

# 2009

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**May each day of the new year offer peace and harmony**



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I quote others only the better to express myself. **Michel Eyquem de Montaigne** (b. 2/28)

I often quote myself. It adds spice to my conversation. **George Bernard Shaw** (b. 7/26)

Quoting: The act of repeating erroneously the words of another. **Ambrose Bierce** (b. 6/24)

## Loving Literacy

For your born writer, nothing is so healing as the realization that he has come upon the right word. **Catherine Shober Drinker Bowen** (b. 1/1/1897)

How do I know what I think until I see what I say? **E. M. Forster** (b. 1/1/1879)

Thinking is the activity I love best, and writing to me is simply thinking through my fingers. I can write up to 18 hours a day. Typing 90 words a minute, I've done better than 50 pages a day. . . . Nothing interferes with my concentration. You could put on an orgy in my office and I wouldn't look up—well, maybe once. **Isaac Asimov** (b. 1/2/1920)

Whenever citizens are seen routinely as enemies of their own government, writers are routinely seen to be the most dangerous enemies. **E. L. Doctorow** (b. 1/6/1931)

Slang is a language that rolls up its sleeves, spits on its hands and goes to work. **Carl Sandburg** (b. 1/6/1878)

Research is formalized curiosity. It is poking and prying with a purpose. **Zora Neale Hurston** (b. 1/7/1891?)

The writer of originality, unless dead, is always shocking, scandalous; novelty disturbs and repels. **Simone de Beauvoir** (b. 1/9/1908)

Publishers are demons, there's no doubt about it. **William James** (b. 1/11/1842)

One virtue of poetry is that it makes us more alive. **Dudley Randall** (b. 1/14/1914)

Question everything. Every stripe, every star, every word spoken. Question everything. **Ernest Gaines** (b. 1/15/1933)

Books are . . . funny little portable pieces of thought. **Susan Sontag** (b. 1/16/1933)

If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead, either write things worth reading or do things worth writing. **Benjamin Franklin** (b. 1/17/1706)

Books are where things are explained to you, life is where things aren't. **Julian Barnes** (b. 1/19/1946)

When you write, it is like braiding hair. Taking a handful of coarse unruly strands and attempting to bring them unity. **Edwidge Danticat** (b. 1/19/1969)

To write simply is as difficult as to be good. **Somerset Maugham** (b. 1/25/1874)

One should be able to return to the first sentence of a novel and find the resonances of the entire work. **Gloria Naylor** (b. 1/25/1950)

Sometimes I think heaven must be one continuous unexhausted reading. **Virginia Woolf** (b. 1/25/1882)

When I use a word, it means what I choose it to mean—neither more nor less. (uttered by Humpty Dumpty) **Lewis Carroll** (b. 1/27/1832)

Reading anything that moves you, disturbs you is a path into the great swirl of humanity, past, present, and future. **Michael Dorris** (b. 1/30/1945)

## Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

1/1/2009: Last day of Kwanzaa, which started 12/26/2008.

New Year's Day, solar-calendar tradition.

1/1/1863: Abraham Lincoln delivered his Emancipation Proclamation, freeing all slaves living in states rebelling against the Union.

1/3/2000: Indigenous people of Chiapas, calling themselves the "Zapatista Air Force," launched dozens of derisive-message-bearing paper airplanes into a Mexican Army barracks intruding on their land.

1/4/1965: After meeting, writing, picketing, sitting in, and rallying since 10/1/1964, the Free Speech Movement held its first *legal* rally.

1/9/1918: After months of watching "the Silent Sentinels" and other suffragists protest in front of the White House despite their repeated arrests, Woodrow Wilson announced his support for women's right to vote. The next day, the U.S. House of Representatives narrowly voted for the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, granting suffrage to women U.S. citizens; 1½ years later, the Senate did so. 8/26/1920: The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was ratified, enacting it.

1/10–11/1957: Civil rights pioneers and clerics, such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

1/11–1/17/2009: International Printing Week.

1/15/1968: On Congress's opening day, 87-year-old Jeanette Rankin led Coretta Scott King, Judy Collins, and about 5,000 other women in the Jeanette Rankin Brigade opposing the Vietnam War. Decades earlier, as the first woman in Congress, Rankin had voted against both WWI and WWII.

1/20/1977: On his first day as U.S. President, Jimmy Carter offered pardons to Vietnam War draft resisters. Earlier, Gerald Ford had offered conditional pardons to some deserters and draft evaders.

1/23/1964: The U.S. states ratified Amendment XXIV of the U.S. Constitution, making it unconstitutional to use any type of tax to limit people's right to vote.

1/26/2009: Chinese New Year, Year of the Ox, Taoist, Buddhist, Confucian.

1/26/1930: The Indian National Congress declared India's independence from British rule, "We believe that it is the inalienable right of the Indian people, as of any other people, to have freedom and to enjoy the fruits of their toil and have the necessities of life, so that they may have full opportunities of growth. We believe also that if any government deprives a people of these rights and oppresses them the people have a further right to alter it or abolish it."

1/31/1865: U.S. Congress passed Amendment XIII: ". . . Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime where of the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction. . . ."

# January, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Lead me from Death to Life, from Falsehood to Truth.  Lead me from Despair to Hope, from Fear to Trust.  Lead me from Hate to Love, from War to Peace.  Let Peace fill our Heart, our World, our Universe.  <i>Satish Kumar (Jainist)</i></p>				1	2	3
				Mariano Azuela (1873) Catherine Bowen (1897) John Henrik Clarke (1915) E. M. Forster (1879) J. D. Salinger (1919)	Isaac Asimov (1920) Crosby Bonsall (1921) John Hope Franklin (1915) Oscar Micheaux (1884) William L. Phelps (1865)	Norma Elia Cantú (1947) Marcus Cicero (106 B.C.) Lucretia Mott (1793) Morten Nielsen (1922) J. R. R. Tolkien (1892)
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Louis Braille (1809) Doris K. Goodwin (1943) Jacob Grimm (1785) Helen Johnson (1844) Phyllis Naylor (1933)	Olympia Brown (1835) Friedrich Dürrenmatt (1921) Umberto Eco (1932) Stella Gibbons (1902) Ngugi wa Thiong'o (1938)	Reyes Cárdenas (1948) E. L. Doctorow (1931) Kahlil Gibran (1883) Barry Lopez (1945) Carl Sandburg (1878)	Kay Choraó (1936) Gerald Durrell (1925) Shulamith Firestone (1945) Zora Neale Hurston (1891?) Charles Péguy (1873)	Wilkie Collins (1824) Frank Doubleday (1862) Stephen Hawking (1942) Carl Rogers (1902) Evelyn Wood (1909)	Carrie C. Catt (1859) Simone de Beauvoir (1908) Joseph Epstein (1937) Judith Krantz (1928) John B. Watson (1878)	John Acton (1834) Remy Charlip (1929) Robinson Jeffers (1887) Caroline Severance (1820) Nicolas Steno (1638)
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William James (1842) Juanita Kreps (1921) Alan Stewart Paton (1903) Alice C. H. Rice (1870) Edward Titchener (1867)	Laura Adams Armer (1874) Margaret Danner (1915) Jack London (1876) Walter Mosley (1952) Johann Pestalozzi (1746)	Horatio Alger (1832) Johari Amini (1935) Michael Bond (1926) Carolyn Heilbrun (1926) Flora Nwapa (1931)	John Dos Passos (1896) John Oliver Killens (1916) Hugh Lofting (1886) Tillie Olsen (1913) Dudley Randall (1914)	Mazo de la Roche (1879?) Ernest J. Gaines (1933) Martin L. King, Jr. (1929) Molière (1622) Pierre Proudhon (1809)	Franz Brentano (1838) Dian Fossey (1932) Laura Riding (1901) Robert W. Service (1874) Susan Sontag (1933)	Anne Brontë (1820) P. Calderón de la Barca (1600) Jewell P. Cobb (1924) Benjamin Franklin (1706) Carl Murphy (1889)
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Raymond Briggs (1934) Jacob Bronowski (1908) Rubén Darío (1867) A. A. Milne (1882) Peter Mark Roget (1779)	Patricia Highsmith (1921) Oveta Culp Hobby (1905) Robert MacNeil (1931) Edgar Allan Poe (1809) Alexander Woollcott (1887)	Joy Adamson (1910) J. Alvarez-Quintero (1873) Harriet Blatch (1856) Ernesto Cardenal (1925) Jesús Colón (1901)	Jack Henry Abbott (1944) Wolfgang Köhler (1887) Leadbelly (1885?) Imre Madách (1823) Eliza Roxey Smith (1804)	Francis Bacon (1561) (Lord) Byron (1788) Joseph Wambaugh (1937) Beatrice Webb (1858) Brian Wildsmith (1930)	Angela de Hoyos (1940) Gertrude Belle Elion (1918) Benjamin Quarles (1904) Stendhal (1783) Katherine Tynan (1861)	Vicki Baum (1888) William Congreve (1670) Desmond Morris (1928) Arthur Schomburg (1874) Edith Wharton (1862)
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Robert Boyle (1627) Robert Burns (1759) Somerset Maugham (1874) Gloria Naylor (1950) Virginia Woolf (1882)	Angela Davis (1944) Mary Mapes Dodge (1831) May Miller (1899) Edward Sapir (1884) Hans Selye (1907)	Lewis Carroll (1832) Lorenz Graham (1902) Julius Lester (1939) Hester Lynch (1740?) Mordecai Richler (1931)	Colette (1873) Hazel B. Garland (1913) Kathleen Lonsdale (1903) José Julian Martí (1853) Henry M. Stanley (1841)	Paddy Chayefsky (1923) Anton Chekhov (1860) Alice Evans (1881) Germaine Greer (1939) Oprah Winfrey (1954)	Lloyd Alexander (1924) Richard Brautigan (1933?) Michael Dorris (1945) Sterling Plumpp (1940) Angela Thirkell (1890)	Zane Grey (1872) Norman Mailer (1923) Thomas Merton (1915) John O'Hara (1905) Oe Kenzaburo (1935)

## Loving Literacy

My poems are indelicate. But so is life. **Langston Hughes** (b. 2/1/1902)  
I revel in the prospect of being able to torture a phrase once more. **S. J. Perelman**  
(b. 2/1/1904)  
Writers, like teeth, are divided into incisors and grinders. **Walter Bagehot**  
(b. 2/3/1826)  
I love writing. I love the swirl and swing of words as they tangle with human  
emotions. **James Michener** (b. 2/3/1907)  
Besides Shakespeare and me, who do you think there is? **Gertrude Stein**  
(b. 2/3/1874)  
English / is a foreign anguish. **Marlene Nourbese Philip** (b. 2/3/1947)  
I only read what I am hungry for at the moment when I have an appetite for it, and  
then I do not read, I *eat*. **Simone Weil** (b. 2/3/1909)  
They ask me if I were on a desert island and knew nobody would ever see what I  
wrote, would I go on writing. My answer is most emphatically yes, I would go  
on writing for company. **William S. Burroughs** (b. 2/5/1914)  
There are books of which the backs and covers are by far the best parts.  
**Charles Dickens** (b. 2/7/1812)  
Seized with a determination to learn to read, at any cost, I hit upon many  
expedients to accomplish the desired end. **Frederick Douglass** (b. 2/7?, 1817)  
Writers have a rare power not given to anyone else; we can bore people long after  
we are dead. **Sinclair Lewis** (b. 2/7/1885)  
Books think for me. **Charles Lamb** (b. 2/10/1775)  
Poetry is the most concentrated form of literature; it is the most emotionalized and  
powerful way in which thought can be presented. **Amy (Lawrence) Lowell**  
(b. 2/9/1874)  
I write . . . what I want to read. **Alice Walker** (b. 2/9/1944)  
The things I want to know are in books; my best friend is the man who'll get me a  
book I ain't read. **Abraham Lincoln** (b. 2/12/1809)  
Sometimes the only thing I had to hold on to was knowing I could read, and that  
could get me through. **Audre Lorde** (b. 2/18/1934)  
A real book is not one that's read, but one that reads us.  
**W. H. Auden** (b. 2/21/1907)  
The role of the writer is not to say what we can all say, but what we are unable to  
say. **Anais Nin** (b. 2/21/1903)  
One of the most effective ways to keep a people enslaved . . . is to create in that  
people a disrespect and fear of the written and spoken word. **Haki Madhubuti**  
(b. 2/23/1942)  
A word has power in and of itself. It comes from nothing into sound and meaning;  
it gives origin to all things. **N. Scott Momaday** (b. 2/27/1934)

## Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

2/1/1960: In Greensboro, North Carolina, four African-American college  
students started to sit-in at a segregated lunch counter in a Woolworth's  
retail store. Eventually, this and other nonviolent actions led to the  
desegregation of all public facilities throughout the Deep South.  
2/12/1809: Birthday of Charles Darwin and of Abraham Lincoln.  
2/12/1947: In New York City and Washington, DC, more than 400 WWI and  
WWII veterans and conscientious objectors publicly destroyed their draft  
cards or sent them to the White House, to protest the first peacetime draft.  
2/13/1689: Before being crowned the United Kingdom's monarchs, William  
and Mary accepted their subjects' "Declaration of Right," including  
freedom from royal interference with the judicial system, freedom to  
petition the monarchs, freedom to elect members of Parliament without  
interference from the monarchs, freedom of speech in Parliament without  
fear of repercussions, freedom from cruel and unusual punishment, from  
excessive bail, and from fines and forfeitures without trial.  
2/14/1773: Thomas Paine anonymously published his *Common Sense*, written  
by 1/10/1773; it sold >100,000 copies in its first 3 months.  
2/14/1883: New Jersey's state legislature was the first to legalize labor unions.  
2/15/2003: In Rome, about 3 million people protested against the Iraq War, the  
largest antiwar rally in history, according to *2004 Guinness Book of World  
Records*. According to the British Broadcasting Corporation, an estimated  
6–10 million people in up to 60 countries protested on 2/15 or 2/16.  
2/18/1688: Mennonites and Quakers in Germantown, Pennsylvania, petition  
against slavery, asking, "Is there any that would be done or handled at this  
manner? viz., to be sold or made a slave for all the time of this life?"  
2/21/1828: The Cherokee Nation published the first issue of the *Cherokee  
Phoenix*, the first Native American newspaper; still being published.  
2/23/1982: The Clwyd County Council declared Wales to be a nuclear-free  
zone. Other places have done so, too: Austria; New Zealand; Takoma Park,  
Maryland; Berkeley and Davis, California; Vancouver, British Columbia.  
2/25/1870: The Mississippi State Senate voted (48:8) for Hiram Rhodes Revels  
to become the first African American to serve in the United States Senate.  
Barack Obama was only the fifth African American U.S. Senator.  
2/26/1869: The U.S. Congress proposed (and 2/3/1870, the states ratified)  
Amendment XV to the U.S. Constitution, ensuring that all U.S. citizens  
(anyone born or naturalized in the United States) be able to exercise their  
right to vote: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be  
denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race,  
color, or previous condition of servitude."

