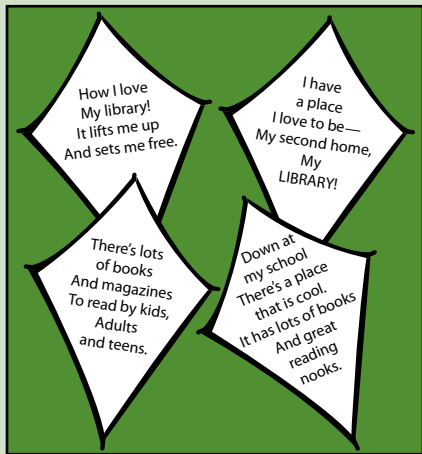


Bulletin Board of the Month

Combine many celebrations into one bulletin board. Cover the bulletin board with kites (National Kite Month). Have students write poems about libraries and post them on the kites (National Poetry Month, School Library Media Month, National Library Week). Grades K-6.



National Parkinson Foundation; <http://www.parkinson.org>

► **National Poetry Month**

Academy of American Poets; <http://www.poets.org> and <http://www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/41>

► **National Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network; <http://www.rainn.org>

► **National Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) Education and Awareness Month**

Pharmacists Planning Service; <http://www.ppsinc.org>

► **National Youth Sports Safety Month**

National Youth Sports Safety Foundation; <http://www.nyssf.org>

► **Pharmacists War on Diabetes (April 1-30)**

Pharmacists Planning Service; <http://www.ppsinc.org>

► **Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month**

ASPCA; <http://www.aspc.org>

► **School Library Media Month**

American Association of School Librarians; <http://www.ala.org/aasl> and <http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslissues/aasladvocacy/schoollibrary.htm>

► **World Habitat Awareness Month**

PALS Foundation; <http://www.PALS.R8.org>

► **April Flower-Daisy or Sweet Pea**

► **April Birthstone-Diamond**

► **Alcohol Awareness Month**

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc.; <http://www.ncadd.org>

► **Cancer Control Month**

American Cancer Society; 1599 Clifton Rd. NE; Atlanta, GA 30329-4251; 800-ACS-2345

► **Celebrate Diversity Month**

<http://www.celebratediversitymonth.org>

► **Child Abuse Prevention Month**

The National Exchange Club; Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse; <http://www.preventchildabuse.com>

► **Jazz Appreciation Month**

<http://www.smithsonianjazz.org>

► **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

<http://www.preventchildabuse.org>

► **National Kite Month (April 1-April 30)**

Kite Trade Association International; <http://www.NationalKiteMonth.org>

► **National Parkinson's Awareness Month**

APRIL 1-4

► **Medication Safety Week (April 1-7)**

1 Wednesday

► **April Fool's Day**

► **Bulgaria: St. Lazarus' Day**

► **Lupus Alert Day**

Lupus Foundation of America; <http://www.lupus.org>

► **Birthday of William Harvey—1578-1657**

► **First Bridge (Neponset River) Built in U. S.—1634**

► **First Meeting of U. S. House of Representatives in New York—1789**

► **Birthday of Otto Von Bismarck—1815-1898**

► **First Paid Fire Department, Cincinnati—1853**

► **Battle of Five Forks Ended—1865**

► **Birthday of Sergei Rachmaninoff—1873-1943**

► **Birthday of Lon Chaney—1883-1930**

► **Birthday of Jagjivan Ram—1908-1986**

► **Birthday of Toshiro Mifune—1920-1997**

► **Battle of Okinawa Began—1945**

► **Hitler Moved Headquarters to Bunker—1945**

► **Cigarette Advertising Banned—1970**

► **Iran: Islamic Republic Day—1979**

2 Thursday

► **International Children's Book Day**

To celebrate this occasion introduce students to the International Children's Digital Library (<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>). The mission of the library is to "...excite and inspire the world's children to become members of the global community—children who understand the value of tolerance and respect for diverse cultures, languages and ideas—by making the best in children's literature available online." Grades PreK-6.

