

# 2019

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# APRIL

Teen Activity Calendar

## SUNDAY

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

1

**Edible Book Day:** April Fool's Day is the perfect day to "eat your words" in a novel use of food; make and then consume **bookish projects**.

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Invite a numismatist to speak on the anniversary of **the Coinage Act of 1792**, which created the U.S. standard of money. Discuss the changing role of currency in a global economy and an online world.

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**Billie Holliday** was born on this day in 1915. Celebrate American jazz by inviting student musicians to give a concert.

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**National Empanada Day:** Host a cooking program with variations on these **savory pies**. Yummy!

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**National Unicorn Day:** Coordinate an **all-unicorn program** of crafts and fun.

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**National Reach as High as You Can Day:** It's now 104 days into the year, making today a good time to check in on the year's goal setting and resolutions. What adjustments can you make?

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**National Rubber Eraser Day:** Honor the 1770 discovery that vegetable gum removed pencil marks by featuring the humble eraser in a **stamp-making craft session**.

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Charlie Chaplin was born on this day in 1889. Invite a theater or comedy group to give a presentation on physical comedy, **slapstick**, and improvisation.

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Host a conspiracies and hoaxes conference in the name of the **Loch Ness Monster**, which was first revealed in a photo published on this day in 1934.

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Display some baseball stories in honor of the **Philadelphia game played in 1876** that is recognized as the start of today's Major League Baseball organization.

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**National Talk Like Shakespeare Day:** Expand everyone's vocabulary with a linguistic program on **Shakespearean insults**.

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**National Superhero Day:** Coordinate a cosplay program to celebrate real-life and fictional heroes.

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On this day in 1986, a **fire destroyed 400,000 items** from the Los Angeles Public Library's collection. Use this as an opportunity to discuss why your teens value the library; you may be surprised at their answers!

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Coordinate a **flip-book** animation program in honor of Bugs Bunny, who made his first comic appearance on this day in 1938.

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

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**Washington Irving** was born on this day in 1783. Feature a display of short story collections to celebrate.

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**National School Librarian Day:** Celebrate school librarians with a treat, flowers, or even just a “thank you” today!

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On this day in 1614, **Pocahontas** married English colonist John Rolfe. Feature some updated, true American history resources about this legendary, misunderstood woman.

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In honor of the discovery of Teflon™ in 1938, host a **STEAM project** making secret messages on Teflon tape.

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**National Encourage a Young Writer Day:** Host a journaling program to get teens writing. Use this list of **creative writing prompts** to give teens inspiration.

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Curate a sartorial display in honor of Oleg Cassini, who was born on this day in 1913. Cassini, who designed for Jacqueline Kennedy, is credited with **creating her timeless look**.

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**National Blue and Green Day:** Wear blue and green to raise awareness and registration for organ, eye, and tissue donation and transplantation.

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Voice-over artist **Colleen Clinkenbeard** was born on this day in 1980. Host an anime program in her honor.

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On this day in 1964, **Ford unveiled its new Mustang**, starting a car craze. Host a poll on your social media to learn about the cars teens dream about owning.

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David Tennant was born on this day in 1971. Celebrate his role as the Tenth Doctor by hosting a **Dr. Who trivia contest**.

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The first Boston Marathon was run on this day in 1897. Display some materials on marathon and hobby running.

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**National Lima Bean Respect Day:** You don't have to eat them, though! Plan a STEAM day to decorate pots, then **plant lima beans** for each to grow.

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According to legend, the Fall of Troy happened on this date in 1184 B.C. Discuss epic poems, including **Homer's Iliad**.

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Throw a party for Francophiles in honor of the composition of **“La Marseillaise”** on this day in 1792.

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**Arbor Day:** Gather a group to plant a tree.

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**National Sense of Smell Day:** Invite patrons to test their sense of smell with an **olfactory test station**.

**National Poetry Month:** Use your social media this month to explore theme and form with a poem-a-day feature.

**Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month:** See how many ways you can work math literacy into your programs, and create displays with **math puns**.