

# A YEAR OF IDEAS



**Celebrations & events, great & small, to jazz up your library!**

## JANUARY

- 🕒 **Multicultural Children's Book Day:** Last Tuesday in January
  - <http://goo.gl/zHXXRp>: Great book suggestions celebrating diversity and info @ Jump Into a Book
  - <http://goo.gl/LbwPvy>: MCBD @ Pinterest
- 🕒 **National Trivia Day:** January 4<sup>th</sup>
  - <http://goo.gl/UIDd8J>: Links galore @ Holiday Insights
  - <http://goo.gl/F7t0y>: Canadian trivia quiz
  - <http://goo.gl/hRTSzM>: Trivia @ Pinterest
  - <http://goo.gl/dpqBhy>: How to host a teen trivia program
  - <http://goo.gl/xPIRdF>: Teen pop quiz archive @ VOYA
- 🕒 **Appreciate a dragon Day:** January 16<sup>th</sup>
  - <http://goo.gl/v9cX8a>: Loads of dragon activities and info
- 🕒 **Penguin Awareness day:** Wear black and white! January 20<sup>th</sup>
  - <http://goo.gl/64AJlh>: Penguins @ PEW
  - <http://goo.gl/hYn6zp>: Penguins @ Pinterest
- 🕒 **Chinese New Year:** Late January
  - <http://goo.gl/eyO4pd>: CNY @ Canadian Encyclopedia

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- <http://goo.gl/q3310l>: CNY @ Pinterest
- <http://goo.gl/ah0Pn>: CNY calendar

## FEBRUARY

- 📌 **Groundhog Day:** February 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - <http://goo.gl/I4DKpM>: GHD @ Pinterest
  - <http://goo.gl/SCR17l>: Canadian roundup
  - <http://goo.gl/dlWX0Y>: GHD @ Canadian Encyclopedia
- 📌 **Digital Learning Day:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in February
  - <http://www.digitallearningday.org/>: To ensure children have the chance to grow up in a stimulating digital environment
  - <http://goo.gl/HWO70>: DLD activities @ Edutopia
  - <http://goo.gl/mhdYh9>: DLD ideas @ Pinterest
- 📌 **Do One Good Thing for Safer Internet Day:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in February
  - <http://goo.gl/Xt6S> : Info & resources @ Connect Safely
  - <http://goo.gl/tB4trP>: Info & suggestions @ Common Sense Media
- 📌 **Valentine's Day:** February 14<sup>th</sup>
  - <http://goo.gl/YHE2Ce>: VD @ Pinterest
- 📌 **Tell A Fairy Tale Day: February 26<sup>th</sup>**
  - <http://goo.gl/dlWX0Y>: All about TAFTD
  - <http://goo.gl/WbcFpZ>: TAFTD @ Pinterest
- 📌 **Black History Month:**
  - <http://goo.gl/SL1FT>: Info & free poster download @ Government of Canada
  - <http://goo.gl/WIDl8O>: Bilingual info @ Historica
  - <http://goo.gl/hpxTDa>: BHM activities @ Pinterest
  - <http://goo.gl/9BGXNx>: BHM @ the library @ Pinterest
  - <http://goo.gl/az9FLO>: Liens en français @ CFORP

## MARCH

- 📌 **National Nutrition Month:**
  - <http://goo.gl/xh7JBz>: Bilingual info & downloadables
  - <http://goo.gl/yZWsmi>: NNM @ Dieticians Canada
- 📌 **International Women's Day: March 8<sup>th</sup>**
  - <http://goo.gl/JOAh>: IWD site

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- 📌 **Teen Tech Week:** Second week in March
  - <http://teentechweek.ning.com/>: Loads of resources @ YALSA
  - <http://goo.gl/lyjqD>: Suggestions from read write think
  - Pinterest boards to check out:
    - ✓ <http://goo.gl/8XV0jB> : Teens & Tech @ the Library
    - ✓ <http://goo.gl/JhjCjn>: Teen Tech Week

- 📌 **St Patrick's Day:** March 17<sup>th</sup>
  - <http://goo.gl/Ak6h6y>: SPD @ Pinterest
  - <http://goo.gl/e1MmjY>: SPD @ Canadian Encyclopedia

