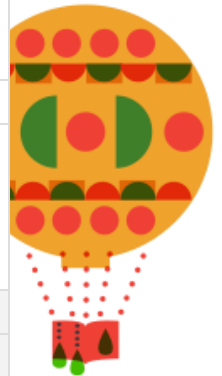
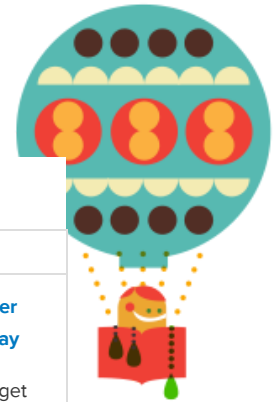


July 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Canada Day Canada celebrates becoming a country.	2 World UFO Day Are UFO's real? Read a funny book about UFO's and doughnuts!	3 Observe the birds and bugs in your neighborhood.	4 Independence Day Fireworks, parades, and picnics!	5 Visit a playground and make some new friends!	6 July is hot, but how else could you describe it? Try a poem!	7 Father Daughter Take A Walk Day Bond, create memories and get exercise.
8 Math 2.0 Day Celebrate the perfect pair- Math and Technology.	9 Sugar Cookie Day Books are like cookies, you can't read just one!	10 Teddy Bear Picnic Day Grab your favorite teddy and have a picnic outside!	11 World Population Day How many people are on the Earth?	12 Paper Bag Day How many uses can you think of for a paper bag?	13 Lights, Camera, Action! Act out a book!	14 Bastille Day Celebrate the start of the French Revolution!
15 National Ice Cream Day I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!	16 Lend a helping hand to someone in need.	17 Create art that's perfectly imperfect.	18 Celebrate author Ashley Spires's Birthday!	19 Play Summer Fun Tic-Tac-Toe.	20 Space Exploration Day Can you Moon Walk across the floor?	21 National Junk Food Day Don't forget the saying "you are what you eat!"
22 Parents' Day Spend time with your parents or someone who cares for you.	23 Plan and go on a family booknic.	24 Amelia Earhart Day Challenge a friend to a paper airplane flying contest.	25 Culinarians Day Get in the kitchen and cook!	26 Celebrate author Jan Berenstain's birthday!	27 Tonight is a full moon, go outside and see for yourself!	28 Milk Chocolate Day What would you do with a lifetime supply of chocolate?
29 Try something new like coding!	30 International Friendship Day Connect with an old friend!	31 Celebrate author J.K. Rowling's birthday!				

July 1, 2018**Sunday**

- Canada Day

Our neighboring country to the north—Canada—celebrates Canada Day on July 1st. On that day in 1867, Canada became a country; however it wasn't until 1982 when they actually gained complete independence from Great Britain. That was over 115 years later! Learn about Canada by reading the story, *Lewis the Duck*! Take a tour of Canada with Lewis by checking out the eBook and other resource activities. Then give Lewis a tour of your neighborhood. Take a walk and point out the spots you think he would like to see.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/lewis-duck-goes-canada>

July 2, 2018**Monday**

- World UFO Day

Check out this fiction book about Arnie the Doughnut. His town is being taken over by Aliens who look like Arnie! Will he be able to save his town and himself? Then try to create your own UFO. Ask a grown up to help you find various items around your house that might fly when you throw them. Take them outside and test them out—what object stays up the longest or goes the furthest?

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/invasion-ufonuts-adventures-arnie-doughnut>

July 3, 2018**Tuesday**

- *Summer Birds: The Butterflies of Maria Merian* by Margarita Engle, is about a young girl named Maria who is fascinated with observing birds and bugs. She loves to learn about them by observing and drawing pictures of them. Check out this book and activities. Then go outside and find some birds and bugs to observe and draw.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/summer-birds-butterflies-maria-merian>

July 4, 2018**Wednesday**

- Independence Day

Have you heard of the phrase “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness”? It is a famous saying that came from our Declaration of Independence that was signed on this day in 1776 declaring that the 13 colonies were no longer under British rule. Today, the 4th of July is celebrated with fireworks, parades, and picnics all over the United States. Spend some time reading the Declaration of Independence with an adult and talk about why this document was so special. Then try visiting a historical landmark to learn more about countries history. Check out the book, *Days to Celebrate*, by Lee Bennett Hopkins at your public library. Don't forget to check out the activities that go along with the book.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/days-celebrate>

