

SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH GUIDE

April is SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH!

School Library Month honors school libraries and librarians and the essential role they play in schools and the learning process. It was first celebrated in 1985 and is sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), a division of the American Library Association.

April is a great time to advocate for and show off your school library by hosting activities and events in your library and around your school. By doing so, the library can be celebrated for the vital role that it plays in transforming learning.

Here are some ideas for how to celebrate School Library Month:

- Create a "student picks" and/or "staff picks" book display.
- Host a book club or read-aloud event.
- Hold a poster contest to encourage students to creatively promote the school library.
- Invite a local author, poet, or illustrator to speak to students.
- Host a Lunch and Listen event where students are invited to the library during lunch to listen to an audiobook.
- Arrange a scavenger hunt (virtual or in-person) or trivia game that challenges students to explore the library.
- Organize a Book Fair.
- Hold a bookmark contest.
- Host a book tasting event with your ELA classes.
- Give a presentation at April's School Board meeting about the school library and all of its resources and services.

School Library Month Ideas (cont.)

- Display student writing and artwork in the library.
- Host a maker night in your Makerspace.
- Offer a library orientation for new students or staff.
- Challenge students to write a graphic novel about the school library and all it offers.
- Host book-themed events like costume parties and movie screenings (use [Swank K-12 Streaming!](#))
- Organize a book swap for students and staff.
- Sponsor a book drive to donate books to local shelters and nursing homes.
- Invite students to create a library logo for your school library.
- Collaborate with classroom teachers to integrate library resources into their lesson plans.
- Create an annual report to deliver to your administrators.

For more information and ideas, visit [AASL's School Library Month website](#).



Build Your Celebration

Mix and match these resources created and curated by the School Library Event Promotion Committee to celebrate School Library Month in your school community.