# February, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 G. Stanley Hall (1844) Langston Hughes (1902) S. J. Perelman (1904) Reynolds Price (1933) Muriel Sarah Spark (1918)	2 Anna Bauhens (1881) William Rose Benét (1886) Joseph Cotter, Sr. (1861) James Joyce (1882) Judith Viorst (1931)	3 Horace Greeley (1811) James Michener (1907) Joan Lowery Nixon (1927) Gertrude Stein (1874) Simone Weil (1909)	4 Raymond Dart (1893) Betty Friedan (1921) John Hearne (1926) Russell Hoban (1925) Rosa Parks (1913)	5 William Burroughs (1914) Andrew Greeley (1928) Susan Hill (1942) Margaret Millar (1915) (Madame) Sévigné (1626)	6 Mary Leakey (1913) Una M. Marson (1905) Eric Partridge (1894) Anne Spencer (1882) Melvin B. Tolson (1898?)	7 Charles Dickens (1812) Frederick Douglass (1817) Darlene Clark Hine (1947) Sinclair Lewis (1885) Laura Ingalls Wilder (1867)
8 Elizabeth Bishop (1911) Kate Chopin (1851) John Grisham (1955) Dmitri Mendeleev (1834) Jules Verne (1828)	9 Letitia Baldrige (1926) Daniel Bernoulli (1700) Amy Lowell (1874) Natsume Soseki (1867) Alice Walker (1944)	10 Fleur Adcock (1934) Bertolt Brecht (1898) E. L. Konigsburg (1930) Charles Lamb (1775) Boris Pasternak (1890)	11 Lydia Maria Child (1802) Josephine Dodge (1855) Virginia Johnson (1925) Sidney Sheldon (1917) Jane Yolen (1939)	12 Judy Blume (1938) John Chambers (1843) Charles Darwin (1809) Abraham Lincoln (1809) Cotton Mather (1663)	13 Eleanor Farjeon (1881) Pauline Frederick (1906?) Helen Gardner (1908) Sarojini Naidu (1879) Georges Simenon (1903)	14 Richard Allen (1760) Jamake Highwater (1942) Robert E. Park (1864) Moneta J. Sleet, Jr. (1926) Israel Zangwill (1864)
15 Susan B. Anthony (1820) Norman Bridwell (1928) Susan Brownmiller (1935) Galileo Galilei (1564) Ibuse Masuji (1898)	16 Henry Adams (1838) St. Claire Bourne (1943) Ernst Haeckel (1834) Maud Cuney Hare (1874) Ice-T (1958)	17 Mary Frances Berry (1938) Dorothy Canfield (1879) Julia de Burgos (1914) Chaim Potok (1929) Ruth Rendell (1930)	18 Jean M. Auel (1936) Helen Gurley Brown (1922) Ida A. Harper (1851) Audre Lorde (1934) Toni Morrison (1931)	19 Kay Boyle (1902?) Nicolaus Copernicus (1473) William P. French (1943) Carson McCullers (1917) Amy Tan (1952)	20 George Bernanos (1888) Adam Black (1784) Russel Crouse (1893) Angelina E. Grimké (1805) Shiga Naoya (1883)	21 W. H. Auden (1907) Erma Bombeck (1927) Ha Jin (1956) Barbara Jordan (1936) Anais Nin (1903)
22 Francisco Alarcón (1954) Jane (Auer) Bowles (1917) Edna St. V. Millay (1892) Ishmael Reed (1938) William Whipper (1804)	23 Claude Brown (1937) W. E. B. Du Bois (1868) Haki Madhubuti (1942) Samuel Pepys (1633) Emma Willard (1787)	24 Mary Ellen Chase (1887) Judith Ortiz Cofer (1942) Wilhelm Grimm (1786) George Moore (1852) Daniel A. Payne (1811)	25 Anthony Burgess (1917) Benedetto Croce (1886) Adelle Davis (1904) Carlo Goldoni (1707) George Schuyler (1895)	26 Sara Delaney (1889) Victor Marie Hugo (1802) Mabel Dodge Luhan (1879) I. A. Richards (1893) Robert F. Williams (1925)	27 Peter De Vries (1910) Angelina W. Grimké (1880) Alice Hamilton (1869) Henry Longfellow (1807) John Steinbeck (1902)	28 Ben Hecht (1894?) Michel Montaigne (1533) Linus Pauling (1901) Gabriele Rossetti (1783) Stephen Spender (1909)

Be gentle, and you can be bold; be frugal, and you can be liberal; avoid putting yourself before others, and you can become a leader of people. Through gentleness, you can be victorious in your pursuit of justice and safe in your defense against aggression. Those whom Heaven would save, it fences round with gentleness. The greatest conquerors are those who overcome their enemies without strife.

*Lao Tse (Taoism)*

## Loving Literacy

The word play of Negro kids in the South would make the experimental poets, the modern poets, green with envy. **Ralph Ellison** (b. 3/1/1914)

Be careful, think about the effect of what you say. Your words should be constructive, bring people together, not pull them apart.

**Miriam Makeba** (b. 3/4/1932)

When / We gloriously forget ourselves and plunge / Soul-forward, headlong, into a book's profound, / Impassioned for its beauty and salt of truth— / 'Tis then we get the right good from a book. **Elizabeth Barrett Browning** (b. 3/6/1806)

In the end all books are written for your friends.

**Gabriel García Márquez** (b. 3/6/1928)

A good many young writers make the mistake of enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope, big enough for the manuscript to come back in. This is too much of a temptation to the editor. **Ring Lardner** (b. 3/6/1885)

Many ideas grow better when they are transplanted into another mind than the one where they sprang up. **Oliver Wendell Holmes** (b. 3/8/1841)

Those big-shot writers . . . could never dig the fact that there are more salted peanuts consumed than caviar. **Mickey Spillane** (b. 3/9/1918)

When [ideas] come, I write them; when they don't come, I don't. **Jack Kerouac** (b. 3/12/1922)

Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler.

**Albert Einstein** (b. 3/14/1879)

I can remember the lush spring of language in childhood. Sitting in church, rolling it around my mouth like marbles—*tabernacle* and *pharisee* and *parable*.

**Penelope Lively** (b. 3/17/1933)

When I write, . . . I think of the books on library shelves, without their jackets, years old, and a countryish teen-aged boy finding them, and having them speak to him. **John Updike** (b. 3/18/1932)

A bit of trash now and then is good for the severest reader. It provides that necessary roughage in the literary diet. **Phyllis McGinley** (b. 3/21/1905)

First and foremost I write for myself. Writing has been for a long time my major tool for self-instruction and self-development.

**Toni Cade Bambara** (b. 3/25/1939)

I certainly am glad you like the stories because now I feel it's not bad that I like them so much. The truth is I like them better than anybody and I read them over and over and laugh and laugh, then get embarrassed when I remember I was the one wrote them. **Flannery O'Connor** (b. 3/25/1925)

Writing . . . keeps me from believing everything I read.

**Gloria Steinem** (b. 3/25/1934)

All the fun's in how you say a thing. **Robert Lee Frost** (b. 3/26/1874)

## Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

3/1/1847: International Death Penalty Abolition Day, commemorating the day Michigan became the first U.S. state to abolish the death penalty.

3/2/1807: The U.S. Congress passed a much-argued prohibition against importing slaves from Africa into the United States, effective 1/1/1808.

3/3/1807: Slaveholding President Thomas Jefferson signed it into law.

3/4/1969: Faculty at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology issued a statement founding the Union of Concerned Scientists, dedicated to solving social and environmental problems, rather than fostering military solutions.

3/5/1970: Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty was ratified and went into effect.

3/12/1930: Mahatma Mohandas Gandhi and 78 *satyagrahis* (nonviolent activists) started a 240-mile, 23-day march to the sea. En route, Gandhi stopped to pray, exhort enormous crowds to join him, converse with foreign correspondents, and write articles for publication. On reaching the sea, Gandhi showed followers how to produce their own much-needed salt, violating British law. At his urging, others followed suit, producing and selling salt all along India's seacoast, undermining British rule.

3/14/1912: American Woolen Company granted demands of >20,000 striking women textile workers. IWW (Industrial Workers of the World) supported their Bread and Roses strike (started 1/12), opposed by the AFL (American Federation of Labor), which rejected women and black workers.

3/17/1965: President Lyndon Johnson sent Congress his Voting Rights Act of 1965, to enforce the voting rights promised by Amendment XIV.

3/18/1963: The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled on *Gideon v. Wainwright*, requiring state courts to provide attorneys to criminal defendants if the defendants couldn't afford their own.

3/19/2009: Defy Authority, Give Peace a Chance, the anniversary of George W. Bush's 2003 attack on Iraq.

3/22/1972: U.S. Congress proposed the Equal Rights Amendment: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

3/23/1971: U.S. Congress proposed Amendment XXVI, extending citizenship to persons 18 years of age.

3/28/1898: U.S. Supreme Court ruled that any U.S.-born child is a U.S. citizen, even if the child's parents are citizens of a foreign land, as long as the parents "have a permanent domicile and residence in the United States, and are there carrying on business, and are not employed in any diplomatic or official capacity . . . [based on Amendment XIV]: 'All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside.'"

# March, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Tonya Bolden (1958) Blanche K. Bruce (1841) Ralph W. Ellison (1914) Robert Lowell (Jr.) (1917)	<b>2</b> Thomas Bodley (1545) Elaine Brown (1943) Alexander Crummell (1819) “Dr. Seuss” (1904)	<b>3</b> Sholem Aleichem (1859) Patricia MacLachlan (1938) Yury Olesha (1899) Edmund Waller (1606)	<b>4</b> Giorgio Bassani (1916) William Foyle (1885) Miriam Makeba (1932) Alan Sillitoe (1928)	<b>5</b> Charles H. Fuller (1939) Lynn Margulis (1938) Gerardus Mercator (1512) Frank Norris (1870)	<b>6</b> Cyrano de Bergerac (1619) Ring Lardner (1885) Gabriel Garcia Márquez (1928) Juan Luis Vives (1492)	<b>7</b> Kobo Abe (1924) Luther Burbank (1849) Manuel del Cabral (1907) Sara Woods (1922)
<b>8</b> Mouloud Feraoun (1913) José Luis González (1926) Kenneth Grahame (1859) Oliver W. Holmes, Jr. (1841) Eric Linklater (1899)	<b>9</b> William Cobbett (1763) David Garnett (1892) Honoré Mirabeau (1749) Vita Sackville-West (1892) Mickey Spillane (1918)	<b>10</b> Hallie Quinn Brown (1850) Henry W. Fowler (1858) Jack Kent (1920) Tekahionwake (1862?) Frances Trollope (1780)	<b>11</b> Vinnette J. Carroll (1922) (Madame) d’Epinay (1726) Wanda Gág (1893) Ezra Jack Keats (1916) Torquato Tasso (1544)	<b>12</b> Edward Albee (1928) John Aubrey (1626) George Berkeley (1685) Virginia Hamilton (1936) Jack Kerouac (1922)	<b>13</b> Walter Annenberg (1908) Genêt (1892) Joseph Priestley (1733) Ellen Raskin (1928) George Seferis (1900)	<b>14</b> Sylvia W. Beach (1887) Isabella Beeton (1836) Marguerite de Angeli (1889) Albert Einstein (1879) Horton Foote (1916)
<b>15</b> Alice Fletcher (1838) Augusta Gregory (1852) Robert Nye (1939) David Ruggles (1810) Paul von Heyse (1830)	<b>16</b> Sid Fleischman (1920) Caroline Herschel (1750) Alice Hoffman (1952) Georg Simon Ohm (1789) Sully Prudhomme (1839)	<b>17</b> Kate Greenaway (1846) Patrick Hamilton (1904) Penelope Lively (1933) Norbert Rillieux (1806) Bayard Rustin (1910)	<b>18</b> Kathleen Conwell (1942) Diane Dillon (1933) Michael S. Harper (1938) Stéphane Mallarmé (1842) John Updike (1932)	<b>19</b> Jose de Anchieta (1534) Minna Canth (1844) Sarah G. Millin (1889?) Philip Roth (1933) Irving Wallace (1916)	<b>20</b> Mitsumasa Anno (1926) Spike Lee (1957) Lois Lowry (1937) Ovid (43 B.C.) B. F. Skinner (1904)	<b>21</b> Geoffrey Dearmer (1893) Lajos Kassák (1887) Phyllis McGinley (1905) Ved Mehta (1934) Pedro Juan Pietri (1943)
<b>22</b> Houston A. Baker (1943) Randolph Caldecott (1846) Cheddi Jagan (1918) Louis L’Amour (1908) Stephen Sondheim (1930)	<b>23</b> Ama Aidoo (1942) Fannie Farmer (1857) Margaret Farrar (1897) Erich Fromm (1900) Lorenzino de’ Medici (1514)	<b>24</b> Fanny Crosby (1820) L. Ferlinghetti (1919) Dario Fo (1926) William Morris (1834) Olive Schreiner (1855)	<b>25</b> Toni Cade Bambara (1939) Matilda Joslyn Gage (1826) Flannery O’Connor (1925) Shimazaki Tosen (1872) Gloria Steinem (1934)	<b>26</b> Robert Frost (1874) A. E. Housman (1859) Elizabeth Howard (1923) Erica Jong (1942) Tennessee Williams (1911)	<b>27</b> Heinrich Mann (1871) Ruth McCormick (1880) Karl Pearson (1857) Budd Schulberg (1914) Xavier Villaurrutia (1903)	<b>28</b> Russell Banks (1940) Byrd Baylor (1924) Maxim Gorky (1868) Teresa of Avila (1515) Mario Vargas Llosa (1936)
<b>29</b> Alexander Chalmers (1759) Utpal Dutt (1929) Judith Guest (1936) Ernst Jünger (1895) Ricardo Sánchez (1941)	<b>30</b> Mary Whiton Calkins (1863) Melanie Klein (1882) Moses Maimonides (1135) Sean O’Casey (1880) Anna Sewell (1820)	<b>31</b> René Descartes (1596) Mary Abigail Dodge (1833) Octavio Paz (1914) Marge Piercy (1936) Judith Rossner (1935?)	Let us know peace. For as long as the moon shall rise, For as long as the rivers shall flow, For as long as the sun will shine, For as long as the grass shall grow, Let us know peace. <i>Cheyenne Prayer</i>			

## Loving Literacy

Good words are worth much, and cost little. **George Herbert** (b. 4/3/1593)

I am always at a loss to know how much to believe of my own stories.

