

MAY 2012

**BULLETIN BOARD OF THE MONTH**

Create a bulletin board garden full of ideas for spring and summer reading. Represent books that will be featured in booktalks or trailers for various grade levels. Recruit others to help (e.g., students, parents, public librarians, others). Then create a take home bookmark that provides a link to lists and trailers appropriate for grade levels to will keep everyone reading over the summer. Grades K-12.



► **Moon Phases**

- Full Moon – May 5
- ☾ Last Quarter – May 12
- New Moon – May 20
- ☽ First Quarter – May 28

► **Flower: Lily of the Valley or Hawthorn**

► **Birthstone: Emerald**

► **Arthritis Awareness Month**

Arthritis Foundation; <http://www.arthritis.org>

► **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month)**

<http://asianpacificheritage.gov>

► **Better Hearing and Speech Month**

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; <http://www.professional.asha.org>

► **Family Wellness Month**

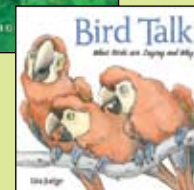
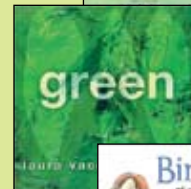
Words of Wellness; <http://www.wordsofwellness.com>

► **Fibromyalgia Education and Awareness**

**Gifts from the Garden Month**

<http://www.gardenlady.com>

Read Carolyn Brodie's article in this issue of *SLM*, "Rain Is to Rainbows as Sunshine Is to Sunflowers," for a multitude of literature and online ideas related to outdoor topics. Then, add to the list with some new and additionally wonderful books that are sure to capture the essence of spring fever and anticipation of summer. Start with *Citizen Scientists* (Henry Holt, 2012), a book that will bring backyard discoveries to life (with older readers helping); and follow with three additional titles (all 2012 publications from Roaring Brook Press): *And Then It's Spring* by Julie Fogliano, which leads the reader into spring; *Green* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger, which shows green in all forms and shades; and *Bird Talk: What Birds Are Saying and Why* by Lita Judge, which introduces birds of spring and summer, what they say, and why. Grades PreK-5.



**Month**

Fibromyalgia Council of America; <http://www.ppsinc.org>

► **Get Caught Reading Month**

Association of American Publishers; <http://www.publishers.org> and <http://www.getcaughtreading.org>

► **Go Fetch! National Food Drive for Homeless Animals**

Go Fetch! PALS Foundation; <http://www.gofetch.r8.org>

► **Heal the Children Month**

ACAN; <http://www.abusehealing.com>

► **Healthy Vision Month**

American Academy of Ophthalmology; <http://www.geteyesmart.org>

► **Huntington's Disease Awareness Month**

Huntington's Disease Society of America; <http://www.hdsa.org>

► **Jewish American Heritage Month**

<http://www.jewishheritagemonth.gov>

► **Latino Books Month**

Association of American Publishers; <http://www.publishers.org>

[publishers.org](http://www.publishers.org)

► **Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month**

American Academy of Dermatology; <http://www.aad.org>

► **National Allergy/Asthma Awareness Month**

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

► **National Bike Month**

League of American Bicyclists; <http://www.bikeleague.org>

► **National Hepatitis Awareness Month**

Hepatitis Foundation International; <http://www.hepatitisfoundation.org>

► **National Mental Health Month**

National Mental Health Association; <http://www.nmha.org>

► **National Military Appreciation Month**

<http://www.nmam.org>

► **National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month**

National Osteoporosis Foundation; <http://www.nof.org>

► **National Physical Fitness and Sports Month**

President's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports; <http://fitness.gov> and <http://presidentschallenge.org>

► **National Preservation Month**

National Trust for Historic Preservation; <http://www.preservationnation.org>

► **National Stroke Awareness Month**

National Stroke Association; <http://www.stroke.org>

► **Older American's Month**

► **Ultraviolet Awareness Month**

Prevent Blindness America; <http://www.preventblindness.org>

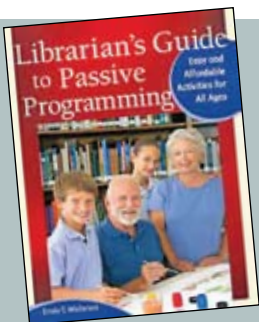
► **Young Achievers/Leaders of Tomorrow Month**