► **Paraprofessional Appreciation Day**

► **Birthday of Charlemagne—742-814**

► **Ponce de Leon Landed in Florida—1513 (Pascua Florida Day)**

► **Birthday of Giacomo Girolamo Casanova—1725-1798**

► **U. S. Mint Established—1792**

► **Birthday of Frederic Auguste Bertholdi—1834-1904**

► **Birthday of Emile Zola—1840-1902**

► **Richmond Bread Riot—1863**

► **Birthday of Walter Chrysler—1875-1940**

► **First Easter Egg Roll on White House**

Lawn—1877

► **Birthday of Baron Von Richthofen (The Red Baron)—1892-1918**

► **First Moving Picture Theatre—1902**

► **Birthday of Margaret Scherf—1908-1979**

► **Birthday of Sir Alec Guinness—1914-2000**

► **Woodrow Wilson Asked Congress to Declare War on Germany—1917**

► **Birthday of Charles White—1918-1979**

► **Bangladesh Tornados—1972**

► **Argentina Seized Falkland Islands—1982**

3 Friday

► **First American Circus—1793**

► **Pony Express Established—1860**

► **Fall of Richmond—1865**

► **Birthday of Ma Rainey—1888-1939**

► **Birthday of Henry Luce—1898-1967**

► **Birthday of Calvin Graham—1930-1992**

► **Establishment of Isle Royale National Park—1940**

► **African Americans Ruled Eligible to Vote by Supreme Court—1944**

► **Marshall Plan Signed—1948**

► **Birmingham Resistance—1962**

► **First Woman Presided over Supreme Court—1995**

APRIL 5-11

- ▶Blue Ribbon Week (April 5-11)
- ▶Holy Week (April 5-11)
- ▶National Networking Week (April 6-12)
- ▶National Public Health Week (April 6-12)
<http://www.apha.org>
Work with teachers to have students research health in America. Have student collaborative groups investigate assigned topics (e.g., infant mortality in the U.S., obesity, life expectancy, HIV/AIDS, diabetes, etc.) and offer solutions for a healthy America. (Grades 7-12).
- ▶National Week of Oceans (April 5-11)
- ▶Palm Sunday (April 5)

6 Monday

- ▶Drowsy Driver Awareness Day
- ▶Birthday of Raphael—1483-1520
- ▶U. S. Senate Formally Organized—1789
- ▶Founding of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—1830
- ▶Battle of Shiloh—1862
- ▶Birthday of Thomas Lowell—1892-1981
- ▶First Modern Olympics—1896
- ▶North Pole Discovered—1909
- ▶U. S. Entered WWI—1917
- ▶Birthday of Gerry Mulligan—1927-1996
- ▶Scottsboro Trial—1931
- ▶Teflon Invented—1938
- ▶First Tony Awards—1947

7 Tuesday

- ▶World Health Day
<http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/health/index.html>
A Look Back: *SLMAM*, April 1985. Ask students to select a country from each continent and use resources (books and encyclopedias) to identify the main foods or diet of the people in that country. Update: In addition to print resources, students can use online resources such as *Culture Grams*, online encyclopedias, and Internet sites to complete their research. Grades 2-6.
- ▶Rwanda: Genocide Remembrance Day
- ▶Birthday of El Greco—1541-1614

Friday, April 10

Safety Pin Patented—1849

A Look Back: *SLMAM*, April 1989. Sponsor a contest in which students develop creative uses for safety pins. Update: Have students identify the original use of the safety pin. Brainstorm other ways it has been used. Have students brainstorm ways the safety pin has been replaced (e.g., Velcro, disposable diapers). Grades 2-5.



- ▶New York Slave Revolt—1712
- ▶Metric System Adopted in France—1795
- ▶Birthday of William Ellery Channing—1780-1842
- ▶Birthday of William Rufus DeVane King—1786-1853
- ▶Birthday of Bronislaw Malinowski—1884-1942
- ▶Birthday of Will Kellogg—1860-1951
- ▶Birthday of David Grandison Fairchild—1869-1954
- ▶Birthday of Walter Winchell—1879-1972
- ▶Birthday of Billie Holiday—1915-1959
- ▶Battle of Lys River—1918
- ▶World Health Organization Founded—1948
- ▶First Radar Signal Bounced Off the Sun—1959

8 Wednesday

- ▶Passover Begins at Sundown
- ▶National D.A.R.E Day
- ▶Birthday of Gautama Buddha—563 B.C.-483 B.C.
- ▶Birthday of Lewis Morris—1726-1798
- ▶Birthday of William Williams—1731-1811
- ▶Birthday of O. Raymond Knight—1872-1947
- ▶Birthday of Sonja Henie—1912-1969
- ▶Birthday of Elizabeth Bloomer Warren Ford—1918-
- ▶Birthday of Carmen McRae—1920-1994
- ▶Birthday of Kofi Annan—1938-
- ▶Last Session of League of Nations—1946
- ▶Death of Kathy Fiscus—1949
- ▶Steel Mills Seized by U. S. Government—1952
- ▶First African-American Page in Senate Appointed—1965
- ▶Poll Tax Outlawed—1966
- ▶Hank Aaron Hit 715th Home Run Breaking Babe Ruth's Record—1974
Have students find various baseball statistics (e.g., home runs, batting, pitching, etc.) to create comparison charts as an introduction or review of making graphs and charts and using math skills Grades 3-6.
- ▶Voyageurs National Park Established—1975
- ▶Death of Ryan White—1990

