

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

“Reading is the basic springboard for learning. And books provide the liftoff. They are the great equalizer, opening up new worlds to everyone.” — Mary Pope Osborne

- Holiday
- Celebration
- Birthday



May 2024

Children's Activity Calendar

				<p>1</p> <p>School Principals' Day: Invite a principal into your library to read a favorite from the <i>Our Principal</i> book series by Stephanie Calmenson, illustrated by Aaron Blecha.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month: Share <i>Mamie Tape Fights to Go to School</i> by Traci Huahn, illustrated by Michelle Jing Chan.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>School Lunch Hero Day: Use ideas from the School Nutrition Association on how to show appreciation to your school lunch staff. Then, create a display of the graphic novel series <i>Lunch Lady</i> by Jarrett J. Krosoczka.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Star Wars Day: May the 4th Be with You! Have kids make a Darth Vader mask by Super Coloring and read <i>Are You Scared, Darth Vader?</i> by Adam Rex.</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Get ready for Teacher Appreciation Week: Read <i>My Teacher is a Monster (No, I Am Not.)</i> by Peter Brown. Ask kids to describe what their teacher would look like as a monster.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Happy Early Book Birthday to <i>A Tour of the Human Body: Amazing Numbers — Fantastic Facts</i> by Jennifer Berne, illustrated by Dawn DeVries Sokol.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Lily Xiao Speaks Out</i> by Nicole Chen, a middle-grade novel about a Taiwanese American tween, and <i>Lion of the Sky</i> by Ritu Hemnani, a historical novel in verse.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>School Nurse Day: Invite a school nurse to your library for a reading of <i>Nurse Clementine</i> by Simon James. Play a round of hot potato using a tissue box or Band-Aids instead of a potato.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Get Caught Reading Month: Choose a favorite digital design program and camera to help kids make their own Get Caught Reading Month posters to display around the school.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Christopher Paul Curtis' Birthday: Share a Scholastic interview with this Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott King Award winning author.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Share NEA's Read Across America May pick, <i>The Train Home</i> by Dan-ah Kim. Have kids make a lift-the-flap train station with pictures of places they would like a train to take them.</p>	
<p>12</p> <p>Mother's Day: Use a discarded book to make a Mother's Day card from Sum of Their Stories.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Frog Jumping Day: Along with a frog book display, make cute jumping frogs from Super Simple and host a frog jumping contest.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Bees are a valuable part of our ecosystem. Have kids write down questions they have about bees before reading <i>Give Bees a Chance</i> by Bethany Barton. See if their questions get answered.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Physical Fitness and Sports Month: Read <i>Miss Nelson Has a Field Day</i> by Harry G. Allard, illustrated by James Marshall. Organize your own flag football game and figure out who is going to be Miss Nelson.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>The first Academy Awards took place on this date in 1929. Take a vote to see which book should be made into the next big blockbuster movie and have kids act it out.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Endangered Species Day: A day to raise awareness about endangered plants and animals and promote conservation efforts</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Check out and promote book festivals in your area this month.</p>	
<p>19</p> <p>Duckling Month: Display books featuring ducklings and read <i>Make Way for Ducklings</i> by Robert McCloskey. Then, introduce a design challenge with various materials to create a safe way for ducklings to cross a busy street.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Victoria Day: is named in honor of Queen Victoria. It originally commemorated her birthday, but now it also celebrates the birthday of Queen Elizabeth II.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Goodnight School</i> by Catherine Bailey, illustrated by Cori Doerrfeld, a picture book about a school settling in for the night.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Sherlock Holmes Day: Create a mystery in the library. Set up clues to solve and a whodunit for kids to figure out. Add a mystery genre book display or wrap up books in paper for a fun way to discover new titles.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>World Turtle Day: Read <i>Truman</i> by Jean Reidy, illustrated by Lucy Ruth Cummins. Have kids research the difference between turtles and tortoises using a curriculum guide.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Scavenger and Treasure Hunt Day: Create a scavenger hunt to highlight the most popular books in your school or library.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Towel Day: Have everyone bring a towel in to make towel animals for beginners.</p>	
<p>26</p> <p>Rachel Carlson's Birthday is tomorrow. Read <i>Rachel Carlson and Her Book That Changed the World</i> by Laurie Lawlor, illustrated by Laura Beingsner.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>National Hamburger Day: Celebrate with a nice juicy burger - and one of our hamburger scented, scratch-n-sniff bookmarks.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>The Scripps National Spelling Bee week begins. Read a book featuring a spelling bee and watch this winning moment from the 2023 competition.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Paperclip Day: Set out paper clips at a station and share a 10 Amazing Paper Clip Craft Ideas video for inspiration.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>The Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, Illinois, first opened on this day in 1930 and was one of the first inland aquariums in the world. Take a virtual field trip to the aquarium with kids.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Flip Flop Day: Read <i>Lali's Flip Flops</i> by Farhana Zia, illustrated by Stephanie Fizer Coleman. Set up a craft station for fun ways to spruce up a pair of flip flops, make a wreath, or create a picture frame.</p>		