<http://www.ilnleadnet.com>

**National Family Month (May 8-June 19); National Family Week (May 6-12)**

Help families celebrate this month-long event while making the most of library resources and literature connections. For great ideas, check out the book *Librarian's Guide to Passive Programming* by Emily T. Wichman (Libraries Unlimited, 2012) as a way to entice families with library

connections while enjoying contests, challenges, scavenger hunts, crafts, and more. Invite the parent group to get involved in making this a great event for all. Adults; Grades PreK-6.



## MAY 1-5

### ► Choose Privacy Week (May 1-7)

[http://www.privacyrevolution.org/index.php/privacy\\_week/](http://www.privacyrevolution.org/index.php/privacy_week/)

ALA has developed materials to give librarians "... the tools they need to educate and engage users, and gives citizens the resources to think critically and make more informed choices about their privacy." Work with teachers, administrators, and parents to raise awareness and share this information with students. Prof. Grades 9-12.

## 1 TUESDAY

### ► May Day

### ► Labor Day

### ► Law Day

### ► Mother Goose Day

The Mother Goose Society; <http://www.delamar.org/mothergoosesociety>

### ► School Principals' Day

Take time to tell your principal thanks (write a personal note) for support given, work done, etc. Also, give your administrator the gift of good news... information about something that has gone well with the library by telling a story (make sure to highlight learning connections). See Cindy Keller's article "Organizational Storytelling and Oral Tradition" (*SLM*, May-June 2012: 33-34) and put this important form of advocacy to work for your school library program while making your principal's day. Prof.

### ► Birthday of Joseph Addison—1672-1719

### ► Great Britain Formed—1707

### ► Birthday of Benjamin Latrobe—1764-1820

### ► Birthday of George Inness—1825-1894

### ► Birthday of Mary Harris Jones—1830-1930

### ► Birthday of Louis Marie Chardonnet—1839-1924

### ► First Postage Stamp (Penny Blacks)—1840

### ► Birthday of Martha Jane Burke (Calamity Jane)—1852-1903

### ► Marriage of Lucy Stone to Henry Blackwell Changing Wedding Vows—1855

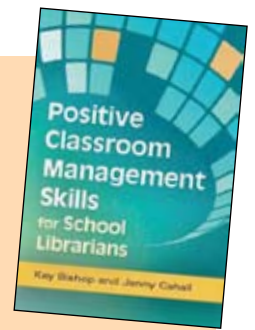
### ► Queen Victoria Proclaimed Empress of India—1876

### ► Birthday of Pierre Teilhard De Chardin—

## MAY 2

### Great American Grump Out

Need some help with building a more positive relationship with students? This is a day to get started!! A book that may help is *Positive Classroom Management Skills for School Librarians* by Kay Bishop and Jenny Cahall (Libraries Unlimited, 2012). Put it on your professional reading list and create a plan of action that will make the library a better place for students and you! Prof.



