

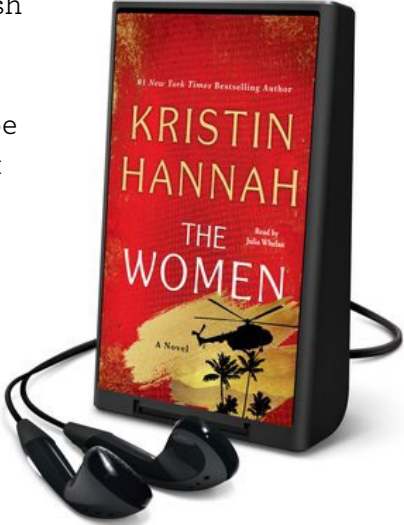
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READ TO ME DAY

Every year on March 19th, children are encouraged to remind the adults in their life to read to them. The day also empowers children to participate in the conversation about their own literacy.

You have probably heard that it takes a village to raise a child. On International Read to Me Day, anyone in a child's village are encouraged to read to them. This could be a parent, grandparent, teacher, librarian, mentor, older sibling, or a friend of the family. It doesn't matter who does the reading.

Children love being read to, so why not enjoy this activity with them as often as possible? They will greatly benefit from it if you do.

Other ways to participate including going to your local library or bookstore for story hour. You could also organize a book drive in your community. This is one day that you can #CelebrateEveryDay. Don't forget to share this day on social media with #InternationalReadToMeDay. ~ nationaldaycalendar.com



VANESSA'S VIEW

This month's book, *Big*, written and illustrated by Vashti Harrison, is a deeply moving story about a child's experience with self-love and how people's words can easily destroy that love. In her book, Harrison uses text sparingly and in doing so her illustrations become all the more powerful. Harrison's use of space is such an effective way of demonstrating how overwhelmed the little girl in the story is. Through a series of consecutive illustrations, Harrison depicts the space around the little girl growing smaller and smaller, causing the little girl to be trapped. The illustrations are also executed with a lovely color palette. We are introduced to the little girl's world full of shades of pinks. This color choice is fitting, you can feel the warmth and joy of her innocent world. Those shades of pink change with the mean words society has for her, filling her world with blue and gray. With Vashti Harrison's use of deliberate words and gorgeous illustrations, it is no wonder why this powerful book was awarded with the 2024 Caldecott Medal.

MARCH 19

NEW! YOUTH READS >>>

Every year on March 20th, World Storytelling Day celebrates the art of oral storytelling. It's also a day for people around the globe to listen and tell stories in as many languages as possible.

WORLD storytelling 3.20 DAY



IT'S NOT
easy being...

Many of us go throughout the day engaging in oral storytelling without even realizing it. Have you ever made up a bedtime story for your children? Have you ever told a friend about your most embarrassing moment? What about recounting a childhood memory with a sibling? These are all examples of oral storytelling.

Oral storytelling is about illuminating experiences for an audience by creating a bonding environment and providing rich opportunities to reminisce, connecting our past to our present. Oral storytelling also fosters creativity and encourages visualization.

Many schools, libraries, and other organizations hold storytelling events on this day. The best way for you to observe this day is to simply tell someone a story. If you know stories in other languages, tell those as well. You could also look for videos online of your favorite story told in a different language. Another way to participate is to sit with family or friends in a circle and take turn telling stories. The stories could be real or made up. Whatever you do, be sure to share this day on social media with #WorldStorytellingDay

