

READING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

APRIL

BLAST OFF!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

28	29	30	31	1 Today is April Fools' Day. Check out a book of jokes from the library. Share them with your family.	2 In celebration of International Children's Book Day, help someone younger draw a picture from their favorite book.	3 Hans Christian Andersen, author of many fairy tales, was born yesterday. Write your own short fairy tale.
4 Write a paragraph about your favorite thing to do on Sundays.	5 Learn to use the legend on a map in honor of Read a Road Map Day.	6 How many words can you make from 'hippopotamus'?	7 Write an acrostic poem about yourself. Each line should start with a letter in your name.	8 Read for 20 minutes today.	9 Draw a map to your favorite place in your neighborhood. Share it with someone new in town.	10 Read a book with your brother or sister in honor of National Sibling Day.
11 National Library Week begins today. Start the week off with a visit to your local library.	12 Look up the meaning of the word 'April.'	13 Read <i>19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East</i> by Naomi Shihab Nye.	14 Find a recipe that uses pecans in honor of National Pecan Day.	15 How many words can you think of that rhyme with 'rain'?	16 Make a list of things you need to plant a garden.	17 Create a family newsletter. Collect information, write articles, and distribute it through snail mail or e-mail.
18 Do you recycle? Look up all the ways recycling can help the environment.	19 Pick a character from a favorite book. Write a short sequel to the book using this character.	20 Create a thank-you card and present it to your school librarian.	21 What makes you choose a book to read? The cover? The author? Make a list of why you choose a book.	22 Today is Earth Day. Celebrate by helping out in the community. Write a paragraph about what you did.	23 Canada Book Week begins today. Find a book to read by a Canadian author.	24 Read <i>Words with Wings: A Treasury of African-American Poetry and Art</i> selected by Belinda Rochelle.
25 Read the Sunday comics with your family. Keep clippings of your favorite ones each week.	26 April showers bring May flowers. Write a silly rhyme of your own.	27 Today is Write an Old Friend Day. Write a letter to someone you haven't seen in awhile.	28 Read your favorite poem to your family in honor of Great Poetry Reading Day.	29 Today is Poem In Your Pocket Day. Write down your favorite poem to carry in your pocket. Share it with friends.	30 Today is El día de los niños/El día de los libros. Celebrate by reading a book by Día founder, Pat Mora.	1

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**APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH.
ORGANIZE A POETRY SLAM
AT YOUR SCHOOL.**