### 1881-1955

### ► First Skyscraper Begun in Chicago—1884

### ► Standard 8-Hour Work Day Established—1886

### ► Columbian Exposition Opened—1893

### ► Birthday of Leo Sowerby—1895-1968

### ► Birthday of Mark Clark—1896-1984

### ► Dewey Destroyed Spanish Fleet at Manila—1898

### ► Birthday of Archie Williams—1915-1993

### ► Longest Major League Baseball Game—1920

### ► Completion of the Empire State Building—1930

### ► U-2 Incident—1960

### ► Cuba Declared Socialist Nation—1961

### ► Dartmouth Ran First BASIC Program—1964

### ► Amtrak Began Service—1971

## 2 WEDNESDAY

### ► Robert's Rules Day (175th Anniversary 2012)

### ► Death of Leonardo Da Vinci—1519

### ► King James Version of Bible Published—1611

### ► Birthday of Alessandro Scarlatti—1660-1725

### ► Hudson Bay Company Received Charter from English Crown—1670

### ► Birthday of Catherine the Great—1729-1796

### ► Birthday of Pope Leo XIII—1810-1903

### ► Birthday of Henry M. Robert—1837-1923

### ► Birthday of Manfred von Richthofen (The "Red Baron")—1892-1918

### ► Birthday of Benjamin Spock—1903-1998

### ► Craters of the Moon National Monument Established—1924

### ► Berlin Surrendered—1945

### ► First Commercial Satellite Began Transmission—1965

### ► Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Established—1997

### ► Osama Bin Ladin Killed—2011

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## 3 THURSDAY

### ► United Nations: World Press Freedom Day

<http://www.un.org>

### ► Birthday of Niccolò Machiavelli—1469-1527

### ► Washington Incorporated as City—1802

### ► Birthday of Jacob Riis—1849-1914

### ► Siege at Yorktown—1862

### ► Birthday of Golda Meir—1898-1978

### ► Birthday of May Sarton—1912-1995

### ► West Virginia Imposed First State Sales Tax—1921

### ► Nellie T. Ross First Woman Director of U.S. Mint—1933

### ► National Public Radio Began Programming—1971

### ► Anti-War Protest Interrupts Washington, D.C., Business—1971

### ► Delta Flight 3914 Failed—1986

### ► Dow Jones Tops 11,000—1999

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## 4 FRIDAY

### ► Columbus First Visited Jamaica—1494

### ► Peter Minuit Bought Manhattan for 60 Guilders (\$24)—1626

### ► Invisible Ink First Used in Diplomatic Correspondence—1776

### ► Rhode Island: Independence Day—1776

### ► Birthday of Horace Mann—1796-1859

### ► Birthday of Julia Gardiner Tyler—1820-1889

### ► Birthday of Thomas Huxley—1825-1895

### ► Birthday of Frederick Church—1826-1900

### ► Wade-Davis Reconstruction Bill Passed House—1864

### ► Haymarket Square Riot—1886

### ► Birthday of Alton Ochsner—1896-1981

### ► Grand Bazar de Charite Fire—1897

### ► Birthday of Howard Da Silva—1909-1986

### ► Freedom Riders Began Rides on Public Transportation—1961

### ► Four Students Killed at Kent State—1970

### ► Margaret Thatcher Became First Female Prime Minister of Great Britain—1979

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## APRIL 30-MAY 4

### Turnoff Week

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Screen-Free\\_Week](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Screen-Free_Week)

## APRIL 30-MAY 6

### Screen Free Week

<http://www.commercialfreechildhood.org/screenfree-week/index.html>

For younger students, read the book *The Monster Returns*, by Peter McCarty (Henry Holt, 2012), about a boy who loves to draw and how he keeps a monster at bay with the help of friends. Use the book to get students talking about what they like to do that doesn't take screen time (technology or television). Have older students come up with ideas to share with parents (e.g., book suggestions, craft ideas, outdoor activities, cooking projects, etc.). For those who participate, have them share their reflections as a follow-up about the week—where else but online...blog it! Grades K-12.



## MAY 6-12

- ▶ **Be Kind to Animals Week (May 6-12)**  
<http://www.animalprotective.org/index.php/programs/be-kind-to-animals-week>
- ▶ **Teacher Appreciation Week (May 7-11)**  
National Education Association; <http://www.nea.org> and <http://www.pta.org>

