

Holidays and Other Observances 2011-2012	
September	Library Card Sign-up Month
September 15– October 15	National Hispanic Heritage Month
September 23	Autumn begins
September 24 – October 1	Banned Books Week
September 26	Johnny Appleseed's Birthday
September 29*	Rosh Hashanah Begins
October 8	Yom Kippur
October 9 –15	Fire Prevention Week
October 10	Columbus Day Observed
October 26	Diwali
October 31	Halloween
November	National American Indian Heritage Month
November 1	All Saints Day
November 2	Day of the Dead
November 6	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 6**	Eid al-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice)
November 8	Election Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 24	Thanksgiving
November 26	Al-Hijra/Muharram (Islamic New Year)
December 21* – 28	Hanukkah
December 21	Winter Begins
December 25	Christmas
December 26 – January 1	Kwanzaa
January 6	Three Kings Day
January 16	Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday Observation
January 23	Lunar New Year (Year of the Dragon)
February	African American History Month
February 2	Groundhog Day
February 12	Lincoln's Birthday
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 20	President's Day
March	Women's History Month
March 11	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 17	St. Patrick's Day

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March 19 -20	Holi
March 20	Spring Begins
March 21	Benito Juarez Birthday
April	Poetry Month
April 1	Palm Sunday
April 1	April Fool's Day
April 6	Good Friday
April 7* – 14	Passover
April 8	Easter
April 8 – April 14	National Library Week
April 22	Earth Day
April 27	Arbor Day
May	Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 7 -13	Children's Book Week
May 13	Mother's Day
May 19	Armed Forces Day
May 28	Memorial Day
June 14	Flag Day
June 17	Father's Day
June 20	Summer Begins

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