

# Miami Dade College InterAmerican Campus Library

## Monthly Celebrations

Here is a list of other important celebrations for the Month of April with a brief annotation.

<p><b>April Fools' or All Fools' Day</b></p>	<p>April 1. April Fools' Day seems to have begun in France in 1564. April 1 used to be New Year's Day but the New Year was changed to Jan 1 that year. People who insisted on celebrating the "old" New Year became known as April fools and it became common to play jokes and tricks on them. The general concept of a feast of fools is, however, and ancient one. The Romans had such a day and medieval monasteries also had days when the abbot or bishop was replace for a day by a common monk, who would order his superiors to do the most menial or ridiculous tasks. "The joke of the day is to deceive persons by sending them upon frivolous and nonsensical errands; to pretend they are wanted when they are not, or, in fact, any way to betray them into some supposed ludicrous situation, so as to enable you to call them 'An April fool.' – Brady's Clavis Calendaria, 1812.</p>
<p><b>Appreciate Diversity Month</b></p>	<p>Apr 1-30. A new national observance that celebrates all diversity that exists within our workplaces, schools and communities. Web: <a href="http://www.appreciatediversitymonth.org">www.appreciatediversitymonth.org</a></p>
<p><b>Child Abuse Prevention Month</b></p>	<p>Apr 1-30. In 1979 The National Exchange Club adopted the prevention of child abuse as its national project and established The National Exchange Club Foundation. The Foundation is a chartered non-profit corporation in Ohio. The Foundation has established nearly 100 Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Centers throughout the US. More than 140,000 families and 190,000 children have received services from the Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention network: "Celebrating 25 years of child abuse prevention." Web: <a href="http://www.preventchildabuse.com">www.preventchildabuse.com</a></p>
<p><b>Golden Rule Week</b></p>	<p>Apr 1-7. The purpose of this week is to remind everyone of the importance of the Golden Rule in making this a better world in which we all may live. For a copy of the Golden Rule of 10 Religions, send \$5 to cover printing and postage. For info: Dr. Stanley Drake, Pres Emeritus, Intl Society of Friendship &amp; good Will, 8592 Roswell Rd, Ste 251, Atlanta, GA 30350-1867. Phone: (678) 795-1362. E-mail: <a href="mailto:sjdrake@bellsouth.net">sjdrake@bellsouth.net</a>. Web: <a href="http://www.friendshipandgoodwill.org">www.friendshipandgoodwill.org</a></p>
<p><b>Informed Woman Month</b></p>	<p>Apr 1-30. You owe it to yourself to feel happy and fulfilled. To have confidence that you are in charge of your life and you're guiding it in the right direction. You can have whatever you want, but you need to determine what you need to know, where to go and whom to contact. Discover how to enjoy better living today and learn how to become a more informed and aware individual for the future.</p>
<p><b>Jazz Appreciation Month</b></p>	<p>Apr 1-30. Every April, Jazz Appreciation Month (JAM) highlights the glories of jazz as both a historical and living a treasure. Here is one special month to draw greater public attention to the extraordinary heritage and history of jazz and its importance to American culture. Musicians, concert halls, schools, colleges, museums, libraries and public broadcasters are encouraged to offer special programs during this month. The Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History (which operates the world's most comprehensive set of jazz programs) leads this initiative in concert with a distinguished roster of federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations and broadcasting networks. Web: <a href="http://www.si.edu">www.si.edu</a></p>

