



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.

JULY

23 HOURS if you read 45 minutes a day
OF READING



1 ... THE BRITISH LIBRARY IS FOUNDED, 1973

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

3 ... 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.

4 ... 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.

11 ... THE FIRST *READING RAINBOW* EPISODE, 1983

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

16 ... *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.

21 ... ERNEST HEMINGWAY IS BORN, 1899

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

30 ... FIRST PENGUIN PAPERBACK BOOKS, 1935

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

31 ... 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