**Washington Irving** (b. 4/3/1783)

Language. I loved it. . . . I never did find a voice I didn't find wonderful and beautiful. **Maya Angelou** (b. 4/4/1928)

Few [are] too young, and none too old, to make the attempt to learn.

**Booker T. Washington** (b. 4/5/1856)

I'm widest awake as a writer doing something new, engaged in a process I'm not sure I can finish, generating at the edge of my powers. Some people bungee jump; I write. **Barbara Kingsolver** (b. 4/8/1955)

The words were living things to her. She sensed them bestriding the air and charging the room with strong colors. **Paule Marshall** (b. 4/9/1929)

A book always has a trajectory of its own. It takes you places you did not intend to go and leaves you with thoughts and ideas different from those you had when you began. **David Halberstam** (b. 4/10/1934)

Our liberty depends on freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost. **Thomas Jefferson** (b. 4/13/1743)

I cannot remember a time when I was not in love with them—with the books themselves, cover and binding and the paper they were printed on, with their smell and weight and with their possession in my arms, captured and carried off to myself. **Eudora Welty** (b. 4/13/1909)

Read—read—read *much*. Read everything. **Henry James** (b. 4/15/1843)

If you can't annoy somebody, there's little point in writing. **Kingsley Amis** (b. 4/16/1922)

Never lend books, for no one ever returns them; the only books I have in my library are books that other folk have lent me. **Anatole France** (b. 4/16/1844)

Since we are destined to live out our lives in the prison of our minds, our one duty is to furnish it well. **Peter Ustinov** (b. 4/16/1921)

Did you ever stop to think that a writer will spend three years, or many more, on a book that the average reader will skim through in a few hours? **Ellen Glasgow** (b. 4/22/1873?)

I have rewritten—often several times—every word I have ever published. My pencils outlast their erasers. **Vladimir Nabokov** (b. 4/22/ or 4/23/1899)

I don't think there's a single truth to a historical event, but rather multiple truths that historians and novelists deliver to us. **Charles (Richard) Johnson** (b. 4/23/1948)

Literature is a unique resource that articulates and preserves a people's culture.

**Coretta Scott King** (b. 4/27/1927)

Only after the writer lets literature shape her can she perhaps shape literature.

**Annie Dillard** (b. 4/30/1945)

## Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

4/1–31/2009: National Poetry Month

4/1/1983: The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament prompted tens of thousands of peace demonstrators to form a human chain linking the American base at Greenham Common, passing Aldermaston nuclear research center, and ending at Burghfield ordnance factory, 14 miles (22.2 km) from the start.

4/3/1968: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., visiting Memphis Tennessee in support of striking sanitary public works employees, delivered his "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech, noting, "Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. ... But I'm not concerned about that now. ... I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land." He was murdered the next day.

4/11/1968: President L. B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which "prohibits discrimination of all kinds based on race, color, religion, or national origin" in "the sale, rental, and financing of housing."

4/12–18/2009: National Library Week.

4/16/1963: While being jailed for his protest against segregation, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., wrote "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," admonishing his fellow clerics, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

4/22/2009: Earth Day, affirming the caregiving and stewardship responsibilities of all who reside on Earth.

4/28–30/1915: In The Hague, Netherlands, 1,136 women from both neutral and then-warring nations in Europe and North America gathered to found the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), the oldest existing women's peace organization in the world.

4/30/1917: 14 Quakers gathered for a meeting that grew into the Nobel Peace Prize-winning American Friends Service Committee. Founded less than 1 month after the U.S. Congress declared war, the organization intended to offer conscientious objectors a positive alternative to military service. It now is dedicated not only to peace and reconciliation, but also to social justice, human rights, humanitarian relief, and ending the death penalty.

4/30/1975: After a decade of outraged resistance and vehement nonviolent protest, the U.S. ended its tragic war against the people of Vietnam.

4/30/1977: At Buenos Aires's Plaza de Mayo, mothers started protesting the kidnappings of their children by Argentina's military coup (3/25/1977). Each Thursday, they marched, wearing white scarves embroidered with their children's names. Joined by fathers and others, they attracted world attention to their plight. Argentina's "Dirty War" ended in 1983; Argentina now is considered one of the most democratic nations in Latin America.

# April, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Samuel R. Delany (1942) Sophie Germain (1776) William Harvey (1578) Abraham Maslow (1908) Edmond Rostand (1868)	2 Hans C. Andersen (1805) Melba (Joyce) Boyd (1950) Giovanni Casanova (1725) Max Ernst (1891) Émile Zola (1840)	3 Jane Goodall (1934) George Herbert (1593) Washington Irving (1783) Henry Luce (1898) Harriet Spofford (1835)	4 Maya Angelou (1928) Marguerite Duras (1914) Gloria Rolando (1953) Robert Sherwood (1896) "Bettina" von Arnim (1785)
5 Arthur Hailey (1920) Thomas Hobbes (1588) Chandler Owen (1889) Algernon Swinburne (1837) Booker Washington (1856)	6 John Pepper Clark (1935) André Dacier (1651) James Mill (1773) Lincoln Steffens (1866) James Dewey Watson (1928)	7 Charles Burney (1726) Gabriela Mistral (1889) William Trotter (1872) Walter Winchell (1897) William Wordsworth (1770)	8 Oscar Zeta Acosta (1936) Albion Bacon (1865) Johann Günther (1695) Trina Hyman (1939) Barbara Kingsolver (1955)	9 Charles Baudelaire (1821) Paule Marshall (1929) Adela Nicolson (1865) Paul Robeson (1898) Waters Turpin (1910)	10 Angélico Chávez (1910) David Halberstam (1934) William Hazlitt (1778) Joseph Pulitzer (1847) Lew Wallace (1827)	11 Ellen Goodman (1941) Percy Lavon Julian (1899) Margaret of Navarre (1492) Leo Rosten (1908) Mark Strand (1934)
12 Alan Ayckbourn (1939) Horace R. Cayton, Jr. (1903) Beverly Cleary (1916) Jan Tinbergen (1903) Scott Turow (1949)	13 Lucha Corpi (1945) Seamus Heaney (1939) Nella Larsen (1891) Thomas Jefferson (1743) Eudora Welty (1909)	14 James Branch Cabell (1879) Christiaan Huygens (1629) Anne Sullivan (1866) Edward Tolman (1886) Arnold J. Toynbee (1889)	15 Leonardo da Vinci (1452) Heloise (1951) Henry James (1843) Guru Nanak Dev Ji (1469) A. Philip Randolph (1889)	16 Kingsley Amis (1922) William Chambers (1800) Anatole France (1844) Hans Sloane (1660) John Synge (1871)	17 Susan A. F. Cooper (1813) Isak Dinesen (1885) Cynthia Ozick (1928) Thornton Wilder (1897) Leonard Woolley (1880)	18 Clarence Darrow (1857) Richard H. Davis (1864) George H. Lewes (1817) Thomas Middleton (1580) Leopold Stokowski (1882)
19 Duygu Asena (1946) J. Echezagay y Eizaguirre (1832) Lani Guinier (1950) Etheridge Knight (1931) Sarah K. Knight (1666)	20 Pietro Aretino (1492) Agnes Chase (1869) Adolf Hitler (1889) Philippe Pinel (1745) Carrie Mae Weems (1953)	21 Josh Billings (1818) Charlotte Brontë (1816) Friedrich Froebel (1782) John Mortimer (1923) Bankole Omotoso (1943)	22 Benjamin Brawley (1882) Paula Fox (1923) Ellen Glasgow (1873?) Immanuel Kant (1724) (Madame) de Staël (1766)	23 Charles R. Johnson (1948) Jorge M. V. Lima (1895) Ngaio Marsh (1899) Max Planck (1858) William Shakespeare (1564)	24 Mumia Abu-Jamal (1954) Sue Grafton (1940) Evaline Ness (1911) Robert Penn Warren (1905) Benjamin Whorf (1897)	25 Muhammad Abdullah (1918) Walter de la Mare (1873) John Keble (1792) Maud Hart Lovelace (1892) Claude Mauriac (1914)
26 John Audubon (1785) Cathleen Black (1944) Lee B. Hopkins (1938) Anita Loos (1893) Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889)	27 Ludwig Bemelmans (1898) Jessie Fauset (1882) Edward Gibbon (1737) August Wilson (1945) Mary Wollstonecraft (1759)	28 Margaret Just Butcher (1913) Lois Duncan (1934) Kurt Gödel (1906) Chukwuemeka Ike (1931) Harper Lee (1926)	29 William R. Hearst (1863) Yusef Komunyakaa (1947) Henri Poincaré (1854) Tey Diana Rebolledo (1937) Rafael Sabatini (1875)	30 Annie Dillard (1945) Carl Gauss (1777) Jaroslav Hašek (1833) John C. Ransom (1888) Alice B. Toklas (1877)		

## Loving Literacy

Every writer I know has trouble writing. **Joseph Heller** (b. 5/1/1923)

Writers, if they are worthy of that jealous designation, do not write for other writers. They write to give reality to experience. **Archibald MacLeish** (b. 5/7/1892)

The poems I've written which I've feared no one could really understand are the poems that people respond to most. **May Sarton** (b. 5/3/1912)

No two people read the same book. **Edmund Wilson** (b. 5/8/1895)

For several days after my first book was published I carried it about in my pocket, and took surreptitious peeps at it to make sure the ink had not faded.

**James Barrie** (b. 5/9/1860)

Definition of a classic: a book everyone is assumed to have read and often thinks they have. **Alan Bennett** (b. 5/9/1934)

I find it impossible to write about dumb people. **Stanley Elkin** (b. 5/11/1930)

Writers should be read—but neither seen nor heard.

**Daphne du Maurier** (b. 5/13/1907)

Most people don't realize that writing is a craft. You have to take your apprenticeship in it like anything else. **Katherine Anne Porter** (b. 5/15/1890)

I wanted to choose words that even you / would have to be changed by.

**Adrienne Rich** (b. 5/16/1929)

There are two motives for reading a book: one, that you enjoy it; the other, that you can boast about it. **Bertrand Russell** (b. 5/18/1872)

My alma mater was books, a good library. **Malcolm X** (b. 5/19/1925)

Next o'er his books his eyes began to roll, / In pleasing memory of all he stole.

**Alexander Pope** (b. 5/21/1688)

It is a great thing to start life with a small number of really good books which are your very own. **Arthur Conan Doyle** (as Sherlock Holmes) (b. 5/22/1859)

There is a loving way with words and an unloving way. And it is only with the loving way that the simplicity of language becomes beautiful.

**Margaret Wise Brown** (b. 5/23/1910)

If we encounter a man of rare intellect, we should ask him what books he reads.

\* \* \* 'Tis the good reader that makes the good book.

**Ralph Waldo Emerson** (b. 5/25/1803)

When I was a child I loved to read. . . . Books brought me the greatest satisfaction.

**Jamaica Kincaid** (b. 5/25/1949)

No entertainment is so cheap as reading, nor any pleasure so lasting.

**Mary Wortley Montagu** (baptized 5/26/1689)

You shouldn't pay very much attention to anything writers say. They don't know why they do what they do. **John Barth** (b. 5/27/1930)

My poetry, I should think, has become the way of my giving out what music is within me. **Countee Cullen** (b. 5/30/1903)

The dirtiest book of all is the expurgated book. **Walt Whitman** (b. 5/31/1819)

## Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

5/1/1886: At the first International Workers' Day (May Day), 340,000 U.S. workers in Chicago and other cities went on strike for an 8-hour workday. In Chicago, police killed 4 demonstrators and wounded >200.

5/1/1919: Lewis Hill was born; a conscientious objector (CO) during WWII, he later met his wife working for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). He and fellow COs founded the Pacifica Foundation, and then Pacifica Radio, the oldest public radio network. On 4/15/1949, he announced, "This is KPFA, listener-sponsored radio in Berkeley."

5/2/1911: The Wisconsin state legislature passed the nation's first Worker's Compensation Act upheld by both the state and the U.S. Supreme Courts. As of 11/1/1911, it guaranteed compensation to workers injured on the job. By 1948, all U.S. states, as well as Hawaii and Alaska, had similar laws.

5/4/1961: The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) started its Freedom Riders project, in which black and white students volunteered to integrate interstate buses throughout the South. By the end of the summer, more than 1,000 volunteers had participated in the project.

5/4/1930: Gandhi notified India's British Viceroy that he planned to return to the Indian seashore to raid a British salt works there: "It would be cowardly on my part not to invite you to . . . give the victims an opportunity for greater and greater suffering . . . success is the certain result of suffering of the extremist character, voluntarily undergone." The British arrested and imprisoned Gandhi before he could stage the raid. As other *satyagrahis* (nonviolent resisters) marched toward the seashore, they, too, were brutally arrested and imprisoned. United Press's Webb Miller reported, "Not one of the marchers even raised an arm to fend off the blows. . . . Those struck down fell sprawling, unconscious or writhing in pain with fractured skulls or broken shoulders. . . . The survivors without breaking ranks silently and doggedly marched on until struck down." Many further nonviolent resistance actions followed, during which police assaulted, maimed, and even killed some of the *satyagrahis*. Despite arresting and imprisoning . 60,000 protesters, India's British rulers were overthrown August, 1947.

5/10/2009: Mother's Day, celebrating mothers' nurturing, unconditional love.

5/11–17/2009: National Children's Book Week, promoted by the Children's Book Council — relish reading enjoyable books to young ones.

