


February 2010



Dear Cupid ,
Forget candy, flowers, and cards. This year it's all about new, exciting, and thrilling books to read!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 National Freedom Day Make a list of all the freedoms we enjoy in this country. Share your list in a social studies class.	2 CREATE A list of firsts by African-Americans. Ex: Barack Obama: 1 st U.S. President	3 What books do you plan to read this month?	4 READ <i>The Irish Potato Famine</i> by Joseph O'Neill or <i>The Great Irish Potato Famine</i> by James Donnelly	5 Organize a canned food drive for Canned Food Month. Interview someone from the local food bank. Write up the interview for the school newspaper.	6 Compare Your diet to the recommendations of the American Heart Association. What do you need to change?
7 Super Bowl Sunday What teams play today? Compare their season stats with their stats from the game today.	8 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouts Find a book and read about the history of scouting.	9 RELAX <i>It's Read in the Bathtub Day!</i> 	10 Happy New Year! Chinese New Year begins today. This is the Year of _____. You fill in the blank.	11 READ READ READ READ	12 Winter Olympics begin today Watch the opening ceremonies and write a newspaper story about them.	13 Winter Paralympics When do these games begin? Research the history of these games.
14 Library Lovers' Day Bet you thought it was just Valentine's Day! Write a letter to your SC legislator saying why school libraries are important.	15 Presidents' Day Create a trivia game about our Presidents. Share the game with your friends and teachers.	16 Mardi Gras Where is a large <i>Mardi Gras</i> celebration held each year? Find a recipe and make pancakes for dinner for your own celebration of <i>Mardi Gras</i> .	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day Read <i>Practice Random Acts of Kindness: Bring more peace, love, and compassion into the world</i>	18 WRITE A reflection in your one-year memory book about your random acts of kindness yesterday.	19 To end <i>Library Lovers' Week</i> , work with your teacher-librarian to create a library basket for your principal.*	20 Are you remembering to add to your one-year memory book that you began last month? What will you add this month?
21 Are you reading 20 minutes every day?	22 Read to Me Week begins Volunteer to read at a daycare or local elementary school.	23 READ the Electronic Way Check a Playaway out of the library today or download an e-book to read.	24 National Tortilla Chip Day Read about tortillas in Mexican cooking. Find a recipe and make it for dinner tonight.	25 Find a quiet place and read for 25 minutes today.	26 DISCOVER A new author. <i>Regan Black</i> lives in the SC lowcountry. Why not try some of her books?	27 Can you do it? Spend the day without technology...just read whatever interests you.
28 Smile! You made it to the end of another month!	February is... Black History Month Library Lovers Month American Heart Month Canned Food Month Potato Lovers Month	*Library Lovers' Picnic Basket for Administrators: Include such things as information about your library, testimonials from teachers and fellow students about your school library, and the Administrator's Guide to Quality School Library Programs .		Martha Alewine Consultant, School Libraries Office of Standards and Support SC Department of Education http://ed.sc.gov malewine@ed.sc.gov		

