

# 2018

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# JANUARY

Teen Activity Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>New Year's Day:</b> Encourage your teens to help you set goals for your teen space in 2018.</p> <p><b>History Lesson: Ellis Island</b> opened on this day in 1892.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Book Release: <i>The Cruel Prince</i></b> by Holly Black, the first book in a stunning new series about a mortal girl who finds herself caught in a web of royal faerie intrigue.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>On <b>National Drinking Straw Day</b>, have teens make <b>paper drinking straws</b>.</p> <p>Happy birthday, <b>J.R.R. Tolkien (b. 1892)</b>. "Not all those who wander are lost." — from a poem appearing in The Lord of the Rings series</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Plan an evening of <b>fun questions, pop culture, and prizes</b> for <b>National Trivia Day</b>.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Invite a local filmmaker or professional in your community to the library to inspire teens to <b>try scriptwriting</b> on <b>National Screenwriter's Day</b>. #screenwritersday</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Offer a technology petting zoo, or bring in "retro" technology to share with your teens for <b>National Technology Day</b>. Share <b>inspiring stories</b> about young inventors and coders. #technologyday</p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>STEM FUN:</b> Beat the cold with a fun discussion about chemical reactions and a "<b>Homemade Hand Warmer</b>" experiment.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Passive Program:</b> Create an easy <b>display of questions</b> for teens to research. Answers can be turned in for the chance to win a prize.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Book Release:</b> In <b><i>Unearthed</i></b> by Amie Kaufman and Meagan Spooner, "When Earth intercepts a message from a long-extinct alien race, it seems like the solution the planet has been waiting for."</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>History Lesson:</b> Thomas Paine published "<b>Common Sense</b>," a pamphlet that challenged the authority of the British government in the colonies in 1776 and supported the cause for independence.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Partner with your local police force to help teens stay safe, recognize the signs of distress, and know how and where to seek help on <b>National Human Trafficking Awareness Day</b>.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Books and Board Games:</b> Improve teamwork and problem solving with an epic game of <b>Sentinels of the Multiverse</b>, where heroes fight villains to save humanity.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Host a class on <b>graphic design</b> where teens can make their own stickers on <b>National Sticker Day</b>.</p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Help your teens beat cabin fever blues with a fun game that will get them moving. <b>Cupsid Down</b> pits teams against one another for a frenzied dash to flip plastic cups before time runs out.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Celebrate <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> with speakers and guided conversations about nonviolence, tolerance, and civil rights.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>Book Releases: <i>Iron Gold</i></b> by Pierce Brown is an "adventure of revolution and betrayal among the stars." In <b><i>Truly Devious</i></b> by Maureen Johnson, Ellingham Academy's "murderous past won't stay in the past."</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Happy birthday, <b>Robert Cormier (b. 1925)</b>. "They don't actually want you to do your own thing, not unless it's their thing too." — from <i>The Chocolate War</i></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Have teens create <b>crossword puzzles</b> that ask for synonyms for the listed clues on <b>National Thesaurus Day</b>. Don't forget to provide thesauruses to help.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Tease tastebuds with a fun <b>popcorn bar</b> of seasonings and toppings on <b>National Popcorn Day</b>.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Invite a local radio DJ to your teen room to teach spinning, or host a spinning talent show to celebrate <b>National Disc Jockey Day</b>.</p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Teen Chef:</b> Pull out the blender and make some easy but tasty <b>smoothies</b> in your teen space.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Book Club:</b> Explore with your teens <b><i>I'll Give You the Sun</i></b>, the <i>New York Times</i> bestselling story by Jandy Nelson about love, family, and loss.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>STEM Fun:</b> Looking for more STEM resources, booklists, projects, or topics? Check out <b>YALSA's wiki</b> for a list of helpful sites and recommendations.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>On <b>National Compliment Day</b>, create a compliment wall out of sticky notes where teens can share positive comments to boost the confidence of friends.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Book Display:</b> Send your teens to far away places with a fun <b>travel-themed display</b>. Check out these fun <b>literary maps</b>.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Passive Program:</b> Don't have a magnetic wall? Try "<b>push-pin poetry</b>" to highlight the creativity of your teens.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Happy birthday, <b>Lewis Carroll (b. 1832)</b>. "We're all mad here." — from <i>Alice in Wonderland</i></p> <p>Treat your teens to delicious mug cakes for <b>National Chocolate Cake Day</b>.</p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Share helpful safety measures for teens to take to protect themselves online on <b>Data Privacy Day</b>.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Help teens improve mental function and problem solving skills with <b>tangrams</b> on <b>National Puzzle Day</b>. Time them on their ability to create certain shapes or have them race one another.</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>Book Release:</b> In <b><i>Say You'll Remember Me</i></b> by Katie McGarry, "When Drix was convicted of a crime—one he didn't commit—he thought his life was over. But opportunity came with the new Second Chance Program."</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Plan a painting party to encourage teens to explore self-expression through art on <b>National Inspire Your Heart with Art Day</b>. Visit <b>Social Artworking</b> for easy templates to lead your own canvas painting program.</p>	<p><b>Celebration of Life Month:</b> Celebrate kids by planning programs with your Children's Department or local elementary schools.</p> <p><b>International Creativity Month:</b> Have teens teach each other new crafts, games, or hobbies.</p> <p><b>National Be On Purpose Month:</b> Unplug for a month in your teen space, and share <b>tips about mindfulness</b> with your teens.</p> <p><b>National Personal Self-Defense Awareness Month:</b> Offer a class on vigilance and personal safety for teens.</p>		