5/16/1763: Biographer's Day, the day James Boswell met Samuel Johnson.

5/17/1954: U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled on *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*, overturning the 1896 "separate but equal" segregation doctrine established by the notorious *Plessy v. Ferguson*.

5/25/2009: Memorial Day, commemorating the sacrifices of those who are killed, maimed, or otherwise damaged or harmed by war.

# May, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>We shall beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks.            Nation shall not take up sword against nation,            Neither shall they learn war any more.  <i>Jewish Scriptures, Old Testament of the Bible, Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:3</i></p>					1	2
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Septima P. Clark (1898) Niccolò Machiavelli (1469) May Eleanor Sarton (1912) Dodie Smith (1896)	Robin Cook (1940) Thomas H. Huxley (1825) Jane Jacobs (1916) Agustín Yañez (1904)	Nellie Bly (1867) Leo Lionni (1910) Karl Marx (1818) Douglas T. Ward (1930)	Martin R. Delany (1812) Sigmund Freud (1856) Orson Welles (1915) Theodore H. White (1915)	Angela Carter (1940) Nonny Hogrogian (1932) Fenton Johnson (1888) Rabindranath Tagore (1861)	Peter Benchley (1940) Beth Henley (1952) Thomas Pynchon (1937) Gary Snyder (1930)	Eleanor Estes (1906) David Gergen (1942) Joy Harjo (1951) José Ortega y Gasset (1883)
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Jayne Cortez (1936) Ariel Durant (1898) Jean Mairat (1604) Benito Pérez Galdós (1843)	Edward Brathwaite (1930) Isaac D'Israeli (1766) Richard Feynman (1918) Joanne Oppenheim (1934)	Dorothy Hodgkin (1910) Edward Lear (1812) Farley Mowat (1921) Albert L. Murray (1916)	Alphonse Daudet (1840) Daphne du Maurier (1907) Norma Klein (1938) Stevie Wonder (1950)	François de Callières (1645) José S. Chocano (1875) Timothy Dwight (1752) Maria Fornés (1930)	L. Frank Baum (1856) Giselle Fernandez (1961) Katherine A. Porter (1890) Alvin Poussaint (1934)	F. Cabeza de Baca (1898) Anne McCormick (1881) Adrienne Rich (1929) Studs Terkel (1912)
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Eloise Greenfield (1929) Robin Maugham (1916) Alfonso Reyes (1889) Robert Surtees (1803?)	Dantès Bellegarde (1877) Paul Gascoigne (c. 1525) Lillian Hoban (1925) Bertrand Russell (1872)	Nora Ephron (1941) Tom Feelings (1933) Lorraine Hansberry (1930) Malcolm X (1925)	Margery Allingham (1904) Honoré de Balzac (1799) Lydia Cabrera (1900) John Stuart Mill (1806)	Regina Anderson (1901) Alexander Pope (1688) Marguerite Ross-Barnett (1942) Vicki Ruiz (1955)	Arthur Conan Doyle (1859) Arnold Lobel (1933) Vance Packard (1914) Giuseppe Parini (1729)	Margaret Wise Brown (1910) Margaret Fuller (1810) Carolus Linnaeus (1707) Scott O'Dell (1898)
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Bob Dylan (1941) Lillian Gilbreth (1878) Ynes Mexia (1870) Arthur Wing Pinero (1855) Helen Taussig (1898)	Joanne M. Braxton (1950) Ralph W. Emerson (1803) Jamaica Kincaid (1949) Robert Ludlum (1927) Joyce Carol Thomas (1938)	Abd al-Qadir (1807) Edmond Goncourt (1822) Richard Lederer (1938) Charles d'Orléans (1391) Robert M. Yerkes (1876)	Rachel Carson (1907) John Cheever (1912) Elizabeth Haldane (1862) Dashiell Hammett (1894) Julia Ward Howe (1819)	Cyril V. Briggs (1888) Ian Fleming (1908) Lizzie Black Kander (1858) May Swenson (1919) Patrick White (1912)	G. K. Chesterton (1874) Paul Ehrlich (1932) Jane Grant (1895) Ronald Milner (1938) T. H. White (1906)	Countee Cullen (1903) Pierre Janet (1859) Josephine Peabody (1874) Millicent Selsam (1912) Cornelia Skinner (1901)
31	<p>Be charged with peace and joy, and scatter them wherever you are and wherever you go. Be a blazing fire of truth, be a beautiful blossom of love, and be a soothing balm of peace. With your spiritual light, dispel the darkness of ignorance, dissolve the clouds of discord and war, and spread goodwill, peace, and harmony among the people.  <i>The Great Sufi</i></p>					
Rudolphus Agricola (1443) Elizabeth Coatsworth (1893) Walt Whitman (1819) Judith Wright (1915) Al Young (1939)						

## Loving Literacy

There should be no distinction between what we write down and what we really know. **Allen Ginsberg** (b. 6/3/1926)

Live always in the best company when you read. **Sydney Smith** (b. 6/3/1771)

If I knew what the meanings of my books were, I wouldn't have bothered to write them. **Margaret Drabble** (b. 6/5/1939)

One writes to make a home for oneself, on paper, in time, in others' minds. **Alfred Kazin** (b. 6/5/1915)

Words do wonderful things. They sound purr. They can urge, they can wheedle, whip, whine. They can sing, sass, singe. They can churn, check, channelize. They can be a hup, 2, 3, 4. They can forge a fiery army out of a hundred languid men. **Gwendolyn Elizabeth Brooks** (b. 6/7/1917)

A poem is a way of capturing a moment. **Nikki Giovanni** (b. 6/7/1943)

When you're writing a book, you're in it, and it isn't until you have finished it and see it as a book . . . that you step back and think, what was I doing?  
**Sara Paretsky** (b. 6/8/1947)

I don't know exactly how it's [writing's] done. I let it alone a good deal.  
**Saul Bellow** (b. 6/10/1915)

Books without knowledge of life are useless. **Ben Jonson** (b. 6/11?/1572)

A great book should leave you with many experiences, and slightly exhausted at the end. **William Styron** (b. 6/11/1925)

If I read a book that impresses me, I have to take myself firmly in hand before I mix with other people. **Anne Frank** (b. 6/12/1929) Anne's voice tumbled out of the book, so full of life, moods, curiosity, feelings. . . . She was alive again in my mind. **Miep Gies**

Authors before they write should read.  
**Fanny (née Frances) Burney** (b. 6/13/1752)

The final measure of the greatness of all peoples is the amount and standard of the literature and art they have produced. **James Weldon Johnson** (b. 6/17/1871)

Words could incite, soothe, destroy, exorcise, redeem.  
**Gail Godwin** (b. 6/18/1937)

Literature is the one place in any society where, within the secrecy of our own heads, we can hear voices talking about everything in every possible way.  
**Salman Rushdie** (b. 6/19/1947)

Where is human nature so weak as in the bookstore?  
**Henry Ward Beecher** (b. 6/24/1813)

Literature is my Utopia. Here I am not disfranchised. No barrier of the senses shuts me out from the sweet, gracious discourse of my book-friends. They talk to me without embarrassment or awkwardness. **Helen Keller** (b. 6/27/1880)

## Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

6/1/1660: Mary Dyer was hanged for boldly defying what she called Boston's "wicked law" banishing Quakers, knowing she'd suffer "pain of death" for returning there. Her statue is now honored in Boston's State House.

6/2/1863: According to a 7/10/1863 Boston newspaper, Harriet Tubman and "about 150 Negro troops" "dashed into the enemy's country, ... brought off near 800 slaves and thousands of dollars worth of property, without losing a man or receiving a scratch. It was a glorious consummation."

6/4/1919: The U.S. Senate joined the House in proposing Amendment XIX to the U.S. Constitution, offering women *suffrage*, the right to vote.

6/5/1972: First World Environment Day, commemorating the start of the United Nations Conference on Human Environment, held yearly.

6/10/1963: The U.S. Congress passed the Equal Pay Act, guaranteeing that employers give equal pay for equal work, regardless of the worker's sex.

6/13/1866: U.S. Congress proposed Amendment XIV to the U.S. Constitution: ". . . All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." In the 1950s and 1960s, much of the civil rights legislation and many court cases were based on this crucial amendment.

6/13/1966: The U.S. Supreme court ruled on *Miranda v. Arizona*, ensuring that criminal defendants be advised of their rights against self-incrimination and to consult with an attorney before being questioned by the police.

6/16/1958: An FBI file noted, "Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is scheduled to make a speech 6/16/58 .... Mrs. Roosevelt's participation in the Highlander Folk School program will not raise either its reputation or hers. But considering both the school's record and Mrs. Roosevelt's record, their new association will probably damage neither, since both already have sunk so low."

6/21/2009: Father's Day, celebrating a father's love and care for his children. First Day of Summer, aka Midsummer, the Northern hemisphere's longest day of the year, when the sun tarries the longest north of the equator.

6/25/1938: The U.S. Congress passed the Fair Labor Standards Act, prohibiting "oppressive child labor," setting a national minimum wage, and requiring time-and-a-half overtime pay for overtime work in many jobs.

6/29-30/1966: Betty Friedan, Pauli Murray, and >2 dozen others conferred to found the National Organization for Women (NOW) in Washington, DC.

# June, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 James Daugherty (1889) John Drinkwater (1882) Caroline Hentz (1800) John Masefield (1878) Colleen McCullough (1937)	2 Paul Galdone (1914) Anita Lobel (1934) Helen Oxenbury (1938) Cornel West (1953) Dorothy West (1907)	3 Allen Ginsberg (1926) William Hone (1780) Larry McMurtry (1936) Sydney Smith (1771) Torsten Wiesel (1924)	4 Mabel Lucie Attwell (1879) Mary Kingsley (1852) Jacques Romain (1907) N. Santa Cruz (1925) Ruth Westheimer (1928)	5 Ruth Benedict (1887) Margaret Drabble (1939) F. García Lorca (1898) Bill Moyers (1934) Richard Scarry (1919)	6 Verna Aardema (1911) Pierre Corneille (1606) Marian W. Edelman (1939) Maxine Kumin (1925) Aleksandr Pushkin (1799)
7 Virginia Apgar (1909) Elizabeth Bowen (1899) Gwendolyn Brooks (1917) Nikki Giovanni (Jr.) (1943) Deborah Tannen (1945)	8 Francis Crick (1916) George Lamming (1927) Sara Paretsky (1947) Kate Wilhelm (1928) Marguerite Yourcenar (1903)	9 S. N. Behrman (1893) Patricia Cornwell (1956) Weedon Grossmith (1854) Cole Porter (1891?) Bertha von Suttner (1843)	10 Saul Bellow (1915) Grace Mirabella (1930) Terence Rattigan (1911) Maurice Sendak (1928) Edward O. Wilson (1929)	11 Maxine Baca Zinn (1942) Charlotte Brown (1883) Athol Fugard (1932) (Violet Martin) "Ross" (1862) Anne N. Royall (1769)	12 Djuna Barnes (1892) Brigid Brophy (1929) Anne Frank (1929) Harriet Martineau (1802) Johanna Spyri (1827)	13 Luis Alvarez (1911) Fanny Burney (1752) Latoya Hunter (1978) Dorothy Sayers (1893) William Butler Yeats (1865)
14 John Bartlett (1820) Jerzy Kosinski (1933) Che Guevara (1928) Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811) John Edgar Wideman (1941)	15 Ana Castillo (1953) Erik Erikson (1902) Kobayashi Issa (1763) Ramón Lopez Velarde (1888) Herbert Simon (1916)	16 Marita Bonner (1899) Lucy Dawidowicz (1915) Mary K. Goddard (1736?) Joyce Carol Oates (1938) José P. Rizal (1861)	17 John Hersey (1914) James W. Johnson (1871) Louis Peterson (1922) Carl Van Vechten (1880) John Wesley (1703)	18 Gail Godwin (1937) "Corky" Gonzales (1928) Pat Hutchins (1942) Anna Lenngren (1754) Ellesee Southerland (1943)	19 Thomas Fuller (1608) Sutton E. Griggs (1872) Mari-Luci Jaramillo (1928) Pauline Kael (1919) Blaise Pascal (1623)	20 Juan Bruce-Novoa (1944) Charles W. Chesnutt (1858) Catherine Cookson (1906) Lillian Hellman (1905?) Charlemae Rollins (1897)
21 Gerald W. Barrax (1933) Arnold Gesell (1880) Robert Kraus (1925) Mary McCarthy (1912) Ann Shockley (1927)	22 Octavia Butler (1947) Katherine Dunham (1910?) Julian Huxley (1887) Harriet Lothrop (1844) Erich Maria Remarque (1898)	23 Anna Akhmatova (1889) Jean Anouilh (1910) Alfred Kinsey (1894) Theodore Taylor (1921) Alan Turing (1912)	24 Ambrose Bierce (1842) John Ciardi (1916) Rebecca Davis (1831) Anita Desai (1937) Ernesto Sábato (1911)	25 George Abbott (1887) Eric Carle (1929) Harriet Mann Miller (1831) Rose Cecil O'Neill (1874) George Orwell (1903)	26 William Broonzy (1893) Pearl S. Buck (1892) Barbara Chase-Riboud (1939) Sarah Pierce (1767) Charlotte Zolotow (1915)	27 Lucille Clifton (1936) Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872) Emma Goldman (1869) Helen Keller (1880) Frank O'Hara (1926)
28 Paul Broca (1824) Maria Goeppert-Mayer (1906) Mark Helprin (1947) Luigi Pirandello (1867) Jean Jacques Rousseau (1712)	29 Stokely Carmichael (1941) Giacomo Leopardi (1798) Virginia Pope (1885) A. de Saint-Exupéry (1900) James Van Der Zee (1886)	30 John Gay (1685) Mollie Hunter (1922) Eleanor F. Lattimore (1904) David McPhail (1940) Czeslaw Milosz (1911)	<p>May there be peace in celestial regions. May there be peace on earth. May the waters be appeasing.            May herbs be wholesome and may trees and plants bring peace to all.            May all beneficent beings bring peace to us. May thy wisdom spread peace all through the world.            May all things be a source of peace to all and to me.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Hindu prayer</i></p>			

## Loving Literacy

A book ought to be an icepick to break up the frozen sea within us. **Franz Kafka** (b. 7/3/1883)

I write fiction because it's a way of making statements I can disown. I write plays because dialogue is the most respectable way of contradicting myself.

