



#### DID YOU KNOW?

In 1972, a literary magazine in communist Poland published a short story titled "Harry Potter." The author, Jan Rostworowski, was a Polish writer and poet who spent twenty-eight years in Great Britain.

**23 HOURS**  
OF READING

# JULY

*if you read 45 minutes a day*



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### ... THE BRITISH LIBRARY IS FOUNDED, 1973

The UK's national library was created from several organizations, including the British Museum.

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### ... FRANZ KAFKA'S BIRTHDAY, 1883

The author of *The Trial* and *The Castle* is regarded as one of the most important writers of the 20th century.

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### ... THE WORLD'S #1 EBOOK IS CREATED, 1971

Michael Stern Hart transcribed the text of the U.S. Declaration of Independence into Xerox Sigma V computer.

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### ... THE FIRST READING RAINBOW EPISODE, 1983

The iconic show hosted by LeVar Burton was designed to encourage the love of books among children.

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### ... THE CATCHER IN THE RYE IS PUBLISHED, 1951

The main character of this iconic novel by J.D. Salinger, Holden Caulfield, became an icon for teenage rebellion.

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### ... ERNEST HEMINGWAY IS BORN, 1899

An American novelist and the author of *The Sun Also Rises*.

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### ... FIRST PENGUIN PAPERBACK BOOKS, 1935

These inexpensive books revolutionized publishing. The "Original 10" batch included books by Agatha Christie and Ernest Hemingway.

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### ... HARRY POTTER IS BORN, 1980

Harry Potter shares the birthdate with his creator, J.K. Rowling, who was born in 1965.

#### READING CHALLENGE

**Week 1:** One of this year's beach reads

**Week 2:** A book with a teenage as a main character

**Week 3:** A classic Penguin title

**Week 4:** A book with a title consisting of one word

THERE IS  
NO FRIEND  
AS LOYAL  
AS A BOOK.

— ERNEST HEMINGWAY