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# SEPTEMBER 2019

## Teen Activity Calendar

### SUNDAY

**1**  
On this day in 1934, MGM's first animated film, ***The Discontented Canary***, was released. Host your own avian animation program and screen the public domain cartoon.

**8**  
**National Grandparents Day:** Host an intergenerational program, pairing teens with seniors to temporarily "adopt a grandparent." Inspire collaboration and conversation with a **[craft project](#)** they create together.

**15**  
On this day in 1835, Charles Darwin reached the Galapagos Islands aboard the HMS *Beagle*. Discuss natural selection with a **[jelly bean experiment](#)**.

**22**  
**Hobbit Day:** Celebrate Bilbo and Frodo's birthday with, of course, snacks.

**29**  
The convention that established CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, entered into force on this day in 1954. Host a **[STEAM program](#)** on particle physics.

### MONDAY

**2**  
**National Payroll Week:** Invite a payroll professional to explain withholding, deductions, and earnings to young job-seekers.

**9**  
**Hugh Grant** was born on this day in 1960. Screen one of his comedies, such as *Notting Hill*.

**16**  
**Nick Jonas** was born on this day in 1992. Celebrate with a dance party.

**23**  
**Banned Book Week** (September 22–28): Host a discussion on how and why librarians fight censorship.

**30**  
**National Hot Mulled Cider Day:** Make **[aromatic spice sachets](#)** for a great gift-giving craft.

### TUESDAY

**3**  
**Book release:** ***She's the Worst*** by Lauren Spieller

**10**  
**National Swap Ideas Day:** Encourage teens to get creative in your makerspace and give each other new ideas.

**17**  
**Book release:** ***City of Beasts*** by Corrie Wang

**24**  
**National Punctuation Day:** Celebrate the lowly comma and the exotic interrobang by featuring your writing resources today.



## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

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CBS premiered **The Price Is Right** on this day in 1972. Coordinate your own price-guessing games for a replica game program.

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On this day in 1977, NASA launched the **Voyager 1** spacecraft. Feature space-related fiction and nonfiction books.

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Idris Elba was born on this day in 1972. Celebrate with a screening of the live-action **The Jungle Book** film.

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The Pro Football Hall of Fame opened on this day in 1963 in Canton, Ohio. Feature a booklist of **football titles**.

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On this day in 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed U.S. Secretary of the Treasury. Celebrate with some **Hamilton musical trivia**.

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The **cave paintings** in Lascaux, France, were discovered on this day in 1940. Create some outdoor chalk art to replicate these animal images.

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On the 256th day of the year, celebrate coding with some **8-bit crafting fun**.

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Contemporary architect **Renzo Piano** was born on this day in 1937. Celebrate with a program on architecture. Invite a local tradesman to speak.

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**School Backpack Awareness Day:** Bring in an occupational therapist and survey patron bags to check weight, ergonomics, and healthy alternatives.

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**International Talk Like a Pirate Day:** Host a **pirate-themed program** filled with *arrs*, *ayes*, and *avasts*!

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**National Queso Day:** You'll draw a crowd with a simple **cooking program**.

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On this day in 1933, the first professional wrestling event was held in Mexico. Celebrate **lucha libre** with some fun facts on your social media.

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**National Comic Book Day:** Invite a collector to (securely) display their paper treasures.

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Johnny Appleseed (**John Chapman**) was born on this day in 1774. Celebrate with a baking contest featuring apples as the primary ingredient.

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**National Crush a Can Day:** Host an **aluminum recycling** day to fund future programming.

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**National Public Lands Day:** Rally a group to enjoy nature and beautify some public land.

**National Suicide Prevention Month:** Host a series of programs to discuss warning signs, deterrents, mental health, and social stigma.

**National Yoga Month:** Coordinate a series of **yoga sessions** to introduce newbies to this peaceful exercise.