



DID YOU KNOW?

The first ever spoken-word sound recording took place in 1877. Thomas Edison recorded "Mary Had a Little Lamb" nursery rhyme on his newly invented phonograph. The machine played his words back!

MAY



GET CAUGHT READING MONTH

1 ... JOSEPH HELLER'S BIRTHDAY, 1923

An American author of novels, short stories, and plays, best known for *Catch-22* anti-war satire.

2 ... INTERNATIONAL HARRY POTTER DAY

On this day, the Battle of Hogwarts was fought.

3 ... WORLD PRESS DAY

Celebrating the freedom of expression and raising awareness of the importance of the free press.

12 ... THE INTERNET ARCHIVE IS FOUNDED, 1996

It's the largest digital library, providing free access to well over 30 million books, as well as millions of video, audio, and image files.

17 ... THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ IS PUBLISHED, 1900

Written by L. Frank Baum, this children's novel is one of the best known stories in American literature.

22 ... ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE IS BORN, 1859

A British writer and the creator of the Sherlock Holmes stories, regarded as milestones in crime fiction.

26 ... WORLD DRACULA DAY

Lovers of literature and vampires celebrate the publication of Bram Stoker's *Dracula* on this day, in 1897.

30 ... "AUDIOBOOK" BECOMES OFFICIAL, 1997

The Audio Publishers Association officially adopted the word "audiobook" to describe all non-music recordings.

I CAN'T IMAGINE
A MAN REALLY
ENJOYING A BOOK
AND READING IT
ONLY ONCE.

— C.S. LEWIS

READING CHALLENGE

Week 1: A humorous or absurdist novel

Week 2: A detective story

Week 3: A book with a castle shown on its cover

Week 4: A steampunk book