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History of April Fool's Day

When the western world employed the Julian calendar, years began on March 25. Festivals marking the start of the New Year were celebrated on the first day of April because March 25 fell during Holy Week. The adoption of the Gregorian calendar during the 1500s moved the New Year to January 1. According to the most widely-believed explanation for the origin of April Fools' Day, those who could be tricked into believing April 1 was still the proper day to celebrate the New Year earned the sobriquet of "April fools." To this end, French peasants would unexpectedly drop in on neighbors that day in an effort to confuse them into thinking they were receiving a New Year's call. Out of that one jape* supposedly grew the tradition of testing the patience of family and friends. So do we say "April Fool's Day" or Happy New Year?"

* jape is to make fun of

ANIMAL CRACKERS!

The cookie not the film!
There are 18 different animal shapes in a box of animal crackers

April is...



National Gardening Month

Be sure to see the book display in the Library. The display table is in bloom this month!

April 5-11, 2004 is

National Public Health Week... and the library has a display of materials relating to public health from bubonic plague to the flu!

Spring forward, Fall back

Time for a change!

Yes, it's time to change your clock! April 4 at 2:00AM is the official beginning of Central Daylight Savings Time!

Celebrate by getting out the lawn chairs, the grill and the coolers—and watch out for the snowflakes!

A Boeing 747 holds 57,285 gallons of fuel. At the current price of jet fuel @ \$2.50/gallon. That adds up to = \$14,321.50 per tank! Think of that when you're at the gas station for a fill-up!

Oh my heart on a string!

A violin contains 70 separate pieces of wood!

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