9 Thursday

- ▶National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day
- ▶Passover (April 9-16)
- ▶Philippines: Araw Ng Kagitingan
- ▶Tunisia: Martyrs' Day
- ▶LaSalle Reached Mississippi—1682
- ▶Jenkins' Ear Day—1731
- ▶Birthday of Eadweard Muybridge—1830-1904
- ▶First Public Tax-Supported Library (New Hampshire)—1833

- ▶Lee Surrendered to Grant at Appomattox Ending Civil War—1865
- ▶Birthday of Charles Proteus Steinmetz—1865-1923
- ▶Civil Rights Bill Passed—1866
- ▶Jumbo the Elephant Arrived in the U. S.—1882
A Look Back: *SLMAM*, April 1994. Students may investigate the current state of elephants and compare real problems with fictional and folk stories about the animals. Update: To begin a research unit on the role of animals in the circus, share online sources with students about Jumbo the elephant, such as *The Scrapbook* (<http://www.scrapalbum.com/jumbo.htm> and http://www.scrapalbum.com/jumbo_departure.htm), *Wikipedia* (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jumbo>), and *Tufts' Online Magazine* (<http://www.tufts.edu/alumni/magazine/spring2002/jumbo.html>). Grades 2-5.
- ▶Birthday of Frank King—1883-1969
- ▶Birthday of Paul Robeson—1898-1976
- ▶Birthday of J. William Fulbright—1905-1995
- ▶Birthday of J. Presper Eckert, Jr.—1919-1995
- ▶Marian Anderson Performed Easter Concert—1939
- ▶Fall of Bataan in Philippines—1942
- ▶CORE Sent to South to Test Interstate Bus Travel—1947
- ▶Texas Panhandle Tornado—1947
- ▶Winston Churchill Named Honorary U. S. Citizen—1963
- ▶Soyuz 35 Launched—1980
- ▶General Noriega Convicted of Drug Trafficking—1992
- ▶Iraq: National Day: Anniversary of Saddam Hussein's Fall from Power—2003

10 Friday

- ▶Commodore Perry Day
- ▶National Siblings Day
- ▶Salvation Army Founder's Day
- ▶Birthday of Hugo Grotius—1583-1645
- ▶Robert Gray Circumnavigated Earth—1790
- ▶Birthday of Commodore Perry—1794-1858
- ▶Birthday of William Booth—1829-1912
- ▶Birthday of Joseph Pulitzer—1847-1911
- ▶American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Chartered—1866
- ▶Brahms' *Requiem* Premiered—1868
- ▶Catamaran Patented—1877
- ▶Birthday of Frances Perkins—1880-1965
- ▶Birthday of Robert Burns Woodward—1917-1979
- ▶Bataan Death March Began—1942
- ▶Liberation of Buchenwald Concentration Camp—1945
- ▶Beatles Broke Up—1970

APRIL 12-18

- ▶ **Egg Salad Week (April 13-19)**
American Egg Board; <http://www.aeb.org>
- ▶ **National Library Week (April 12-18)**
<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/hqops/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.cfm>
The theme for this year is "Worlds connect @ your library."
- ▶ **National Personal Training Week (April 12-18)**
<http://www.personaltrainingweek.com>
- ▶ **National Wildlife Week (April 12-18)**
National Wildlife Foundation; <http://www.nwf.org>
- ▶ **Pan American Week (April 12-18)**
- ▶ **Young People's Poetry Week (April 13-19)**
<http://www.cbcbooks.org>
- ▶ **Easter Sunday (April 12)**

Monday, April 13

First Elephant Brought to the U.S.—1796

A Look Back: *SLMAM*, April 1988. Select elephant books for students to read and critique.



Students may suggest improvements for each of the books. **Update:** Have students conduct research on elephants using nonfiction books and online resources. Have them share their findings in stories, using facts to make fiction. Grades 2-5.

13 Monday

- ▶ **Easter Monday**
- ▶ **White House Easter Egg Roll**
- ▶ **Thomas Jefferson Day**
After students research the third president, have them create a wall mural of the Jefferson Memorial. Students can then write facts about Jefferson and quotes from him on the mural. Grades 4-9.
- ▶ **India: Vaisakhi**
- ▶ **South Africa: Family Day**
- ▶ **Sri Lanka: Sinhala and Tamil New Year**
- ▶ **Switzerland: Egg Races**
- ▶ **Thailand Songkran Festival**
- ▶ **Premier of Handel's *Messiah*—1742**
- ▶ **Birthday of Thomas Jefferson—1743-1826**
- ▶ **Birthday of Butch Cassidy—1866-1909**
- ▶ **Birthday of Alfred Butts—1899-1993**
- ▶ **Birthday of Samuel Beckett—1906-1989**
- ▶ **Birthday of Eudora Welty—1909-2001**
- ▶ **Birthday of Bill Conti—1942-**
- ▶ **Birthday of Tony Dow—1945-**