**Tom Stoppard** (b. 7/3/1937)

The greatest possible mint of style is to make the words absolutely disappear into the thought. **Nathaniel Hawthorne** (b. 7/4/1804)

When I was about eight, I decided that the most wonderful thing, next to a human being, was a book. **Margaret Walker** (b. 7/7/1915)

I would be most content if my children grew up to be the kind of people who think decorating consists mostly of building enough bookshelves. **Anna Quindlen** (b. 7/8/1953)

The whole world opened to me when I learned to read. **Mary McLeod Bethune** (b. 7/10/1875)

No one can write decently who is distrustful of the reader's intelligence, or whose attitude is patronizing. **E. B. White** (b. 7/11/1899)

Not that the story need be long, but it will take a long while to make it short.

**Henry David Thoreau** (b. 7/12/1817)

Idiom is larger than geography; it is the hot breath of a people. **Mari Evans** (b. 7/16/1923)

We raked books off the shelves by the dozen and hauled them along on picnics, to haylofts, up oak trees, to bath and to bed. **Kathleen Norris** (b. 7/16/1880)

Masterpieces are no more than the shipwrecked flotsam of great minds.

**Marcel Proust** (b. 7/10/1871)

In a very real sense, people who have read good literature have lived more than people who cannot or will not read. **S. I. Hayakawa** (b. 7/18/1906)

Talent is helpful in writing, but guts are absolutely necessary. **Jessamyn West** (b. 7/18/1902?)

Mastery of language affords remarkable power. **Frantz Fanon** (b. 7/20/1925)

I have tried simply to write the best I can; sometimes I have good luck and write better than I can. **Ernest Hemingway** (b. 7/21/1899)

When a book, any sort of book, reaches a certain intensity of artistic performance it becomes literature. That intensity may be a matter of style, . . . or half a dozen other things. **Raymond Chandler** (b. 7/23/1888)

Every man who knows how to read has it in his power to magnify himself, to multiply the ways in which he exists, to make his life full, significant, interesting. **Aldous Huxley** (b. 7/26/1894)

The writer who aims at producing the platitudes which are "not for an age but for all time" has his reward in being unreadable in all ages.

**George Bernard Shaw** (b. 7/26/1856)

## Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

7/1/1971: Following a 1970 postal workers strike, five postal unions merged to form the American Postal Workers Union, the few federal government employees who engage in collective bargaining for their work conditions.

7/2/1964: President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act, which "prohibits discrimination of all kinds based on race, color, religion, or national origin" and empowers the federal government to enforce desegregation in states.

7/5/1948: The United Kingdom started operating the National Health Service (NHS) in England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland, publicly funding health care and providing most services free to all residents of the U.K.

Perhaps 2009 will be the year for universal health care in the United States?

7/8/1777: The Vermont Republic's constitution abolished slavery, the first of the future U.S. states to do so: "Chapter I. a Declaration of the Rights of the Inhabitants of the State of Vermont. I. That all men are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent and unalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety. Therefore, no male person, born in this country, or brought from over sea, ought to be holden by law, to serve any person, as a servant, slave or apprentice, after he arrives to the age of twenty-one Years, nor female, in like manner, after she arrives to the age of eighteen years, unless they are bound by their own consent, after they arrive to such age, or bound by law, for the payment of debts, damages, fines, costs, or the like.

7/14/1789: Bastille Day, commemorating the storming of Paris's Bastille prison-fortress, which held political prisoners, as well as criminals. On 8/4/1789, France abolished feudalism. 8/26/1789: The *Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen* was proclaimed; it ignored slavery and neglected women, but it established citizenship rights for all French men.

7/15/1834: A Royal Decree definitively abolished the Spanish Inquisition.

7/17/1934: An 83-day longshoreman strike in San Francisco ended with the employers feeling smug, but the workers still won many concessions from their bosses, including lighter loads and a 120-hour/month limit on work.

7/17/1982: Syracuse Social (now Cultural) Workers was founded.

7/19–20/1848: A "convention to discuss the condition and rights of women" was held at Seneca Falls, NY, the first U.S. women's rights convention; led by abolitionist reformers, e.g., Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott.

7/21/1972: George Carlin was arrested for violating obscenity laws with his "Seven Words You Can Never Say on Television"; charges later dismissed.

7/24/1846: Henry David Thoreau was jailed for refusing to pay his delinquent poll taxes, which he asserted were used to support slavery and the slavery-induced Mexican War. Soon after, he wrote his *On Civil Disobedience*.

# July, 2009

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			1 James M. Cain (1892) Susan Glaspell (1882) "George Sand" (1804) Jean Stafford (1915) Walter F. White (1893)	2 Ed Bullins (1935) Jean C. George (1919) Hermann Hesse (1877) Maria Hinojosa (1961) Richard Nugent (1906)	3 Dave Barry (1947) M. F. K. Fisher (1908) Charlotte P. Gilman (1860) Franz Kafka (1883) Gertrude Mossell (1855)	4 Cristina Garcia (1958) Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804) Ann Landers & "Abby" Van Buren (1918) Neil Simon (1927)
5 Jesse Max Barber (1878) George Borrow (1803) Jean Cocteau (1889) Naomi Madgett (1923) Ernst Mayr (1904)	6 Bessie Head (1937) V. von Heidenstam (1859) Dhan Gopal Mukerji (1890) Gwyn Thomas (1913) Alexander Wilson (1766)	7 Camillo Golgi (1843?) Robert A. Heinlein (1907) Helene Johnson (1906) Nettie Maria Stevens (1861) Margaret Walker (1915)	8 Gwendolyn Bennett (1902) Alfred Binet (1857) Jean de la Fontaine (1621) Shirley Ann Grau (1929) Anna Quindlen (1953)	9 Franz Boas (1858) Barbara Cartland (1901) June Jordan (1936) Dean Koontz (1945) Oliver Sacks (1933)	10 Judie Angell (1937) E. Clerihew Bentley (1875) Jean Kerr (1923) Alice Munro (1931) Marcel Proust (1871)	11 Harold Bloom (1930) Thomas Bowdler (1754) L. de Gongora y Argote (1561) Patricia Polacco (1944) E. B. White (1899)
12 Claude Bernard (1813) Bill Cosby (1937?) Pablo Neruda (1904) Lucy Fitch Perkins (1865) Henry D. Thoreau (1817)	13 Marcia Brown (1918) Ashley Bryan (1923) John Clare (1793) Beatrix Gardner (1933) Wole Soyinka (1934)	14 Gertrude Bell (1868) Natalia Ginzburg (1916) Woody Guthrie (1912) Peggy Parish (1927) Politian (1454)	15 Thomas Bulfinch (1796) Dorothy Fields (1905) Clement C. Moore (1779) Iris Jean Murdoch (1919) Maggie Lena Walker (1867)	16 Arnold Adoff (1935) Mary Baker Eddy (1821) Mari Evans (1923) Assata Shakur (1947) Ida B. Wells (1862)	17 Shmuel Agnon (1888) Erle S. Gardner (1889) Karla Kuskin (1932) Frank Snowden (1911) Christina Stead (1902)	18 Laurence Housman (1865) Thomas S. Kuhn (1922) Margaret Laurence (1926) Kelly Miller (1863) Jessamyn West (1902?)
19 A. J. Cronin (1896) Alice D. Nelson (1875) Herbert Marcuse (1898) Eve Merriam (1916?) Rosalyn Yalow (1921)	20 Henry L. Dumas (1934) Frantz Fanon (1925) Edmund Hillary (1919) (Sir) Richard Owen (1804) Petrarch (1304)	21 Hart Crane (1899) Buchi Emecheta (1944) Ernest Hemingway (1899) Mónica Lozano (1956) Diana R. Trilling (1905)	22 Stephen V. Benét (1898) S. E. Hinton (1948) Gregor Mendel (1822) Amy Vanderbilt (1908) Margery Williams (1881)	23 Lisa Alther (1944) Raymond Chandler (1888) Patricia Coombs (1926) Robert Quackenbush (1929) Quincy Troupe (1943)	24 Kenneth B. Clark (1914) Alexander Dumas ( <i>père</i> ) (1802) Zelda Fitzgerald (1900?) Robert Graves (1895) Charles S. Johnson (1893)	25 R. Arévalo Martínez (1884) Maria W. Chapman (1806) Rosalind Franklin (1920) Ruth Krauss (1901?) Akinari Ueda (1734)
26 Austin C. Clarke (1934) Steven Cosgrove (1945) Aldous Huxley (1894) Carl Jung (1875) George B. Shaw (1856)	27 Hillaire Belloc (1870) Thomas Campbell (1777) Alexander Dumas ( <i>fils</i> ) (1824) Elizabeth Hardwick (1916) Bharati Mukherjee (1940)	28 John Ashbery (1927) Natalie Babbitt (1932) Karl Popper (1902) Beatrix Potter (1866) Manoel R. Querino (1851)	29 Chester Himes (1909) Stanley Kunitz (1905) Don Marquis (1878) Booth Tarkington (1869) José Manuel Valdés (1767)	30 Emily Brontë (1818) Elizabeth Haynes (1883) Samuel Rogers (1763) Giorgio Vasari (1511) Jose A. Villarreal (1924)	31 Lynne Reid Banks (1929) John Canton (1718) Primo Levi (1919) Ndabaningi Sithole (1920) Mary Walcott (1860)	

## Loving Literacy

Events, not books should be forbid. **Herman Melville** (b. 8/1/1819)

Let us secure not such books as people want, but books just above their wants, and they will reach up to take what is put out for them. **Maria Mitchell** (b. 8/1/1818)

You think your pain and your heartbreak are unprecedented in the history of the world, but then you read. It was books that taught me that the things that tormented me most were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive, or who had ever been alive. **James Baldwin** (b. 8/2/1924)

You can lie to your wife or your boss, but you cannot lie to your typewriter. Sooner or later you must reveal your true self in your pages. **Leon Uris** (b. 8/3/1924)

The poet's pleasure in finding ingenious ways to enclose her secrets should be matched by the reader's pleasure in unlocking and revealing these secrets. **Diane Wakoski** (b. 8/3/1937)

[My poetry is] a way of coming to grips with reality . . . of discovery . . . of solving for the unknowns. **Robert Hayden** (b. 8/4/1913)

Poetry is the record of the best and happiest moments of the happiest and best minds. **Percy Bysshe Shelley** (b. 8/4/1792)

A people's literature is the great text-book for real knowledge of them. **Edith Hamilton** (b. 8/12/1867)

Talk of the happiness of getting a great prize in the lottery! What is that to the opening of a box of books! **Robert Southey** (b. 8/12/1774)

The only thing I was fit for was to be a writer, and this notion rested solely on my suspicion that I would never be fit for any real work, and that writing didn't require any. **Russell Baker** (b. 8/14/1925)

There is no denying the fact that writers should be read but not seen. **Edna Ferber** (b. 8/15/1885?)

Provoking, isn't it? that when one is most in need of sensible words, one finds them not. **Charlotte L. Forten Grimké** (b. 8/17/1837?)

Hiring someone to write your autobiography is like hiring someone to take a bath for you. **Mae West** (b. 8/17/1892?)

Poets aren't very useful. / Because they aren't consumeful or very produceful. **Ogden Nash** (b. 8/19/1902)

I have always come to life after coming to books.

**Jorge Luis Borges** (b. 8/24/1889)

Just remember that reading is an art, and it is under just as much threat as writing. So please keep at it. **Martin Amis** (b. 8/25/1949)

The only fence against the world is a thorough knowledge of it. **John Locke** (b. 8/29/1632)

## Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

8/1/1976: At the proposed Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant, NH, 18 protesters were arrested for criminal trespass, among 200 other protesters. Subsequent protests, rallies, occupations, and arrests crippled U.S. nuclear power.

8/4/1875: The first "Convention of Colored Newspapermen," met in Cincinnati, OH, "to make colored people's newspapers self-sustaining."

8/5/1100: On his coronation, King Henry I of England issued his written Charter of Liberties, in which he formally bound the English king to obey particular laws regarding how to treat church officials and nobles. His charter prohibited various abuses of royal power, such as excessive taxation of barons and requiring payments for positions in the church hierarchy.

8/19/1791: Along with a copy of his astronomical ephemeris, African American pacifist Benjamin Banneker sent a letter to Thomas Jefferson, urging him against "detaining by fraud and violence so numerous a part of my brethren, under groaning captivity and cruel oppression, that you should at the same time be found guilty of that most criminal act, which you professedly detested in others, with respect to yourselves."

8/20/1964: President Johnson signed into law the Economic Opportunity Act, launching Head Start, Job Corps, Vista, and other programs key to his "War on Poverty." Many programs have since been curtailed or ended.

8/22/1978: The U.S. Congress proposed the District of Columbia Voting Rights Amendment, enabling District of Columbia citizens to participate fully in creating national legislation. It was never ratified.

8/26/1920: Amendment XIX to the U.S. constitution was ratified, enacting women's *suffrage*, the right of women U.S. citizens to vote.

8/28/1963: At the March on Washington, about 200,000 people heard Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., say, "We . . . remind America of the fierce urgency of Now. . . . Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. . . . In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. . . . we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. . . . even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.' . . ."

8/29/1962: U.S. Congress proposed Amendment XXIV, to eliminate the poll tax intended to prevent poor folks, especially African Americans, from voting. (Ratified 1/23/1964.)

