

2026 Literary Calendar January — New Beginnings & Classics Public Domain Day – Jan 1
JRR Tolkien – Jan 3
AA Milne – Jan 18
Virginia Woolf – Jan 25

February — Love, Poetry, & Women in Literature National Library Lovers' Month – Feb 1–28
Charles Dickens – Feb 7
Library Lovers' Day – Feb 14
Amy Tan – Feb 19
John Steinbeck – Feb 27

March — Fantasy, Nature, & World Storytelling Dr. Seuss / Read Across America – Mar 2
International Women's Day – Mar 8
World Poetry Day – Mar 21
World Folktale Day – Mar 22
Robert Frost – Mar 26

April — Poetry Month National Poetry Month – Apr 1–30
Encourage a Young Writer Day – Apr 10
Samuel Beckett – Apr 13
World Book Day – Apr 23
Shakespeare Birthday & Death – Apr 23
Harper Lee – Apr 28

May — Asian Lit, Magic Realism, & Short Stories AAPI Heritage Month – May 1–31
Rabindranath Tagore – May 7
Dante Alighieri – May 12
Africa Day – May 25

June — Pride, Freedom, & YA Month Pride Month – Jun 1–30
Thomas Hardy – Jun 2
Anne Frank – Jun 12
Pearl S. Buck – Jun 26

July — Fiction, Imagination & Adventure Hermann Hesse – Jul 2
Nathaniel Hawthorne – Jul 4
Marcel Proust – Jul 10
Ernest Hemingway – Jul 21

August — Women Authors, Dark Academia Alfred Tennyson – Aug 6
Mary Oliver – Aug 12
Charles Bukowski – Aug 16
Goethe – Aug 28

September — Reader's Month, Literacy, Libraries Literacy Month – Sep 1–30
PH Teacher's Month – Sep 1–30
Read a Book Day – Sep 6
International Literacy Day – Sep 8
Agatha Christie – Sep 15
Hobbit Day – Sep 22
F. Scott Fitzgerald – Sep 24

October — Horror, Mystery, Spooky Season National Book Month – Oct 1–31

Anne Rice – Oct 4
Oscar Wilde – Oct 16
Halloween – Oct 31

November — Writing, Memoirs, Philosophy NaNoWriMo – Nov 1–30
Albert Camus – Nov 7
Bram Stoker – Nov 8
Robert Louis Stevenson – Nov 13
Louisa May Alcott – Nov 29

December — Cozy Reading & Year Wrap-Up Emily Dickinson – Dec 10
Jane Austen – Dec 16
Christmas – Dec 24