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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

National Crayon Collection Month: Encourage your library's teen advisory group to organize a **crayon or other school supply drive** in preparation for the new school year.

National Eye Exam Month: Reach out to your local eye clinic or medical center to see if they offer **mobile services** the library could host for free for youth.

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Get in the back-to-school spirit with some **hands-on projects** that teens can use to decorate their locker or to give their space at home a makeover.

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Fresh Breath Day:

Partner with a local dentist's office to give away free toothbrushes and floss.

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Book Release: *Finding Yvonne* by Brandy Colbert

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YA author and picture book writer **Walter Dean Myers** was born on this day in 1937. Feature a display or booklist of his work and read-alike suggestions.

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Left Handers Day: Check out lefthandersday.com for left-handed news, facts, history and more.

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Book Release: *Our Stories, Our Voices: 21 YA Authors Get Real About Injustice, Empowerment, and Growing Up Female in America*, edited by Amy Reed

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Today kicks off **Friendship Week**. Celebrate with an independent activity station where teens can make and take **friendship bracelets**.

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National Radio Day:

Is there a local radio station that welcomes community-led shows? Invite them to present a workshop for teens on how to pitch a radio show idea.

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When does school start for teens in your community? Use **sidewalk chalk** to make some encouraging artwork for teens who walk to school past the library.

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Women's Equality Day:

Check out **resources and ideas** for this important day, which commemorates the passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

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Global Forgiveness Day:

Consider implementing a one-time **fine amnesty** for any overdue library materials returned today.

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Book release: *Darius the Great Is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram

August
Teen Activity Calendar

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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International Clown

Week: Celebrate with a hands-on juggling workshop, or go all out with a **circus skills how-to**.

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National Coloring

Book Day: Make an easy independent activity station with a stack of coloring books and colored pencils, or try a **collaborative coloring page** in your teen area.

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National Watermelon

Day: Enjoy this refreshing fruit and even try out one of these inventive **carving techniques**.

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Host a **teen advisory group** meeting this week to plan events and activities for fall or early winter.

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National Happiness

Happens Day: Put out supplies for a **happiness jar-making program**; can be done as a group or independent activity.

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Prep Day: Looking ahead to fall programs, consider a **"snacks in the stacks"** food preparation workshop series in partnership with a local grocery store, food co-op, or extension program.

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Lazy Day: Host a low-key, drop-in read-in for teens (check out **Lima Library's event**, which offers to erase \$1 in fines for every hour read).

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Work with your teens to organize a back-to-school **clothing and accessories swap** for teens in the community.

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National Relaxation Day:

Create a "treat yourself" space for teens with some **spa day activities**.

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National Tell A Joke

Day: Entertain teens who check out books today with a **groan-worthy joke**.

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Get fall marketing materials, teen advisory group information, etc. ready to distribute to local schools and community centers.

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International Geocaching Day: Does your library participate as a geocache spot? Learn how to get involved at **geocaching.com**.



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Prep Day: Plan out one independent and one group **Halloween activity** for the teens.

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Still have teen volunteer help at this point in the summer? Have them help reorganize program supplies in preparation for fall activities.

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Poll your teen or tween **book club** participants to see what books they'd like to read this school year.

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Host a workshop where teens can make their own **fluffy pencil cases** for the new school year.

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Work with a local wellness provider (or even a certified teen instructor) to host an after-school **yoga workshop** for tweens and teens.

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September is just around the corner. Are you ready for **Library Card Sign-Up Month**?

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National Eat Outside

Day: Weather permitting, set up a healthy snack stand outside of the library for teens to grab a bite on their way home from school.