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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

# September

Teen Activity Calendar

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**Books and Board Games:** Explore Japanese culture by playing **Tokaido** and discussing **Japan-related teen fiction**.

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**STEM Fun:** Explore the **phases of the moon** and learn to predict the sequence of the lunar cycle.

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**Book Release: *Genuine Fraud*** by E. Lockhart. "An intense friendship. A disappearance. A murder, or maybe two."

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Encourage teens to share a favorite recipe, hobby, Youtube channel, etc., on **Swap Ideas Day**. Post submissions online and in your teen area! #swapideasday #sharingiscaring

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**Patriot Day:** Help teens **fold yellow origami ribbons** to decorate the library in observance of Patriot Day.

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Celebrate **Video Game Day** by making **Navi in a Bottle** with Zelda fans or grabbing a bag of skittles for a **candy pixel challenge**.

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**Book Club: Host a discussion** on Angie Thomas's *The Hate U Give*.

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**STEM Fun:** Explore problem solving, teamwork, and engineering with **Book Dominoes** in your teen space.

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**Book Releases: *Hunting Prince Dracula*** by Kerri Maniscalco (Stalking Jack the Ripper #2) and ***One Dark Throne*** by Kendare Blake (Three Dark Crowns #2).

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**Passive Program:** Create an **interactive display or poll** to teach teens about censorship during **Banned Books Week** (Sept. 24–30).

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Use discarded comics to make fun **word bubble buttons** or **wallets** on **National Comic Book Day**.

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**Book Releases: *The Language of Thorns: Midnight Tales and Dangerous Magic*** by Leigh Bardugo and ***There's Someone Inside Your House*** by Stephanie Perkins.

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

**Happy Cat Month:** Have teens share their favorite cat memes.

**Library Card Sign-up Month:** Challenge teens to share library card selfies and tag your library.

**Self-Improvement Month:** Encourage teens to unplug one night a week.

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Celebrate **Harry Potter's 1st day at Hogwarts** with this **giant time-turner** and play a **Harry-themed Would You Rather game**. #harrypotter #harrypotterforever

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**History Lesson:** An Athenian messenger ran a distance of about 25 miles to announce the Persian defeat of the **Battle of Marathon** in 490 B.C.

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**Read a Book Day:**

Host a book-character costume contest followed by **themed snacks** to promote the fun of reading. #readabookday

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**Grandma Moses Day:**

Discover and discuss the artistic talent of **Anna Mary Robertson**, one of America's best-known primitive painters. Have teens try their hand at their own landscapes.

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Literacy for everyone, everywhere. Celebrate **International Literacy Day** with these fun **lesson plans from Read. Write. Think**. #internationalliteracyday

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Celebrate weirdness on **Wonderful Weirdos Day** by **sharing crazy laws and locations in your state**.

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Create **sunshine gratitude logs** in celebration of **Positive Thinking Day**. Treat your teens to sunshine goodie bags. #positivethinkingday #yougotthis

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**Passive Program:** Set up a **"Love your SELFie"** station and have teens share fun pictures with you. #loveyourself #selfetime

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Celebrate trade workers on **National Tradesmen Day** by hosting a career fair highlighting organizations in your community and sharing **scholarship opportunities**.

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**History Lesson: The Mayflower departed England** for the New World on this day in 1620.

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Happy birthday, **Upton Sinclair** (b. 1878). *"Can you not see that the task is your task—yours to dream, yours to resolve, yours to execute?"* — from *The Jungle*

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**Teen Chef:** Pull out the hot plate and teach your teens how to make **easy and flavorful quesadillas**.

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**September Equinox:** The sun will shine directly on the equator and there will be nearly equal amounts of day and night throughout the world.

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**After-hours Event:** Take a journey to the center of your teen space with a **Jules Verne-themed lock-in**.

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Have teens make homemade **chocolate milk mix** to take home or give as a gift to celebrate **Chocolate Milk Day**.

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Make **easy treat bags** with your teen advisory group and deliver them to library neighbors and partners on **Good Neighbor Day**.

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Invite a physician to share **healthy lifestyle choices** that lead to healthy hearts for **World Heart Day**.

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**Book Display:** Ever want the bad guy to win? Create a display of your **favorite literary villains**.