

There's a Week for That: Exploring Federal Government Resources for Diverse Weekly Celebrations – Transcript of audio

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Welcome to the FDLP Academy . My name is Joe Paskoski . I am with Kelly Seifert of tech-support. We have another webinar for you today. The title of which is, there is a week for that, exploring resources for diverse weekly celebrations. Today her presenter is Jayna Canfield, who has presented many webinars for us. And will be doing many more in the teaching she is the coordinator of federal governor documents at Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico. She has 40 years of experience in the library field. She started in public libraries, top for six years at the graduate University school of sciences. Has arrived at her current position in 2007. She fell in love with the world of government documents and has taken documents that he is in other languages, especially Spanish, are 100% translated by native Spanish speakers. So going to turn it over to Jane who will take it from here.

Good afternoon, everyone. Let me know in the chat if you cannot hear me for some reason. Tech-support can help you out there. With that, let's get started. My contact information is here, as always. I am delighted to send you a copy of the PowerPoint so that you can have the actual PowerPoint if you would like it. With that, let's head to the webinar. There is a week for that. And a day for that. There are lots of weeks and days that have been designated as celebrations. Many of them are familiar and we know them. My intent today is to talk a little bit about what we celebrate, why we celebrate and some unusual weeks and days that we celebrate. With that, I am going to start with something called the diversity celebration from appellation State University. As I was looking for the weeks and the days and resources about celebrating them, I kept coming up on lots of information about celebration. I really like this one because it says a lot about why we celebrate the things that we do, what are the holidays or family gatherings or weeks that are celebrated nationally or regionally. And it has a lot to do, I think, about our diversity and I really like what this particular celebration says about that. Which is that our diversity is greater than the sum of who we are. Part of recognizing our common humanity is the celebrating of our differences, our different cultures, are different values, are different ways of thinking, are different ways of celebrating. Everything from birth to death two important cultural holidays. Important national holidays. And I think that we should keep in mind, as we look at some of these weeks and days, those celebrations are what make us human, what make us who we are and that's a lot about our culture and us as humans. With that, let's continue onward. One of the first things I came across was my plate. This has information on celebrating and your gatherings in a healthy manner. I thought that was really interesting. There is a lot of information here for how to make your birthday celebrations, your family gatherings, those holidays like Thanksgiving that we traditionally have in our minds as being a time we eat all kinds of different foods. My Plate gives ideas on how to make those a little healthier for all of us. Apprenticeship.gov , which by the way was a new government site for me, which has to do with opportunities for learning a job sure apprenticeship. As opposed to studying any more traditional manner. And apprenticeship.gov, it is a site , I'm going to go to it at the end of the presentation, has a nice and interesting list of celebrations that are interesting in terms of our culture and our heritage. I also found on ShareAmerica, which is a site that provides information, mostly for immigrants on the United States and what we celebrate. There is a very nice site on ShareAmerica for religious celebrations

