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**August**  
Teen Activity Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
	<p><b>National Crayon Collection Month:</b> Encourage your library's teen advisory group to organize a <b>crayon or other school supply drive</b> in preparation for the new school year.</p> <p><b>National Eye Exam Month:</b> Reach out to your local eye clinic or medical center to see if they offer <b>mobile services</b> the library could host for free for youth.</p>		<p><b>International Clown Week:</b> Celebrate with a hands-on juggling workshop, or go all out with a <b>circus skills how-to</b>.</p>	<p><b>National Coloring Book Day:</b> Make an easy independent activity station with a stack of coloring books and colored pencils, or try a <b>collaborative coloring page</b> in your teen area.</p>	<p><b>National Watermelon Day:</b> Enjoy this refreshing fruit and even try out one of these inventive <b>carving techniques</b>.</p>	<p>Host a <b>teen advisory group</b> meeting this week to plan events and activities for fall or early winter.</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>Get in the back-to-school spirit with some <b>hands-on projects</b> that teens can use to decorate their locker or to give their space at home a makeover.</p>	<p><b>Fresh Breath Day:</b> Partner with a local dentist's office to give away free toothbrushes and floss.</p>	<p><b>Book Release: <i>Finding Yvonne</i></b> by Brandy Colbert</p>	<p><b>National Happiness Happens Day:</b> Put out supplies for a <b>happiness jar-making program</b>; can be done as a group or independent activity.</p>	<p><b>Prep Day:</b> Looking ahead to fall programs, consider a <b>"snacks in the stacks"</b> food preparation workshop series in partnership with a local grocery store, food co-op, or extension program.</p>	<p><b>Lazy Day:</b> Host a low-key, drop-in read-in for teens (check out <b>Lima Library's event</b>, which offers to erase \$1 in fines for every hour read).</p>	<p>Work with your teens to organize a back-to-school <b>clothing and accessories swap</b> for teens in the community.</p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>YA author and picture book writer <b>Walter Dean Myers</b> was born on this day in 1937. Feature a display or booklist of his work and read-alike suggestions.</p>	<p><b>Left Handers Day:</b> Check out <b>lefthandersday.com</b> for left-handed news, facts, history and more.</p>	<p><b>Book Release: <i>Our Stories, Our Voices: 21 YA Authors Get Real About Injustice, Empowerment, and Growing Up Female in America</i></b>, edited by Amy Reed</p>	<p><b>National Relaxation Day:</b> Create a "treat yourself" space for teens with some <b>spa day activities</b>.</p>	<p><b>National Tell A Joke Day:</b> Entertain teens who check out books today with a <b>groan-worthy joke</b>.</p>	<p>Get fall marketing materials, teen advisory group information, etc. ready to distribute to local schools and community centers.</p>	<p><b>International Geocaching Day:</b> Does your library participate as a geocache spot? Learn how to get involved at <b>geocaching.com</b>.</p>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>Today kicks off <b>Friendship Week</b>. Celebrate with an independent activity station where teens can make and take <b>friendship bracelets</b>.</p>	<p><b>National Radio Day:</b> 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.</p>	<p>When does school start for teens in your community? Use <b>sidewalk chalk</b> to make some encouraging artwork for teens who walk to school past the library.</p>	<p><b>Prep Day:</b> Plan out one independent and one group <b>Halloween activity</b> for the teens.</p>	<p>Still have teen volunteer help at this point in the summer? Have them help reorganize program supplies in preparation for fall activities.</p>	<p>Poll your teen or tween <b>book club</b> participants to see what books they'd like to read this school year.</p>	<p>Host a workshop where teens can make their own <b>fluffy pencil cases</b> for the new school year.</p>
26	27	28	29	30	31	
<p><b>Women's Equality Day:</b> Check out <b>resources and ideas</b> for this important day, which commemorates the passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote.</p>	<p><b>Global Forgiveness Day:</b> Consider implementing a one-time <b>fine amnesty</b> for any overdue library materials returned today.</p>	<p><b>Book release: <i>Darius the Great Is Not Okay</i></b> by Adib Khorram</p>	<p>Work with a local wellness provider (or even a certified teen instructor) to host an after-school <b>yoga workshop</b> for tweens and teens.</p>	<p>September is just around the corner. Are you ready for <b>Library Card Sign-Up Month</b>?</p>	<p><b>National Eat Outside Day:</b> Weather permitting, set up a healthy snack stand outside of the library for teens to grab a bite on their way home from school.</p>	

