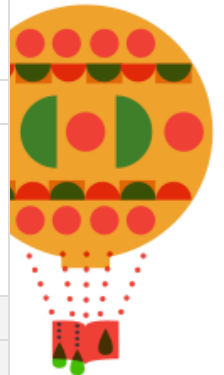
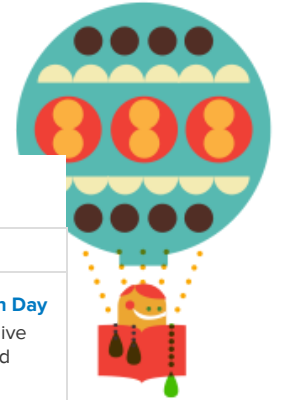


# August 2018



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|   |   |  | 1<br>Visit the library and select books to read for the month.                        | 2<br>Become a superhero in your own comic book story!  | 3<br><b>National Watermelon Day</b><br>Can a watermelon seed grow in your belly?            | 4<br><b>National Clown Day</b><br>Dress up and give your friends and family a laugh!           |
| 5<br>Volunteer to read today to a younger sibling or friend.    | 6<br><b>National Fresh Breath Day</b><br>Brush up on some brushing tips                                       | 7<br>Practice your letter writing skills.                    | 8<br><b>International Cat Day</b><br>Visit a local cat shelter and volunteer to help. | 9<br><b>Book Lovers Day</b><br>Pick up a book or two and spend the day reading!              | 10<br><b>National S'mores Day</b><br>Can you write a perfect S'mores recipe?                | 11<br>Dive into a different genre!   |
| 12<br>Become a weather forecaster!                              | 13<br><b>International Left Handers Day!</b><br>Use your left hand and read about the ship, Left-Handed Fate. | 14<br>Grab a flashlight and find a dark place to read today. | 15<br>Back to School!<br>Read to get ready!   | 16<br><b>National Tell A Joke Day</b><br>Read a joke book and share some jokes with friends! | 17<br>Which is better the book or the movie? You decide.                                    | 18<br><b>World Honeybee Day</b><br>Build a hive and read about how you can help save the bees! |
| 19<br><b>Photography Day</b><br>Tell a story using only images! | 20<br><b>National Radio Day</b><br>Read about Nikola Tesla and the radio.                                     | 21<br>Celebrate Hawaii and read about volcanoes!             | 22<br><b>National Tooth Fairy Day</b><br>Look in the mirror and count your teeth.     | 23<br>Celebrate author Melvin Berger's Birthday!   | 24<br>Illustrate a scene from a book you are reading  | 25<br>Take a science field trip!   |
| 26<br><b>National Dog Day</b><br>Read a book to your dog!       | 27<br>Read with a friend and make origami butterflies   | 28<br>Celebrate author Allen Say's Birthday!                 | 29<br>Visit another country by reading a book!  | 30<br>Read a nonfiction book and learn something new!  | 31<br><b>National Eat Outside Day</b><br>Grab a snack, your favorite book and head outside! |  |

**August 1, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- The last month of summer is here. It's time to think about what books you want to read before summer ends. Visit your library today and check them out. Then try out the puzzle creator and make puzzles to go along with some of the books you've borrowed.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/puzzle-creator>

**August 2, 2018**

**Thursday**

- You are the superhero! What would your special power be? Create a comic strip about something that happened to you this summer. You can embellish the story by adding some fictional details and elements so it's fit for a superhero like you! If you need some inspiration, be sure to check out *Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures* by Kate DiCamillo. This story is written in comic book style and gives "normal" characters superpowers! Don't forget to check out the games that go along with the book!  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/flora-ulysses-illuminated-adventures>

**August 3, 2018**

**Friday**

- National Watermelon Day  
 Enjoy a slice of the juicy fruit today. Estimate how many seeds are in your melon, then count to find out. Then read the book *Plants We Eat* by Christine Petersen, to find more about the plants we eat and if a watermelon seed could really grow in your belly.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/plants-we-eat>

**August 4, 2018**

**Saturday**

- National Clown Day  
 Celebrate National Clown Day by dressing up like a clown. Then put on a show with silly skits and your best jokes. If you need some new jokes, visit your library and check out the book *More Laugh-Out-Loud Jokes for Kids* by Elliott and Rob.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/more-laugh-out-loud-jokes-kids>

**August 5, 2018**

**Sunday**

- Reading to younger kids is a great way to bond with them and inspire them to become a reader too! Try getting them involved in reading the story by asking them questions about the pictures. Check out the View Resources button for some great suggestions of fun animal books to read with younger kids.  
[https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?field\\_themes=All&type=All&f%5B0%5D=supported\\_grades%3A243&f%5B1%5D=supported\\_grades%3A71&f%5B2%5D=field\\_genres%3A2249](https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?field_themes=All&type=All&f%5B0%5D=supported_grades%3A243&f%5B1%5D=supported_grades%3A71&f%5B2%5D=field_genres%3A2249)