and culture in the United States. Let's look now at some of the specific weeks and days that we celebrate. These are in no particular order. I did not look for the usual traditional ones that we all know. I looked for ones that were fun and different. Surprising. Interesting. Sort of as an end of the summer thing to do. How about, women in construction week? There is a whole week in March to celebrate women who work in the construction industry. Not a traditional job that we would Inca for women. So I think an interesting week that celebrates women who work within the instructor industry. There is cyber security awareness week. And I am very sure that all of us who work in any capacity in the library are aware of the issues of cyber security. Identity theft. Misinformation. Protecting the privacy of our users. Paying attention to and, perhaps, making our users aware of cyber security week would be an interesting and important thing to do. And then there is, national apprenticeship week. This is from apprenticeship.gov. This is a celebration of the week of highlighting industries and jobs and educational possibilities as an apprentice learning while you work. I really enjoyed going to the site. I urge you to do so because I had no idea how many jobs there still are that you can learn on the job as an apprentice, as opposed to a more traditional form of education. So for those of you that work as educators, this is an alternative that we can offer to students. There are things out there called apprenticeships that give them skills while they are actually work on the job. There is national health center week. This is interesting because, here in Puerto Rico, we have numerous community health centers that I suspect began along with this launch in 1965, by President Lyndon Johnson to eliminate poverty and injustice. Many of those health sensors provide, particularly in areas where there is not much other healthcare. They provide healthcare services to 29 million Americans a year. That is about one in 11 people in the country. They have also been vital to responding to the COVID pandemic. So celebrating our various national and community health centers is a great thing that we can all do. And the same week in August, the seventh through the 13th, we are beyond that now, but there is always next year, is national farmers market week. Farmers markets in communities, in cities are a really great place to buy fresh fruits, cheeses, crops. Here in Puerto Rico, I can buy coffee at our local farmers market that are supporting local agriculture and industry, and frequently at prices that are lower than the grocery store. Even though farmers market week is over, think about taking a trip to your local farmers market and check it out and see what's there. Moving on. A couple of weeks celebrating animals. There is, celebrate well week, with NOAA fisheries, which happens in February. World will day is February 21. Celebrate well day. There are lots of resources at NOAA for that . And then there is pollinator week. This is from a site in Dubuque . And it is the official website of pollinator week. There are resources there. It almost seems silly to celebrate pollinator week, mostly bees and butterflies and other insects that pollinate flowers and plants. But without them I understand that our food supply would diminish by close to half. So it is important. It feels a little silly, but it is important to recognize that without those bees we would have a lot less food. Okay. There is for, celebrate breast-feeding week. This is from the Virgin Islands, so it is another local regional site and that is an important thing too. Remember that breast-feeding moms need support. I remember many, well, 40 something years ago, being a breast-feeding mom when there weren't many, and it is something that we need to afford in the work place so moms can can choose to do that. And there are some really good resources for doing that. Then there is, national crime victims right's week. Also important because so much of what I see covered in local, state, national news media has to do with the crime. It has to do with the criminal committing the crime. But so very often we talk about the victims for a little while and then we forget them. The national crime victims week is another that we can take a look to celebrate, not celebrating, but certainly remembering those people who have been victims of crime. And this is an absolute, all three of these, are all absolute favorites of mine. Lottery week. Who knew that the California state lottery celebrate lottery week? And I would love to win the lottery one day, any lottery. I suspect most of us would. But in California there is an actual lottery week celebration. Dual language learner week. This is from hhs.gov. And it is a week that celebrates people who are by literate, try literate, or who speak more than one language or are learning

