



DID YOU KNOW?

The longest-ever book title consists of over 3,700 words and 26,000 characters.

OCTOBER

15.5 HOURS OF READING *if you read 30 minutes a day*



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... THE FIRST BOOK-TO-MOVIE ADAPTATION, 1899

Georges Méliès released *Cinderella*, a 6-minute movie based on Charles Perrault's fairy tale.

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... AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION IS FOUNDED, 1876

ALA is the oldest and largest library association in the world. It promotes libraries and library education not only in the U.S. but also internationally.

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... THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK BEST SELLER LIST #1, 1931

This superior list of book bestsellers started with five fiction and four non-fiction books for New York City only.

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... WINNIE-THE-POOH IS PUBLISHED, 1926

The world's favorite children's book by author A.A. Milne and illustrator E. H. Shepard became an instant bestseller.

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... OSCAR WILDE'S BIRTHDAY, 1854

A controversial Irish poet and playwright, best known for his epigrams, plays, and a novel, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*.

19

... FAHRENHEIT 451 IS RELEASED, 1953

Ray Bradbury's dystopian novel paints a future where books are outlawed and firemen burn any that are found.

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... GULLIVER'S TRAVELS PUBLISHED, 1726

It's the most famous work of Jonathan Swift, who is considered the foremost prose satirist in the English language.

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... THE WAR OF THE WORLDS IS AIRED, 1938

This legendary radio drama was based on a novel by H.G. Wells. Narrated by Orson Welles, it caused panic among its listeners.

READING CHALLENGE

Week 1: A book becoming a movie this year

Week 2: A book borrowed from a library

Week 3: A current book bestseller

Week 4: A book about an alien invasion

A GOOD BOOK IS AN EMPATHY ENGINE.

— CHRIS RIDDELL