashley Bryan sharing his favorite poems and what the words mean to him in this **video**.

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Yellow Pig Day: Today is not a porcine celebration but rather a celebration of the number 17. It also celebrates bizarre national holidays with artwork, which you can check out **here**.

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Ashley Spire's Birthday: Read and share one of Ashley Spire's hilarious *Binky comics* with your young graphic novel readers.

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National Stick Out Your Tongue Day: **What does it mean when we stick our tongues out?** *Psychology Today* has a couple thoughts about it.

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International Chess Day: Knight on the rim is dim and its chances are slim. Challenge a student to a game of chess, or teach someone how the timeless strategy game is played.

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National Picnic Month: Read *The Teddy Bears' Picnic* by Jimmy Kennedy, illustrated by Alexandra Day, and invite kids to bring their favorite stuffed animals to the library for a picnic of their own.

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National Merry-Go-Round Day: Challenge your young engineers to build a merry-go-round out of cardboard. This **video** from Back2School DIY is a great place to start!

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National Talk in an Elevator Day: Elevators are always so quiet! Break the silence by making small talk with fellow passengers today.

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National Walk on Stilts Day: According to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, the tallest stilts ever mastered (to date) measured 16.41 m (53 ft, 10 in) from ground to ankle. That's roughly the height of a flagpole!

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J.K. Rowling's Birthday: Think you know the world of Harry Potter? Read one of these **50 Must-Read Harry Potter Fan Fictions** to see what Rowling's magical world has inspired in others.

"It does not do well to dwell on dreams and forget to live."

— J.K. Rowling,
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