**August 6, 2018**

**Monday**

- National Fresh Breath Day  
 Practice makes perfect and a few new tips can help too. It's no secret that brushing your teeth helps keep your breath fresh. Visit the library and read the book *The Tooth Book: A Guide To Healthy Teeth And Gums* by Edward Miller to learn helpful tips to get fresh breath! Then check out the games that go along with this book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/tooth-book-guide-healthy-teeth-and-gums>

**August 7, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- Write a letter to friend or relative that lives far away. Tell them how your summer has been. If you can't think of anyone, you could try writing a letter to a celebrity! In the book *Dear Hank William* by Holt and Kimberly Willis, Kate wrote to her favorite country music singer. Check out this book at your local library and try out some fun games that go with the book by clicking View Resources.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/dear-hank-williams>

**August 8, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- International Cat Day  
 Cats make great pets! Celebrate cats on International Cat day by helping at a shelter and reading your favorite cat book. If you need a fun book suggestion, try *Romeow & Drooliet* by Nina Laden. You can watch a read aloud of the book and try some fun activities in the Teacher Guide.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/romeow-drooliet>

**August 9, 2018**

**Thursday**

- Book Lovers Day

Celebrate your love of reading by picking up some new books at the library and reading! If you need a book suggestion try, *The Boy Who Loved Words* by Roni Schotter. The main character in the story loves words and realizes that writing poems is a great way to share the words he loves. Don't forget to try out the fun activities and games about the book! You'll love this story and get to learn some cool new words too!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/boy-who-loved-words>

**August 10, 2018**

**Friday**

- National S'mores Day

Write out specific directions for making s'mores then try and follow them. Did you leave anything out? Can you think of a way to make the recipe better or give it your own twist? Chocolate is a main ingredient in this tasty treat. Be careful not to eat too much or you could end up like Henry in *Chocolate Fever* by Robert Kimmel Smith.

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

**August 11, 2018**

**Saturday**

- Choose at least one new genre to read this month. Will it be a biography, science fiction or fantasy? Interested in a biography? Try *Rachel Carson and Her Book That Changed the World* by Laurie Lawlor. This award winning story tells how Rachel Carson's book created an environmental movement! Then check out the games and activities that go with the book and might inspire you to get involved in helping the environment!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/rachel-carson-and-her-book-changed-world>

**August 12, 2018**

**Sunday**

- Make a prediction about today's weather. Don't forget to look for clues in the clouds! Check out the book *Clouds* by Anne Rockwell. You'll learn how to identify types of clouds and the type of weather that is associated with them.

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

**August 13, 2018**

**Monday**

- International Left Handers Day!  
 Left Handers are people who use their left hand to write. They face unique challenges living in a right handed world. Celebrate someone you know who is left handed. If you are left handed, celebrate yourself! Then stick with the left handed theme and check out this book, *Left Handed Fate* by Milford and Kate. It's about a famous privateer ship and it's mission to end a war.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/left-handed-fate>

**August 14, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- In 2003, the Northeast US went dark. Read *Blackout* by John Rocco. What would you do if the power failed?  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/blackout>

**August 15, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- If you aren't back in school yet, you will be soon! Set a reading goal for yourself for each day, week and the year. "The more you read, the more you know. The more you know, the smarter you grow. The smarter you grow, the stronger your voice, when speaking your mind or making your choice." — National Library Week. Also, check out the resources for the book *More Than Anything Else* by Marie Bradby. The story is about a boy and his desire to learn to read and the power he finds within the words.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/more-anything-else>

**August 16, 2018**

**Thursday**

- National Tell a Joke Day  
 Today is the day to laugh out loud! Visit your library to brush up on the latest jokes. Tell the jokes to family and friends and see how long you can keep them laughing! If you need a book recommendation, try *Clifford's Riddles* by Norman Bridwell. Then try some of the activities and games that go along with the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/cliffords-riddles>

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| <p><b>August 17, 2018</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Friday</b></span></p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Many of the movies you've seen are based off a book. Try reading a book then seeing the movie. Which did you like better? Check out the View Resources button to see some trailers for movies that were made after a book.<br/> <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=movie&amp;f%5B0%5D=field_support_type%3A935">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=movie&amp;f%5B0%5D=field_support_type%3A935</a></li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>August 18, 2018</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Saturday</b></span></p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● World Honeybee Day<br/>           Celebrate the important role honeybees have in our world. Read the book, <i>The Honeybee Man</i> by Lela Nargi. Then try the Bee Hive Builders handout to learn how to make your own bee hive. Don't forget to check out the games and other fun activities that go along with the book!<br/> <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/honeybee-man">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/honeybee-man</a></li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>August 19, 2018</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Sunday</b></span></p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Photography Day<br/>           Use your artist skills and create a book with only images, like the book <i>Flotsam</i> by David Wiesner. View the trailer and games that go along with the book to help inspire your story in images.<br/> <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/flotsam">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/flotsam</a></li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>August 20, 2018</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Monday</b></span></p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● National Radio Day<br/>           Visit your library and read about Nikola Tesla, the inventor of the radio. Look for the book, <i>Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit Up the World</i> by Elizabeth Rusch, to see the many inventions he created that have changed our world. Then make sure you try the games, activities and guides to take your learning about Tesla and the radio even further!<br/> <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/electrical-wizard-how-nikola-tesla-lit-world">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/electrical-wizard-how-nikola-tesla-lit-world</a></li> </ul> |

