

What if birthdays were celebrated on river time?

Previously...

... your date of birth corresponded to the location of Earth in its annual orbit, and your age progressed at the same rate regardless of where and how you lived. From a temporal perspective, birthdays were mathematically fixed, and lives were interchangeable.

In the future...

... you could observe your birthday whenever the flow of a local river resembled the flow your parents remembered observing on the day you were born. Or you could live your life in time with the vigor of your nearest river – speeding up and slowing down as resources allow – tracking your true age on a fluvial calendar.

