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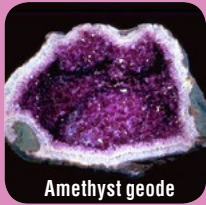
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February is Library Lovers Month.

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SUNDAY



Amethyst geode

MONDAY

February's gemstone is Amethyst. During the Middle Ages in England, the beautiful purple gem was used to symbolize royalty. Amethyst can form in *geodes* big enough that you could stand up in them. A *geode* is a rock containing a cavity that is lined with crystals.

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY



1 Langston Hughes' birthdate, 1902  
Since 1989, National African American Read-In Day

THURSDAY



2 It's the perfect day to read *Danny's Groundhog Day*... over and over.

FRIDAY



3 National Wear Red Day  
#GoRedForWomen

SATURDAY



4 Take Your Child to the Library Day

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7 Birthdate of Laura Ingalls Wilder, 1867



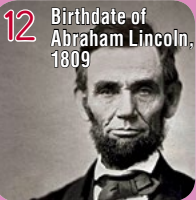
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10 Umbrella Day



11 National Inventors Day, and birthdate of inventor Thomas Alva Edison, 1847.



12 Birthdate of Abraham Lincoln, 1809



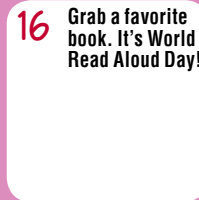
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14 Valentine's Day



15 Birthdate of Susan B. Anthony, 1820



16 Grab a favorite book. It's World Read Aloud Day!



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20 Presidents' Day Observed  
Astronaut John Glenn orbits the earth, 1962

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22 George Washington's birthdate, 1732



23 It's International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day!

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28 Mardi Gras means...  
Fat Tuesday, in French.

The actual number of days it takes our earth to orbit around the sun is called a *tropical* or *solar year*. A *tropical year* has 365.24 days and is measured from one astronomical event, like an equinox or solstice, to the next one. On our modern calendar, most years have 365 days. Years with 365 days are called *common years*. Since *common years* and *tropical years* do not have the same number of days, we use *leap years* to help our calendar catch up with the Earth's orbit. A *leap year* has 366 days, with the extra day being February 29. Last year was a *leap year*. The next *leap year* is 2020.