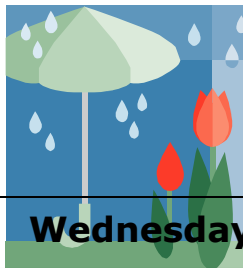


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National Library Week: Read every day. Visit your library. Write to your principal, teachers, and legislators about the importance of your school library and your public library.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
National Library Month School Library Media Month National Poetry Month Celebrate Diversity Month Financial Literacy Month National Card and Letter Writing Month				1 April Fool's Day	2 International Children's Book Day	3 Happy Birthday, Washington Irving
4 Easter Sunday	5 National Deep Dish Pizza Day	6 National Student Athlete Day	7 Paraprofessional Appreciation Day	8 National Day Without Shoes Day Go barefooted for part of today to experience life without shoes. What can you do to help those without shoes?	9 What books did you read during Spring Break?	10 Financial Literacy Take the Be Your Own Boss Challenge.
11 National Library Week begins Be sure to visit your library this week!	12 VISIT The Knowledge Store (aka the school library)! You can find lots of FREE poetry and other things to read.	13 Surprise Gift Day! Take your librarian a surprise gift today (something you made, perhaps) to celebrate School Library Media Month.	14 Thank a School Librarian Day! Ask all your friends to join you in saying thanks to your librarian for all his or her help.	15 READ READ READ READ READ	16 Start a TV log. Record how much time you watch TV per week and how much time you read. Make a graph showing your results for the week.	17 Write a letter to a relative you haven't seen in a while to celebrate National Card and Letter Writing Month.
18 Go outside. Find a shady place and read your book for 20 minutes.	19 Write an acrostic poem using your name to celebrate National Poetry Month.	20 No Electronics Today! Spend your time reading your book then write a reflection in your journal.	21 We are all just a little different or diverse but we are all the same too. How are you and your classmates different and yet the same?	22 Earth Day Find some ways to help in your community. Write an article about it for your school newspaper.	23 RECYCLE Does your family recycle? Read <i>Recycle! : a hand-book for kids</i> . Look for ways to be "green"!	24 Braves vs. Mets Watch the game. Imagine you are a sports broadcaster. Write your news report about the game.
25 ASK An adult to help you plan a <i>theme dinner</i> . Everyone should read about the theme and then share interesting facts and stories about the theme during dinner.	26 READ the newspaper (print or online) every day to learn about people, places, things, and events.	27 Tell-a-Story Day Ask a friend to share a story. One of you begin and then the other adds to it until you've told each other the entire story.	28 G.P.R.D. Great Poetry Reading Day! Read poems by Shel Silverstein, Roald Dahl, and Jack Prelutsky	29 Dictionary Day What does <i>immune</i> mean?	30 FINISH This month by reading your book for 30 minutes today.	Martha Alewine Consultant, School Libraries Office of Standards and Support SC Department of Education http://ed.sc.gov malewine@ed.sc.gov