July 5, 2018**Thursday**

- Today is a great day for finding a new friend. Even if you don't think you have anything in common, try playing and finding out what you do have in common. In the book *Bein' with You This Way* by W. Nikola-Lisa, the children on the playground see that they have more in common than their outward differences. To learn more about this book and some fun activities that go along with it, click on the View Resources button.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/bein-you-way>

July 6, 2018**Friday**

- Poems are a great way for expressing your thoughts and feelings as well as describing something. Visit your library to check out the book *Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems* by Paul B. Janeczko. The book is full of short poems that describe special elements of each season throughout the year. Also, click on the View Guides button to access the Firefly July Guide for Parents and Families. It provides hands-on activities and ideas for extension projects using materials found at home.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/firefly-july-year-very-short-poems>

July 7, 2018

Saturday

- Father Daughter Take a Walk Day

This holiday was created to promote bonding and fitness. Think of other ways you can get fit with family and friends. Then read the book *Oh, The Things You Can Do That Are Good For You* by Tish Rabe. This twist on a Dr. Seuss classic gets you thinking about the many ways you can be healthy. Encourage your family and friends to try something new with you. Then check out some of the activities that go along with the book.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/oh-things-you-can-do-are-good-you>

July 8, 2018

Sunday

- Math 2.0 Day

Math 2.0 Day celebrates the importance of math on the technology world we live in. Watch the interview with author, Marina Umaschi Bers. Children of all ages can dive into the world of coding, which involves math and technology!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/coding-playground-programming-and-computational-thinking-early-childhood>

July 9, 2018

Monday

- Sugar Cookie Day

Sugar cookies are believed to have been created in Pennsylvania in the mid 1700's. This yummy treat has stood the test of time and is still popular today. Bake a batch of cookies with an adult. Whatever you do, don't share them with your pets because if you give your pet a cookie, crazy things could happen. Check out the read aloud activity for *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroff and see what happens when Mouse was given a cookie. Then indulge in more books, because I bet you can't read just one!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/if-you-give-mouse-cookie>

July 10, 2018

Tuesday

- Teddy Bear Picnic Day

Get outside and enjoy a picnic and outdoor games with your favorite toy bear. If you need some ideas of activities to do, check out the book *Nat Geo Kids Get Outside* by Nancy Honovich and Julie Beer. This book is filled with outdoor activities and ideas. Try some fun online puzzles that go with the book too!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/nat-geo-kids-get-outside>

July 11, 2018

Wednesday

- World Population Day

World Population Day is meant to bring awareness to global population issues. It's important to think about how we can take care of an ever increasing population number with the limited Earth resources available. Take a picture walk to see how other kids live all over the world by reading *One World, One Day* by Barbara Kerley. Then try out some of the activities and resources that go along with the book to see what you can do to help others and our Earth.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/one-world-one-day>

July 12, 2018

Thursday

- Paper Bag Day

Reusing paper bags is one way to help our planet. To learn more ways, read the book and watch the musical sing-along, *10 Things I Can Do to Help My World* by Melanie Walsh. Check out the puzzles and activities that go along with the book too!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/10-things-i-can-do-help-my-world>

July 13, 2018

Friday

- Gather your friends and favorite books. Take turns acting out a book and see if your friends can figure out which book you were acting out. If you need some ideas of well known books, click on the View Books button.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=classics>

July 14, 2018

Saturday

- Bastille Day

This day was the start of the French Revolution in 1789. The French celebrate it much like Americans celebrate Independence Day! Celebrate by reading some fiction books that take place in France!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=french>

July 15, 2018

Sunday

- National Ice Cream Day

Ice cream is the perfect treat for a warm summer day. Did you know ice cream can actually help you learn things too? See for yourself by reading about Joe in the book, *Ice Cream Summer* by Peter Sis. Don't forget to try some of the activities that go along with the book. Then ask an adult to help you make your own homemade ice cream! If you don't have your own recipe, try finding one online.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/ice-cream-summer>

July 16, 2018

Monday

- Create a list of ways you can help your family and neighbors. Sometimes the smallest acts of kindness can have the biggest impact. If you need some ideas, check out the resources for the book *Lend a Hand: Poems About Giving* by John Frank. Start helping someone today!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/lend-hand-poems-about-giving>

