



#### DID YOU KNOW?

*BiblioTech, the first eBook-only library, opened in Texas in 2013, with 10,000 titles, 45 iPads, and 40 laptops.*

# FEBRUARY

## LIBRARY LOVER'S MONTH



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### ... JOHANNES GUTENBERG'S DEATH, 1468

A German goldsmith who invented a movable-type printing press.

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### ... BRONTË SISTERS SEND THEIR POEMS TO A PUBLISHER, 1846

Charlotte, Emily, and Anne Brontë published the book using the male pseudonyms: Currer, Ellis, and Acton Bell.

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### ... CHARLES DICKENS IS BORN, 1812

Regarded as the greatest novelist of the Victorian Era. The author of *A Tale of Two Cities* and *Oliver Twist*.

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### ... ALICE WALKER'S BIRTHDAY, 1944

The author of *The Color Purple* is the first African-American woman to win the Pulitzer Prize.

### ... READ IN THE BATHTUB DAY

Reading a book in the bathtub is the greatest enjoyment in life!

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### ... INTERNATIONAL BOOK GIVING DAY

An initiative aimed at encouraging people to give a book to a child.

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### ... TONI MORRISON'S BIRTHDAY, 1931

An American novelist and Nobel Prize laureate in Literature. The author of *Beloved* and *Song of Solomon*.

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### ... THE FIRST COMMERCIAL AUDIOBOOK IS RECORDED, 1952

The record included five poems by Dylan Thomas and his holiday story *A Child's Christmas in Wales*.

#### READING CHALLENGE

**Week 1:** An anthology of poems

**Week 2:** A contemporary Dickensian novel

**Week 3:** A full-cast audiobook

**Week 4:** A book by a foreign author

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— JOHN LUBBOCK