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International Children's Book Day

International Children's Book Day is a special day to celebrate the joy of reading and children's books. It takes place every year on April 2nd. The date is important because it is the birthday of a very famous storyteller named Hans Christian Andersen. He wrote lots of fairy tales that children all around the world still read today, like "The Little Mermaid" and "The Ugly Duckling."



The first International Children's Book Day was celebrated in 1967. It was organized by the International Board on Books for Young People, often called IBBY. IBBY is a group of people from different countries who all believe that children's books and reading are very important.

So, what's the purpose of International Children's Book Day? Well, it's a day to remind us how great children's books are. Books can take us on fantastic adventures, teach us new things, and help us understand people who are different from us. On this day, people also think about how important it is for all children, no matter where they live, to have books they can read.

How is International Children's Book Day celebrated? In lots of different ways! Schools often have special activities on this day. You might get to bring your favorite book to school and share it with your classmates. Some schools might have a book fair, where you can buy new books to read. Or you might have a special visitor, like an author or an illustrator, who comes to talk about making books.

Libraries also join in the celebration. They might host story times, where someone reads books aloud, or craft activities related to books. Some people celebrate at home by reading their favorite books again or starting a new book together as a family.

So, remember, on International Children's Book Day, it's all about celebrating books and reading!

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Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. When is International Children's Book Day celebrated and why is this date important?
2. Who started International Children's Book Day?
3. What is the purpose of International Children's Book Day?
4. How might schools celebrate International Children's Book Day?
5. How might libraries and families celebrate International Children's Book Day?

