**Creating a Diverse and Inclusive Monthly Book Displays in Your Library**

Concept: Vary from the typical, often repeated special celebrations and holidays each month and introduce some lessor known concepts that reach all cultures, genders, experiences, abilities and more.

* **January:** International Brain Teaser Month; International Creativity Month; National Braille Literacy Month; National Mentoring Month
  + **Resources to support:**
    - <http://blogs.bellevue.edu/library/index.php/2017/01/exercise-that-brain-international-brain-teaser-month/>
    - <https://www.nbp.org/ic/nbp/programs/index.html>
    - <https://www.mentoring.org/our-work/campaigns/national-mentoring-month/>
* **February:** Responsible Pet Owner’s Month; National African American History & Read-In Month; National Haiku Writing Month; National Women Inventors Month; Youth Leadership Month
  + **Resources to support:** 
    - <http://www2.ncte.org/get-involved/african-american-read-in-toolkit/>
    - <https://www.thehaikufoundation.org/2012/01/31/a-national-haiku-writing-month-challenge/>
    - <http://blogs.bellevue.edu/library/index.php/2017/02/february-is-national-women-inventors-month/>
* **March:** Music in Our Schools Month; Women’s History Month; Deaf History Month; Developmental Disabilities Month;
  + **Resources to support:**
    - <https://nafme.org/programs/miosm/>
    - <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>
    - <https://www.verywellhealth.com/deaf-history-month-1046528>
    - <https://www.nacdd.org/ddam/>
* **April:** National Autism Awareness Month; National Poetry Month; Jazz Appreciation Month; Mathematics Awareness Month; National Child Abuse Prevention Month
  + **Resources to support:**
    - <https://www.autism-society.org/get-involved/national-autism-awareness-month/>
    - <https://poets.org/national-poetry-month>
    - <https://americanhistory.si.edu/smithsonian-jazz/jazz-appreciation-month>
    - <http://www.mathstatmonth.org/mathstatmonth/msamhome>
* **May:** Jewish American Heritage Month; Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; National Military Appreciation Month; Get Caught Reading Month; Haitian Heritage Month; National Foster Care Month; National Smile Month
  + **Resources to support:**
    - <https://www.jewishheritagemonth.gov/>
    - <http://www.getcaughtreading.org/>
    - <https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/?utm_source=nfcm-org&utm_medium=auto-redirect&utm_campaign=NFCM15>
    - <http://www.nationalsmilemonth.org/>
* **June:** African-American Music Appreciation Month; National Fruit and Veggies Month; Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; LGBT Pride Month
  + **Resources to support:**
    - <https://nationaltoday.com/national-fresh-fruit-and-vegetables-month/>
    - <https://www.hoffmanacademy.com/blog/african-american-music-appreciation-month/>
* **July:** National Ice Cream Month; Get Ready for Kindergarten Month; National Picnic Month; World Watercolor Day
  + **Resources to support:**
    - <https://www.idfa.org/news-views/media-kits/ice-cream/july-is-national-ice-cream-month>
    - <https://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/getting-ready-for-kindergarten>
    - <https://doodlewash.com/world-watercolor-month-july/>
* **August:** National Crayon Collection Month; American Artist Appreciation Month
  + **Resources to support:**
    - <https://www.crayoncollection.org/>
    - <https://blog.library.si.edu/blog/2010/08/11/its-american-artist-appreciation-month/#.U20ay-kU-os>
* **September:** Classical Music Month; Hispanic Heritage Month; National Library Card Sign-Up Month; National Guide Dog Month
  + **Resources to support:**
    - <https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/>
    - <https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.org/>
    - <https://dogtime.com/advocacy/67375-its-national-guide-dog-month>
* **October:** Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month; LGBT History Month; National Bullying Prevention Month; Bat Appreciation Month
  + **Resources to support:**
    - <https://www.italianheritagemonth.com/>
    - <https://www.lgbthistorymonth.com/>
    - <https://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/>
    - <http://www.pottcoconservation.com/blog/?p=3206>
* **November:** Aviation History Month; National Novel Writing Month; Native American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month; Manatee Awareness Month; National Family Stories Month
  + **Resources to support:**
    - <http://www.wdistudio.com/PLANES/PLANES_facts.pdf>
    - <https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/about/>
    - <https://www.nanowrimo.org/>
    - <https://www.savethemanatee.org/>
    - <https://newbeginningsadoptions.org/november-is-national-family-stories-month/>
* **December:** a celebration of the many giving holidays around the world

**Diverse book sources:**

* *We Need Diverse Books*: <https://diversebooks.org/resources/where-to-find-diverse-books/>