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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

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SATURDAY



“Too often we tell kids pleasant stories devoid of truth, and stories without truth are not good stories. Our audience deserves more from us.”
—Mac Barnett

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Back to School Month: Set up craft stations and help kids create back-to-school items, such as a decorative crayon box, a backpack charm, or some bling for a new notebook.

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Get ready for **Owl Awareness Day** on August 4. Host a storytime with your favorite owl-themed book and dissect owl pellets. Invite a raptor expert to complete your owl program.

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Assistance Dog Week: Honor the hardworking assistance dogs and raise awareness about these specially trained animals. Read **Raising a Hero** by Laura Numeroff, art by Lynn Munsinger.

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Happy Book Birthday to **The Sunday Scaries** by Debra Kempt Shumaker, art by Lavanya Naidu. This picture book explores the joys of weekends and the anxiety around Mondays.

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Underwear Day: Read **Creepy Pair of Underwear!** by Aaron Reynolds, art by Peter Brown, and help kids make underwear for a stuffed animal or doll. Try glow-in-the-dark markers or paint.

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Crayon Collection Month: Host a crayon collection drive with school, scout, restaurant, and community playbooks from **The Crayon Collection**.

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Get ready for tomorrow's **Global Sleep Under the Stars Night**. Transform your space with a star-projection light and invite kids and families to bring sleeping bags for storytime under the stars.

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Bowling Day: Read **Mitchell Goes Bowling** by Hallie Durand, art by Tony Fucile, and set up a bowling area in your space. Organize a family bowling day at a local bowling alley.

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As summer unwinds, so do firefly sightings. Read **Good Night, Firefly** by Gabriel Alborozo, a picture book not just about a firefly, but kindness and good choices.

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S'mores Day: Gather for storytime and s'mores around an outdoor fire pit or an easy indoor option.

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The Popsicle® was invented by American inventor Frank Epperson. Celebrate his birthday today by reading **The Boy Who Invented the Popsicle** by Don Wulffson.

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Hug Month: Read **I Need a Hug** by Aaron Blabey. Create a hug bingo card full of activities like hug a tree or hug your pet.

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Need to create a bulletin board for back-to-school season? Join and check out the Library Bulletin Boards and Displays Facebook page for inspiration.

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What book festivals might be happening in your area this month? Check out **Book Reporter** to find one close to you.

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On this day in 1939, the beloved movie *The Wizard of Oz*, starring Judy Garland as Dorothy, made its Hollywood premiere at Grauman's Chinese Theatre.

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Gear up for pre-season football with **Better Than a Touchdown**, a picture book by quarterback Jalen Hurts.

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The National Book Festival in Washington, D.C., is just days away. Check out the schedule of sessions, authors, and activities from **The Library of Congress**.

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Happy Book Birthday to **Monster Manners** by Heidi Yates, art by Yana Kosak. An A to Z look at zany monsters and their good manners.

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World Orangutan Day: Orangutans are listed as Critically Endangered. Share this **live orangutan camera** from San Diego Zoo and conservation efforts from **The Orangutan Project**.

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Get ready for back to school with **In This Classroom** by Andrew Hacket, art by Arthur Lin, a new picture book for students and teachers heading into the next school year.

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On this day in 1921, the real Christopher Robin was gifted a bear that became the famous Winnie-the-Pooh. Read **How a Bear Became a Book** by Annette Bay Pimentel, art by Faith Pray.

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Tooth Fairy Day: After reading a tooth fairy-themed book, get crafting with **15 Terrific Tooth Fairy Crafts** from Artsy Craftsy Mom.



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Mac Barnett's Birthday: Visit **Every Child A Reader** and celebrate Mac's work.

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Happy Early Book Birthday to **I Wish That You Knew** by Rebecca Gardyn Levington, art by Alyssa Russell.

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Happy Book Birthday to **Night Treasure** by Allison Wortche, art by Alison Farrell. A lyrical picture book about a walk in the night and what a father and daughter discover together.

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Dog Day: Create a dog-themed book display, feature a collection box for a local dog rescue or shelter, and invite kids to pin a photo of their dog to a community bulletin board space.

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World Rock, Paper, Scissors Day: Have your own Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament and read **The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors** by Drew Daywalt, art by Adam Rex.

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Read Comics in Public Day: Encourage everyone to read comic books, graphic novels, and manga today. The entire school can head outside (or in the gym) and read comics.

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Today and tomorrow mark **International Bat Night**. Bring awareness to the importance of bats with guest speakers, bat crafts, and a place to view their nightly flight.

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Slinky Day: Today honors the invention of the Slinky. Set up steps and host a Slinky contest.

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Start a trivia area in your space and pair it with a corresponding book display.

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Children's Activity Calendar