



DID YOU KNOW?

Saint Catherine's Monastery in Egypt houses the oldest continually operating library in the world, established AD 565.

JANUARY

10.5 HOURS OF READING *if you read 20 minutes a day*



1 ... INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC DOMAIN DAY

The first day when copyrights expire and works enter into the public domain.

2 ... SCIENCE FICTION DAY

Unofficially celebrated by sci-fi fans to correspond with the birthdate of a prolific science-fiction author, Isaac Asimov.

3 ... J.R.R. TOLKIEN'S BIRTHDAY, 1892

An English writer John Ronald Reuel Tolkien is best known for *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

12 ... HARUKI MURAKAMI IS BORN, 1949

An acclaimed Japanese essayist, short-story writer, and novelist. The author of *Norwegian Wood* and *Kafka on the Shore*.

18 ... NATIONAL THESAURUS DAY

Celebrating the birthday of the creator of the first English-language thesaurus, Peter Mark Roget.

19 ... EDGAR ALLAN POE IS BORN, 1809

An American poet and writer best known for his macabre works. The author of *The Raven* and *The Masque of the Red Death*.

27 ... LEWIS CARROLL'S BIRTHDAY, 1832

An inventor, photographer, and the master of word play. The author of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

28 ... *PRIDE AND PREJUDICE* IS PUBLISHED, 1813

The novel was originally published anonymously, as were all of Jane Austen's novels.

READING CHALLENGE

Week 1: A sci-fi book by a debut author

Week 2: A book set in a Victorian era

Week 3: A book recommended by Tolkien fans

Week 4: A book about traveling to a mysterious land

IF A BOOK IS WELL WRITTEN, I ALWAYS FIND IT TOO SHORT.

— JANE AUSTEN