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#### National Book Lovers Day -**Reading Quirks**

The spotlight is on bookworms Aug. 9 for National Book Lovers Day. Check out these quirky habits you may have in common with your fellow readers:

Brainy bibliophiles. Many readers make faces to copy the characters' emotions thanks to their mirror neurons firing on all cylinders. It's no wonder that reading is linked to empathy. Other readers may mouth the words as they read, which is a comprehension strategy called subvocalization.

Comforting customs. Readers who prefer to reread their favorites instead of starting something new, or even those controversial folks who read the last page of the book first, have something in common: relaxation. Both of these reading habits are ways to ease anxiety, so readers can slow down and enjoy the story.

#### **Small Change, Big Benefits**

Try these micro habits for small daily changes to make life better.

Wake up with water. Drink a glass of water first thing in the morning.

A year in read-view. Read one page of a novel before bed. Over about a year, you'll have finished the book and saved your eyes from pre-sleep screen time.

A grateful start. Write one thing you're thankful for in a journal each day. At the end of the month, take a moment to read over what makes you grateful.

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#### **Summer Song**

"In summer, the song sings itself." -William Carlos Williams

#### **A Summer Light Show**

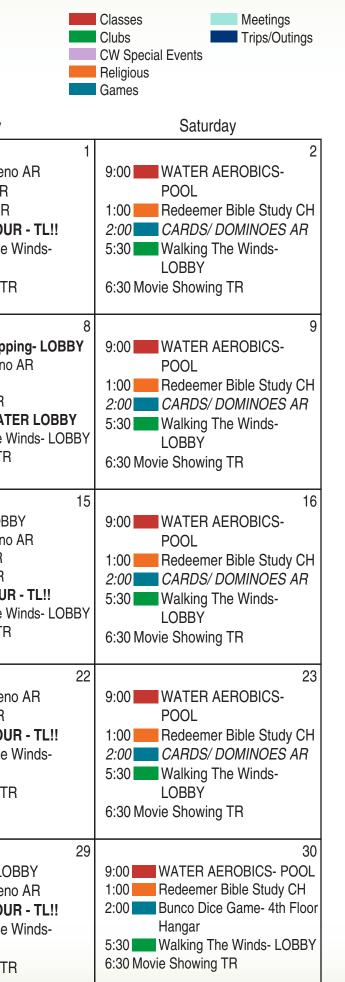
Looking for a summer showstopper? Step outside in the early morning hours of Aug. 12-13, when the Perseid meteor shower reaches its peak. Viewers can potentially see more than 50 shooting stars each hour. Finding a dark place to watch increases your chances of getting to wish on a falling star.

