



# SEPTEMBER

## LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH



### 6 ... READ A BOOK DAY

An annual event to celebrate the joy of reading.

### 8 ... INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

Events are held across the world to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals and communities.

### 9 ... LEO TOLSTOY'S BIRTHDAY, 1828

A master of realistic fiction, and one of the world's greatest novelists. The author of *War and Peace* and *Anna Karenina*.

### 13 ... ROALD DAHL IS BORN, 1916

A British novelist and poet. The author of popular children's books: *Matilda* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

### 15 ... AGATHA CHRISTIE'S BIRTHDAY, 1890

An English novelist and playwright, best known for her works starring Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple detectives.

### 17 ... OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB STARTS, 1996

The first book selected for The Oprah Winfrey Show was Jacquelyn Mitchard's *The Deep End of the Ocean*.

### 20 ... GEORGE R.R. MARTIN IS BORN, 1948

An American novelist best known for his epic *Song of Ice and Fire* fantasy series, including *A Game of Thrones*.

### 25 ... COMIC BOOK DAY

Fans, readers, and artists come together to celebrate comic books.

### READING CHALLENGE

**Week 1:** A book you can finish in one day

**Week 2:** A book with a librarian as one of the characters

**Week 3:** A fantasy novel

**Week 4:** A book recommended by online book clubs

**THERE IS NO PROBLEM THAT A LIBRARY CARD CAN'T SOLVE.**

— ELEANOR BROWN

### DID YOU KNOW?

Portuguese library Biblioteca Joanina is home to a swarm of bats that feed on book-eating insects every night.