another language. I really like this one because as an adult I became a dual language learner of Spanish. As a child, I was a dual language learner of French because my grandmother spoke Cajun French in Louisiana. I just yesterday met an exchange student who speaks five languages, all fluently. So I think looking at a second language and the importance of learning a second language is a really great thing to celebrate. And celebrate national forest week, this is from the U.S. forest service. And so often we hear about wildfires, national forests burning, other forests burning. So it seems to me that it would be great to celebrate those forests and try to help. So be great to celebrate national forest week, it sounds like a good thing to do. Red whip week. This was also new for me. I think it is a really interesting week. Read ribbon week, excuse me, is the largest drug awareness prevention campaign, it came out of the death of a drug enforcement agent in 1985 and has been ongoing ever since to provide facts and information about drug use and drug addiction and the dangers thereof. Moving from weeks to some interesting days that we celebrate, some of which I had never heard of for this. One very interesting site and I do not often put a commercial site into my webinars but celebrate every day. Nationaldaycalendar.com. It is a great site. It has a comprehensive list of days that we celebrate in the United States. Also listed here is celebrate! holidays in the USA. This came from the government. This is a downloadable book that talks about the 10 of federally recognized the highest holidays in the United States, now there is one more, Juneteenth, it is not in the book. But it is downloadable about each of the 10 federally recognized holidays. It is particularly useful for children and for people who are immigrants who do not know all of the holidays that are celebrated within the United States. Did you know? This is one of my favorite ones. And I put this one and in Spanish. Who knew? There is a 811 number, this is the number to call before you dig. Who knew that you were supposed to call this number? Or that if you call this number before you dig, then they can tell you if you are going to cause damage to underground utilities. They can give you safety and health tips for safely digging and not interrupt during public utilities. And there is a day, August 11, dedicated to 811 and call before you dig. There is national cat day. I apologize in advance for those that are dog lovers, I am sure there is also a national dog day. But cats, cats are indeed my obsession. I love Mike Katz. I also have two dogs. But the dogs are really my husband's and the cats are mine. But national cat day was highlighted for the number of cats needed to rescue for their companionship. Also awareness for the need for controlling the overpopulation of cats that exist in many areas for those of you who like to color still. And for those who have children or are used to young users in your library, August 7th was national coloring today by the national archives administration. There are links here to some of the national archives. And a link here to a 1931, Mickey Mouse, coloring book. For those of you that like to color, for those of you who have kids, I think it would be fun to go, hey, kids, this is what people will be coloring in 1931. Here it is. So take a look at the sites on the national archives, it was fun. The Mickey Mouse coloring book is really cool. There is national roller coaster day. A holiday dedicated to roller coasters. I have reached the age, and my stomach has reached the point where I do not do roller coasters anymore. I watch my grandchildren while they do roller coasters. But they are roller coasters in 515 amusement parks. If you want more information and some interesting math assignments for your children or your students, you can go to the site highlighted in blue, which is part of U.S. Census Bureau statistics in schools program to find, to compare amusement parks by using fractions and states. I think that would be a really fun assignment. Students create a visual model for their data. I think that is a, kind of, academic tie into roller coasters. Here we are with a couple of interesting holidays. World honeybee day. World honeybee day ties in to pollinator week as well. Highlighting the importance of honeybees in terms of our agricultural and food needs. And Juneteenth, Juneteenth is our latest national holiday. This site from "voice of America", provides information and is geared towards immigrants and speakers of other languages about Juneteenth. How and why it was created as a latest national holiday. Book lovers day. I could not resist. Most of us are probably aware of this. But I could not resist putting in book lovers day. It just passed, plenty of time to plan for next year. And it is an unofficial holiday. There are a couple of interesting sites here. One is that the Marine Corps

air Station at Cherry point, North Carolina, celebrates book lovers day and provides e-books on the day to download e-books from NASA. Constitution day. Because most of our institutions are federally funded. Constitution day is something about, if your institution receives federal funding you are required to celebrate. And that day is coming up soon on September 17th. The link that I put here to the Census Bureau provides information and statistics about the sentence of celebrating Constitution day. I had never thought to go there for for help in celebrating Constitution day. Including a number of interesting videos. I highlighted one here. This is a short video, which explains what abortion is. And how the 304 seats are distributed based on census . The census would like us to tie in that it is constitutional regarding who serves and how many seats there are in the U.S. House of Representatives. So a different twist on Constitution day for this year. I highlighted Puerto Rico Constitution day thinking that each of you, and whatever state, also probably have an official state constitution, and perhaps an official state constitution day. In this case, I found the information for Puerto Rico Constitution day on apprenticeship.gov and GPO . They have resource guides that allow you to celebrate various state holidays. Because I live in Puerto Rico, I chose to highlight Puerto Rico Constitution day. Before I go, the Library of Congress has a blog and sends out a daily email. Today it has a collection of, this day in history. What happened in this day for any given day? They send out a daily email that highlights some events and the highlights on the web page are other events. With that I am going to attempt some screen sharing. Okay. There it is. I was looking, founded. I'm going to screen share. I am going to share my desktop. Please let me know if, then the first thing I'm going to look at. I'm going to go to apprenticeship.gov. I found apprenticeship.gov looking for days and weeks that we celebrate . It was a sight I was totally unaware of. And I think that as offering an alternative to people who would like to learn on the job. Who do not want to pursue a traditional education. It is a really interesting and useful site. I found it because of this piece on recognitions and celebrations. They have a list of months in which they highlight some specific months. Things like national worship of tools day. Who knew? World plumbing day. It is an interesting site to find some unusual celebrations that take place. But it also provides information for, if you're interested in a career. And you would like to consider being an apprentice, there is information here about being an apprentice. And a job finder, which I am going to open. Have a career in mind and see if there is something else of interest. You can also scroll down and there are jobs listed here that are apprenticeship jobs. Cybersecurity apprentice jobs, and where they are, when there were listed. Data analyst apprentice. Entry level. These are jobs that, while you are on the job, you are acquiring skills for the job. If you know someone who is interested in that and prefers hands-on and being at work as opposed to being in a classroom, this is a place to look. Four employers who might want to offer apprenticeships, there is information here and a way to list those jobs. So there are resources for information for news and events. For tools. So apprenticeship.gov . In addition to their information on the holidays and celebrations, it is an interesting site that I knew nothing about before, I found it preparing for this webinar. Next I am going to ShareAmerica . This is a very nice site that provides information about the United States. Provides news that is directed toward immigrants coming into the United States. You can change the site to multiple languages. Including French, Spanish, Ukrainian, Portuguese. So it is a really interesting site that talks about American culture, diversity, traveling to the United State. Provides information about the U.S. government. Provides news articles. So in addition to this information on religious celebrations and culture in the United States, there are a lot of other useful information for users who speak different languages or who are immigrants from different countries. ShareAmerica is very useful for that. Finally, I am going to the Library of Congress. This is the library of conference today in history collection. This is today in history. You can go to what is available online. Summation about his collection. Featured content from August history. You can listen to the page. You can follow the site by email, they will send you a daily email. On Facebook. On Twitter. A number of ways that you can follow the site. It is every day. It changes to provide information about today in history. And here is just a list of, today there is an article about Meriwether Lewis. You can