- ▶ **Birthday of Al Green—1946-**
- ▶ **Birthday of Robert Casey—1960-**
- ▶ ***Silent Spring* Published—1962**
- ▶ **Birthday of Garry Kasparov—1963-**
- ▶ **First Baseball Strike Ended—1972**
- ▶ **Great Chicago Flood—1992**

14 Tuesday

- ▶ **Honduras: Dia Las Americas**
- ▶ **Pan American Day**
- ▶ **Birthday of Christiaan Huygens—1629-1695**
- ▶ **First Abolition Society Formed—1775**
- ▶ **Pan American Union Formed—1889**
- ▶ **Assassination of Abraham Lincoln—1865**
There are many wonderful books that have been published for the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birthday. Booktalk some of them and have students spend time reading about and exploring the life and contributions of the 16th president. Grades 1-9.
- ▶ **Webster's First Dictionary Published—1828**
- ▶ **Birthday of Anne Sullivan—1866-1936**
- ▶ **Birthday of Sir John Gielgud—1904-2000**
- ▶ **Taft Opened Baseball Season—1910**
- ▶ **Campbell Became First American Air Ace—1918**
- ▶ **U. S. Bombed Libya—1986**

15 Wednesday

- ▶ **Income Tax Pay Day**
- ▶ **National Take a Wild Guess Day**
- ▶ **Patriot's Day in Massachusetts and Maine**
- ▶ **Rubber Eraser Day**
- ▶ **Birthday of Leonardo da Vinci—1452-1519**
- ▶ **Birthday of Charles Wilson Peale—1741-1827**
- ▶ **First School for the Deaf Founded—1817**
- ▶ **Birthday of John Munroe Longyear—1850-1922**
- ▶ **Zanzibar Hurricane—1872**
- ▶ **Birthday of Thomas Hart Benton—1889-1975**
- ▶ **Birthday of Bessie Smith—1894-1937**
- ▶ ***Titanic* Sank—1912**
- ▶ **Birthday of Harold Washington—1922-1987**
- ▶ **Birthday of Sir George Cadbury—1929-**
- ▶ **Belsen Concentration Camp Liberated—1945**
- ▶ **Debut of Jackie Robinson with Brooklyn Dodgers—1947**
- ▶ ***Buck Rogers* Premiered on Television—1950**
- ▶ **Birthday of Heloise Cruse Evans—1951-**
- ▶ **First Franchised McDonalds Opened—1955**
- ▶ **Liberace Museum Founded—1979**
- ▶ **New Multi-planet Solar System Located—1999**

16 Thursday

- ▶ **International Moment of Laughter Day**

Tuesday, April 14

National Library Workers Day

<http://www.ala-apa.org/about/ideas.html>

Do something special for the people that work to keep the library media center running smoothly. Check out ideas on the ALA site to help plan your celebration. Prof.



- ▶ **Denmark: Queen Margaret's Birthday**
- ▶ **National Stress Awareness Day**
<http://www.stresscure.com>
- ▶ **Teen Literature Day**
YALSA; http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Support_Teen_Literature_Day
Check out ways to celebrate Teen Literature Day through the YALSA Web site. Work with teachers to promote books for teens. Grades 6-12.
- ▶ **Birthday of Hans Sloane—1660-1753**
- ▶ **Birthday of Albert Blake Dick—1856-1934**
- ▶ **Slavery Abolished in District of Columbia—1862**
- ▶ **Birthday of Wilbur Wright—1867-1912**
- ▶ **Birthday of Jose de Diego—1867-1918**
- ▶ **Birthday of Charlie Chaplin—1889-1977**
- ▶ **Natural Bridge Monument Established—1908**
- ▶ **Birthday of Merce Cunningham—1919-**
- ▶ **Birthday of Henry Mancini—1924-1994**
- ▶ **Birthday of Pope Benedict XVI—1927-**
- ▶ **Worst Industrial Disaster: Texas City Explosion—1947**
- ▶ **Birthday of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar—1947-**
- ▶ **Birthday of Selena—1971-1995**
- ▶ ***Apollo 16* Launched—1972**
- ▶ **Death of Iqbal Masih—1995**
- ▶ **Virginia Tech Shootings—2007**

17 Friday

- ▶ **Ellis Island Family History Day**
<http://www.ellisland.org>
- ▶ **Syrian Arab Republic: Independence Day**
- ▶ **Giovanni Verrazano Discovered New York Harbor—1524**
- ▶ **First Horse Imported to U. S.—1629**
- ▶ **First Commercial Fishery—1629**
- ▶ **Birthday of Samuel Chase—1741-1811**
- ▶ **Birthday of John Pierpont (J. P.) Morgan—1837-1913**
- ▶ **American Samoa: Flag Day—1900**
- ▶ **Bay of Pigs Invasion—1961**
- ▶ ***Surveyor 3* Launched—1967**
- ▶ **Cambodia Fell to Khmer Rouge—1975**
- ▶ **Poland: Solidarity Granted Legal Status—1989**
- ▶ **First Time Dow Jones Topped 3,000—1991**

