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LEFT-HANDERS DAY: AUGUST 13

Did you know?

- About 10 percent of the world's population is left handed.
- If you are left handed, you can join the [Left-Handers Club](#). It's free! There are over 140,000 members from all over the world.
- Sinistrality--the formal name for left handedness--is based on the Latin word *sinistra*, which means on the left. The word sinister, which means evil, comes from the same root. People once thought left handers were evil.
- Sinistrophobia is the fear of left handed people or things on the left side.
- Lefties are sometimes called "southpaws," a term was coined in baseball to describe a left-handed pitcher.

Famous Left-Handers

- Barack Obama
- Prince William
- Steve Jobs
- Bill Gates
- Mark Zuckerberg
- Oprah Winfrey
- Lady Gaga



How to celebrate

- Research a famous left hander.
- If you are right handed, try doing something with your left hand instead. For a bigger challenge, try to do *everything* all day with your left hand.
- Take this [left-handedness test](#).
- If you are right handed, draw a picture or make a painting with your left hand. If you are left handed, use your right hand. Send us a picture! Post on the library's [Facebook](#) page, [Instagram](#), or email us at oplkids@wlsmail.org