

# 2018

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# October

Teen Activity Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> October is <b>National Sarcastic Awareness Month</b> , but it's probably not worth noting.	<b>2</b> <b>Book release: <i>Broken Things</i></b> by Lauren Oliver	<b>3</b> It's <b>National Techies Day</b> . Celebrate by sharing <b>mind-boggling facts</b> about women in technology.	<b>4</b> It's <b>National Taco Day</b> , the perfect excuse to celebrate by <b>crafting tiny tacos</b> from polymer clay.	<b>5</b> Encourage random acts of kindness for <b>World Smile Day</b> . One good deed usually starts an avalanche, so trigger a chain reaction!	<b>6</b> Coordinate a STEM program with robots as part of <b>World Space Week</b> .
<b>7</b> Celebrate <b>Teen Read Week</b> with activities and displays to "Read For the Fun of It."	<b>8</b> You're never too old for tag! Coordinate a nostalgic playdate program to honor <b>American Touch Tag Day</b> .	<b>9</b> <b>Book release: <i>Dear Evan Hansen: The Novel</i></b> by Val Emmich with Steven Levenson, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul	<b>10</b> Create a bookmark of titles and resources in support of <b>National Bullying Prevention Month</b> and <b>Stop Bullying Day</b> .	<b>11</b> Partner with the school district's history teachers to discuss your local archives with students during <b>American Archives Month</b> .	<b>12</b> <i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i> by <b>Douglas Adams</b> was released on this day in 1979. Celebrate by showing off your sci-fi collection.	<b>13</b> The US Navy was established on this day in 1775. Feature your ASVAB test resources.
<b>14</b> In 1582, this day did not exist in many European countries due to the adoption of the Gregorian calendar. In fact, the calendar skipped from Oct. 4 to Oct. 15. Clean out the lost and found box in honor of these lost days.	<b>15</b> Host a DIY costume brainstorming session. Invite a speaker from the local theater group or steampunk society, or a cosplay enthusiast.	<b>16</b> Pick a word of the day to feature on social media for <b>National Dictionary Day</b> , which is celebrated on the anniversary of <b>Noah Webster's</b> birth in 1758.	<b>17</b> Coordinate a chess contest or lessons to commemorate the <b>1956 Game of the Century</b> played between Donald Byrne and Bobby Fischer in New York.	<b>18</b> Partner with the Humane Society to give a program on adoptable animals in honor of Félicette, a stray who became the <b>first cat-stronaut</b> in 1963.	<b>19</b> Illustrator <b>Ed Emberley</b> was born on this day in 1931. Put out Post-its and pens for a <b>passive program on doodling</b> to celebrate.	<b>20</b> Actor <b>Viggo Mortensen</b> was born on this day in 1958. Enjoy a <b>Lord of the Rings</b> viewing party.
<b>21</b> Actress <b>Carrie Fisher</b> was born on this day in 1956. Host a <b>Star Wars</b> program to celebrate.	<b>22</b> It's <b>National Color Day</b> . Have patrons take a <b>fun personality assessment</b> based on their favorite colors.	<b>23</b> A chemist's favorite holiday: <b>National Mole Day</b> commemorates Avogadro's Number.	<b>24</b> Encourage staff to wear orange in support of <b>Unity Day</b> .	<b>25</b> <b>Pablo Picasso</b> was born on this day in 1881. Explore art history with a craft program on <b>Cubism</b> .	<b>26</b> Host a <b>cereal sampling</b> to honor the birth of <b>Charles William Post</b> in 1854. Blind test generic versus name brands.	<b>27</b> Build a <b>horror film display</b> to gear up for fright night.
<b>28</b> On this day in 1904, St. Louis police were the <b>first in the US to use fingerprints</b> . Spotlight your true crime collection and invite your police department to talk about forensic science.	<b>29</b> On this day in 1969, the first host-to-host connection was made via ARPANET, the genesis of the Internet.	<b>30</b> Create a display to commemorate the historic <b>Rumble in the Jungle</b> boxing match between Muhammad Ali and George Foreman, held on this day in 1974 in Zaire.	<b>31</b> Host an alternative "falloween" program for those who aren't into Halloween. Decorate pumpkins or make autumnal crafts.	<b>Share delicious recipes for National Cookie Month!</b> <b>Create a display of biographies, autobiographies, and documentaries to commemorate LGBT History Month.</b>		



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