APRIL 19-25

- ▶ **Consumer Awareness Week (April 19-24)**
- ▶ **National Park Week (April 18-26)**
<http://www.nps.gov/npweek/>
By Presidential Proclamation, this is a week to celebrate “the best this Nation has to offer.” Work with teachers to schedule required research into national parks across the nation. Have students use computer software to create portals to sites that feature the national parks. Have them create introductions for each park. Grades 2-6.
- ▶ **National Playground Safety Week (April 19-25)**
National Program for Playground Safety;
<http://www.uni.edu/playground>
- ▶ **National Inspirational News Week (April 19-25)**
- ▶ **National Volunteer Week (April 19-25)**
- ▶ **National Window Safety Week (April 20-26)**
<http://www.nsc.org>
- ▶ **Sky Awareness Week (April 19-25)**
- ▶ **TV Turnoff Week (April 20-26)**
TV-Free America; <http://www.tvturnoff.org>
Work with the parent group and teachers to celebrate School Library Media Month with a campaign to read to and with children and have students read by themselves throughout the week, while the televisions are turned off. Provide incentives for participation and ways to keep track for those that read instead of watch. Grades K-8.
- ▶ **Week of the Young Child (April 19-25)**
<http://www.naeyc.org>
Provide materials for parents about the importance of reading to their children. Offer lists of books and make connections to offerings at the public library. Parent.
- ▶ **Orthodox Easter Sunday (April 19)**

20 Monday

- ▶ **Boston Marathon**
- ▶ **Birthday of Daniel Chester French—1850-1931**
- ▶ **Birthday of Adolf Hitler—1889-1945**
- ▶ **Birthday of Holland Smith—1882-1967**
- ▶ **Birthday of Harold Lloyd—1893-1971**
- ▶ **Birthday of Lionel Hampton—1908-2002**
- ▶ **Ludlow Mine Incident—1914**
- ▶ **Birthday of Tito Puente—1923-2000**
- ▶ **Columbine High School Shootings—1999**

21 Tuesday

- ▶ **Israel Holocaust Day**
- ▶ **Kindergarten Day**
Do something special with kindergarten classes today! Read books, have puppet plays, complete special activities, have visitors (animal and human), and emphasize how important these little people are in the school community. Grade K.
- ▶ **National Teach Children to Save Day**
<http://www.abaef.com>
Invite a banker to speak to children about

the importance of saving and handling money carefully. See *SLMAM*, February “Banking on Banks—Web Sites on Banks and Banking” by Greg Byerly. Grades 4-9.

- ▶ **South Africa: Family Day**
- ▶ **Traditional Birthday of Rome—753 B.C.**
- ▶ **Birthday of Friedrich Froebel—1782-1852**
- ▶ **Birthday of John Muir—1838-1914**
- ▶ **Birthday of Max Weber—1864-1920**
- ▶ **Birthday of Anthony Quinn—1915-2001**
- ▶ **Red Baron von Richtofen Killed—1918**
- ▶ **Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II—1926-**
- ▶ **Birthday of Silvana Mangano—1930-1989**
- ▶ **Copernicus, OAO 4 Launched—1972**

22 Wednesday

- ▶ **Earth Day (Traditional)**
A Look Back: *SLMAM*, April 1994. Prepare a booktalk about books related to the preservation of the earth. A useful book that includes appropriate activities is Nancy Poletts' *Earthwatch: Booktalks and Activities* (Book Lures, 1993). Update: Team up with science teachers to have students research environmental issues facing our planet. Visit *EnviroLink* (<http://earthday.envirolink.org/>) to learn about the history of Earth Day, ways to celebrate the day, locate events in your community, and discover all Earth Day events for 2009. Grades K-12.
- ▶ **Birthday of Isabella I of Spain—1451-1504**
- ▶ **Pedro Alvarez Cabral Discovered Brazil—1500**
- ▶ **Henry VIII Ascended the Throne of England—1509**
- ▶ **Birthday of Henry Fielding—1707-1754**
- ▶ **Birthday of Immanuel Kant—1724-1804**
- ▶ **“In God We Trust” Adopted by Mint—1864**
- ▶ **Birthday of Nikolai Lenin—1870-1924**
- ▶ **Oklahoma Land Rush Began—1889**
- ▶ **Theodore Roosevelt Began Recruiting Rough Riders—1898**
- ▶ **Birthday of Robert Oppenheimer—1904-1967**
- ▶ **Babe Ruth Made Pitching Debut—1914**
- ▶ **Birthday of Yehudi Menuhin—1916-1999**
- ▶ **Televised Army-McCarthy Hearings—1954**
- ▶ **Borge Ousland Traveled to North Pole Alone—1994**

