



Today in History

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▲ A new library in Egypt, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, was opened on the site of the fabled original destroyed by fire in the fourth century AD

1916: The world's first birth control clinic opened in New York but closed nine days later for supplying contraceptives

1922: The Simplon II tunnel, then the world's longest railway tunnel, was completed after four years work

1964: China detonated its first atomic bomb, becoming the world's fifth nuclear power

2006: U.S. and Russian scientists discovered a new chemical element with the atomic number 118