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PICTURE BOOK

Little White Rabbit

by Kevin Henkes

MIDDLE GRADE

Monster Blood

by R.L. Stine

YOUNG ADULT

*The Ballad of Songbirds
and Snakes*

by Suzanne Collins

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NEW! TEEN READS>>>>

NEUROSCIENCE COMBINED WITH LOVE AND LOGIC

In a time when so many children and young adults seem to be struggling, parents are looking for help in bringing up mentally healthy kids who are equipped to thrive. Finally, evidence-based help is now available for

overwhelmed parents who are trying their best but feel like they're falling short. #1 New York Times bestselling author and neuropsychiatrist Dr. Daniel Amen and child psychologist Dr. Charles Fay have teamed up to reveal what's missing from most parenting books. It's the fact that you need to address both the brain and the mind of your child (and yourself) in order to effectively raise good and strong humans. In this groundbreaking book where neuroscience meets love and logic, parents are given practical tools to help children of all ages go from behavioral problems like defiance, meltdowns, and power struggles to confident, kind, and resilient. Help them become better prepared to make good decisions, stay focused, motivated, and better able to have healthy relationships, plus more... Let Dr. Amen and Dr. Fay help you learn how to be the parent you've always dreamed you could be—and raise great kids who are on their way to reaching their full potential, including their best possible mental health.

Movie Preview...

Titles subject to change.



KENDRA'S CURRENT ISSUE

In March the grey days of winter start to wane and pops of spring green start to appear. In this month's digital issue of *The Simple Things* celebrate all things alive and green with a plant party! Check out the delicious ways to prepare that pink early spring garden treat, rhubarb! Discover what wild seasonal blooms you can find as you take to the outdoors this year.



MICHELE'S MEDIA

Having a family that was personally affected by the Vietnam War, I was highly aware of the impact this book may have on me. My uncle was killed six years before my time and his loss has resonated throughout my life, but never will I know the horror that comes with fighting in a war. Kristin Hannah's storytelling has brought me as close as I ever want to be to the front lines by weaving together a story that involves all of the senses, giving life to feelings of pain, fear and loss. In this novel, we follow the life of a Vietnam nurse as she enters into the war, fresh from Army training, through to her trials of coming home to a country that despised her for being there, while also repeatedly telling her that there were no women in Vietnam. She was as heroic in the field as she was with the fight for her life at home in a time when there was no clear understanding or official diagnosis of PTSD.

The Night Watchman

by Louise Erdrich

Thomas Wazhashk is the night watchman at the jewel bearing plant, the first factory located near the Turtle Mountain Reservation in rural North Dakota. He is also a Chippewa Council member who is trying to understand the consequences of a new “emancipation” bill on its way to the floor of the United States Congress.

**DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY
4.3 @ 1:30 PM**

Since graduating high school, Pixie Paranteau has insisted that everyone call her Patrice. Unlike most of the girls on the reservation, Patrice, the class valedictorian, has no desire to wear herself down with a husband and kids. She makes jewel bearings at the plant, a job that barely pays her enough to support her mother and brother. Patrice’s shameful alcoholic father returns home sporadically to terrorize his wife and children and bully her for money.

Thomas and Patrice live in this impoverished reservation community along with young Chippewa boxer Wood Mountain and his mother Juggie Blue, her niece and Patrice’s best friend Valentine, and Stack Barnes, the white high school math teacher and boxing coach who is hopelessly in love with Patrice.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 5 AT 6:00 PM

Join us for a special evening storytime—in your pajamas! With music, books, dancing, and activities, you're sure to have a blast. This event is located at the Fennville District Library and is being hosted in partnership with Help Me Grow—Allegan and Community Action Allegan County. Fun for the whole family!



TUESDAY, MARCH 19 AT 3:30 PM

Being a teen isn't always fun and easy, so we have a time at the library designed to give teens a chance to relax! Each month will have a different activity, so you never know what fun thing we'll have waiting for you! For ages 13-18.



TUESDAY, MARCH 12 AT 3:30 PM

Once a month, we have a day we offer a different activity that's fun to do no matter your age! Crafts, science, food...You never know what it'll be, so make sure you stop by to see! Fun for the whole family!



THURSDAY, MARCH 21 AT 4:00 PM

Storytime is going on the road! With this fun program, you can join Miss Vanessa and Miss Abi outside of the library for a fun story and song extravaganza. This month, our Destination is Fennville City Hall. See you there! For ages 0-5.



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