23 Thursday

- ▶ **St. George Feast Day**
- ▶ **Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day**
<http://www.DaughtersandSonstoWork.org>
- ▶ **Turkey: National Sovereignty Day and Children's Day**
- ▶ **United Nations: World Book and Copyright Day**
- ▶ **Death of Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra—1616**
- ▶ **First Public School Opened in America—1635**
- ▶ **Birthday of James Buchanan—1791-1868**
- ▶ **Birthday of Stephen Douglass—1813-1861**
- ▶ **Birthday of Granville T. Woods—1856-1910**
- ▶ **Birthday of Max Planck—1858-1947**
- ▶ **Birthday of Sergei Prokofiev—1891-1953**
- ▶ **First Movie Theatre Opened—1896**
- ▶ **Birthday of Lester B. Pearson—1897-1972**
- ▶ **Birthday of Bernadette Devlin McAliskey—1947-**
- ▶ **Soyuz 10 Launched—1971**
- ▶ **Top Quark Discovered—1994**

24 Friday

- ▶ **Global Youth Services Day**
<http://www.gysd.net/home/index.html>
Through this effort, millions of young people have been mobilized to get involved in various projects and community efforts. Have students investigate area initiatives and determine how they too can get involved. Grades 6-12.
- ▶ **National Scoop the Poop Week (April 24-30)**
<http://www.pooper-scooper.com>
- ▶ **Birthday of Edmund Cartwright—1743-1823**
- ▶ **Birthday of Robert Bailey Thomas—1766-1846**
- ▶ **Act Established Library of Congress—1800**
- ▶ **Soda Fountain Patented—1833**
- ▶ **Ft. Moore Established—1847**
- ▶ **Fathometer Patented—1928**
- ▶ **China I Launched—1970**
- ▶ **U. S. Attempt to Free Hostages in Iran—1980**
- ▶ **IBM Personal Computer Introduced—1981**

Friday, April 24

Arbor Day

<http://www.arboday.org/arboday/>

A Look Back: *SLMAM*, April 1991. Open *World Book Encyclopedia* and show students the list of related topics under “Trees.” Students may read an article on trees and one related topic to identify the reasons for celebrating Arbor Day. **Update:** Arbor Day is a nationally celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care. National Arbor Day was founded by J. Sterling Morton in 1872. The Arbor Day Web site is filled with resources and information for celebrating Arbor Day. Involve students in knowing more about the importance of trees. Grades K-9.



APRIL 26-30

April 27-May 3

Astronomy Week

There are many Internet sites that help introduce astronomy concepts. Show students some of these resources in addition to other print and nonprint



materials. Start with *Astronomy* (<http://www.astronomy.com/asy/default.aspx>) and check out "Astronomy for Kids" (<http://www.astronomy.com/asy/default.aspx?c=ss&id=127>). This is an informative, up-to-date site. Also, visit NASA's "Picture of the Day," featuring a different image of the universe daily (<http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/iotd.html>). It also includes explanations contributed by astronomers. *KidsAstronomy.com*, part of Kids Know It Network, is another great site, designed to teach kids about space (<http://www.kidsastronomy.com/>). Grades 1-6.

- ▶ **National Volunteer Week (April 27-May 3)**
<http://www.pointsoflight.org>

27 Monday

- ▶ Death of Ferdinand Magellan—1521
- ▶ Birthday of Edward Gibbon—1737-1794
- ▶ Birthday of Mary Wollstonecraft—1759-1797
- ▶ Birthday of Samuel Finley Breese Morse—1791-1872
- ▶ Birthday of Ulysses S. Grant—1822-1885
- ▶ *Sultana* Steamship Explosion—1865
- ▶ Matanzas Mule Day—1898
- ▶ Birthday of Walter Lantz—1900-1994
- ▶ Birthday of Coretta Scott King—1927-2006
- ▶ Birthday of Casey Kasem—1932-
- ▶ Birthday of Sandy Dennis—1937-1992
- ▶ Slovenia: Insurrection Day—1941
- ▶ Babe Ruth Day—1947

It's spring—create a display of baseball books and feature Babe Ruth and other great players. Bring in a bat, ball, and mitt to round out the exhibit. Put up posters and anything else that will add to the baseball theme. Grades K-12.