<b>Laugh At Work Week</b>	<p>Apr 1-7. Laughter and humor are an important part of the workplace. Benefits of laughing at work include improved productivity, teamwork, communication, stress relief, job satisfaction and employee retention. This week, which begins on April Fool's Day, focused on the very serious business of humor.</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.CreativelySpeaking.com">www.CreativelySpeaking.com</a></p>
<b>National Autism Awareness Month</b>	<p>Apr 1-30. A month filled with autism awareness events such as conferences, presentations, displays and media attention. Contact the NJ Center for Outreach &amp; Services for the Autism Community for information on how you can become an "Autism Awareness Ambassador." For info: Julie Abrahamsen, COSAC, 1450 Parkside Ave, Ste 22, Ewing, NJ 08638. Phone: (609) 883-5509. E-mail: <a href="mailto:information@njcosac.org">information@njcosac.org</a>. Web: <a href="http://www.njcosac.org">www.njcosac.org</a></p>
<b>National Donate Life Month</b>	<p>Apr 1-30. Formerly known as National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, this observance expanded to a full month in 2003. The purpose is to encourage Americans to consider organ and tissue donation and to sign donor cards when getting a driver's license. For info: US Dept of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20201. Phone: (877) 696-6775 or (202) 619-0257. Web: <a href="http://www.organdonor.gov">www.organdonor.gov</a></p>
<b>National Fun Day</b>	<p>Apr 1. A day to laugh and reminisce about the good old days when April 1 meant an exploding pen, a hand buzzer, a nice stick of pepper gum or maybe some fake doggie poo. Play a prank on a friend, family member or coworker to keep the spirit of April Fool's alive.</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.iparty.com">www.iparty.com</a></p>
<b>National Humor Month</b>	<p>Apr 1-30. 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Special events in Canada and the US will focus on the joy and therapeutic value of laughter and how it can reduce stress, improve the job performance and enrich the quality of life.</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.larrywilde.com">www.larrywilde.com</a></p>
<b>National Poetry Month</b>	<p>Apr 1-30. Annual observance to pay tribute to the great legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets and the vital place of poetry in American culture. In a proclamation issued in honor of the first observance, President Bill Clinton called it "a welcome opportunity to celebrate not only the unsurpassed body of literature produced by our poets in the past, but also the vitality and diversity of voices reflected in the works of today's American poets...Their creativity and wealth of language enrich our culture and inspire a new generation of Americans to learn the power of reading and writing at its best." Spearheaded by the Academy of American Poets, this is the largest and most extensive celebration of poetry in American history.</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.poets.org">www.poets.org</a></p>
<b>National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month</b>	<p>Apr 1-30. Every two and a half minutes, somewhere in America, another person is sexually assaulted. During this month, efforts are focused on raising awareness of sexual assault, promoting legislative efforts to address sexual violence, lauding efforts to more than 10,000 volunteers across the US who assist in crisis services and related areas, promoting resources for victims such as the National Sexual Assault Hotline (800-656-HOPE) and, above all, demonstrating solidarity with victims of sexual assault coalitions, local rape crisis centers and other similar organizations. Passed by House/Senate, Signed by president.</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.rainn.org">www.rainn.org</a></p>
<b>Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month</b>	<p>Apr 1-30. Sponsored by the ASPCA, this crucial month is designed to educate Americans about animal cruelty and to urge them to report any instances of violence toward animals.</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.aspca.org">www.aspca.org</a></p>
<b>School Library Media Month</b>	<p>Apr 1-30. Celebrates the work of library media specialists in our nation's elementary and secondary schools. For info: American Assn of School</p>

	<p>Librarians, American Library Assn, 50 E Huron St, Chicago, IL 60611.  Phone: (800) 545-2433. E-mail: AASL@ala.org.  Web: <a href="http://www.ala.org/asi">www.ala.org/asi</a></p>
<b>Stress Awareness Month</b>	<p>Apr 1-30. To promote public awareness of what stress is, what causes it to occur and what can be done about it. A month-long focus on the dangers of stress, successful coping strategies and the myths about stress that are prevalent in our society.  Web: <a href="http://www.stresscure.com">www.stresscure.com</a></p>
<b>Testicular Cancer Awareness Week</b>	<p>Apr 1-7. This public awareness and education program was conceived in 1997 to create a better public understanding of the dangers of undetected testicular cancer in young men ages 15-34. The campaign is designed to promote the importance of early detection, which saves hundreds of young men's lives each year. A free self-exam reminder is available at menstuff-testicular-exam-suscribe@topica.com, so that a monthly self exam becomes a habit for health. Information is made available to high school and college health centers to ensure correct diagnosis. For info: National Men's Resources Center, PO Box 1080-CH, Brookings, OR 97415-0024. E-mail: tcaw@tcaw.org.  Web: <a href="http://www.tcaw.org">www.tcaw.org</a></p>
<b>Workplace Conflict Awareness Month</b>	<p>Apr 1-30. At today's harried pace, workplace conflict is increasing. Many of us try to avoid this conflict, but instead we take it home with us. This month, we try to make people aware to trying to avoid conflict is futile; we must learn to deal with it and manage it.  Web: <a href="http://www.ChacoCanyon.com">www.ChacoCanyon.com</a></p>

For other celebrations during the month of February, please visit [University of California's Calendar](#).

*Always remember that your InterAmerican Campus Library is the best place to obtain information on the month's celebrations. Ask a librarian for assistance.*

\*Most of the information in this page came from the *Chase's Calendar of Events, 2006*, also available in print in your library.