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## APRIL Teen Activity Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <b>Edible Book Day:</b> April Fool's Day is the perfect day to "eat your words" in a novel use of food; make and then consume <b>bookish projects</b> .	<b>2</b> Invite a numismatist to speak on the anniversary of <b>the Coinage Act of 1792</b> , which created the U.S. standard of money. Discuss the changing role of currency in a global economy and an online world.	<b>3</b> <b>Washington Irving</b> was born on this day in 1783. Feature a display of short story collections to celebrate.	<b>4</b> <b>National School Librarian Day:</b> Celebrate school librarians with a treat, flowers, or even just a "thank you" today!	<b>5</b> On this day in 1614, <b>Pocahontas</b> married English colonist John Rolfe. Feature some updated, true American history resources about this legendary, misunderstood woman.	<b>6</b> In honor of the discovery of Teflon™ in 1938, host a <b>STEAM project</b> making secret messages on Teflon tape.
<b>7</b> <b>Billie Holliday</b> was born on this day in 1915. Celebrate American jazz by inviting student musicians to give a concert.	<b>8</b> <b>National Empanada Day:</b> Host a cooking program with variations on these <b>savory pies</b> . Yummy!	<b>9</b> <b>National Unicorn Day:</b> Coordinate an <b>all-unicorn program</b> of crafts and fun.	<b>10</b> <b>National Encourage a Young Writer Day:</b> Host a journaling program to get teens writing. Use this list of <b>creative writing prompts</b> to give teens inspiration.	<b>11</b> 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 <b>creating her timeless look</b> .	<b>12</b> <b>National Blue and Green Day:</b> Wear blue and green to raise awareness and registration for organ, eye, and tissue donation and transplantation.	<b>13</b> Voice-over artist <b>Colleen Clinkenbeard</b> was born on this day in 1980. Host an anime program in her honor.
<b>14</b> <b>National Reach as High as You Can Day:</b> 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?	<b>15</b> <b>National Rubber Eraser Day:</b> Honor the 1770 discovery that vegetable gum removed pencil marks by featuring the humble eraser in a <b>stamp-making craft session</b> .	<b>16</b> Charlie Chaplin was born on this day in 1889. Invite a theater or comedy group to give a presentation on physical comedy, <b>slapstick</b> , and improvisation.	<b>17</b> On this day in 1964, <b>Ford unveiled its new Mustang</b> , starting a car craze. Host a poll on your social media to learn about the cars teens dream about owning.	<b>18</b> David Tennant was born on this day in 1971. Celebrate his role as the Tenth Doctor by hosting a <b>Dr. Who trivia contest</b> .	<b>19</b> The first Boston Marathon was run on this day in 1897. Display some materials on marathon and hobby running.	<b>20</b> <b>National Lima Bean Respect Day:</b> You don't have to eat them, though! Plan a STEAM day to decorate pots, then <b>plant lima beans</b> for each to grow.
<b>21</b> Host a conspiracies and hoaxes conference in the name of the <b>Loch Ness Monster</b> , which was first revealed in a photo published on this day in 1934.	<b>22</b> Display some baseball stories in honor of the <b>Philadelphia game played in 1876</b> that is recognized as the start of today's Major League Baseball organization.	<b>23</b> <b>National Talk Like Shakespeare Day:</b> Expand everyone's vocabulary with a linguistic program on <b>Shakespearean insults</b> .	<b>24</b> According to legend, the Fall of Troy happened on this date in 1184 B.C. Discuss epic poems, including <b>Homer's Iliad</b> .	<b>25</b> Throw a party for Francophiles in honor of the composition of <b>"La Marseillaise"</b> on this day in 1792.	<b>26</b> <b>Arbor Day:</b> Gather a group to plant a tree.	<b>27</b> <b>National Sense of Smell Day:</b> Invite patrons to test their sense of smell with an <b>olfactory test station</b> .
<b>28</b> <b>National Superhero Day:</b> Coordinate a cosplay program to celebrate real-life and fictional heroes.	<b>29</b> On this day in 1986, a <b>fire destroyed 400,000 items</b> 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!	<b>30</b> Coordinate a <b>flip-book</b> animation program in honor of Bugs Bunny, who made his first comic appearance on this day in 1938.	<b>National Poetry Month:</b> Use your social media this month to explore theme and form with a poem-a-day feature.  <b>Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month:</b> See how many ways you can work math literacy into your programs, and create displays with <b>math puns</b> .			