Penny Pinching Programs: Anniversary Dates & Calendar Days
Pull the books from your shelves; check out author websites, publisher websites, who can present for low-cost or no-cost, maker spaces, what business might want to underwrite one?

2015:

Bk: Little House on the Prairie – 80th anniversary, published 1935

Dec. 8, 250th anniversary birth date Eli Whitney – machines, STEM connection

2016:

July 28, 2016 – 150th Anniversary Beatrix Potter's birth date.

Sept. 13, 1916. 100th Anniversary of Roald Dahl birth date.

Sept. 21, 1866 150th anniversary H.G. Wells

15th anniversary of the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants – in 2007 we did a program with pants that traveled from library to library!

2017:

Feb. 7, 1867 150th anniversary Laura Ingalls Wilder birthdate

Little House in the Big Woods 85th anniversary, 1932

Charlotte's Web 65th anniversary

Stone Soup 70th anniversary

The Outsiders 50th anniversary

Jan. 3, 1892 Tolkien's anniversary birthday 125th

Brown Bear, Brown Bear by Bill Martin, Jr. 50th Anniversary

August 21, 2017 – Total Eclipse of the Sun – get U-haul boxes, make a box camera – who has boxes in your community? From business to your own library!

JANUARY:
January 4 – Jacob Grimm 1785
January 4 – Louis Braille birthdate 1809
January 12 – Charles Perrault birthdate 1628
January 18 – A.A. Milne 1882, Winnie-the-Pooh Day

FEBRUARY:
Love Your Library Month
Black History Month
Take Your Child to the Library Day (1st Saturday)
Children's Authors and Illustrators Week (1st week)

February 4 – Wilhelm Grimm
Feb. 11th – Inventor's Day in honor of Thomas Alva Edison
Feb. 15, 1564 – Galilieo Birthday
Feb. 19, 1473 – Copernicus birthday
Feb. 21 – United Nations observes "International Mother Language Day"

MARCH:
Woman's History Month
Teen Tech Week (2nd week)
Read Across America/Dr. Seuss' birthday (March 2nd)
World Read-Aloud Day (March 5th)
Pi Day (March 14th)

APRIL:
School Library Month
National Poetry Month
National Library Week
National Volunteer Week
Money Smart Week (2nd Week)
Week of the Young Child (varies)
International Edible Book Festival (varies – Saturday)
International Children's Book Day (April 2nd - Hans Christian Andersen Birthday)
D.E.A.R. Day (Drop Everything and Read – April 12 – Bev Cleary's Birthday)
National Library Worker's Day - Tuesday of Nat. Library Week
Bookmobile Day – Wed of Nat Lib. Week
Teen Literature Day – Thursday of same week
World Book Night – April 23
Children's Day/Book Day (Dia) – April 30th
Poem in Your Pocket Day (varies)

MAY:
Get Caught Reading Month
Asian Pacific Heritage Month
Free Comic Book Day (1st Saturday)
Children's Book Week (2nd week?)
May the 4th Be With You
Towel Day (Hitchhiker's Guide – May 25th

JUNE:
National Summer Learning Day June 20th

AUGUST:
Get Ready for Kindergarten Month
August 6 – First Sandwich Created

SEPTEMBER:
Library Card Sign-up Month
Banned Books Week (last week)
Roald Dahl Day – September 13th
Talk Like a Pirate Day (September 19th)
Pancake Day

OCTOBER:
Star Wars Reads Day (1st Saturday)
Global Day of Play (1st Saturday)
Teen Read Week (2nd week)
Friends of the Library Week (3rd week?)
Oct. 28 Statute of Liberty Dedicated 1886

NOVEMBER
Jewish Book Month
Picture Book Month
Native American Heritage Month
International Games Day (1st Saturday)

DECEMBER

OTHER RESOURCES:
Chase's Calendar of Events
http://www.mhprofessional.com/templates/chases/upcoming-events.php

http://www.mhprofessional.com/templates/chases/special-months.php

Holiday Insights webpage: http://holidayinsights.com/

Days of the Year Webpage: http://www.daysoftheyear.com/

Celebrate the Day: A Teacher's Calendar of Activities, Internet Sites, and Resources for Grades 1-6 (book)

Anita Silvey's Children's Book-A-Day Almanac
www.childrensbookalmanac.com

Children's Authors and birthdays
http://lookingglassreview.com/books/authors-illustrators/birthdays

www.educationoasis.com/curriculum/calendar/months

www.librarypoint.org/author_month/855

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