

**DANNA SMITH'S LITERARY CALENDAR:
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS & CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS**

Make every day a *book day* with Danna Smith's Literary Calendar! Whether you're exploring the science of flight during National Aviation Month or practicing gratitude on World Kindness Day, this guide connects Danna's vibrant stories to national holidays and milestones. Explore our month-by-month breakdown to find the perfect classroom connection and keep your students inspired all year long.

Month	Book Title	National Holiday or Milestone
January	<i>The Hawk of the Castle</i>	Jan 5: National Bird Day
	<i>Zenguin</i>	Jan 20: Penguin Awareness Day
	<i>I Love You A-Z</i>	Jan 21: National Hugging Day
	<i>Grow, Grow, Little Baby</i>	Jan 22: Celebration of Life Day
	<i>Ease your Anxious Mind</i>	Jan 29: National Puzzle Day
	<i>Rooftop Garden</i>	Jan 30: National Seed Swap Day
	<i>Arctic White</i>	Jan 31: National Inspire your Hear with Art Day
February	<i>The Thank You Book</i>	Feb 4: Thank a Mailman Day
	<i>I Love You A-Z</i>	Feb 14: Valentine's Day (Themes of love & devotion)
	<i>The Thank You Book</i>	Feb 17: Random Acts of Kindness Day
	<i>Arctic White</i>	Feb 27: International Polar Bear Day
March	<i>Snorkel Pig</i>	Mar 1: National Pig Day
	<i>Rooftop Garden</i>	Mar 12: Plant a Flower Day
	<i>The Colors of Spring</i>	Mar 20: First Day of Spring
	<i>Rooftop Garden</i>	Mar 28: National Weed Appreciation Day
	<i>Zenguin & Ease Your Anxious Mind</i>	March 30: National I Am in Control Day
April	<i>Peek-A-Boo Haiku</i>	April: National Poetry Month
	<i>I Love You A to Z</i>	April 2: National Love Our Children Day
	<i>Bunny's Easter Basket</i>	Apr 5: Easter Sunday
	<i>Two at the Zoo</i>	Apr 8: National Zoo Lovers Day

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	<i>Grow, Grow, Little Baby</i>	April 10: National Siblings Day
	<i>Springtime Babies</i>	April 10: National Farm Animals Day
	<i>Balloon Trees</i>	April 15: National Rubber (Eraser) Day
	<i>Peek-a-Boo Haiku & How Do You Haiku</i>	April 17: National Haiku Poetry Day
	<i>Rooftop Garden</i>	Apr 22: National Earth Day
	<i>Balloon Trees</i>	Apr 24: Arbor Day
	<i>One Blue Gnu</i>	April 25: National Telephone Day
	<i>Born of Orange Blossoms, Peek-A-Boo Haiku, & How Do You Haiku?</i>	April 28: Great Poetry Reading Day & Poem in Your Pocket Day
May	<i>Rooftop Garden</i>	May 3: Garden Meditation Day
	<i>Grow, Grow, Little Baby</i>	May 6: National Nurses Day
	<i>The Welcome Book</i>	May 7: National Join Hands Day (1 st sat in May)
	<i>Wake Up, Freight Train</i>	May 7: National Train Day
	<i>Grow, Grow, Little Baby</i>	May 10: Mother's Day
	<i>Zenguin & Ease Your Anxious Mind</i>	All May: Mental Health Awareness Month
	<i>One Blue Gnu</i>	May 20: National Pizza Party Day
	<i>Snorkel Pig</i>	May 21: National Learn to Swim Day
	<i>Rooftop Garden</i>	May 30: National Water a Flower Day
June	<i>Snorkel Pig</i>	All June: National Safety Month (Swim safety)
	<i>Swallow the Leader</i>	All June: National Ocean Month
	<i>Rooftop Garden</i>	June 13: National Weed Your Garden Day
	<i>Swallow the Leader</i>	June 8: World Oceans Day
	<i>The Colors of Summer</i>	June 19: National Flip Flop Day
	<i>The Colors of Summer</i>	Jun 21: Summer Solstice
	<i>Born of Orange Blossoms</i>	Jun 27: National Orange Blossom Day
July	<i>I'm a Drone</i>	All July: Summer STEM / High-tech farming & mapping
	<i>Two at the Zoo</i>	July 1: American Zoo Day
	<i>Swallow the Leader</i>	July 14: Shark Awareness Day
August	<i>The Hawk of the Castle</i>	Aug: Renaissance Faires / Middle Ages history

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	<i>Two at the Zoo</i>	Aug 31: National Zoo Awareness Day
September	<i>Two at the Zoo</i>	Sept 13: National Grandparents Day
	<i>The Colors of Fall</i>	Sep 22: First Day of Autumn
	<i>I'm a Drone</i>	All Sep: National Drone Safety Awareness (Tech literacy)
October	<i>Rooftop Garden</i>	All Oct: National Farm to School Month
	<i>The Hawk of the Castle</i>	All Oct: National Raptor Month
	<i>Balloon Trees</i>	1st Friday in Oct: National Manufacturing Day
	Peek-A-Boo Haiku, How Do You Haiku?, Born of Orange Blossoms	Oct 8: National Poetry Day (1 st or 2 nd Thursday in October)
	<i>One Blue Gnu</i>	Oct: 22 National Color Day
	<i>The Welcome Book</i>	Oct: 24 National Make a Difference Day
November	<i>I'm a Drone</i>	All Nov: National Aviation Month
	<i>The Thank You Book</i>	Nov 26: Thanksgiving
	<i>The Hawk of the Castle</i>	Nov 16: Falconry Day
December	<i>The Colors of Winter</i>	Dec 21 or 22: Winter Solstice

All Books:

March 2: Read Across American Day

March 14: National Crafts Day (see downloadable crafts and activities at <https://dannasmithbooks.com/activity-guides/>)

April 27: National Tell a Story Day

Aug 9: National Book Lovers Day

Sept 6: National Read a Book Day

Nov 1: National Author's Day

Nov 1: National Family Literacy Day

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