choose years. And find years. So if I wanted to know something about today in history from 2002. Well, 2099. I can click on the link and I get information about today in history for different dates. Each area does not have something for each date. But for each month there will certainly be information there on today in history. I would love, I think it would be really fascinating to spend a year setting up an exhibit that changed daily to highlight for our users. This is something that happened today in history. Just give that of thought may be. I'm going to click on this article and give you an idea of what you can get. August 18, today, Meriwether Lewis, and explains who he was. That he was born on August 18. A map of his explorations. And information about his biography. And then there are links to other information from the today in history item. So those were just three sites from things that I found that I wanted to highlight. I am going to stop sharing. Go to my final slide. I skipped the go live slide. Sorry about that. And to my final slide. I found this quote that I liked about celebrating that I thought we should all be aware of when we celebrate any of our days or weeks or months that are important to us. And it is, quote, unquote, celebrating occasions as a way of showing appreciation to yourself and others for these initial moments in life. It can be said that any moment that makes your heart tingle or tugs at your emotions, then it is worth celebrating. Go look for some more, find some that you like. And find some time in this academic year finding time to celebrate those days and weeks and doing the more serious work of educating. With that I will turn it back to Joe and Kelly to see if there are questions in the chat. I hope that there are some questions.

Thanks, Jane, great webinar as always. We appreciate it. Let's see if we have any questions. Oh, somebody made a comment, Brylynn, I think. National dog day.

We really do have to get it in there because I mentioned the dogs and the cats. Good. Good. I would imagine there is a national force day and I have a friend who actually raises turtles. There is probably a national turtle day.

Somebody wanted your email address.

It is in the presentation but I will happily put it in the chat as well.

Thank you. Somebody asked about the slides. Yes, yes, we will probably have the audio transcript available tomorrow.

If anyone like the actual PowerPoint. Send me an email and I will happily send you a copy of the PowerPoint.

I think that Kelly has already put that in the chat. You know, Brylynn said , I just subscribed at today in history. I tried that but I could not figure out how to do it right. Anyway, I will have to look again.

It is there. I found it because it somehow popped up in my email one day, but it has been long enough that I do not remember exactly how.

I looked at all of the links and thought, there is no way to do that.

Maybe they just don't want everybody to subscribe.

That could be. That could be.

There is the satisfaction survey, someone just put that in the chat. So if you would, fill that out. Also, you can see the other link there, this link will be there for this webinar. It should be there tomorrow or the next day.

Shaune asked about sharing information through social media . I sometimes have access to our University's Facebook page and I sometimes just go, hey, did you know that today is national eat a hot dog day, or whatever. And put it on the Facebook page.