**August 21, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- Hawaii became the 50th state on this day in 1959. Celebrate this big day in Hawaii's history by reading and learning about volcanoes. The islands of Hawaii were created by volcanoes long ago. Check out the book *Volcano Rising* by Elizabeth Rusch at your local library. Then check out the cool STEM activities and games that support the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/volcano-rising>

**August 22, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- National Tooth Fairy Day  
Losing teeth is something that happens to humans and animals! Thankfully the tooth fairy takes care of the old teeth that have been lost and are no longer needed. How many teeth do you have right now? Find out how Clifford the Big Red dog handles losing a tooth. Visit your library and read the book, *Clifford's Loose Tooth* by Wendy Cheyette Lewison and Norman Bridwell. Then try some fun games that support the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/cliffords-loose-tooth>

**August 23, 2018**

**Thursday**

- Check out some of the awesome books written by Melvin Berger. This is a great way to honor the author and celebrate his birthday. Check out all the resources that go with each of his books too!  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=Berger>

**August 24, 2018**

**Friday**

- Become an illustrator and draw a picture of what's happening in the book you are currently reading. If you need a book recommendation, try *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. Webb. The author uses great imagery making it easy for you to create a beautiful and detailed picture. You can also learn how to be a good friend with various activities and play games that relate to the book by checking out the resources!  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/charlottes-web>

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| <p><b>August 25, 2018</b></p>   | <p><b>Saturday</b></p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If you can't visit a local science center, try reading some fun science books! No one has more fun with Science than Miss Frizzle. Check out the collection of <i>The Magic School Bus</i> books by Joanna Cole and go on an exciting science filled field trip without leaving home!<br/> <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=the+magic+school+bus">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=the+magic+school+bus</a></li> </ul>  |                         |
| <p><b>August 26, 2018</b></p>   | <p><b>Sunday</b></p>    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● National Dog Day<br/>           Celebrate National Dog day by spending some quality time with your dog. If you don't have a dog, you can spend time reading to a stuffed dog friend! Reading out loud will help your fluency and build your confidence in reading and spending time with a friend always makes reading more fun. Check out this collection of stories that feature our four legged man's best friend, the dog!<br/> <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=Dogs">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=Dogs</a></li> </ul> |                         |
| <p><b>August 27, 2018</b></p>   | <p><b>Monday</b></p>    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Invite a friend, or even a new student at school over to your house to read together. The book, <i>One of Us</i> by Peggy Moss, is a great back to school story about a new girl who is trying to figure out where she fits in. Then with your friend, try making an origami butterfly! Look for the directions in the resource guides.<br/> <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/one-us">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/one-us</a></li> </ul>  |                         |
| <p><b>August 28, 2018</b></p>   | <p><b>Tuesday</b></p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Allen Say is known for incorporating elements of Japan, where he was born, into his stories. Click on the View Resources button to see a some of his books, games that support his books, guides for teachers and parents with suggestions for activities and even an interview with Allen!<br/> <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=allensay">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=allensay</a></li> </ul>  |                         |
| <p><b>August 29, 2018</b></p>   | <p><b>Wednesday</b></p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sometimes traveling around the world isn't an option, but you can always take a book trip! Where would you like to go? Need a suggestion, visit Cuba in <i>All the Way to Havana</i> by Margarita Engle. Try the fun games and activities that go along with the book too!<br/> <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/all-way-havana">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/all-way-havana</a></li> </ul>   |                         |



**August 30, 2018**

**Thursday**

- If you need a fun suggestion, try a book by Dianna Hutts Aston! She writes informational texts about nature. Try some of the fun activities and games that go along with her books too!

[https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=Dianna%20Hutts%20Aston&f%5B0%5D=supported\\_grades%3A71](https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=Dianna%20Hutts%20Aston&f%5B0%5D=supported_grades%3A71)

**August 31, 2018**

**Friday**

- National Eat Outside Day

It's the last day of August! Celebrate National Eat Outside Day by trying to eat all of your meals outside. Grab your favorite book and while your munching on your meals, your mind can consume some good stories too! Don't actually eat your books, or you'll end up like Henry in *The Incredible Book Eating Boy* by Oliver Jeffers. Click on the View Resources button to learn how to make your own pop-up for the book!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/incredible-book-eating-boy>