## APRIL

- 📌 **Earth Month:**
  - <http://goo.gl/gdrU5E>: Loads of info & ideas @ Ecokids.ca
- 📌 **Poetry Month:**
  - <http://goo.gl/jGiEMK>: PM @ Pinterest
  - <http://poets.ca/youngpoets/>: Canadian resource for young poets
  - <http://goo.gl/kTSYYe>: List of Canadian Poetry titles for kids & teens
  - <http://goo.gl/XwmvEc>: Great resources including audio files @poets.org
- 📌 **April Fool's Day:** April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - <http://goo.gl/lqdrE4>: video on the origins of AFD
- 📌 **International Children's Book Day/Journée internationale du livre pour enfants:** April 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - <http://goo.gl/ZNeIVJ>: Brought to you by iBbY
  - <http://goo.gl/fUfmlf>: For ideas and suggestions
  - <http://goo.gl/U3aUDb>: ICBD @ Pinterest
- 📌 **National Scrabble Day :** April 13<sup>th</sup>
  - <http://goo.gl/8dCsFV>: Scrabble Day @ Pinterest
- 📌 **International Earth Day :** April 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - <http://www.earthday.ca/> : Infor @ ED Canada
  - <http://goo.gl/lzk5LL>: IED @ Pinterest
- 📌 **Journée internationale du livre et du droit d'auteur :** 23 avril
  - <http://www.jmla.qc.ca/>: Ce site vous enverra des affiches gratuitement
- 📌 **World Book and Copyright day :** April 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - <http://goo.gl/fPf0vQ>: From Unesco

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- 📌 **World Book Night:** Could also be daytime... April 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - <http://www.us.worldbooknight.org/>: Share the love of reading
  - <http://goo.gl/5ovZ0v>: Pass-it-on ideas @ Pinterest
  - <http://goo.gl/J0G4yj>: Free bookplates

## MAY

- 📌 **Asian Heritage Month:**
  - <http://goo.gl/2TDg7V>: Info & free poster download @ Immigration & Citizenship Canada
- 📌 **Star Wars Day:** May 4<sup>th</sup>: May the fourth be with you!
  - <http://goo.gl/iWn79K> : History of SWD @ MTV
  - <http://goo.gl/1M5hdP>: SWD ideas @ Pinterest
- 📌 **Canadian Children's Book Week:** 1<sup>st</sup> week in May
  - <http://goo.gl/u98XZL>: Info on touring authors & supporting material @ TD CCBW
- 📌 **Amnesty International Day:** May 28<sup>th</sup>
  - <http://www.amnesty.ca/>
  - <http://goo.gl/Ouj5c9>: Ideas @ Pinterest

## JUNE & JULY & AUGUST

- 📌 **Summer Reading Programs:**
  - <http://goo.gl/BiXaDr>: Flyers, tools, tips, games & printables @ Book It
  - <http://www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca/>: TD Summer Reading Club
  - <http://goo.gl/DC0K8E>: Summer Reading Challenge @ Scholastic
  - <http://goo.gl/F5rlhz>: SRP @ Pinterest
  - <http://goo.gl/vmIFq8>: Thought on SRP @ SLJ

## SEPTEMBER

- 📌 **Banned Books Week:** Celebrating the Freedom to Read
  - <http://www.freedomtoread.ca/> : Games and quizzes, take a look @ Ideas for Educators for ideas with a Canadian bent
  - <http://www.ala.org/bbooks/bannedbooksweek>: Banned book lists, ideas for displays and activities & free downloadables
  - <http://www.bannedbooksweek.org/resources>
  - <http://goo.gl/e3SB2P> : A comprehensive list of resources @ SLJ

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- 📌 **International Dot Day:** Celebrate Creativity, Courage & Collaboration! A tie-in to the Peter Reynold's book, The Dot. September 15<sup>th</sup>
  - <http://www.thedotclub.org/dotday/>: for ideas, info and free registration
  - <http://goo.gl/Zw9sN>: The Dot Day Handbook
- 📌 **International Talk Like a Pirate Day:** September 19<sup>th</sup>
  - <http://goo.gl/FWF3>: For fun resources and a little dose of silliness.
  - <http://goo.gl/fBaQkZ>: Check out Pinterest, matie!
- 📌 **International Day of Peace:** September 21<sup>st</sup>
  - <http://goo.gl/xwtMN>: IDP @ UN
  - <http://goo.gl/zdnRvF>: IDP resources for schools @ Pinterest
- 📌 **Terry Fox Day:** September 24<sup>th</sup>
  - <http://goo.gl/0714p>: TFD website
  - <http://goo.gl/sPhMIP>: TFD @ Pinterest
- 📌 **National Tree Day:** Last Wednesday of September
  - <http://goo.gl/e70FAO>: info & contest to win \$1000 to green your school @ NTD website (also en français)

