



April is associated with springtime, new beginnings, and a time to bloom. From Earth Day and National Library Week to planning for the Oceans of Possibilities: 2022 Collaborative Summer Library Program, there are so many opportunities to promote literacy and inspire reading in young children.

In this month's World Book Wired, we are challenging students to learn all about the above topics and more. Not sure where to start? Here are a few ideas!

PROMOTE LITERACY

PLAY BALL!



All 30 teams are in action as MLB Opening Day is set for April 7th. Get ready by reading all about the most iconic athletes in the history of baseball in our [Sports Superstars](#) series.

OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES



Dive deep into the 2022 Collaborative Summer Library Program's theme of "Oceans of Possibilities" by learning about quality [book sets](#) to consider for your library's collection.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



On April 2, in Odense, Denmark, the master of the fairy-tale genre was born—Hans Christian Andersen. Watch The Adventures of Young H.C. Andersen's book series [trailer](#) today!

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK ★★ ★

APRIL 3-9, 2022

"Libraries are places where communities connect—to things like broadband, computers, programs and classes, books, movies, video games, and more. But most importantly, libraries connect us to each other."

MOLLY SHANNON
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK HONORARY CHAIR



It's [#NationalLibraryWeek 2022!](#) The theme "Connect with Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries are places to connect to technology, programs, ideas, and classes—in addition to books. Most importantly libraries connect communities. Visit your library or [ilovelibraries.org](#) to celebrate.

Download the [National Library Week Coloring Page \(PDF\)](#).

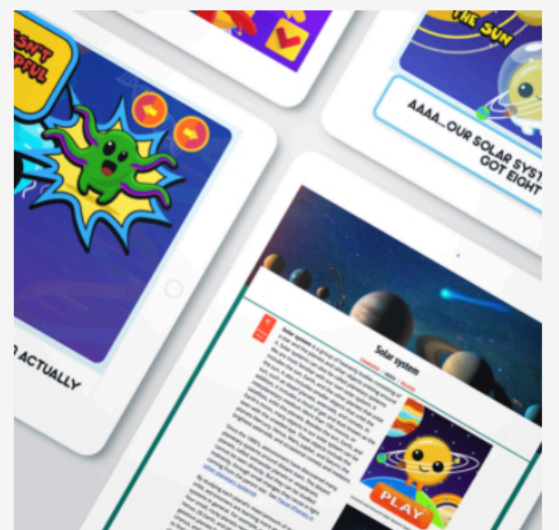
UPCOMING FREE WEBINARS



Financial Literacy
Tuesday, April 5th
(3:00 p.m. CST)



Beyond the Beaten Path
Thu, April 14th
(11:00 a.m. CST)



World Book Gamification
Wed, April 20th
(1:00 p.m. CST)

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY



[Greta Thunberg](#), a Swedish teen environmental activist, is best known for her protest for action on climate change outside the Swedish parliament in 2018 which inspired thousands of young people globally. This Earth Day, learn about the world's best-known climate campaigner who is calling for global change.

HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT



Every year on April 12th, International Day for Human Space Flight celebrates the first human to travel in space. [Yuri Gagarin](#), a Soviet air force pilot, circled the earth on April 12, 1961, at a speed of more than 17,000 mph opening the way for space exploration for the benefit of all humanity.