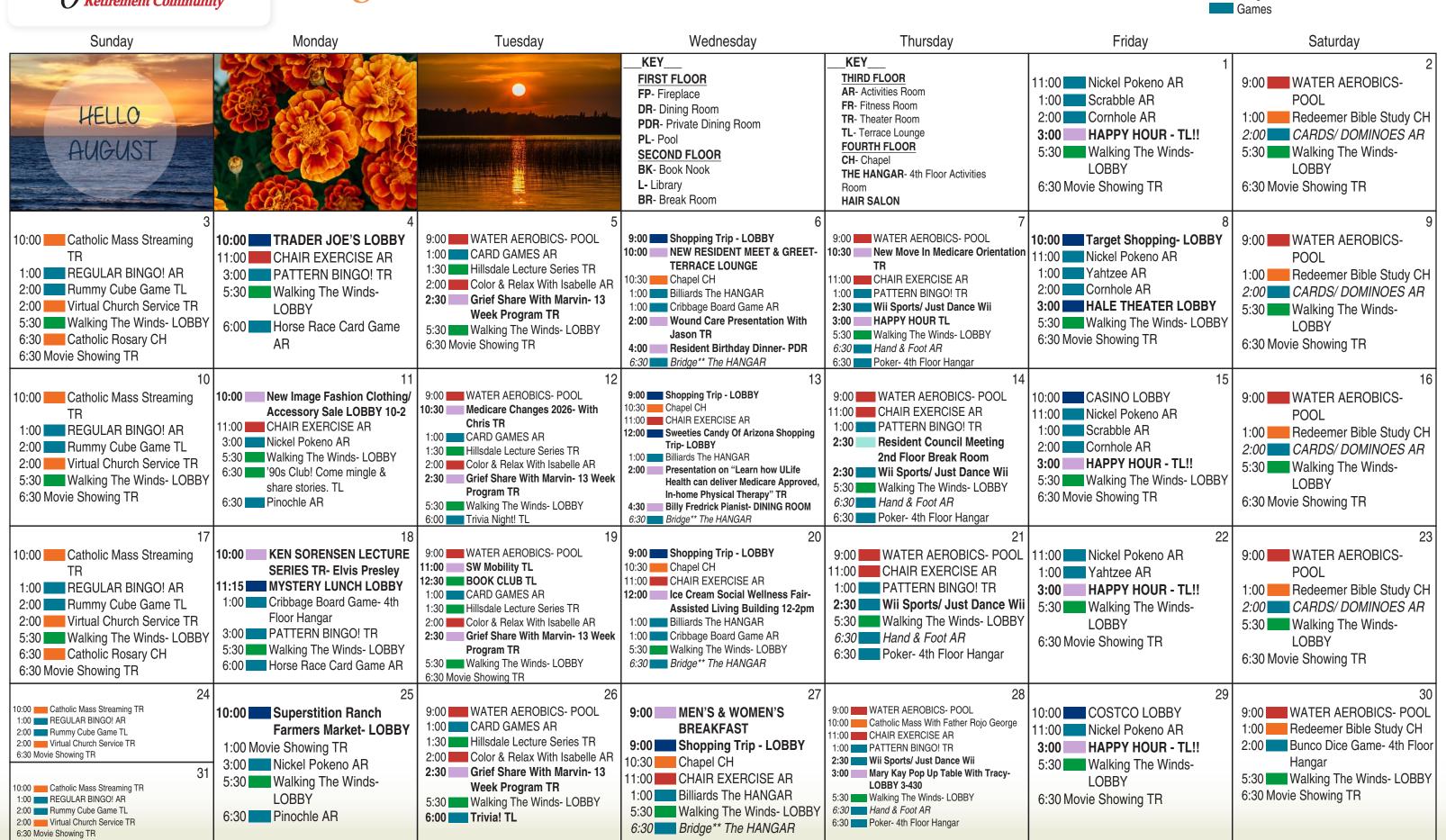
#### An Ironclad Legend

"Old Ironsides" is the USS Constitution, a historic U.S. Navy warship. It earned its nickname during the War of 1812 when British cannonballs seemed to bounce off its sturdy oak sides, prompting a crewman to exclaim, "Her sides are made of iron!"



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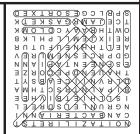
## **Word Search**

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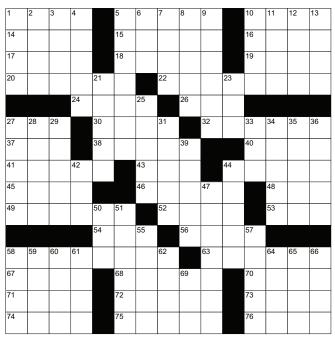
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	Solution:	Word Search



#### Crossword Puzzle



#### **ACROSS**

- Downtowns
- Cavort
- 10. Made a web 14. Decorative needle case
- 15. Water retention
- 16. In addition
- 17. Red planet
- 18. Navigation system
- 19. Antelope 20. Brief expression
- 22. State with Isle Royale National Park
- 24. Not as much
- 26. Tell a tall tale
- 27. Brother's sibling
- 30. Bunsen burner 32. Ruler
- 37. Teaspoon (abbr.)
- 38. State with Acadia National Park
- 40. Navy color 41. Leftovers of civilizations
- 43. School group 44. The Cat
- 45. Jewish scribe
- 46. Power controlling device
- 48. Airport abbr.
- 49. Indian village
- 53. Okay
- 52. Visionary
- 54. Environmental protection agency
- 56. Pull
- 58. Handyman

- 63. Innumerable
- 67. Nurture
- 68. State with Nez Perce
- Historical Park
- 70. Domain
- 71. Canal 72. Italian city
- 73. Working implement
- 74. Firm up muscles
- 75. Tilted
- 76. Green Gables dweller

#### **DOWN**

- Rope fiber State with Arches
- National Park
- Prickly sticker
- Strong rope fiber Keyboard instrument
- Hubbub
- Curl hair, permanently
- Electronic communication
- Spoiled
- 10. Rice wine (var.) 11. Stopper
- 12. U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 13. Person, place or thing
- 21. Gives the impression of
- being \_\_\_ you! (attention
- getter) 25. Trims

- 27. Throat infection
- 28. Car manufacturer 29. Church steeple

- 31. What you raise in poker
- 33. North by east
- 34. Bowling \_\_\_ 35. Large hotel room
- 36. Big Bend
- 39. Cornstalk 42. Arrest
- 44. Inroad
- 47. Rockefeller Historical
- National Park State 50. Constellation
- 51. Type of American Express card
- 55. Scrutinize
- 57. Non \_ \_ (not welcome)
- 58. Gall
- 59. Air (prefix)
- 60. First murderer 61. Leaf maker
- 62. African country
- 64. Smooth

- 65. Long time
- 66. Valley
- 69. Talking computer from "2001: A Space Odyssey"