# August, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Because we all share this small planet earth, we have to learn to live in harmony and peace with each other and with nature. . . . we must share the good fortune that we enjoy. I speak to you as just another human being; as a simple monk. If you find what I say useful, then I hope you will try to practise it. . . . When we feel love and kindness towards others, it not only makes others feel loved and cared for, but it helps us also to develop inner happiness and peace.</p> <p><i>Fourteenth Dalai Lama (Tenzin Gyatso, b. 7/1/1935), Tibetan Buddhist (from his 1989 Nobel Lecture)</i></p>						<p>1</p> <p>Jean B. Lamarck (1744) Rose Macaulay (1881) Benjamin E. Mays (1894) Herman Melville (1819)</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Isabel Allende (1942) James A. Baldwin (1924) Ethel M. Dell (1881) Philippa Duke Schuyler (1931)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>H. ibn Ali Bourguiba (1903) P. D. James (1920) Leon Uris (1924) Diane Wakoski (1937)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Robert Hayden (1913) Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792) Helen Thomas (1920) Susanna Wright (1697)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Mary Ritter Beard (1876) John Eliot (1604) Jacquetta Hawkes (1910) Guy de Maupassant (1850)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Lorna Cervantes (1954) Shirley Ann Jackson (1946) Susie Taylor (1848) "Dora" Wordsworth (1804)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Betsy Byars (1928) Paulina Davis (1813) Ernesto Galarza (1905) Excilia Saldaña (1946)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Alurista (1947) Jan Pienkowski (1936) Marjorie K. Rawlings (1896) Sara Teasdale (1884)</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Patricia McKissack (1944) John Oldham (1653) Jean Piaget (1896) Izaak Walton (1593)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Jorge Amado (1912) Anna Julia Cooper (1858?) Beverly Lowry (1938) Era Bell Thompson (1906)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Enid Blyton (1897) Louise Bogan (1897) Alex Haley (1921) Carl T. Rowan (1925)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Katherine Lee Bates (1859) Edith Hamilton (1867) Walter Dean Myers (1937) Robert Southey (1774)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Anders Ångström (1814) William Caxton (1415?) Joycelyn Elders (1933) George Grove (1820)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Molefi Asante (1942) Russell Baker (1925) Ernest Everett Just (1883) Danielle Steel (1947)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Julia Child (1912) Gerty Cori (1896) Edna Ferber (1885?) (Sir) Walter Scott (1771)</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Beatrice de Regniers (1914) Jean de La Bruyère (1645) Louis E. Lomax (1922) Wallace Thurman (1902) Wyatt Tee Walker (1929)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pierre de Fermat (1601) Marcus Garvey (1887) Archibald Grimké (1849) Charlotte Grimké (1837?) Mae West (1892?)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Brian Aldiss (1925) Paula Danziger (1944) Meriwether Lewis (1774) Elsa Morante (1918) Alain Robbe-Grillet (1922)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>James G. Cozzens (1903) John Dryden (1631) Mary Belle Harris (1874) Joaquim Nabuco (1849) Ogden Nash (1902)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Thomas Corneille (1625) Edgar A. Guest (1881) Maria Louise Pool (1841) Salvatore Quasimodo (1901) Roger Sperry (1913)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Aubrey Beardsley (1872) X. J. Kennedy (1929) Caroline Leigh (1926) Robert Stone (1937) Melvin Van Peebles (1932)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Ray Bradbury (1920) Kung Tzu-chen (1792) Dorothy Parker (1893) E. Annie Proulx (1935) Beatus Rhenanus (1485)</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Jose A. Burciaga (1940) Erlinda B. Gonzales (1942) Constant Lambert (1905) Arnold Toynbee (1852) Sarah Whiting (1847)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Max Beerbohm (1872) Jorge Luis Borges (1889) A. S. Byatt (1936) Oscar Hijuelos (1951) Jean Rhys (1894)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Kjeld Abell (1901) Martin Amis (1949) Bret Harte (1836) Bill Nye (1850) Sherley A. Williams (1944)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Julio Cortázar (1914) Earl Derr Biggers (1884) Barbara Ehrenreich (1941) Zona Gale (1874) Antoine Lavoisier (1743)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Confucius (551 B.C.) Theodore Dreiser (1871) Nancy Friday (1938) Georg Hegel (1770) Amado Nervo (1870)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Rita Dove (1952) Roger Duvoisin (1904) Johann von Goethe (1749) Phyllis Krasilovsky (1926) Roger Tory Peterson (1908)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Anna Ella Carroll (1815) René Depestre (1926) Oliver Holmes (Sr.) (1809) John Locke (1632) Maurice Maeterlinck (1862)</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Virginia Lee Burton (1909) Donald Crews (1938) Laurent de Brunhoff (1925) Mary W. Shelley (1797)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Eldridge Cleaver (1935) Maria Montessori (1870) Daniel Schorr (1916) Elizabeth S. P. Ward (1844)</p>	<p>Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another.</p> <p><i>Ephesians 4:31-32</i></p>				

## Loving Literacy

I had once tried to write, had once reveled in feeling, had let my crude imagination roam, but the impulse to dream had been slowly beaten out of me by experience. Now it surged up again and I hungered for books, new ways of looking and seeing. **Richard Wright** (b. 9/4/1908)

A writer's ambition should be to trade a hundred contemporary readers for ten readers in ten years' time and one reader in a hundred years' time.

**Arthur Koestler** (b. 9/5/1905)

I can make you spend hours finding out about somebody that you would not invite to your dining table. **David Henry Bradley** (b. 9/7/1950)

I love smooth words, like gold-enameled fish / Which circle slowly with a silken swish. **Elinor Wylie** (b. 9/7/1885)

Literature is the art of writing something that will be read twice; journalism what will be grasped at once. **Cyril Connolly** (b. 9/10/1903)

The novel is the highest example of subtle interrelatedness that man has discovered. **D. H. (David Herbert) Lawrence** (b. 9/11/1885)

There are no dull subjects. There are only dull writers.

**H. L. (Henry Louis) Mencken** (b. 9/12/1880)

I think the whole glory of writing lies in the fact that it forces us out of ourselves and into the lives of others. **Sherwood Anderson** (b. 9/13/1876)

It took me fifteen years to discover I had no talent for writing, but I couldn't give it up because by that time I was too famous. **Robert Benchley** (b. 9/15/1889)

It was clear that the books owned the shop rather than the other way about.

Everywhere they had run wild and taken possession of their habitat.

**Agatha Christie** (b. 9/15/1890)

In literacy lay freedom for the black slave. **Henry Louis Gates, Jr.** (b. 9/16/1950)

The greatest part of a writer's time is spent in reading, in order to write; a man will turn over half a library to make one book. **Samuel Johnson** (b. 9/18/1709)

There is nothing so important as the book can be.

**Maxwell E. Perkins** (b. 9/20/1884)

I'm sorry that I have written you a five-page letter. I didn't have time to write a one-page letter. **Philip Dormer Stanhope Chesterfield** (b. 9/22/1694)

This is part of the writer's calling: to look at our potentialities.

**Alexis Deveau** (b. 9/24/1948)

Read, read, read. Read everything—trash, classics, good and bad, and see how they do it. **William Faulkner** (b. 9/25/1897)

It is poetry that changes everything. **bell hooks** (b. 9/25/1952?)

There are men that will make you books and turn 'em loose into the world with as much dispatch as they would do a dish of fritters.

**Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra** (b. 9/29/1547)

## Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

9/3/1938: On his third attempt, Frederick Douglass successfully escaped slavery in Baltimore, MD, and reached freedom in New York City.

9/4/1949: To benefit the Civil Rights Congress, Paul Robeson sang to 20,000 listeners in Peekskill, NY. Postponed from 8/27, due to attacks by a bat-wielding mob, the second concert let out into a miles-long gauntlet of rock-throwing mobsters breaking windshields and injuring 140 people.

9/4–7/1970: The Vietnam Veteran's Against the War (VVAW) began its Operation RAW (Rapid American Withdrawal), a 3-day, 86-mile guerrilla-theater march from Morristown, NJ, to Valley Forge State Park, PA. En route, >200 veterans and members of "Nurses for Peace" and other pacifists participated in mock enactments of search-and-destroy missions.

9/7/2009: Labor Day, honoring the labor of all workers, as well as the labor movement, the labor unions, and other labor organizations.

9/9/1990: At England's Farnborough Air Show of war-craft, the Gulf War Resisters displayed "No War in the Gulf" slogans on a British Tornado jet.

9/10/1996: First weekly issue of "Eat the State!" newsletter published in Seattle, WA; available at [//www.eatthestate.org/](http://www.eatthestate.org/).

9/11/2001: Religious and Cultural Tolerance Day, commemorating the suffering and grief wrought by hatred and intolerance.

9/14/1918: For a speech he gave opposing the WWI draft on 4/16/1918, Eugene Debs was convicted of violating the Espionage Act and sentenced to 10 years in prison. After an unsuccessful appeal to the Supreme Court, he entered prison 4/19/1919. Though President Wilson had denied him clemency, on 12/25/1921, President Harding commuted his sentence to time served. He welcomed Debs to the White House, "I have heard so damned much about you, Mr. Debs, that I am very glad to meet you personally." In 1924, Debs was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

9/14/2001: Representative Barbara Lee (CA) cast the only vote against Bush's "use-of-force" resolution, a vote for which she has received death threats.

9/15/1963: Racial Harmony Day, commemorating the horrors of racism when four little girls were killed by a bomb that exploded in the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

9/17/1787: The U.S. Congress adopted the U.S. Constitution.

9/22/2009: First Day of Autumn, Fall Equinox.

9/24–25/1957: Under the protection of federal troops, nine courageous black students entered Little Rock's formerly all-white Central High.

9/24/1965: President L. B. Johnson issued Executive Order 11246, requiring government contractors to "take affirmative action" to counteract prior discriminatory practices in all aspects of employment, including hiring.

# September, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Edgar R. Burroughs (1875) Anna B. Comstock (1854) Karl August Folkers (1906) Rosa Guy (1925?) Lily Tomlin (1939)	2 Cleveland Amory (1917) Allen Drury (1918) Estebán Echeverría (1805) Lucretia P. Hale (1820) Giovanni Verga (1840)	3 Aliko (Brandenberg) (1929) Annie E. Delany (1891?) Marguerite Higgins (1920) Sarah Orne Jewett (1849) Alison Lurie (1926)	4 Katherine Biddle (1902) Syd Hoff (1912) Lewis Latimer (1848) Mary Renault (1905) Richard Wright (1908)	5 Tomaso Campanella (1568) Cathy Guisewhite (1950) Arthur Koestler (1905) Larry Neal (1937) Frank G. Yerby (1916)
6 Jane Addams (1860) Catharine Beecher (1800) Zelia Nuttall (1857) Joel Augustus Rogers (1883) Felix Salten (1869)	7 Louise Bennett (1919) Jean Hutson (1914) August Kekulé (1829) Edith Sitwell (1887) Elinor Wylie (1885)	8 Ludovico Ariosto (1474) Ann Beattie (1947) Jack Prelutsky (1940) Esther Rome (1945) Jon Scieszka (1954)	9 Mary Hunter Austin (1868) Delilah Beasley (1872) Sarah Douglass (1806) Sonia Sanchez (1934) Leo Tolstoy (1828)	10 Stephen Jay Gould (1941) H. D. (Hilda Doolittle) (1886) Georgia D. Johnson (1877) Mary Oliver (1935) Thomas Sydenham (1624)	11 Joanna Baillie (1762) "O. Henry" (1862) Mary Lease (1850) Jessica Mitford (1917) Pierre de Ronsard (1524)	12 Amílcar Cabral (1924) Irene (Joliot)-Curie (1897) Kristin Hunter (1931) Alfred A. Knopf (1892) H. L. Mencken (1880)
13 Oscar Arias Sanchez (1941) Maria L. Baldwin (1856) Andrew F. Brimmer (1926) Alain Locke (1886?) Mildred D. Taylor (1943)	14 William Armstrong (1914) A. von Humboldt (1769) Kate Millett (1934) Margaret Sanger (1883?) John Steptoe (1950)	15 Tomie de Paola (1934) Claude McKay (1890?) Anne Moody (1940) Nancy G. Prince (1799) Theodore Ward (1902)	16 Henry L. Gates, Jr. (1950) Karen Horney (1885) John Knowles (1926) H. A. Rey (1898) Frans E. Sillanpää (1888)	17 Elizabeth Enright (1909) Ken Kesey (1935) Agostinho Neto (1922) F. Quevedo y Villegas (1580) Mary Stewart (1916)	18 Agnes De Mille (1905) Samuel Johnson (1709) Laura Villela Sabia (1916) Anna D. Smith (1950) Joseph Story (1779)	19 Sarah Delany (1889?) William Golding (1911) James S. Haskins (1941) Penelope Mortimer (1918) Arthur Rackham (1867)
20 Judith Baca (1946) Maxwell E. Perkins (1884) Upton Sinclair (1878) "Stevie" (Florence Margaret) Smith (1902)	21 James Forten (Sr.) (1766) Stephen King (1947) Marsha Norman (1947) H. G. Wells (1866) Taro Yashima (1908)	22 Philip Chesterfield (1694) Julianne Malveaux (1953) Alice Meynell (1847) Esphyr Slobodkina (1908) Fay Weldon (1931)	23 Euripides (c. 480 B.C.) George Jackson (1941) John Avery Lomax (1875?) Mary E. C. Terrell (1863) Victoria Woodhull (1838)	24 Alexis Deveau (1948) Frances Harper (1825) Severo Ochoa (1905) Jessie Smith (1930) Horace Walpole (1717)	25 Fannie F. Andrews (1867) William Faulkner (1897) Felicia Hemans (1793) "bell hooks" (1952) William Rossetti (1829)	26 Charles Bradlaugh (1833) T. S. Eliot (1888) Martin Heidegger (1889) Ivan Pavlov (1849) Ellen Tarry (1906)
27 Louis Auchincloss (1917) George Cruikshank (1792) Louis Johnson (1924) Myrtle Reed (1874) Bernard Waber (1924)	28 James E. Campbell (1867) Prosper Mérimée (1803) David Walker (1785) Kate Douglas Wiggin (1856) Frances Willard (1839)	29 Stan Berenstain (1923) Colin Dexter (1930) Enrico Fermi (1901) Elizabeth Gaskell (1810) Konraty F. Ryleyev (1795)	30 Truman Capote (1924) Edgar d'Aulaire (1898) Laura Esquivel (1950) Alvin Tresselt (1916) Elie Wiesel (1928)			

## Loving Literacy

Poetry is an effort to express the unexpressable in terms of the unforgettable.

**Louis Untermeyer** (b. 10/1/1885)

I didn't invent the world I write about—it's all true. **Graham Greene**  
(b. 10/2/1904)

Books . . . are all I have, . . . and I live with them constantly. **Wallace Stevens**  
(b. 10/2/1879)

Always there should be books—chosen more to divert than to strain the reader's attention. **Emily Post** (b. 10/3/1873?)

A writer is someone who writes, that's all. You can't stop it; you can't make yourself do anything else but that. **Gore Vidal** (b. 10/3/1925)

Publishing is a very mysterious business. It is hard to predict what kind of sale or reception a book will have, and advertising seems to do very little good.