### 7 MONDAY

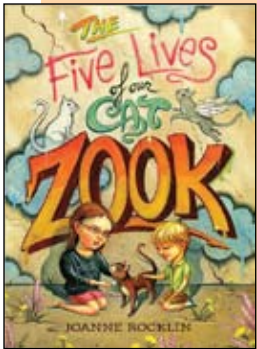
- ▶ **Melanoma Monday**  
<http://www.melanomamonday.org>
- ▶ **Birthday of Sir Francis Beaufort—1774-1857**
- ▶ **First Presidential Inaugural Ball—1789**
- ▶ **Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* Premiered—1824**
- ▶ **American Medical Society Founded—1847**
- ▶ **Birthday of Johannes Brahms—1833-1897**
- ▶ **Birthday of Pyotr Tchaikovsky—1840-1893**
- ▶ **Birthday of Archibald MacLeish—1892-1982**
- ▶ **Birthday of Edwin Land—1909-1999**
- ▶ ***Lusitania* Sank—1915**
- ▶ **Birthday of Eva Perone—1919-1952**
- ▶ **First Surrender of Germany—1945**
- ▶ **27th Amendment Ratified—1992**
- ▶ **Battle of Dien Bien Phu Ended—1954**

### 8 TUESDAY

- ▶ **National Teacher Day**  
<http://www.nea.org> and <http://www.nea.org/grants/1359.htm>

## MAY 6-12 National Pet Week

<http://www.petweek.org>



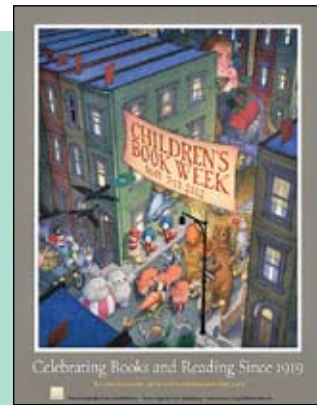
*The Five Lives of Our Cat Zook* by Joanne Rocklin (Amulet/Abrams, 2012) is the perfect book for this week in the May calendar! Oona and her little brother, Fred,

have recently lost their dad, so when their cat Zook (short for Zucchini) becomes ill, Oona tells Fred that Zook has only used five of his nine lives. To save their cat, the two hatch a plan to spring Zook from the animal clinic. A free activity kit for this heartwarming novel is available (<http://www.joannerocklin.com>). It contains discussion questions, supplemental activities, recipes, and more to explore the novel's themes of friendship, trust, family, and dealing with loss. Grades 3-6.

## MAY 7-13 Children's Book Week

<http://www.cbcbooks.org> and <http://www.bookweek-online.com>

Check out the CBW Digital Toolkit available at: <http://www.bookweekonline.com/toolkit> complete with a CBW signature for your email; "I Voted" stickers; or a Read to Vote button for your school library website and more! Grades K-9.



- ▶ **World Red Cross Day**
- ▶ **DeSoto Discovered Mississippi—1541**
- ▶ **Execution of Antoine Laurent Lavoisier—1794**
- ▶ **Birthday of Jean Henri Dunant—1828-1910**
- ▶ **Birthday of Louis Moreau Gottschalk—1829-1869**
- ▶ **First Major Battle of Mexican War—1846**
- ▶ **Battle of McDowell—1862**
- ▶ **First U. S. Automobile Patent—1879**
- ▶ **Birthday of Harry S. Truman—1884-1972**
- ▶ **John Styth Pemberton Invented Coca-Cola—1886**
- ▶ **Birthday of Francis DeSales Ouimet—1893-1967**
- ▶ **Birthday of Robert Johnson—1911-1938**
- ▶ **Birthday of Robert Clumpett—1914-1984**
- ▶ **Birthday of Theodore (Ted) Sorensen—1928-2010**
- ▶ **Battle of the Coral Sea—1942**
- ▶ **Germany Surrendered to Allied Commanders—1945**
- ▶ **France: Victory Day—1945**
- ▶ **V-E Day—1945**
- ▶ **Nixon Booped by Protesters in Peru—1958**
- ▶ **Construction Workers Broke Up Protest on Wall Street—1970**
- ▶ **Native Americans Surrendered at Wounded Knee—1973**

