

## What's happening in the library this month?

It's the final month of this academic year! This month, we have two activities: an **Emoji day activity** where you can match up the book to the emojis, and some chess problems for **International Chess Day**.

Students are allowed to borrow 6 books for over the summer holidays from the last week of term!

Students in Y9 are also allowed to borrow Y10 books starting from July.



## Author Profile: Matt Haig

Matt Haig is an English author and journalist who writes for both adults, children, and young adults.

He was born in Sheffield in 1975 and studied English and History at the University of Hull. He started writing after university, and has written many different types of books. *Reasons to Stay Alive* is a non-fiction book about Matt's struggle with depression; *The Last Family in England* is an adaptation of the Shakespeare play *Henry IV, Part 1*, as is his book *Dead Fathers Club*, which is an adaptation of *Hamlet*. He has also written novels featuring vampires called *The Radley*, and another featuring aliens called *The Humans*. His most popular book is *The Midnight Library*.

Most of his work focuses on the human condition and what it means to be alive.

Matt Haig is open about his struggle with anxiety, ADHD and autism. He lives in Brighton with his wife and children.

"Maybe love is just about finding the person you can be your weird self with."

Matt Haig



# Famous birthdays



Franz Kafka, German-born Czech novelist, born 3rd July  
1883

Matt Haig, English novelist and journalist, born 5th July 1975

Nathaniel Hawthorne, American novelist and short story  
writer, born 4th July 1804

V E Schwab, English-American fantasy writer, born 7th July  
1987

E B White, American children's writer, born 11th July 1899

Garth Nix, Australian fantasy writer, born 19th July 1963

Ernest Hemingway, American novelist, short story writer and  
journalist, born 21st July 1899

Sarah Waters, Welsh novelist, born 21st July 1966

Alexandre Dumas, French novelist and playwright, born  
24th July 1802

Madeline Miller, American writer, born 24th July 1978

Aldous Huxley, English writer and philosopher, born 26th  
July 1894

Beatrix Potter, English writer and illustrator, born 28th July  
1866

Emily Bronte, English novelist and poet, born 30th July 1818

J K Rowling, English fantasy writer, born 31st July 1965

Primo Levi, Italian chemist, writer, and Holocaust survivor,  
born 31st July 1919

# Monthly Observances

The 1st of July is **Canada Day**, a day to celebrate Canadians and being Canadian!

The 2nd of July is **World UFO Day**. We have a selection of books in the ILC about UFOs, both fact and fiction, so come and grab one!

The 4th of July is **American Independence Day**, as well as **Caribbean Community Day**.

The 7th of July is **Thank You Day** in the UK; remember to show your appreciation to those you want to say thank you to, for whatever reason!

The 12th of July is **Malala Day**. Read Malala's memoir from the ILC this month!

The 17th of July is **World Emoji Day**. Come and participate in our emoji activity this month!

The 18th of July is **Nelson Mandela Day**, celebrating the life of this amazing civil rights advocate.

The 20th of July is **International Chess Day**. Come and try out a chess puzzle in the library this month!

The 22nd of July is **International Brain Day**. Why not borrow a book about neurology from the ILC this month?

The 27th of July is **National Day of the Cowboy** in the USA. Yee-haw!

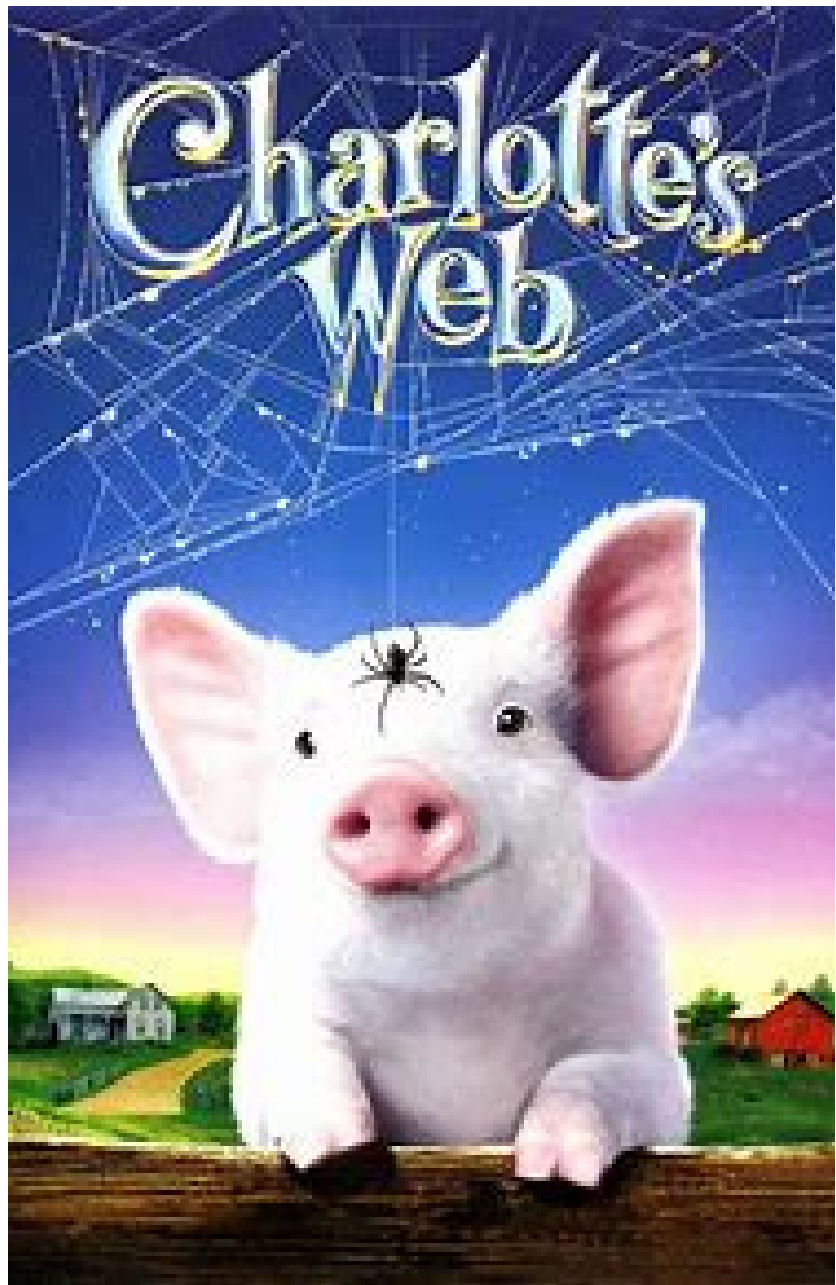
The 29th of July is **International Tiger Day**, shedding light on this endangered species of big cats.

The 30th of July is **International Day of Friendship**. Remember to show your friends you're grateful for them on this day!

**What to watch:**  
**Charlotte's Web (2006)**

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Based on E B White's novel, *Charlotte's Web* is the story of a young girl, a young pig, and a very wise and talented spider who wants to help!



## What to play: My Time at Portia

If you're a fan of Stardew Valley and other such farming games, try out My Time at Portia! Become a Builder for the town of Portia, help the residents and go on adventures!



## What to play: Skip-Bo

Do you like Solitaire? This game is perfect for you! Skip-Bo is a version of competitive Solitaire, where you race to get rid of all your cards before your opponent can!



## What to listen to: No Such Thing as a Fish

Join the QI Elves, the people behind the scenes of the TV show QI, and learn about the weirdest and most wonderful things in the news!