- ▶ Togo: Independence Day—1960
- ▶ Sierra Leone: Independence Day—1961
- ▶ South Africa: Freedom Day—1994

28 Tuesday

- ▶ Egypt—Sham El-Nessim
- ▶ Birthday of James Monroe—1758-1831
- ▶ Maryland Ratified Constitution—1788
- ▶ Mutiny on the Ship *Bounty*—1789
- ▶ Birthday of Louise Dilworth Homer—1871-1947
- ▶ Birthday of Lionel Barrymore—1878-1954
- ▶ Birthday of James A. Baker, III—1930-
- ▶ First Yellow Fever Vaccine—1932
- ▶ Birthday of Saddam Hussein—1937-2006
- ▶ Birthday of Madge Sinclair—1938-1995
- ▶ Execution of Benito Mussolini—1945
- ▶ Gene Governing Circadian Rhythm Discovered in Mice—1994
- ▶ First Tourist in Space—2001

29 Wednesday

- ▶ Israel: Independence Day
- ▶ Japan: Showa Day
- ▶ National Dance Day
- ▶ St. Catherine of Siena: Feast Day
- ▶ Taiwan: Cheng Cheng Kung Landing Day—1661
- ▶ Birthday of Oliver Ellsworth—1745-1807
- ▶ Rubber Patented—1813
- ▶ Birthday of William Randolph Hearst—1863-1951
- ▶ Birthday of Duke Ellington—1899-1974
- ▶ Birthday of Hirohito—1901-1989
- ▶ Zipper Patented—1913
- ▶ Dachau Liberated—1945
- ▶ Peace Rose Introduced—1945
- ▶ Birthday of Dale Earnhart—1952-2001
- ▶ *Challenger* Launched—1985
- ▶ Los Angeles Riots—1992

30 Thursday

- ▶ Sweden: Feast of Valborg

▶Walpurgis Night

▶National Honesty Day

To extend the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birthday, read the book *Abe's Honest Words: The Life of Abraham Lincoln* by Doreen Rappaport (Hyperion Books, 2008). Discuss Lincoln's life and his words as they are featured in the book. Examine and discuss the words of the Gettysburg Address. Have students talk about the character trait of honesty and why it is important. Grades 4-7.

▶First Theatre Performance in North America—1598

▶Birthday of William Lilly—1602-1681

▶Birthday of Karl Friedrich Gauss—1777-1855

▶Washington Inaugurated as President—1789

▶Louisiana Purchase—1803

▶Louisiana Entered Union—1812

▶Birthday of Mary Scott Lord Dimmick Harrison—1858-1948

▶Birthday of Ellis Wilson—1899-1977

▶Hamburgers Introduced at World's Fair—1904

▶First President Appeared on Television—1939

Have students research other "firsts" for presidents. There are several that can be found in relationship to inaugural addresses. Grades 5-9.

▶Bugs Bunny Debuted—1938

▶Birthday of Michael J. Smith—1945-1986

▶Organization of American States Founded—1948

▶Muhammad Ali Stripped of Title—1967

▶U. S. Invaded Cambodia—1970

▶Vietnam Liberation Day: End of Vietnam War—1975

▶Iranian Embassy Seized in London—1980

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- ▶ Grade Levels (target audiences K-12)
- ▶ Resources (books, videos, online resources, websites, etc.)
- ▶ Instructional Roles (for the teacher and the library media specialist)
- ▶ Activities and Procedures for Completion
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- ▶ Follow-Up (extensions for future research or inquiry)

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Frank Stockton—1834-1902
Yasuo Segawa—1933-1934
Richard Peck—1934-1935
Helen Hoover—1935-1944
Lurlene McDaniell—1944-1950
Todd Strasser—1950-

6
Ida Chittum—1918-1892-1979
Douglas Hill—1935-1942-
Alice Bach—1942-1947-
Fulvio Testa—1947-1953-
Jerdine Nolan—1953-1958-
Graeme Base—1958-

7
Donald Carrick—1929-1989
Alice Schertle—1941-1948-
Cheryl Willis Hudson—1948-

1
Margaret Scherf—1908-1979
Anne McCaffrey—1926-1933-
Jan Wahi—1933-1950-
Edward Myers—1950-1951-
Karen Wallace—1951-1954-
Tad Hills—?

8
Harold Keith—1903-1998
Ruth Chew—1920-1939-2004
Trina Schart Hyman—1939-2004
Susan Bonners—1947-1951-
Linda Crew—1951-1952-
Steven Schnur—1952-1954-
Mary Q. Steele—?