### 9 WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **National School Nurse Day**  
<http://www.nasn.org>
- ▶ **Birthday of John Brown—1800-1859**
- ▶ **Birthday of Belle Boyd—1843-1900**
- ▶ **Birthday of Howard Carter—1873-1939**
- ▶ **Birthday of Henry Kaiser—1882-1967**
- ▶ **Admiral Byrd Flew to North Pole—1926**
- ▶ **European Common Market Announced—1950**
- ▶ **Newton Minow Speech on Television as "Next Wasteland"—1961**

### 10 THURSDAY

- ▶ **Birthday of the Buddha (Day of Vesak)**
- ▶ **World Lupus Day**  
<http://www.worldlupusday.org>
- ▶ **Birthday of George Ross—1730-1779**
- ▶ **Birthday of Robert Gray—1755-1806**
- ▶ **Louis XVI Ascended Throne of France—1774**
- ▶ **Fort Ticonderoga Taken by Ethan Allen—1775**
- ▶ **Second Continental Congress Convened—1775**

In 1976, Congress issued a Declaration of Independence and designed the Articles of

Confederation, which established the United States of America. Later the U.S. Constitution was written to replace the Articles of Confederation. Two books are available to help students better understand the U.S. government and constitution (Barrons, 2012; 2nd editions): *How the U.S. Government Works* and *The U.S. Constitution and You*. Grades 3-8.

- ▶ **Death of George Vancouver—1798**
- ▶ **Birthday of John Wilkes Booth—1838-1865**
- ▶ **Riot outside Astor Place Opera House—1849**
- ▶ **Birthday of Sir Thomas Lipton—1850-1931**
- ▶ **Jefferson Davis Captured—1865**
- ▶ **Golden Spike Day—1869**
- ▶ **Birthday of Karl Barth—1886-1968**
- ▶ **First Woman to Run for U.S. Presidency—1872**
- ▶ **First Mother's Day Celebration in Grafton, WV, and Philadelphia—1908**
- ▶ **J. Edgar Hoover Became FBI Director—1924**
- ▶ **Nazis Staged Book Burning—1933**
- ▶ **Churchill Formed New Government—1940**
- ▶ **Manassas National Battlefield Park Established—1940**
- ▶ **First Submarine Circumnavigation of Globe—1960**
- ▶ **Preliminary Vietnam Peace Talks Began—1968**
- ▶ **Nelson Mandela Inaugurated—1994**

### 11 FRIDAY

- ▶ **Military Spouse Appreciation Day**
- ▶ **Constantinople Became Capital of Roman Empire—330**
- ▶ **Birthday of Johann Blumenbach—1752-1840**
- ▶ **Birthday of George Scranton—1811-1861**
- ▶ **Birthday of Dhang and Eng Bunker—1811-1874**
- ▶ **Birthday of Charles Warren Fairbanks—1852-1918**
- ▶ **Birthday of Otto Mergenthaler—1854-1899**
- ▶ **Minnesota Admitted to Union—1858**
- ▶ ***Merrimac* Destroyed—1862**
- ▶ **Birthday of Alice Wellman—1900-1984**
- ▶ **Glacier National Park Established—1910**
- ▶ **20-Ton Meteor Fell near Blackstone, VA—1922**
- ▶ **Israel Admitted to United Nations—1949**
- ▶ **Russell Cave National Monument Established—1961**

## MAY 13-19 Reading Is Fun Week

<http://www.rif.org>  
It is "Get Caught Reading Month," so be sure to collect lots of pictures of students, teachers, and families reading—post them on the school library website and print pictures to add to the monthly bulletin board. Remember "A picture is worth a thousand words," so use photos to tell the school library story whenever possible. Prof.



