

# 2018

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## Teen Activity Calendar

# APRIL

### SUNDAY

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Explore the ancient roots of **April Fools' Day**.

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Have teens create haikus about why they love the library and share them on social media to celebrate **National Poetry Month** and the first day of **National Library Week**.

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**World Art Day** celebrates the birthday of artist, inventor, and Renaissance Man Leonardo da Vinci (b. 1452). Explore making **plaster frescoes** with your teens.

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Upcycle plastic bottles into adorable **cat planters** on **Earth Day**.

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**Book Display:** Put a spotlight on your **teen romance fiction** with an adorable "He loves me. He loves me not" spring display.

### MONDAY

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**Teen Chef:** Explore the art of toaster-oven cuisine with these **60 tasty meals** you can make in a miniature oven.

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Put out some name tags for **National Name Yourself Day** and let teens have fun with a new identity for the afternoon.

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As finals approach, host a yoga or meditation class, set up a coloring station, or invite a counselor to your teen space to talk about stress management on **National Stress Awareness Day**.

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Celebrate your teens' dreams on **Take a Chance Day**. Help them brainstorm goals and first steps for making those dreams come true.

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**History Lesson:** The **New York World's Fair** opened on this day in 1939 with the theme of "The World of Tomorrow." Over 44 million people visited the fair over the course of two seasons.

### TUESDAY

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"Pass the food and turn up the music" on **World Party Day**, a day to celebrate just being alive! Invite local heritage groups to your library to explore other cultures in celebration.

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**Book Release:** ***Ace of Shades*** (Bk. 1) by Amanda Foody.  
Make a **display of teen fiction about brothers and sisters** on **National Siblings Day**.

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**Book Release:** In ***Suitors and Sabotage*** by Cindy Anstey, "Two young people must hide their true feelings for each other while figuring out who means them harm" in this romantic historical fiction novel.

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**Book Release:** In ***Leah on the Offbeat*** by Becky Albertalli, "Leah Burke—girl-band drummer... and Simon Spier's best friend from *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*—takes center stage in this novel of first love and senior-year angst."

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

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Celebrate **Walk Around Things Day** with tours of your teen space.

Have your teen advisory group create **embossed bookmarks** as gifts for local media specialists on **School Librarian Day**.

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**STEM Fun:** Explore PBS LearningMedia's **Black & White Make Color: STEM Alive** project, which shows how a pattern creates an illusion of seeing color on a black and white spinning disc.

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**Books and Board Games:** Check out the **Bob Ross: Art of Chill Game** and create a display of **teen fiction featuring artists**.

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**Saturday Librarian:** Looking for an easy way to track series in your collection without a spreadsheet? Check out **FictFact.com**.

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**Books and Board Games:** Enhance storytelling skills and stimulate imaginations with **StoryCubes** and have teens share facts about their favorite authors.

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Pull out a hot plate and teach teens to make a quick and easy meal on **Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day**. Share these **50 recipes** for fun new tastes.

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**Explore common fears,** phobias, and superstitions on **Friday the 13th**. Challenge teens to invent new phobia names. Make **word coasters** from old game boards and tiles on **Scrabble Day**.

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Create a moment of joy on **International Moment of Laughter Day** with a hilarious round of the **Me-We Game**.

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Host a discussion on **juggling through history** and offer a **beginner's class** on **International Juggler's Day**. Give out a prize to the teen who can juggle the longest by the end of the event.

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Enjoy "**The High Five How To**" on **National High Five Day**. #nationalhighfiveday  
Contact your local police department to plan a community-wide event on **National D.A.R.E. Day**.

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Invite teens to dress alike on **National Look Alike Day**. Take a picture and share it. #lookalikeday  
Create **thank you** for teen helpers on **Volunteer Recognition Day**.

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Stream **StarTalk** with Neil deGrasse Tyson and explore NASA's "**Solar System and Beyond**" resources on **International Astronomy Day**.

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**History Lesson: National East Meets West Day**  
On this day in 1945, American and Russian forces met south of Berlin, bringing Germany under Allied control.

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**Print off these cute cones** and hand out a tasty snack for **National Pretzel Day**. Enjoy pretzel twists and host a "Do the twist" contest.

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Check with your city's Parks and Recreation Department to see if they're giving away free trees on **National Arbor Day**. Plan a volunteer opportunity with your honor society or teen volunteer group.

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Plan a cooperative program between school and public libraries to offer all-day **events that celebrate recreational reading**.

### International Guitar Month

- Host a beginner's guitar class at your library.
- Plan a concert with local musicians and students.

### Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- Post hotline and local resource information in your space.
- Teach a self-defense class.
- Invite a counselor to speak about healthy relationships.