2
Washington Irving—1783-1859
Hans Christian Andersen—1805-1875
Ruth Heller—1924-2004
Judith Presnall—1943-1949-
Dave Ross—1949-1954-
Amy Schwartz—1954-

9
Joseph Krumgold—1908-1980
Leonard Wibberley—1915-1983
Gloria Kamen—1923-1964-
Margaret Peterson Haddix—1964-

3
Edward Everett Hale—1822-1909
Larry Callen—1927-1937-
Virginia Silverstein—1937-1953-
Sandra Boynton—1953-

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Mary Buff—1890-1970
Eric Knight—1897-1943
Clare Turlay Newberry—1903-1970
Harvey Weiss—1922-1927-
Brumsic Brandon, Jr.—1927-1941-
David Theroux—1941-1947-
Martin Waddell—1941-1947-
David Adler—1947-1952-
Wendy Anderson Halperin—1952-

4
Glen Rounds—1906-2002
Fred Brenner—1920-1928-
Maya Angelou—1928-1932-
Johanna Reiss—1932-1940-
Phoebe Gilman—1940-1942-
Elizabeth Levy—1942-1943-
Thomas Lickona—1943-1953-
Joan Leslie Woodruff—1953-

11
Feiix Hoffman—1911-1975
Jean-Claude Servan-Schreiber—1918-2006
Graham Salisbury—1944-1966-
April Pulley Sayre—1966-

12
C. W. Anderson—1891-1971
Hardie Gramatky—1907-1979
Paul Showers—1910-1999
Barbara Corcoran—1911-2003
Beverly Cleary—1916-1952-
Gary Soto—1952-

13
Genevieve Foster—1892-1979
Marquette Henry—1902-1997
Erik Haugaard—1923-1938-
Lee Bennett Hopkins—1938-1957
Rita Williams-Garcia—1957

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Robert Lopshire—1927-1945-
Susan Saunders—1945-

15
Christine Price—1928-1942-
Eleanor Schick—1942-1945-
Jacqueline Briggs Martin—1945-

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Gertrude Chandler Warner—1890-1979
Gunnel Beckman—1910-2003
Garth Williams—1912-1996
Kingsley Amis—1922-1995
John Christopher—1922-1943-1989
Eva Moore—1942-1948-
Eleanora E. Tate—1948-

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Teresa Needham—1912-1992
Dora Jesse Saint—1913-1924-
Roy Gallant—1924-1928-
Cynthia Ozick—1928-1943-1989
Dayal Kaur Khalsa—1947-1952-
Marty Godfrey—1947-1952-
Jane Kurtz—1952-

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Evelyn Lampman—1907-1980
Barbara Reid—1922-1927-
Mitchell Sharmat—1927-1957-
Barbara Reid—1957-

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Jean Lee Latham—1902-1995
Patricia Reilly Giff—1935-1946-
Marilyn Nelson—1946-

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Dinah Craik—1826-1887
Mary Hoffman—1945-

21
Charlotte Brontë—1816-1855
Jane Breskin Zalben—1950

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Kurt Wiese—1887-1974
William Jay Smith—1918-1933-
Paula Fox—1923-1940-
Ron Koertge—1940-1943-
Eileen Christelow—1943-1952-
Kathy Stinson—1952-

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William Shakespeare—1564-1616
R. C. Stein—1937-1954-
Michael Moore—1954-

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Robert Penn Warren—1905-1989
Evaline Ness—1911-1986
Sue Grafton—1940-1940-
Bert Kitchen—1940-

25
Walter de la Mare—1873-1956
Maud Hart Lovelace—1892-1980
June Behrens—1925-1927-
Alvin Schwartz—1927-1942-
Stuart J. Murphy—1942-1949-
George Ella Lyon—1954-1954-
Melvin Burgess—1954-1964-
Marie G. Lee—1964-

Hotlinks to author and illustrator Web sites are available at: <http://www.schoollibrarymedia.com>

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Jessie Redmon Fauset—1882-1961
Patricia Reilly Giff—1935-1946-
Marilyn Nelson—1946-

27
Ludwig Bemelmans—1898-1962
Wendy Devlin—1918-2006
Coretta Scott King—1927-1930-
Barbara Douglass—1930-1936-
John Burningham—1936-1946-
Judith Vigna—1936-1947-
Nancy Shaw—1946-1947-
Betty G. Birney—1947-1947-
Barbara Park—1947-1954-1990
Jan Hudson—1954-1990

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Palmer Cox—1840-1924
Antonio Frasconi—1919-1925-
Barbara Esbensen—1925-1996
Harper Lee—1926-1934-
Lois Duncan—1934-1935-
Ben Shacter—1935-1936-
Brett Harvey—1936-1937-
Diane Hoh—1937-1940-
Marvin Terban—1940-1948-
Virginia Kroll—1948-1950-
Amy Hest—1950-1953-
Suzanne Williams—1953-

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Maria Leach—1892-1977
Ross E. Hutchins—1906-1983
Barbara Corrigan—1922-1936-
Harriet Sobol—1936-1938-
Kirkpatrick Hill—1938-1940-
Dorothy Hinshaw Patent—1940-1942-
Joan Sandin—1942-1947-
Kit Pearson—1947-1957-
Janet Morgan Stoeke—1957-

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