### MAY 13-19

- ▶ Mother's Day (May 13)
- ▶ National Etiquette Week (May 14-18)
- ▶ National Running and Fitness Week (May 13-19)  
<http://www.americanrunning.org>
- ▶ National Transportation Week (May 13-19)  
[http://www.ndtahq.com/events\\_national\\_trans\\_week.htm](http://www.ndtahq.com/events_national_trans_week.htm)
- ▶ Police Week (May 13-19)  
<http://www.policeweek.org/>
- ▶ World Trade Week (May 14-25)  
<http://www.worldtradeweeknyc.org/>

### 14 MONDAY

- ▶ International Migratory Bird Day
- ▶ Underground America Day
- ▶ Settlement of Jamestown—1607
- ▶ Birthday of Gabriel Daniel Fahrenheit—1686-1736
- ▶ Birthday of Thomas Gainsborough—1727-1788
- ▶ Spanish Land Expedition Arrived in San Diego—1769
- ▶ Birthday of Robert Owen—1771-1858
- ▶ U. S. Constitution Drafted—1787
- ▶ First Smallpox Vaccination—1796
- ▶ Tripoli Declared War on U. S.—1801
- ▶ Lewis and Clark Began Expedition—1804
- ▶ "The Stars and Stripes Forever" Day—1897
- ▶ Carlsbad National Park Established—1930
- ▶ Birthday of Richard John Neuhaus—1936-
- ▶ League of Nations Recognized Neutrality of Switzerland—1938
- ▶ Women Eligible to Enlist in Women's Auxilliary Army—1942
- ▶ Birthday of Byron L. Dorgan—1942-
- ▶ Birthday of Jim Folsom, Jr.—1949-
- ▶ First Real Female Page in U. S. House—1973
- ▶ Skylab 1 Launched—1973
- ▶ Soyuz 40 Launched—1981

### 15 TUESDAY

- ▶ Eastern Pacific Hurricane Season (May 15-November 30)
- ▶ Peace Officer Memorial Day

- ▶ United Nations International Day of Families
- ▶ Birthday of James Gadsden—1788-1858
- ▶ Paraguay: Independence Day—1811
- ▶ Slave Trade Act Signed—1820
- ▶ Birthday of Elie Metchnikoff—1845-1916
- ▶ Birthday of Pierre Curie—1859-1906
- ▶ Birthday of Ellen Louise Axson Wilson—1860-1914
- ▶ Birthday of Arthur Schnitzler—1862-1931
- ▶ Birthday of Katherine Anne Porter—1890-1980
- ▶ Birthday of Richard Daley—1902-1976
- ▶ Birthday of Richard Avedon—1923-2004
- ▶ First Airline Flight Attendant Hired—1930
- ▶ First Oceanarium Opened—1937
- ▶ Nylon Stockings First Sold—1940
- ▶ Gasoline Rationed—1942
- ▶ Faith 7 Launched—1963
- ▶ Nez Perce National Historical Park Established—1965
- ▶ Governor Wallace Shot—1972

### 16 WEDNESDAY

- ▶ Biographers Day
- ▶ Birthday of William Henry Seward—1801-1872
- ▶ Birthday of Elizabeth Palmer Peabody—1804-1894
- ▶ Birthday of Levi Parsons Morton—1824-1920
- ▶ Birthday of Philip D. Armour—1832-1901
- ▶ Butler Issued the "Woman Order"—1862
- ▶ Battle of Champion's Hill—1863
- ▶ Battle of Drewry's Bluff—1864
- ▶ Authorization of U.S. Nickel Coin—1866
- ▶ Birthday of Woody Herman—1913-1987
- ▶ First Academy Awards—1929
- ▶ Food Stamps Introduced—1939
- ▶ First Woman Climbed Mt. Everest—1975

### 17 THURSDAY

- ▶ Birthday of Edward Jennifer—1749-1823
- ▶ New York Stock Exchange Organized—1792
- ▶ First Kentucky Derby—1875
- ▶ Birthday of Joel Elias Spingarn—1875-1939
- ▶ Birthday of James Bell—1903-1991
- ▶ Nazis Occupied Brussels, Belgium—1940
- ▶ Truman Seized Control of U.S. Railroads—1946
- ▶ Supreme Court Decided *Brown v. Board*



## MAY 17 United Nations: World Telecommunication and Information Society Day

<http://www.un.org>

Be sure to share with classroom teachers the ALSC's Great Websites for Kids (relaunched with a fresh new design: <http://ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pr.cfm?id=8933>) and the AASL Best Websites for Teaching and Learning (<http://www.ala.org/aasl/guidelinesandstandards/bestlist/bestwebsites25>). Prof.

