



# April 2018 Literacy Calendar

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Helping your child get ready to read is easy! Just complete one fun activity per day. Use the simple suggestions are listed below, or ask your librarian for suggestions and materials from your local library.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Read</b>	<b>2 Write</b>	<b>3 Talk</b>	<b>4 Sing</b>	<b>5 Play</b>	<b>6 Count</b>	<b>7 Explore</b>
<b>Easter</b> Read a story about Easter and sing "Here Comes Peter Cottontail."	Write a letter to the Easter bunny and thank him for the goodies. Draw a picture for him, too.	Poetry Month Rhyme Game: One person says a word and the other says a word that rhymes with it.	Sing your ABC's and clap when you hear each letter that's in your name.	Put plastic letters in a plastic box partially filled with rice. Say the letters as you pull them out.	Count how many letters you have in your plastic box. Then take away six and count again.	Take a walk and talk about how the earth is changing with spring.
<b>8 Write</b>	<b>9 Read</b>	<b>10 Talk</b>	<b>11 Sing</b>	<b>12 Play</b>	<b>13 Read</b>	<b>14 Write</b>
Write or draw a list of things you want to do this spring. Share it with your favorite relative.	It's National Library Week. Borrow a book from your local library and read it.	National Sibling Day: Talk to your brothers and sisters and be nice to them today!	Sing "Baa Baa, Black Sheep" and hold up your fingers for how many bags of wool she has.	National Grilled Cheese Day: Pretend to make a grilled cheese sandwich. Then eat a real one.	Read a book about baseball and decide which baseball team is your favorite.	It's "Look Up in the Sky Day," so look up in the sky and write down or draw the things you see.
<b>15 Count</b>	<b>16 Explore</b>	<b>17 Sing</b>	<b>18 Play</b>	<b>19 Read</b>	<b>20 Write</b>	<b>21 Talk</b>
Find your favorite things in your room and count them. Then sort them according to size.	Find an open area WITHOUT electric lines and fly a kite for National Kite Month.	It's National Frog Week, so sing "Froggy Went A-courting."	Play Leap Frog in the yard or park, being very careful when leaping.	Read "Frog and Friends" or another book about frogs. Talk about how frogs move.	Tear pieces of tissue paper. Use glue to write a letter of your name on paper; then cover it with tissue.	Say the letters in your name. As you drive or walk around town, find those letters on signs.
<b>22 Sing</b>	<b>23 Read</b>	<b>24 Explore</b>	<b>25 Play</b>	<b>26 Count</b>	<b>27 Write</b>	<b>28 Sing</b>
For Earth Day, sing "The Green Grass Grows All Around, All Around."	Read "Ian's Walk" or another story about autism and talk about it for Autism Awareness Month.	Explore your yard and find good places to play Hide-and-Seek. Shhh! Keep those places a secret.	Play Hide-and-Seek in your yard. Remember all the good hiding spots for the next time you play this game.	Blow bubbles. Count each one that lands on the ground. Then count the ones you pop with your finger.	Draw as many shapes as you can think of (circle, square, rectangle) and write your name in each one.	Sing and dance "The Hokey Pokey" and turn yourself around.
<b>29 Talk</b>	<b>30 Play</b>					
Look around your kitchen and name all the different colors and shapes you see.	Play "I Spy with my Little Eye." Cover your eyes every time you spy something correctly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Check out <b>Book Bundles</b> located at the end of the Easy section. Five books by the same author or about the same character or subject are bundled together for easy check-out.</li> <li>➤ The AHRL offers children's audiobooks, which include copies of the books with accompanying CDs. They are shelved on top of the middle shelf in the Easy books.</li> </ul>				



### After-School Fun Time

**Mondays -- Fridays Each Week from 3:30--5 p.m.**

Children are invited to stop by Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. to unwind after school. Cards and board games will be set up on tables in the Children's Area.

### Story Time!

**Wednesdays at 10:30 am**

Stories, music, movement, and crafts are offered each week for our "littlest" library friends. Toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join the fun in the Community Room!

### STEAM Machine

**Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.**

Children in grades K-5 are invited to join these hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. We'll be making origami structures in both sessions.

### National Library Week—Libraries Lead!

**April 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 a.m.**

Celebrate National Library Week from April 8-14 and enjoy a sweet treat at the Circulation Desk.

### Kids' Make & Take Craft

**Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 until 7:30 p.m.**

Children are invited to stop by the tables in the Children's Area to make wind chimes to ring in spring!

### Starry Night Story Time!

**Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

Our monthly "night time" Story Time features stories and activities for toddlers and preschoolers.

### LEGO Builders

**Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.**

Children from ages 6-12 are invited to join an AHRL staff member for this fun and educational program.

### Storytelling Festival

**Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

Children are invited to wear their pajamas and join Miss Donna and Miss Tori for our annual night of stories and fun in the Community Room.

## Other Special Programs for Kids



### Early Literacy iPads

iPads are available at the AHRL for children under 5 years of age to use while in the library. The iPads contain age-appropriate educational and learning apps to jump-start skills in a variety of areas including math, reading, and digital literacy.

### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Parents are encouraged to register their children from birth to age five for this wonderful literacy program. Pick up the forms at the Circulation Desk to record all books read to children. You can even count the same book multiple times. Prizes are awarded after reading 50, 100, and 1,000 books, and the child's name is posted on our 1,000 Books wall in the Children's Area.



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