**Thomas Wolfe** (b. 10/3/1900)

Writing, which is my form of celebration and prayer, is also my way of inquiry.

**Diane Ackerman** (b. 10/7/1948)

As I stared at the books, I suddenly understood that I didn't know a hell of a lot about anything. What it was that seemed to move me then was that learning was *important*. **Amiri Baraka** (b. 10/7/1934)

Great writers leave us not just their words, but a way of looking at things.

**Elizabeth Hall Janeway** (b. 10/7/1913)

A man is a fool not to put everything he has, at any given moment, into what he is creating. . . . It's a matter of just sitting down and working. I have never had the problem of a writing block. **Frank Herbert** (b. 10/8/1920)

Good writing excites me, and makes life worth living.

**Harold Pinter** (b. 10/10/1930)

Writing is a labor of love and also an act of defiance, a way to light a candle in a gale wind. **Alice Childress** (b. 10/12/1916?)

Isn't it a joy—there is hardly a greater one—to find a new book, a living book, and to know that it will remain with you while life lasts? **Katherine Mansfield** (b. 10/14/1888)

A classic is a book that has never finished saying what it has to say. **Italo Calvino**  
(b. 10/15/1923)

Reading, to me, is simply the expansion of one's mind to include some people whom you just didn't get to meet before. **Ntozake Shange** (b. 10/18/1948)

I was born with the impression that what happened in books was much more reasonable, and interesting, and real, in some ways, than what happened in life.

**Anne Tyler** (b. 10/25/1941)

When I get a little money, I buy books; and if any is left, I buy food and clothes.

**Desiderius Erasmus** (b. 10/26–27/1466?)

Love the words. **Dylan Marlais Thomas** (b. 10/27/1914)

## Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

10/1/1962: Despite eruptions of violence, James Meredith became the first African-American student to enroll in the University of Mississippi.

10/1/1964: Jack Weinberg, a former UC Berkeley grad student in math, was arrested for setting up a Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) information table in front of Sproul Hall. Previously (9/28–30), other student groups had also violated UC policies against free speech, and 5 students had been suspended. The arrest prompted a 32-hour demonstration. On 10/3–4/1964, several student groups confederated to form the Free Speech Movement. At last, on 1/3/1965, a new acting UC chancellor agreed to designate Sproul Hall's steps as an area for open discussion — and for information tables.

10/5/2005: Many states (e.g., MI, NE, NY, AK, NJ, MN [1999]) and cities (e.g., Philadelphia) proclaimed Raoul Wallenberg Day, commemorating 10/5/1981, when Wallenberg became the second person awarded honorary U.S. citizenship. A Swedish diplomat, he had saved about 100,000 Hungarian Jews and resisters to Nazism from Nazi persecution during WWII. Canada awarded him Canadian citizenship, too; it honors Raoul Wallenberg Day on 1/17, the day in 1945 when he “disappeared.”

10/9/1990: U.S. government issued a written apology and the first of 82,210 \$20,000 checks to Japanese Americans (or their heirs) unjustly imprisoned in internment camps during WWII. Almost 120,000 were interned.

10/12/1492: Columbus Day, Indigenous People's Day, and Dia de la Raza (Day of the People), commemorating the arrival of Europeans in culturally rich and often tragically welcoming Native America.

10/14/1964: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., learned that he would be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; Ralph Bunche had preceded him in this honor (1950).

10/14/1968: At San Francisco's Presidio stockade, 27 prisoners walked to a grassy area and started singing, “We Shall Overcome,” as one of them read a list of grievances. Ordered to disperse and then read the articles of mutiny, the soldiers defiantly stayed put. Military police removed them one by one. Their extremely harsh penalties (14–16 years hard labor) attracted national attention to antiwar sentiment among soldiers. In June 1970, the long sentences were voided and much-shortened sentences imposed. In the 4/9/2007 *NY Times*: “Army prosecutions of . . . unauthorized absences have risen sharply . . . , resulting in thousands more negative discharges and prison time for . . . veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.”

10/16/1758: Dictionary Day, honoring lexicographer Noah Webster's birth.

10/24/1945: United Nations Day; countries of the world founded the United Nations, in the hope of promoting world peace and justice.

10/31/1517: Martin Luther nailed his theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, questioning Catholic Church practices and Papal authority.

# October, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Let us follow the path of goodness for all times, . . . . Let us be charitable to one another. Let us not kill or be violent with one another. Let us know and appreciate the points of view of others. And let us unite. <i>Hindu Prayer</i></p>				<p>1</p> <p>Faith Baldwin (1893) Jerome Bruner (1915) Jimmy Carter (1924) John B. Russwurm (1799) Louis Untermeyer (1885)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Hannah Adams (1755) Patrick Geddes (1854) Graham Greene (1904) Wallace Stevens (1879) Nat Turner (1800)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>T. Thomas Fortune (1856) James Herriot (1916) Emily Post (1873?) Geraldine Trotter (1872) Gore Vidal (1925)</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Jackie Collins (1937) Munro Leaf (1905) Bernice J. Reagon (1942) Donald J. Sobol (1924) Alvin Toffler (1928)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Peter Ackroyd (1949) Denis Diderot (1713) Louise Fitzhugh (1928) Václav Havel (1936) Gene Zion (1913)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Richard Dedekind (1831) Caroline Gordon (1895) Thor Heyerdahl (1914) Rebecca Lobo (1973) Victoria Spivey (1906)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Diane Ackerman (1948) Amiri Baraka (1934) Alice Dalgliesh (1893) Elizabeth Janeway (1913) Thomas Keneally (1935)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Frank Herbert (1920) Mary Pennington (1872) John Cowper Powys (1872) Faith Ringgold (1930) R. L. Stine (1943)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Mary Ann S. Cary (1823) Bruce Catton (1899) John Lennon (1940) Tadeusz Rozewicz (1921) Léopold Senghor (1906)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Frederick Barthelme (1943) James Clavell (1924) James Marshall (1942) Harold Pinter (1930) Ken Saro-Wiwa (1941)</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Carlos Arniches (1866) Russell Freedman (1929) Harriet Hawes (1871) Elmore Leonard (1925) Ethel Mannin (1900)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Alice Childress (1916?) William Cobb (1904) Dick Gregory (1932) Joyce A. Ladner (1943) Ann Petry (1908?)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Arna Bontemps (1902) Lenny Bruce (1926?) "Herblock" (1909) Saunders Redding (1906) Askia M. Touré (1938)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Hannah Arendt (1906) e. e. cummings (1894) Miles Franklin (1879) Lois Lenski (1893) Katherine Mansfield (1888)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>John K. Galbraith (1908) Helen Hunt Jackson (1830) Marie Stopes (1880) Virgil (70 B.C.) P. G. Wodehouse (1881)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Robert Ardrey (1908) Günter Grass (1927) Eugene O'Neill (1888) Noah Webster (1758) Oscar Wilde (1854)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Lerone Bennett (Jr.) (1928) Elinor Glyn (1864) Jupiter Hammon (1711?) Arthur Miller (1915) Nathanael West (1903?)</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Mamie Phipps Clark (1917) Fannie Hurst (1889) Terry McMillan (1951) Ntozake Shange (1948) Wendy Wasserstein (1950)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Renata Adler (1938) Miguel Asturias (1899) Johnnetta B. Cole (1936) Edward Emberley (1931) Lewis Mumford (1895)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Frederic Bartlett (1886) Art Buchwald (1925) John Dewey (1859) Crockett Johnson (1906) Robert Pinsky (1940)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Florence Ai Ogawa (1947) Samuel Coleridge (1772) Carrie Fisher (1956) Ursula Le Guin (1929) Ahmos Zu-Bolton, III (1935)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Ivan Bunin (1870) Julie Dash (1952) Abigail S. Duniway (1834) Doris Lessing (1919) John Reed (1887)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>John Russell Bartlett (1805) Michael Crichton (1942) Marjorie Flack (1897) Pierre Larousse (1817) Anita Roddick (1942)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Sara J. B. Hale (1788) Moss Hart (1904) A. v. Leeuwenhoek (1632) Denise Levertov (1923) Bruno Munari (1907)</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Carolyn Bailey (1875) Eduardo Barrios (1884) John Berryman (1914) Thomas Macaulay (1800) Anne Tyler (1941)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>John Arden (1930) Edward Brooke, III (1919) Steven Kellogg (1941) Beryl Markham (1902) C. P. Scott (1846)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Enid Bagnold (1889) Ruby Dee (1927) Desiderius Erasmus (1466?) Maxine H. Kingston (1940) Dylan Thomas (1914)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Ayi Kwei Armah (1939?) Anna Dickinson (1842) Auguste Escoffier (1846) Ishikawa Takuboku (1885) Evelyn Waugh (1903)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>James Boswell (1740) Jean Giraudoux (1882) Othniel C. Marsh (1831) Bill Mauldin (1921) Guillermo Valencia (1873)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Rudolf A. Anaya (1937) Gertrude Atherton (1857) Robert A. Caro (1935) Elizabeth Roberts (1881) Irma Rombauer (1877)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Natalie C. Barney (1876) John Evelyn (1620) Mary E. W. Freeman (1852) John Keats (1795) Katherine Paterson (1932)</p>

## Loving Literacy

It has been said that writing comes more easily if you have something to say.

**Sholem Asch** (b. 11/1/1880)

I don't make jokes—I just watch the government and report the facts. **Will Rogers** (b. 11/4/1879)

Those who write clearly have readers; those who write obscurely have commentators. **Albert Camus** (b. 11/7/1913)

I hoard books. They are people who do not leave. **Anne Sexton** (b. 11/9/1928)

I wrote the scenes . . . by using the same apprehensive imagination that occurs in the morning before an afternoon's appointment with my dentist.

**John P. (Phillips) Marquand** (b. 11/10/1893)

Bad books are about things the writer already knew before he wrote them.

**Carlos Fuentes** (b. 11/11/1928)

This is what I find most encouraging about the writing trades: They allow mediocre people who are patient and industrious to revise their stupidity, to edit themselves into something like intelligence.

**Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.** (b. 11/11/1922)

Any writer overwhelmingly honest about pleasing himself is almost sure to please others. **Marianne Moore** (b. 11/15/1887)

Poetry is where the language is renewed. **Margaret Eleanor Atwood** (b. 11/18/1939)

Writing is making sense of life. **Nadine Gordimer** (b. 11/20/1923)

Language is very difficult to put into words. **Voltaire** (b. 11/21/1694)

I easily sink into mere absorption of what other minds have done, and should like a whole life for that alone. **George Eliot (née Mary Ann Evans)** (b. 11/22/1819)

Authors who please everyone at once are quickly exhausted. **André Gide** (b. 11/22/1869)

I am as interested in *how* things are said as I am in what is said.

**Gayl Jones** (b. 11/23/1949)

It's not the answer that enlightens, but the question.

**Eugène Ionesco** (b. 11/26/1912)

Most people like reading about what they already know.

**Nancy Mitford** (b. 11/28/1904)

That is a good book which is opened with expectation and closed with profit.

**(Amos) Bronson Alcott** (b. 11/29/1799)

No matter how true I believe what I am writing to be, if the reader cannot also participate in that truth, then I have failed. **Madeleine L'Engle** (b. 11/29/1918)

Personally I am always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught.

**Winston Churchill** (b. 11/30/1874)

## Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

11/1/1897: The Library of Congress moved into its first separate edifice, the Jefferson Building. Later that month, it started a program of daily readings for the blind. 4/24/1800: President John Adams signed the bill creating it.

11/1/2009: National Author's Day (started in 1929, by the General Federation of Women's Clubs). Also, National Family Literacy Day.

11/3/1986: The Lebanese magazine *Ash-Shiraa* exposed the Iran-Contra weapons-for-hostages deal of the Ronald Reagan Administration.

11/3/2009: Election Day in many U.S. locations.

11/4/1995: An extremist Israeli radical assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, outraged that Rabin had signed the Oslo Peace Accords.

11/7/1693: King Carlos II of Spain proclaimed his promise of freedom to any English slaves who escaped to Florida. In October 1687, Florida's Governor Cendoya had already freed 11 fugitive slaves who arrived there. Afterward, hundreds of English slaves fled south to freedom in Florida.

11/7/1916: Montana chose Jeannette Rankin to be the first woman elected to the U.S. Congress. A lifelong pacifist, she was 1 of 50 Representatives who voted against the U.S. entry into WWI. Ousted in 1919, she returned to Congress in 1940. A year later, she was the sole Congress member to vote against war with Japan after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

11/7/1973: Both houses of the U.S. Congress managed to override President Nixon's veto of the War Powers Resolution. It clarifies the constitutional authority of the President versus the Congress, limiting presidential authority to send U.S. forces into hostilities unless Congress declares war.

11/9/1999: The U.S. Congress awarded its Gold Medal to the Little Rock Nine: Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, Jefferson Thomas, Terrence Roberts, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Minnijean Brown, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed, and Melba Pattillo Beals.

11/18/1872: A U.S. Deputy Marshal arrested Susan B. Anthony for her "illegal voting" two weeks earlier. Tried and convicted 7 months later, she was sentenced with a fine; she pledged never to pay the fine, and she never did.

11/19/1915: Songwriter and IWW (Industrial Workers of the World) activist Joe Hill was executed for murder, but his flawed trial provoked questions as to Hill's guilt. Paul Robeson, Pete Seeger, and Joan Baez popularized in song a tribute poem to him, "I Dreamed I Saw Joe Hill Last Night."

11/24/1859: Charles Darwin published *On the Origin of Species by Natural Selection, or The Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life* (printed 10/1/1859); booksellers had bought every copy 2 days earlier.

11/26/2009: Thanksgiving, U.S. traditional day of gathering with family and friends to appreciate and cherish our own bounties and privileges.

