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**MONDAY SUNDAY** 

**TUESDAY** 

WEDNESDAY

Global Running Day: Head

outdoors for some relay

beat their personal best

races or challenge kids to

time in the 50-meter dash.

**THURSDAY** 

**FRIDAY** 

**SATURDAY** 

"Only the very best is good for children."

- Tomie dePaola

**Happy Book Birthday** 

to **Dear Librarian** by Lydia M. Sigwarth, illustrated by Romina Galotta.

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World Bicycle Day: Talk about bike safety

and conduct bike safety checks. Then take a ride around the neighborhood or to a park, the library, or the kids' school.

**National Zoo and Aquarium Month: Contact** a local zoo or aquarium to schedule an educational

event or browse the AZA's calendar of virtual events from organizations nationwide.

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**National Trails Day:** 

Visit the American Hiking **Society** to learn hiking basics and find trails near you. Then make your way to a great spot and read Hike by Pete Oswald together.

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**National Yo-Yo Day:** 

Can kids 'walk the dog' or 'shoot the moon'? Help them learn how to do these cool tricks and more on YoYoExpert.com.

**National Adopt a Shelter** Cat Month: Share Scooter 'r **Oaks: A Cat Adoption Story** 

by Phyllis Bartels and try some of the activities from the accompanying guide.

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World Oceans Day: Read The Brilliant Deep by Kate Messner, illustrated by Matthew Forsythe. Then have fun with Ocean Art for Kids from The Craft Classroom.

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**Great Outdoors Month:** 

Try one of 60 Outdoor **Games for Kids from Family** Fun Twin Cities, or try an activity like birdwatching, hiking, map reading, or horseback riding.

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Maurice Sendak's

Birthday: Read Where the **Wild Things Are** and act out the verbs in the story: roar, row, roll, and dance!

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Laura Vaccaro Seeger's Birthday: Read Seeger's award-winning books **Blue and Green**. Ask kids to write and illustrate their own stories based on

other colors.

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**Red Rose Day**: Kids of all ages can enjoy these 25+ Wonderful Flower **Crafts Ideas** from Easy

Peasy and Fun.

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**Puerto Rican Day Parade**:

This NYC celebration honors the culture of Puerto Rico's 4 million inhabitants and over 4 million people with Puerto Rican heritage residing in the U.S.

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Flag Day: Visit the **Veterans Affairs website** to learn how to properly fold an American flag. Practice with a towel or paper if you don't have a flag on hand!

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**Happy Book Birthday** to I is for Immigrant by Selina Alko.

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Jennifer Holm's Birthday: Read one of Holm's

Babymouse books and share these printables to help kids draw the characters themselves!

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**National Candy Month:** 

Plan an outdoor showing of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory or host a Candyland tournament.

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**International Picnic Day:** 

Keep kids entertained and moving with 10 fun picnic games from Care.com.

Eric Carle's Birthday: Share

classics like The Very Hungry

downloadable activities

Caterpillar and explore

on Carle's website.

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Juneteenth: Celebrate African American Emancipation Day with All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom by Angela Johnson, illustrated by E.B. Lewis.

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Father's Day: Read Hair Love by Matthew Cherry, illustrated by Vashti Harrison, and watch the Oscar®-winning short film of the same name. 21

**International Yoga Day:** Share *I Am Yoga* by Susan Verde, then invite kids to try yoga for themselves with videos from Cosmic Kids Yoga.

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Happy Book Birthday

to *How to Wear A Sari* by Darshana Khiani, illustrated by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff.

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**Audiobook Month:** 

Listening to an audiobook while following along in print can help kids develop stronger literacy skills. Find ideas by age from the Audio Publishers Association.

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**National Dairy Month:** 

See if your state or county has a Dairy Princess who can lead a read-aloud or an educational event in person or online.

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**Great American Campout:** 

Check out the National **Wildlife Federation** for fun ideas to help kids enjoy nature, no matter where they are.

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National Bingo Day: Play the classic game with kids or have them make their own bingo cards.

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First Day of Wimbledon:

Get tennis or badminton gear, practice some basic skills, and host a tournament. Don't forget strawberries and other Wimbledon traditions!

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Trudy Ludwig's Birthday: Read The Power of One

and The Invisible Boy to see how acts of kindness can change the world, then explore activities from Ludwig's website.

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Day: Have kids try NASA's

**Modeling an Asteroid** activity while you read aloud Oh No, Astro! by Matt Roeser, illustrated by Brad Woodard.

**International Asteroid** 