## OCTOBER

- 📌 **Canadian Library Month:**
  - <http://goo.gl/sHnrUy> : Order free bilingual posters through the CLA
- 📌 **Canadian Women's History Month:**
  - <http://goo.gl/FfNO6v>: Ideas from Heroines.ca
  - <http://goo.gl/371gC2>: WHM for kids
  - <http://goo.gl/c5rBKh>: Activities @ Pinterest (note the US version is in March)
- 📌 **National Senior's Day:** October 1<sup>st</sup>
  - <http://goo.gl/WkmZVc>: Info @ Government of Canada
- 📌 **Media Literacy Week:** 1<sup>st</sup> week in October
  - <http://goo.gl/P74pc>: Info & downloadable resources
- 📌 **Digital Citizenship Week:** Late October
  - <http://goo.gl/WLBBYd> : Suggestions @ Common Sense Media
  - <http://goo.gl/DwyLjJ>: Resources @ EduTech4Teachers
  - <http://goo.gl/DwyLjJ>: DCW @ Pinterest

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- 📌 **National School Library Day/La journée nationale des bibliothèques scolaires:** Celebrated on the 4th Monday in October
  - <http://www.clatoolbox.ca/casl/nsld.html>: For Canadian ideas and information
  - <http://www.iasl-online.org/>: International School Library Day
- 📌 **International Day of the Girl:** A UN initiative celebrated October 11<sup>th</sup>
  - <http://dayofthegirl.org/>: Official website
  - <http://goo.gl/CCmOgo>: Because I Am a Girl, a Canadian website
- 📌 **Teen Read Week:** Held in mid-October
  - <http://teenreadweek.ning.com/> : @ YALSA: Links to Pinterest, activities and suggestions
- 📌 **Halloween:** October 31
  - <http://goo.gl/4J9lu7>: Ghostly suggestions for libraries @ Pinterest

## NOVEMBER

- 📌 **National Novel Writing Month:**
  - <http://nanowrimo.org/>: for all those would be writers that need an extra push. Collaboration anyone???
  - <http://goo.gl/xstj>: NaNoWriMo's Young Writers Program resources and info Galore.
- 📌 **Young Reader's Day & Week:** Second Wednesday in November
  - <http://goo.gl/GvuHRm>: Tool kit, printables, free online storytime @ Book It
- 📌 **Remembrance Day:** November 11<sup>th</sup>
  - <http://goo.gl/52Ucib>: RD @ Government of Canada
  - <http://goo.gl/MoGAOy>: Bilingual toolkit @ Canadian War Museum
  - <http://goo.gl/IlaH1J>: RD @ Canadian Encyclopedia
  - <http://goo.gl/mRQfSW>: In Flanders Field Video with reading by John McRae
  - <http://goo.gl/VJbRx8>: RD @ Pinterest
- 📌 **National Child's Day & Universal Child's Day:** November 20<sup>th</sup>
  - <http://goo.gl/hHiEfw>: Info @ Unicef
  - <http://goo.gl/MVwK2A>: CD info

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- <http://goo.gl/RJhzO9>: Convention on the Rights of the Child in kid-friendly terms @ Unicef
- <http://goo.gl/rBiHu4>: Convention en français en termes clairs @ Unicef
- <http://goo.gl/aBIX21>: YouTube version of the Declaration

## DECEMBER

📌 **International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

📌 **Human Rights Day: December 10<sup>th</sup>**

- <http://goo.gl/vE9Rw>: HRD info & suggestions @ UN
- <http://goo.gl/b9GDGw>: Activities @ Pinterest

## LOOKING FOR MORE? CHECK OUT THESE SITES!

📌 **Calendrier thématique:**

- <http://goo.gl/oEIJVM>: calendrier avec ressources et liens en français dans une optique canadienne @ CFORP
- <http://goo.gl/oEIJVM>: Thematic calendar @ Holiday Insights
- <http://goo.gl/tthTiy>: Canadian dates @ Government of Canada
- <http://goo.gl/A2QU58>: Dates of note & events @ Cute Calendar
- <http://goo.gl/udszb>: World holidays @ Calendar Labs