July 17, 2018

Tuesday

- Art can be anything that someone creates. Take some time to creating your own masterpieces and be proud of your creations. In the book *Ish* by Peter H. Reynolds, Ramon is an artist who loves making art and knows how it feels to have someone dislike his masterpieces. Check out the resources, including a read aloud of the book, to learn more about making art perfectly imperfect and being okay with it just like Ramon!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/ish>

July 18, 2018

Wednesday

- Check out the resources for Ashley Spires's book. You'll find fun activities and puzzles that go along with the book and learn the important lesson that making mistakes can be an important part of learning.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/most-magnificent-thing>

July 19, 2018

Thursday

- Grab a friend and use the Summer Fun Activities sheet as a Tic-Tac-Toe Board. In order to put your X or O on the space, you must complete the activity for the box. See if you can win the game by completing 3 activities in a row!

https://www.rif.org/sites/default/files/Support_Materials/Summer-Fun.pdf

July 20, 2018

Friday

- Space Exploration Day

Celebrate all things space on Space Exploration Day. There have been incredible achievements in space exploration and it has impacted our culture. We even have fun dance moves, amazing movies and clothing that reflects space achievements! Reading both fiction and nonfiction books about space can be a great way to celebrate the day. Check out the resources for books, activities and games all about space!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=space+exploration>

July 21, 2018

Saturday

- National Junk Food Day

National Junk Food Day celebrates the tasty treats that should be limited in your diet. It's okay to have those sweet and salty snacks once and awhile but they should be limited to maintain a healthy body. Visit your library and read the book *Why Should I Eat Well?* by Claire Llewellyn, to learn about the importance of healthy eating. Then try the puzzles that go along with the book!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/why-should-i-eat-well>

July 22, 2018

Sunday

- Parents' Day

This day is meant to be spent with your parents or special adults who have made a positive impact on your life. Try reading some stories together, take a walk or play some games! Remember all families are different and special!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/all-families-are-special>

July 23, 2018

Monday

- Create a menu and book list to share together, then eat and read!

https://www.rif.org/sites/default/files/Support_Materials/ReadingAloud.pdf

July 24, 2018

Tuesday

- Amelia Earhart Day

Check out this book about Amelia and other great women who had amazing accomplishments, *Amelia To Zora: Twenty-Six Women Who Changed The World* by Cynthia Chin-Lee. Then have a paper airplane flying contest with family and friends. Who can get their airplane to go the furthest?

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/amelia-zora-twenty-six-women-who-changed-world>

July 25, 2018

Wednesday

- Culinaricians Day

This is a day celebrating the people who cook us yummy meals. Even if you aren't a chef, you can still make a yummy meal. Try out a new recipe and share it with your family and friends. If you need some recipe inspiration, try these Dr. Seuss inspired recipes.

https://www.rif.org/sites/default/files/Support_Materials/GreenEggs-Recipe.pdf

July 26, 2018

Thursday

- Jan and her husband Stan are known for writing hundreds of books about a bear family called *The Berenstain Bears*. Celebrate Jan's birthday by reading about the bear family and playing some games and puzzles.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=Berenstain>

July 27, 2018

Friday

- Check out the resources for, *A Full Moon Is Rising* by Marilyn Singeran. You can find activities, guiding questions, links to books read aloud by the author and so much more!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/full-moon-rising>

July 28, 2018

Saturday

- Milk Chocolate Day

Milk chocolate is a common ingredient used in candy bars and any baked treat. Can you imagine winning a lifetime supply of chocolate like Charlie did in the Roald Dahl book, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*? Today, indulge in something chocolaty and try some of the activities, quizzes and games that go along with the book.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/charlie-and-chocolate-factory>

July 29, 2018

Sunday

- Scratch is a coding game that is a lot of fun! Need help getting started? Check out the resources and tutorials to learn how to create your own video game on Scratch using coding!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/coding-games-scratch>

July 30, 2018

Monday

- International Friendship Day

Take some time today to reach out to an old friend you haven't seen in awhile. Frog and Toad are a great example of a long lasting friendship. With your friend check out the resources for *Frog and Toad are Friends* by by Arnold Lobel. In this story, Frog and Toad travel down memory lane and recount the fun adventures they've had in their friendship. Then spend time with your friend talking about some of the memories you have together and make plans for future adventures to go on!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/frog-and-toad-are-friends>

July 31, 2018

Tuesday

- Find your wand and read your favorite *Harry Potter* book to celebrate J.K. Rowling's birthday! Check out all the resources including; games, discussion guides, videos, and activities that go along with this amazing series!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=Harry%20Potter>