# November, 2009

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<b>1</b> Sholem Asch (1880) Margaret T. Burroughs (1917) Stephen Crane (1871) Naomi Mitchison (1897) Nicholasa Mohr (1938?)	<b>2</b> George Boole (1815) Michelle Cliff (1946) Odysseus Elytis (1911) Shere Hite (1942) Georges Sorel (1847)	<b>3</b> Karl Baedeker (1801) Gyo Fujikawa (1908) Lucan (39) André Malraux (1901) Evelyn Nieves (1959)	<b>4</b> Ciro Alegria (1909) Walter Cronkite (1916) G. E. Moore (1873) Will Rogers (1879) Alex Shoumatoff (1946)	<b>5</b> Will Durant (1885) Anna Leonowens (1834) Hans Sachs (1494) Ida M. Tarbell (1857) Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1850)	<b>6</b> Colley Cibber (1671) James Jones (1921) Cesare Lombroso (1836) Mike Nichols (1931) Harold W. Ross (1892)	<b>7</b> Albert Camus (1913) Marie Curie (1867) Margaret Leech (1893) Konrad Lorenz (1903) Ruth Pitter (1897)
<b>8</b> Horace Mann Bond (1904) Dorothy Day (1897) Margaret Mitchell (1900) Hermann Rorschach (1884) Bram Stoker (1847)	<b>9</b> Benjamin Banneker (1731) Allama M. Iqbal (1877) Florence Sabin (1871) Carl Sagan (1934) Anne Sexton (1928)	<b>10</b> M. Cota-Cárdenas (1941) Oliver Goldsmith (1730) William Hogarth (1697) Martin Luther (1483) Mabel Todd (1856)	<b>11</b> Gordon Allport (1897) Fyodor Dostoyevsky (1821) Shirley G. Du Bois (1904) Carlos Fuentes (1928) Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. (1922)	<b>12</b> Baha'u'llah (1817) Tracy Kidder (1945) Marjorie Sharmat (1928) Elizabeth C. Stanton (1815) Ben Travers (1886)	<b>13</b> Augustine of Hippo (354) Wanda Coleman (1946) Mary Kingsley (1862) Arnold Rampersad (1941) C. Vann Woodward (1908)	<b>14</b> Astrid Lindgren (1907) Charles Lyell (1797) Miska Miles (1899) William Steig (1907) Taha Hussein (1889)
<b>15</b> Sara J. Baker (1873) Richmal Crompton (1890) David McCord (1897) Marianne Moore (1887) Daniel Pinkwater (1941)	<b>16</b> Chinua Achebe (1930) Jean Fritz (1915) Paula Giddings (1947) W. C. Handy (1873) George S. Kaufman (1889)	<b>17</b> Jean d'Alembert (1717) Eliza Farnham (1815) Shelby Foote (1916) August F. Möbius (1790) Auberon Waugh (1939)	<b>18</b> Margaret Atwood (1939) "Dorothy Dix" (1861) George Gallup (1901) Elizabeth Gilmer (1870) Howard Thurman (1900)	<b>19</b> William Attaway (1911) Dick Cavett (1936) Lyda M. Merrick (1890) Sharon Olds (1942) Francis Whipper (1845)	<b>20</b> Thomas Chatterton (1752) Alistair Cooke (1908) Nadine Gordimer (1923) Selma Lagerlöf (1858) Pauli Murray (1910)	<b>21</b> Beryl Bainbridge (1932?) Tina Brown (1953) Marilyn French (1929) Elizabeth Speare (1908) "Voltaire" (1694)
<b>22</b> Abigail Adams (1744) Hoagy Carmichael (1899) Abby Morton Diaz (1821) "George Eliot" (1819) André Gide (1869)	<b>23</b> Trudy D. Haynes (1926) Gayl Jones (1949) Helen Reid (1882) Marie Van Vorst (1867) Maurice Zolotow (1913)	<b>24</b> Margaret Anderson (1886?) Frances H. Burnett (1849) Dale Carnegie (1888) Carlo Collodi (1826) Baruch Spinoza (1632)	<b>25</b> Ba Jin (1904) Marc Brown (1946) Helen Santmyer (1895) Lewis Thomas (1913) Lope de Vega (1562)	<b>26</b> William Cowper (1731) Sarah M. Grimké (1792) Charles M. Schulz (1922) Eric Sevareid (1912) Mary Walker (1832)	<b>27</b> James Agee (1909) Barbara Brandon (1958) Fanny Kemble (1809) Elsie Crews Parsons (1875) José Asunción Silva (1865)	<b>28</b> William Blake (1757) Friedrich Engels (1820) Carol Gilligan (1936) Claude Lévi-Strauss (1908) Nancy Mitford (1904)
<b>29</b> Louisa May Alcott (1832) Jean-Martin Charcot (1825) Christian Doppler (1803) Madeline L'Engle (1918) C. S. Lewis (1898)	<b>30</b> Angela Brazil (1868) Shirley Chisholm (1924) L. M. Montgomery (1874) Jonathan Swift (1667) Margot Zemach (1931)	Gracious Lady, Mother of all that lives, We call out to you to guide all of your children. Bless our eyes, that we may see each other with love. Bless our ears, that we may hear each other with understanding. Bless our mouths, that we may speak to each other with compassion. Bless our hands, that they may heal, not harm. Bless our feet, that we may walk beside each other in peace. <i>Wiccan prayer</i>				

## Loving Literacy

Of all books, novels, which the Muses should love, make a serious claim on our compassion. **Joseph Conrad** (b. 12/3/1857)

The oldest books are still only just out to those who have not read them.

**Samuel (“Erewhon”) Butler** (b. 12/4/1835)

The best effect of any book is that it excites the reader to self-activity.

**Thomas Carlyle** (b. 12/4/1795)

I write entirely to find out what I’m thinking, what I’m looking at, what I see and what it means. What I want and what I fear. **Joan Didion** (b. 12/5/1934)

Every good story . . . must leave in the mind of the sensitive reader an intangible residuum of pleasure. **Willa Cather** (b. 12/7/1873)

The secret of all good writing is sound judgment. **Horace** (b. 12/8/65 B.C.)

The devoted writer of humor must continue to try to come as close to the truth as he can, even if he gets burned in the process. **James Grover Thurber** (b. 12/8/1894)

A good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit. **John Milton** (b. 12/9/1608)

If I feel physically as if the top of my head were taken off, I know that is poetry.

**Emily Elizabeth Dickinson** (b. 12/10/1830)

Writing is a dog’s life, but the only life worth living. **Gustave Flaubert** (b. 12/12/1821)

No author is a man of genius to his publisher. **Heinrich Heine** (b. 12/13/1797)

I put the poem on paper by sense and touch, much like a blind person fumbling in the dark for light. **Carolyn M. Rodgers** (b. 12/14/1945)

Literature is the last banquet between minds. **Edna O’Brien** (b. 12/15/1930?)

Breathe-in experience, breathe-out poetry. **Muriel Rukeyser** (b. 12/15/1913)

It is very worthwhile to be tormented for two or three years of one’s life, for the sake of being able to read all the rest of it. **Jane Austen** (b. 12/16/1775)

The words! I collected them in all shapes and sizes, and hung them like bangles in my mind. **Hortense Calisher** (b. 12/20/1911)

When I want to read a novel I write one. **Benjamin Disraeli** (b. 12/21/1804)

I write books to find out about things. **Rebecca West** (b. 12/21/1892)

Have something to say, and say it as clearly as you can. That is the only secret of style. **Matthew Arnold** (b. 12/24/1822)

Any fool may write a most valuable book by chance, if he will only tell us what he heard and saw with veracity. **Thomas Gray** (b. 12/26/1716)

Writing, like life itself, is a voyage of discovery. **Henry Miller** (b. 12/26/1891)

In the case of books, the point is not to see how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you. **Mortimer Adler** (b. 12/28/1902)

## Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

12/1/1955, Montgomery, Alabama: Rosa Parks defied legal segregated busing.

12/21/1956: The Montgomery Bus Boycott achieved bus desegregation.

12/10/1901: Jean Henri Dunant and Frederic Passy were presented with the first Nobel Peace Prizes. Annual presentation of the Peace Prize occurs on the anniversary of Nobel’s death, separate from other Nobel presentations.

12/10/1948: The United Nations General Assembly adopted its Declaration of Human Rights. In 1950, it proclaimed this day to be Human Rights Day.

12/10/1977: The 1976 Nobel Peace Prize was presented (belatedly) to Mairead Corrigan and Betty Williams, co-founders of Northern Ireland’s Peace People; Amnesty International received the 1977 Nobel Peace Prize.

12/11/1946: The U.N. General Assembly established the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to address the emergent postwar needs of children in Europe and China. In 1950, its mission was broadened to “address the long-term needs of children and women” in at least 191 countries. It spends 93% of its funding in direct aid.

12/15/1791: Ratification of the U.S. Bill of Rights, e.g., I. “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” IV. “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, . . .” V. “No person shall be . . . compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law . . .”

12/16/1755: Anthony Benezet, John Woolman, and 19 other Pennsylvania Friends (Quakers) refused to pay taxes for fighting the French and Indian War: “As we cannot be concerned in wars and fighting, so neither ought we to contribute thereto by paying the tax directed by the said Act, though suffering be the consequence of our refusal, which we hope to be enabled to bear with patience” — the first of many American war-tax resisters.

12/21/2009: Winter Solstice, celebrating the longest night of the year.

12/23/2001: Human Light Day, humanist celebration of “a future in which all people can identify with each other, behave with the highest moral standards, and work together toward a happy, just and peaceful world.”

12/26–1/1/1966–2009: Kwanzaa celebrates *Umoja* (unity), *Kujichagulia* (self-determination), *Ujima* (collective responsibility), *Ujamaa* (cooperative economics), *Nia* (purpose), *Kuumba* (creativity), and *Imani* (faith).

12/30/1971: Daniel Ellsberg was indicted for releasing the Pentagon Papers.

12/31/2009: New Year’s Eve, western solar-calendar tradition.

# December, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Woody Allen (1935) Christine Ladd-Franklin (1847) Berta V. Scharrer (1906) Rex Stout (1886) Paulette C. White (1948)	2 Sissela Bok (1934) Juana de la Cruz (1648) Nikos Kazantzákis (1885?) David Macaulay (1946) Charles Harris Wesley (1891)	3 Joseph Conrad (1857) Anna Freud (1895) Mary Lamb (1764) John von Neumann (1903) Ellen H. S. Richards (1911)	4 Samuel Butler (1835) Thomas Carlyle (1795) Persius (34) Rainer Rilke (1874) A. L. Rowse (1903)	5 Joan Didion (1934) Christina Rossetti (1830) Kate Simon (1912) Calvin Trillin (1935) John A. Williams (1925)
6 William Braithwaite (1878) Ira Gershwin (1896) Libbie H. Hyman (1888) Joyce Kilmer (1886) Osbert Sitwell (1892)	7 Willa Cather (1873) Noam Chomsky (1928) Pearl Cleage (1948) Virginia Kirkus (1893) Constance Skinner (1877)	8 Mary Bateson (1939) Mary Gordon (1949) Horace (65 B.C.) Delmore Schwartz (1913) James Thurber (1894)	9 Joel Chandler Harris (1848) Dolores Ibarruri (1895) John Milton (1608) Dalton Trumbo (1905) Sarah E. Wright (1928)	10 Melvil Dewey (1851) Emily Dickinson (1830) Ada Lovelace (1815) Nelly Sachs (1891) Lucy Wood (1892)	11 Annie J. Cannon (1863) Birago Ismael Diop (1906) Nagib Mahfuz (1911) Grace Paley (1922) Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (1918)	12 Rachel Crothers (1878) Erasmus Darwin (1731) Gustave Flaubert (1821) John Osborne (1929) Lillian E. Smith (1897)
13 Emily Carr (1871) Marc Connelly (1890) William Hamilton (1730) Heinrich Heine (1797) Laurens Van der Post (1906)	14 Tycho Brahe (1546) Paul Éluard (1895) Shirley H. Jackson (1916?) Nostradamus (1503) Carolyn M. Rodgers (1945)	15 Donald Goines (1937) Kathryn Johnson (1878?) Edna O'Brien (1930?) Muriel Rukeyser (1913) Lazarus L. Zamenhof (1859)	16 Jane Austen (1775) Arthur C. Clarke (1917) Marie Hall Ets (1893) Margaret Mead (1901) (Jorge) Santayana (1863)	17 Erskine Caldwell (1903) Deborah S. Gannett (1760) William Safire (1929) Harriet Upton (1853) John G. Whittier (1807)	18 Stephen Biko (1946) Ossie Davis (1917) Gladys R. H. Dick (1881) "Saki" (1870) Charles Wesley (1707)	19 Eve Bunting (1928) Margaret Livermore (1820) Su Dongpo (c. 1036) Eleanor Porter (1868) Carter G. Woodson (1875)
20 Hortense Calisher (1911) Sandra Cisneros (1954) Susanne Langer (1895) William C. Nell (1816) William J. Wilson (1935)	21 Heinrich Böll (1917) Gertrude B. Lane (1874) Mary Virginia Terhune (1830) Rebecca West (1892) Frank Zappa (1940)	22 Sara Coleridge (1802) Andrew Huxley (1917) James Amos Porter (1905) Kenneth Rexroth (1905) Edwin A. Robinson (1869)	23 Avi (Wortis) (1937) Robert Bly (1926) J-F. Champollion (1790) Harriet Monroe (1860) Joseph Smith (1805)	24 Fernan Caballero (1796) Elizabeth Chandler (1807) Mary Higgins Clark (1931) Juan Ramón Jiménez (1881) Ignatius of Loyola (1491)	25 Carlos Castañeda (1925) William Demby (1922) Benjamin Tanner (1835) Lila A. Wallace (1889) Dorothy Wordsworth (1771)	26 Charles Babbage (1792) Thomas Gray (1716) David Sedaris (1956) Jean Toomer (1894) Mao Zedong (1893)
27 Ingri d'Aulaire (1904) Meg Greenfield (1930) Johannes Kepler (1571) Charles Olson (1910) Louis Pasteur (1822)	28 Pio Baroja y Nessi (1872) Arthur Eddington (1882) Emily Cheney Neville (1919) Manuel Puig (1932) Catharine Sedgwick (1789)	29 Joaquín Acosta (1799?) Molly Bang (1943) Ovid Densusianu (1873) Jean Sénac (1926) Robert C. Weaver (1907)	30 Paul Bowles (1910) L. P. Hartley (1895) Rudyard Kipling (1865) Sara Lidman (1923) Mercer Mayer (1943)	31 Pamela Bianco (1906) Hung Shen (1894) Clarence Major (1936) Giovanni Pascoli (1855) Andreas Vesalius (1514)		

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