## MAY 18 International Museum Day

<http://icom.museum/imd.html>

Work with classroom teachers to launch a project for students to research and understand different types of museums.

Have students choose from a list of museums to investigate

and then create a promotional statement that conveys the focus of the museum, its mission, and why people should visit the museum. Grades 5-9.



*of Education, Topeka, KS—1954*

- ▶ Watergate Committee Began Hearings—1973
- ▶ USS Stark Attacked—1987
- ▶ First U.S. Same-Sex Marriages—2004

### 18 FRIDAY

- ▶ International Virtual Assistants Day
- ▶ National Bike to Work Day
- ▶ National Defense Transportation Day
- ▶ National Pizza Party Day
- ▶ Birthday of Czar Nicholas II of Russia—1868-1918
- ▶ Birthday of Meredith Wilson—1902-1984
- ▶ Selective Service Act Signed—1917
- ▶ Birthday of Margot Fonteyn—1919-1991
- ▶ Birthday of Pope John Paul II—1920-2005
- ▶ Monte Casino Captured—1944
- ▶ Apollo 10 Launched—1969
- ▶ Mt. St. Helens Eruption—1980
- ▶ Gertrude Belle Elion: First Woman Inducted into National Inventors Hall of Fame—1991
- ▶ Armed Forces Day (Saturday, May 19)

## MAY 20-26

- ▶ National Backyard Games Week (May 21-28)  
<http://www.patchproducts.com>
- ▶ World Trade Week (May 20-26)

### 21 MONDAY

- ▶ Belgium: Procession of the Holy Blood
- ▶ Hundred Years War Began—1369
- ▶ Birthday of Albrecht Dürer—1471-1528
- ▶ Birthday of Elizabeth Gurney Fry—1780-1845
- ▶ First Democratic National Convention—1832
- ▶ Birthday of Leon Rousseau—1851-1925
- ▶ Birthday of Glenn Hammond Curtiss—1878-1930
- ▶ American Red Cross Founded—1881
- ▶ Birthday of Armand Hammer—1898-1990
- ▶ Lindbergh Completed First Nonstop Flight, New York to Paris—1927
- ▶ Theodore Roosevelt Island Established—1932
- ▶ Pieta Attacked—1972
- ▶ Families Evacuated from Love Canal—1980
- ▶ Rajiv Gandhi Assassinated—1991

### 22 TUESDAY

- ▶ Birthday of William Sturgeon—1783-1850
- ▶ Birthday of Richard Wagner—1813-1883
- ▶ First Steamboat Crossing of Atlantic—1819
- ▶ Birthday of Mary Cassatt—1844-1926
- ▶ Crater Lake National Park Established—1902
- ▶ Great Smoky Mountains National Park Established—1926
- ▶ Shenandoah National Park Established—1926
- ▶ Truman Doctrine Enacted—1947
- ▶ Nixon Visited Moscow—1972

### 23 WEDNESDAY

- ▶ International World Turtle Day  
<http://www.tortoise.com>
- ▶ Birthday of Carl von Linné—1707-1778

- ▶ Birthday of Friedrich Anton Mesmer—1734-1815
- ▶ South Carolina Ratified Constitution—1788
- ▶ Birthday of Margaret Fuller—1810-1850
- ▶ Birthday of Arabella Mansfield—1846-1870
- ▶ New York Public Library Incorporated—1895
- ▶ William Carney Received Congressional Medal of Honor—1900
- ▶ Birthday of Max Abramovitz—1908-2004
- ▶ Harry S. Truman National Historic Site Established—1983
- ▶ U.S. Supreme Court Upheld Ban on Abortion Counseling—1991

### 24 THURSDAY

- ▶ Birthday of William Gilbert—1544-1603
- ▶ Birthday of Queen Victoria—1819-1901
- ▶ First Passenger Railroad Service—1830
- ▶ Samuel Morse Sent Code over Wires—1844
- ▶ Brooklyn Bridge Opened—1883
- ▶ Birthday of Edward Mannoock—1887-1918

