



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.