August 2023: National Family Fun Month

What is National Family Fun Month?
August is National Family Fun Month. It is a perfect time to remember to slow down and appreciate the time we have to share and create memories with our families. Now more than ever, it is also a time to celebrate the diversity of families around the world. We have come a long way from our traditionally restrictive framework or definition of “family”, and that in itself is something to celebrate. Today there are all sorts of families, from single-parent households to blended families to adopted families. Take a moment this August to appreciate all families as you spend time with yours.

Graphic: https://www.canva.com/design/DAFiLz6gl14/6PmuxW1j5oWl8ZuAbBQDcg/edit?utm_content=DAFiLz6gl14&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton

Sample Social Media Posts
Sample Hashtags:
#BasicLiteracy
#FamilyFunMonth
#PAForward

Call to Action:
Take a moment to spend quality time with family this National Family Fun Month. ActivityPro has wonderful suggestions that work for families with both full and limited mobility - movie nights, gardening, and road trips are just some examples.

Check out more options at https://activitypro.net/august-is-national-family-fun-month/

Library Resources:
Make use of your local library to find DVDs for movie night, museum passes for a fun family outing, and many other activities available in your area. [Use local links to relevant materials]

Content for Newsletter/Websites
With the increasingly busy lives we all lead, adult and children alike, it is important to carve out time to reconnect and create wonderful memories with our families. So take some time this National Family Fun Month to make use of your local library to find fun and enriching activities to help us appreciate those special moments spent with family.

Additional Resources
- https://www.afcurgentcare.com/blog/5-ways-to-celebrate-national-family-fun-month/
- https://shannahatfield.com/31-ideas-for-national-family-fun-month/
August 9: International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

What is International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples?

August 9th was chosen to serve as International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples to commemorate the first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Peoples in 1982. The intent is to raise awareness and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population while recognizing and celebrating the contributions made by indigenous peoples to improve world issues such as environmental protection.

Graphic:
https://www.canva.com/design/DAFiMNgGCEQ/ifQlxKOAPPxSW3YUo9x1Bg/edit?utm_content=DAFiMNqGCEQ&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton

Sample Social Media Posts:

Sample Hashtags:
#PAForward
#CivicAndSocialLiteracy
#InternationalDayOfTheWorldsIndigenousPeoples

Call to Action:
Learn about the many ways you can help the world’s indigenous peoples through this informative website by Cultural Survival, an Indigenous-led NGO and U.S. registered non-profit.

Library Resources:
Did you know your library offers a number of databases courtesy of Power Library, such as Gale General OneFile, providing access to almost 10,000 full-text articles? Explore articles on Indigenous Peoples by searching your library’s Power Library databases. [provide local library links]

Content for Newsletter/Websites

The significance of Indigenous Peoples’ traditional knowledge is widely acknowledged: “Long before the development of modern science, which is quite young, Indigenous Peoples have developed their ways of knowing how to survive and also of ideas about meanings, purposes and values.” As noted by the Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples, the term “scientific knowledge” is also used to underscore that traditional knowledge is contemporary and dynamic, and of equal value to other kinds of knowledge. It is vital to the continued well-being of our world to recognize and maintain these knowledge systems and celebrate the peoples that have helped shape our world.

Additional Resources

- https://www.unesco.org/en/international-day-worlds-indigenous-people
- https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2022/08/09/default-calendar/international-day-of-the-world's-indigenous-peoples
August 17: National Nonprofit Day

What is National Non-Profit Day?
The Tariff Act was signed into law on August 17, 1894. It provided exclusions from the federal income tax levied on corporations for charitable organizations and charities. As a result, August 17th is the day on which National Nonprofit Day is held to recognize and celebrate the work done by nonprofits for their communities.

