



Milton Early Childhood Alliance



Serving families with children birth to 8 years old. We are here to help!

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FREE Summer Fun!

July/August, 2014

Story Walk Continues!!

Our Story Walk, currently posted on the grounds of the Trilside Museum, will feature a new book title for the summer months. This is an outdoor, rain or shine, free event and can easily be enjoyed by those both young and old. Visit the Trilside Museum and enjoy a wonderful children's book while taking a healthy walk around their grounds. Please let us know you were there by signing our guest register!

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

Free Fun Fridays!!

Visit designated cultural attractions in Massachusetts every Friday this summer. Free admission—no registration or tickets required.

July 4, 2014	Heritage Museums & Gardens, Edward Gorey House, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Amelia Park Children's Museum, and Falmouth Museums on the Green
July 11, 2014	JFK Library & Museum, Peabody Essex Museum, Worcester Historical Museum, Fruitlands Museum, Cape Cod Children's Museum, NE Historical Genealogical Society, and Pilgrim Hall Museum
July 18, 2014	Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Ocean Explorium, The Eric Carle Museum, Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Springfield Museums, Mass. Audubon's Boston Nature Center, and Sandwich Glass Museum
July 25, 2014	The Freedom Trail Foundation, Battleship Cove, Children's Museum in Easton, Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Arnold Arboretum, Cape Cod Museum of Art, and Danforth Art
August 1, 2014	Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, American Textile History Museum, The Discovery Museums, Hancock Shaker Village, Concord Museum, Mahaive Performing Arts Center
August 8, 2014	Boston Harbor Islands Nat'l. Park, Clark Art Institute, Wenham Museum, USS Constitution Museum, Children's Museum at Holyoke, Volleyball Hall of Fame, Fuller Craft Museum
August 15, 2014	Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, Plimoth Plantation, Garden in the Woods, Museum of Russian Icons, Fitchburg Art Museum, Historic Deerfield, Reagle Music Theatre
August 22, 2014	Boston Children's Museum, Museum of African American History, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Old Manse/Trustees of Reservations, Berkshire Museum, and Emily Dickinson Museum
August 29, 2014	Buttonwood Park Zoo, Ecotarium, Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, Norman Rockwell Museum, The Mount: Edith Wharton's Home, and Griffin Photography Museum

Sponsored by Highland Street Foundation. For more information, visit www.highlandstreet.org.

Kids Bowl Free!!

Receive two free games of bowling every day all summer long! Designed by designated bowling centers to give back to the community and to provide a safe, secure and fun way for kids to spend time this summer. Nearest locations are: Boston Bowl, Dorchester and O'Lindy's Bowling Lanes, Quincy. For more information, visit www.kidsbowlfree.com.

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Do you think your family may qualify for a **child care voucher** through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts? If so, visit our website at www.miltonearlychildhoodalliance.org for qualification guidelines OR give us a call at 617-696-2262. Our office can add your family to Kinderwait, the state's online centralized waitlist for child care vouchers.



What is the **Ages & Stages Questionnaire** Program? Ages & Stages helps you monitor your child's growth and development. Participation in this program is free. We will provide you with an age appropriate questionnaire for you to complete with your child. Then, return it to us for scoring. It only takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete. We will let you know if your child is on target for their age and provide you with fun activities to encourage your child's future development. Give us a call at 617-696-2262 or email cpcmecasl@verizon.net.

Free Friday Flicks!!

Bring your popcorn, blanket or chair, and friends. Movies begin at sunset, weather permitting. Arrive early for the best spots. Don't forget the insect repellent!

Monsters University	July 8: Martini Shell, Truman Parkway, Hyde Park
Despicable Me 2	July 11: The Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, Boston July 12: Houghton's Pond, Hillside St., Milton July 15: Martini Shell, Truman Parkway, Hyde Park
The Goonies	July 18: The Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, Boston July 19: Houghton's Pond, Hillside St., Milton July 22: Martini Shell, Truman Parkway, Hyde Park
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2	July 25: The Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, Boston July 26: Houghton's Pond, Hillside St., Milton July 29: Martini Shell, Truman Parkway, Hyde Park
Men In Black 3	Aug. 1: The Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, Boston Aug. 5: Martini Shell, Truman Parkway, Hyde Park Aug. 7: Pope John Paul, II, Park, Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester
The Lego Movie	Aug. 8: The Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, Boston Aug. 12: Martini Shell, Truman Parkway, Hyde Park Aug. 14: Pope John Paul, II, Park, Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester
Beetlejuice	Aug. 15: The Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, Boston Aug. 21: Pope John Paul, II, Park, Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester
Frozen	Aug. 2: The Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, Boston Aug. 28: Pope John Paul, II, Park, Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester

For more information or cancellation, call the WBZ Free Family Flicks hotline at 617-787-7200, DCR at 617-333-7405, or visit their website at www.boston.cbslocal.com/flicks. Presented by WBZ NewsRadio 1030 and the Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Milton Public Library Happenings!!

Great things are happening at the Milton Public Library with many programs and events for children of all ages! Look for Baby Rhyme Time, Free Play Fridays, Lego Club, Mad Science, Night Owls Storytime, Puppets Plus, Readers' Theatre Club, Small Wonders, Yoga Woga and more! Visit their website at www.miltonlibrary.org and click on Events for more information.

Milton Parks and Recreation Happenings!!

Enjoy an evening of fun at their Summer Concert Series, every Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:30 PM. Bring a blanket, a picnic, a bottle of bubbles and have some fun as a family! Upcoming dates are: July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6 and 13. Two rain dates are currently scheduled for August 20 and 27. For more information, visit their website at www.townofmilton.org. Click on Departments, then Parks & Recreation.

Star Gaze!!

The Coit Observatory at Boston University is open to the public most Wednesdays throughout the year. Use both telescopes and binoculars to view the night sky (and maybe even learn some astronomy). During the summer months, the program begins at 8:30 PM and lasts one hour. Since the telescopes are outside, this is a weather permitting event. Call 617-353-2630 the day you plan to visit.

Bookworm Wednesdays!!

Bring a book report with you to select Showcase Cinemas at 10:00 AM on Wednesdays from July 9 to August 13 and receive a free admission. Visit www.showcasecinemas.com for more info. Click on the Bookworm Wednesdays icon.