- ▶ Birthday of Samuel I. Newhouse—1895-1979
- ▶ Birthday of Wilbur Mills—1909-1992
- ▶ Colorado National Monument Established—1911
- ▶ *Bismarck* Sank the *Hood*—1941
- ▶ United Press International Formed—1958
- ▶ *Aurora 7* Mercury Space Capsule Launched—1962
- ▶ Kremlin Ousted Nikolai Podgorny from Politburo—1977
- ▶ Niobrara National Scenic River Established—1991

### 25 FRIDAY

- ▶ National Missing Children's Day  
<http://www.childfindofamerica.org>
- ▶ Constitutional Convention Convened—1787
- ▶ Birthday of Philip Murray—1886-1952
- ▶ Birthday of Igor Sikorsky—1889-1972
- ▶ Birthday of Josip Broz (Tito)—1892-1980
- ▶ Mammoth Cave National Park Established—1926
- ▶ *Skylab 2* Launched—1973
- ▶ Shavuot (Sundown, May 26)

## MAY 22

### National Geographic Bee Finals (May 22-24)

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geographicbee>  
To spark local interest in geography and to focus on the intent of the NGB, "...to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the subject, and increase public awareness about geography," introduce students to geology and geography with the book series from Nomad Press: *Geology of the Great Plains and Mountain West*, *Geology of the Pacific Northwest*, *Geology of the Desert Southwest*, and *Geology of the Eastern Coast*. Each book is packed with information and project ideas. Grades 4-8.



## MAY 27-31

- ▶ Pentecost (Sunday, May 27)

### 28 MONDAY

- ▶ Memorial Day
- ▶ Birthday of Joseph Guillotin—1738-1814
- ▶ First Engagement of French and Indian War, Green Meadow—1754
- ▶ Birthday of William Pitt, the Younger—1759-1806
- ▶ Birthday of Jean Louis Rodolphe Agassiz—1807-1873
- ▶ Sierra Club Founded—1892
- ▶ Amnesty International Founded—1961
- ▶ Mars 3 Launched—1971

### 29 TUESDAY

- ▶ "Virginia Plan" Proposed at Constitutional Convention—1787
- ▶ Rhode Island Ratified the Constitution—1790
- ▶ Wisconsin Admitted to Union—1848

- ▶ Andrew Johnson Granted Amnesty to Southern Rebels—1865
- ▶ Official Flag of the U. S. President Adopted—1916
- ▶ Fort Washington Park Established—1930
- ▶ Mt. Everest Summit First Reached—1953
- ▶ Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Established—1963
- ▶ "Truth in Lending" Act Signed into Law—1968
- ▶ Nixon and Brezhnev Issued Joint Communiqué—1972
- ▶ Birthday of Patrick Henry—1736-1799
- ▶ Birthday of Charles Mozley—1914-1991
- ▶ Birthday of John F. Kennedy—1917-1963

### 30 WEDNESDAY

- ▶ Kansas and Nebraska Territories Established—1854
- ▶ Hall of Fame for Great Americans Dedicated—1901
- ▶ Rainbow Bridge National Monument

- ▶ Established—1910
- ▶ Lincoln Memorial Dedicated—1922
- ▶ Unidentified Soldiers (WWII & Korea) Buried at Arlington—1958
- ▶ Papal Letter Denying Women Ordination into Priesthood—1994
- ▶ Birthday of Peter the Great (Russia)—1672-1725
- ▶ Birthday of Dorothy L. H. W. Eustis—1886-1946

### 31 THURSDAY

- ▶ American Continental Army Established—1775
- ▶ Birthday of William Mayo—1819-1911
- ▶ Birthday of Pope Pious XI—1857-1939
- ▶ Johnstown Flood—1889
- ▶ Seventeenth Amendment Ratified—1913
- ▶ Pipe Spring National Monument Established—1923
- ▶ Birthday of Patricia Roberts Harris—1924-1985