Brylynn mentions that for finding today in history he did have control find. I will try that. I wonder how much business is generated, the small businesses.

That is a very interesting question, Joe. I am wondering if the Census Bureau, I know at least three major holidays I have seen statistics about how many turkeys are bought for Thanksgiving. And some amount of data about the major holidays.

I mean, the smaller ones --.

That I do not know. But it is an interesting question.

They have the small business Saturday. I do not know if they are announced this way, or if these are things that companies have put together.

Mary put in the chat the link to many things. The link for subscribing to newsletters and other things at the Library of Congress.

I will check that out.

And --.

I like that. We didn't really talk about national pancake day.

That's okay, IHOP is currently using the minions movie to commercialize because I have three grandchildren who really want me to take them to eat minion-flavored pancakes. Christine put some information about ready.gov for September. That is national disaster preparedness month.

September. We are trying to set up a website right now with FEMA.

That would be great.

End of September, look for that. Just trying to work out the details right now.

It seems like more and more of us are --.

I knew it was coming when I checked your last webinar a few months ago. That was good.

Good. And Kelly put in some information about how featuring things on social media -- okay, okay, Kelly just put that. It is a great idea if they use the govinfo.gov page. Using any number of our library websites could also do it.

More questions coming in? Please. We have time for questions, but I see some comments. We have time for questions though. I would like to thank Jane for a terrific webinar. She has more planned, so keep looking on your calendar for that. I would also like to thank Kelly for the great work that she does as tech support and keeping everything running smoothly. We have one more webinar for August. We are really loaded up for September. But we are loaded up for August. That is the Bureau of Labor Statistics. And it should be very good. I tried to get it for a long time. We had to get it and we snagged it for ourselves. That should be a great one. So you will receive up notice when you sign up for our FDLP News team web service . And you can see everything that we have got. You can also check out our calendar page and you can also volunteer to do a webinar, we would be happy to have you. Jane has done many for us, but other people in the audience could do a great webinar on any topic about government information. The other way you can approach it, the FDLP, how you manage the depository or library management, promotions, services, all that kind of things. Anything else about libraries. More information. Think about that. If you want to present a webinar. Let's see if we have any more, there, Kelly just put the calendar link there. September is really going to be loaded up. Trying to fit all of these webinars in. It is difficult, but we will get them all. And then we have our fall conference. Do not forget our deposit library conference. Which someone, did you manage information? Somebody. Somebody, I don't know if it was this presentation. Cybersecurity week is the same week is our conference.

Oh, no.

That is very important. But I think we are more important. Check us out there. You will see if we have any more comments. Any more questions? I want to make sure I did not miss anything. Somebody out about a certificate, that will be mailed to you.

I know on my birthday, or somebody's birthday I always check to see what famous people have the same birthday. I don't know if anybody else does that?

I do that. It is always fun.

Had the same birthday as Rod Stewart, and I think George Foreman.

Some lucky person shares a birthday with Elvis. That's great

Okay. Events in history. That is another thing. What happened on this day years ago. I guess you can buy newspaper covers from the day of your birthday. ""The New York Times"" or ""the Washington Post"". That is great Deborah, we appreciate that.

Thank you. Thank you.

We still have a little bit of time, any last questions for Jane? Anything on topic? Let's see if that's going out yet, we can talk about this at timber webinar. Just a second. Oh, yes. Jane's next webinar is September 13, on a Tuesday. Surviving tough economic times, government resources for economic wisdom. So that should be good. With the recession and all of the troubles we are facing, that should be a real good one. Okay. All right. Well, I think we have just about run out of questions. So I think we can close things out. So thank you very much, Jane, for a terrific webinar. We are looking forward to more.

You are welcome. Thank you.

Everyone, look out for those. Thank you, Kelly, for great tech support, as always. Thank you, audience. Please come back to the FDLP Academy for more great academies. Our fall conference, please register for that. And come back on the 30th, that webinar should be really good. I am looking forward to attending that one. I want to thank you again. Have a great rest of your day.

Thank you.

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