Graphic:
https://www.canva.com/design/DAFj1gFjVmk/MO7fY13mjUilq0PUOoTpiQ/edit?utm_content=DAFj1gFjVmk&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton

Sample Social Media Posts:

Sample Hashtags:
#NationalNonProfitDay
#PAForward
#CivicAndSocialLiteracy

Call to Action:
Did you know the first nonprofit organization in America was founded here in Pennsylvania? The Pennsylvania Abolition Society was founded in 1775. Join us in celebrating National Nonprofit Day by making a special donation of $20.23 to your library! [link to library donation page]

Wanting to start a new non-profit? Currently serve on a board and want to learn how to serve more effectively? Check out these books available at [insert your library]! [link to catalog search]

Content for Newsletter/Websites
Today, there are over 1.5 million nonprofits in the U.S. alone, according to the National Center for Charitable Statistics. Nonprofit organizations employ 10% of the U.S. workforce and raise over $427 billion in donations each year. These donations help support individuals with disabilities, fight hunger, clean up the environment, and find cures for diseases — among other things.

Help support your local nonprofits with your time or monetary donation and be a part of the important work nonprofits are doing in their communities.

Additional Resources-

- https://www.givesmart.com/blog/5-meaningful-ways-to-celebrate-national-nonprofit-day/
- https://www.set-works.com/national-nonprofit-day/
August 20: National Radio Day

What is National Radio Day?
National Radio Day recognizes the great invention of the radio.

Graphics/Logo
https://www.canva.com/design/DAFhsaxxixY/cRQ5h5T2KTXnXWTur27FCQ/edit?utm_content=DAFhsaxxixY&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton

Sample Social Media Posts

Sample Hashtags:
#PAForward
#NationalRadioDay
#InformationLiteracy

Call to Action:
To celebrate National Radio Day, listen to your favorite radio station!

Content for Newsletters/Websites
The invention of the radio in the late 1800s was an international effort with each component developed individually and combined to become the radio. The first function of the radio was for the military and to provide a public service role. In the early 1900s, broadcasts purely for entertainment value began to emerge. Today, along with traditional broadcasts over radio waves, we have online broadcasts over the Internet.

Additional Resources

- https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-radio-day-august-20/
- https://nationaltoday.com/national-radio-day/
- https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/national-radio-day/
August 26: National Got Checked Day

What is National Got Checked Day?
National Got Checked Day is a day to value the importance of routine breast cancer screenings and encourage good breast/chest health to all ages.

Graphics/Logo
https://www.canva.com/design/DAFhslshMT8/-c7BZhB3ZQAoHGlCeqVosVQ/edit?utm_content=DAFhslshMT8&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton

Sample Social Media Posts

**Sample Hashtags:**
- #PAForward
- #NationalGotCheckedDay
- #GotChecked
- #HealthLiteracy

**Call to Action:**
Ask the simple question, “Got Checked?”

**Content for Newsletters/Websites**
Routine breast cancer screenings do save lives. National Got Checked Day inspires men and women of all ages to work towards better breast/chest health by routine screenings, lifestyle choices, learning family history, and having regular conversations with healthcare providers.

**Additional Resources**
August 31: We Love Memoirs Day

What is We Love Memoirs Day?
We Love Memoirs Day is a day to celebrate this incredible form of writing. Memoirs are an intimate look into a person’s life. It’s a chance to peak into the lives of the writers.

Graphics/Logo
https://www.canva.com/design/DAFhsrprv_w/cn4qMMimy68oEN4dPDYevA/edit?utm_content=DAFhsrprv_w&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton

Sample Social Media Posts

  Sample Hashtags:
  #PAForward
  #BasicLiteracy
  #WeLoveMemoirsDay

  Call to Action:
You can celebrate We Love Memoirs Day by writing your own memoir, joining an online writing group, or finding a memoir you would like to read.

Content for Newsletters/Websites
A memoir is not the same as an autobiography. While an autobiography takes us through the life of the writer, memoirs usually focus on a specific experience or event in the writer’s life. On We Love Memoirs Day, we focus on some of the incredible memoirs written over the years.

Additional Resources
- https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/we-love-memoirs-day/
- https://anydayguide.com/calendar/3192
- https://www.press.purdue.edu/blog/2022/08/31/we-love-memoirs/