



# 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, 2015

### Story Walk

Our Story Walk, currently posted on the grounds of the Trailside Museum, will feature a new book title each month throughout the summer and fall. [Click here for more information.](#)

### Summertime Stories

Join us for some fun summer reading. For families with their children birth to six years old. This summer reading program is offered in collaboration with Milton Public Schools and Milton Public Library. [Click here for more information.](#)

### STEM Free Play Fridays

STEM activities are now included in the Milton Public Library's Free Play Fridays program. Many different STEM activities each visit. [Click here for more information.](#)

### Free Fun Fridays!!

Visit designated cultural attractions in Massachusetts every Friday this summer.

Free admission—no registration or tickets required.

<b>July 10, 2015</b>	Edward M Kennedy Instit., Cape Cod Maritime Museum, Children's Museum of Holyoke, Volleyball Hall of Fame, Danforth Art, New Bedford Whaling Museum, and NE Historic Genealogical Society
<b>July 17, 2015</b>	Museum of Fine Arts, Sports Museum, Cape Ann Museum, Children's Museum in Easton, Fitchburg Art Museum, Larz Anderson Auto Museum, and Tower Hill Botanic Garden
<b>July 24, 2015</b>	Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, Edward Gorey House, Battleship Cove, Fruitlands Museum, Museum of Russian Icons, Pilgrim Hall Museum, and Arnold Arboretum
<b>July 31, 2015</b>	Instit. of Contemporary Art, Cape Cod Museum of Art, American Textile History Museum, Eric Carle Museum, Garden in the Woods, Sandwich Glass Museum, and Wenham Museum
<b>August 7, 2015</b>	Boston Harbor Island Alliance, Worcester Historical Museum, Concord Museum, Hancock Shaker Village, Rose Kennedy Greenway Carousel, Springfield Museums, and Old State House
<b>August 14, 2015</b>	John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Cape Cod Children's Museum, Historic Deerfield, Children's Museum of Fall River, Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, Fuller Craft Museum, and USS Constitution Museum
<b>August 21, 2015</b>	Franklin Park Zoo, Freedom Trail Foundation, Emily Dickinson Museum, Buttonwood Park Zoo, Discovery Museums, Museum of African American History, and Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival
<b>August 28, 2015</b>	Old Sturbridge Village, Plimoth Plantation, Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, EcoTarium, Clark Art Institute, Griffin Photography Museum, and Mass MoCA

Sponsored by Highland Street Foundation. For more information, visit [www.highlandstreet.org](http://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 location is Boston Bowl, 820 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. For more information, visit [www.kidsbowlfree.com](http://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](http://www.miltonearlychildhoodalliance.org) for qualification guidelines OR give us a call at 617-696-2262. Our office can refer you so your family can be added to Kinderwait, the state's online 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](mailto:cpcmecasl@verizon.net).

## Free Family 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!

### The Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, Boston

July 10: Paddington  
 July 17: Big Hero 6  
 July 24: ET  
 July 31: Indiana Jones & Kingdom of the Crystal Skull  
 August 7: The Wizard of Oz  
 August 14: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day  
 August 21: Guardians of the Galaxy  
 August 28: Maleficent

### Martini Shell, Truman Pkwy., Hyde Park

July 7: Maleficent  
 July 14: Paddington  
 July 21: Big Hero 6  
 July 28: ET  
 August 4: Indiana Jones & Kingdom of the Crystal Skull  
 August 11: The Wizard of Oz  
 August 18: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day  
 August 25: Guardians of the Galaxy

### Pope John Paul II Park, Gallivan Blvd. Dorchester

July 9: Maleficent  
 July 16: Paddington  
 July 23: Big Hero 6  
 July 30: ET  
 August 6: Indiana Jones & Kingdom of the Crystal Skull  
 August 13: The Wizard of Oz  
 August 20: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day  
 August 27: Guardians of the Galaxy

For more information on movies at The Hatch Shell, or for cancellation information, 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](http://www.boston.cbslocal.com/flicks).

## 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 Puppets Plus, Ed the Wizard, Baby Rhyme Time, Fun in Francais, Night Owls Storytime, Small Wonders, Crafternoon for Tweens, Readers Theatre Club, Yoga Woga, Lego Club, Cooks & Books, Mad Science, Circus Minimus, STEM Stories and more! Visit their website at [www.miltonlibrary.org](http://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! Dates are each Wednesday, July 1 to August 12. Two rain dates are currently scheduled for August 19 and 26. For more information, visit their website at [www.townofmilton.org](http://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 learn about 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. Reservations are required.

## Bookworm Wednesdays!!

Bring a book report with you to select Showcase Cinemas at 10:00 AM on Wednesdays from July 8 to July 29 and receive a free admission. Visit [www.showcasecinemas.com](http://www.showcasecinemas.com) for more info. Click on the Bookworm Wednesdays icon.