1959

- Castro becomes Premier of Cuba
- International treaty makes Antarctica scientific preserve
- Kitchen Debate between Nixon and Khrushchev
- *The Sound of Music* opens on Broadway
- The Barbie doll debuts
- US quiz shows found to be fixed

1960

- **97% of births now take place in hospitals**

- Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho* premieres
- Harper Lee publishes To Kill a Mockingbird
- First televised Presidential Debates between Kennedy and Nixon
- Lasers invented
- The "Twist" popular dance craze
- Birth control pill introduced
- Students protest segregation by nonviolent sit-ins

1961

- Adolf Eichmann tried for role in Holocaust
- Exiled Cuban rebels attempt Bay of Pigs invasion
- Berlin Wall constructed
- JFK establishes the Peace Corps
- Soviets launch first man in space
- Alan Shepard first American in space

1962

- Cuban Missile Crisis
- John Glenn first American to orbit Earth
- United Farm Workers (UFW) founded by Cesar Chavez
- Marilyn Monroe found dead

1963

- Betty Friedan publishes The Feminine Mystique
- Andy Warhol exhibits his Campbell's Soup Can painting
- Dr. King leads 200,000 in March on Washington and delivers his *I Have a Dream* speech

- John F. Kennedy assassinated
- First use of an artificial heart
- Television overtakes newsprint as dominant source of information in US
- Passage of Public Library Development Act (SB590), authorizing creation of public library systems in California

1964

- Beatles appear on Ed Sullivan
- Cassius Clay (a.k.a. Muhammad Ali) wins world heavyweight championship
- Civil Rights Act passes in US
- Hasbro launches GI Joe action figure doll
- Nelson Mandela sentenced to life in prison
- Warren Report on JFK's assassination issued
- Reauthorization of LSA to become Library Services & Construction Act (LSCA)