



Milton Early Childhood Alliance



FREE Summer Fun!

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

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Story Walks

Our Story Walk, currently posted on the grounds of the Trailside Museum (1904 Canton Ave., Milton), will feature a new children's book every five weeks throughout the summer and fall months. Our Story Walk, posted at Brookwood Community Farm (11 Blue Hill River Rd. on the Milton/Canton line), will feature a terrific garden-themed children's story this summer.

Summertime Stories

Join us for fun stories and songs! For families with their children birth to six years old. Four different sessions will be held as follows: Tucker Elementary School (187 Blue Hills Pkwy., Milton) on July 7 and August 4 and Cunningham Hall (77 Edge Hill Rd., Milton) on July 21 and August 18. 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

Our popular STEM activities will continue to be included in the Milton Public Library's Free Play Fridays program (476 Canton Ave., Milton). A variety of many different STEM activities will be available 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.

July 1, 2016	Boston Children's Museum, The Sports Museum, Heritage Museums and Gardens, Falmouth Museums on the Green, Cape Cod Maritime Museum, Amelia Park Children's Museum, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, and Wenham Museum
July 8, 2016	Museum of Fine Arts/Boston, Plimoth Plantation, Peabody Essex Museum, Cape Ann Museum, Buttonwood Park Zoo, Children's Museum in Easton, The Hall at Patriot Place, and Provincetown Art Association and Museum
July 15, 2016	Edward M. Kennedy Institute, Boston Athenaeum, Larz Anderson Museum, Cape Cod Children's Museum, Edward Gorey House, Danforth Art Museum\School, Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History, and Fitchburg Art Museum
July 22, 2016	Boston Harbor Islands National & State Park, Arnold Arboretum of Harvard Univ., New Bedford Whaling Museum, Cape Cod Museum of Art, Pilgrim Hall Museum, The Eric Carle Museum, Fruitlands Museum, and Museum of Russian Icons
July 29, 2016	John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum, Commonwealth Museum, Battleship Cove, Marine Museum at Fall River, Sandwich Glass Museum, Nantucket Whaling Museum, Tower Hill Botanic Garden, and Commonwealth Shakespeare Company
August 5, 2016	Harvard Museum of Natural History, The Old State House, The Greenway Carousel, Springfield Museums, Historic Deerfield, Hancock Shaker Village, The Old Manse/The Trustees, and Worcester Historical Museum
August 12, 2016	MIT Museum, The Museum of the NCAA, Concord Museum, Garden in the Woods, Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, Naumkeag/The Trustees, Emily Dickinson Museum, and The Metropolitan Waterworks Museum
August 19, 2016	Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, USS Constitution Museum, The Discovery Museums, EcoTarium, Children's Museum of Greater Fall River, NE Historic Genealogical Society, Fuller Craft Museum, and Griffin Photography Museum
August 26, 2016	Franklin Park Zoo, Old Sturbridge Village, Freedom Trail Foundation, Museum of African American History, Norman Rockwell Museum, Berkshire Museum, Ventfort Hall Mansion & Gilded Age Museum, and Cape Cod Museum of Natural History

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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 refer you so your family can be added to 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.

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!

DCR's Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, Boston

July 15: Cinderella
 July 22: Inside Out
 July 29: Star Wars: The Force Awakens
 August 5: The Good Dinosaur
 August 12: Jurassic World
 August 19: Up
 August 26: Ant Man

For more information on movies at The Hatch Shell, or for cancellation information, call the WBZ Free Family Flicks hotline at 617-787-7200 or visit their website at www.boston.cbslocal.com/flicks.

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 and additional locations, visit www.kidsbowlfree.com.

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, Night Owls Storytime, Small Wonders, Makernoon, Readers Theatre Club, Free Play Fridays, Friday Family Flicks, Puppets Plus, Summertime Stories, Sciencetellers, Mad Science, Readers' Theatre Club, Toddler Drive-In, Lego Club, Bubbleology with Keith Michael Johnson, Art with Ginny, Cooks & Books, Lindsay and Her Hand Puppet Pals, Mel O'Drama, Pop-up Art School and more! Visit their website at www.miltonlibrary.org, click on "Events" then use the drop-down menu to select "Children's Programs" for more details and registration 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 6 to August 10. Two rain dates are currently scheduled for August 17 and 24. 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, for free, 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; tickets can be reserved online at bu.edu/astronomy; click "Events."

The **Astronomy After Hours program at the Museum of Science** offers a free evening of astronomy-themed fun on weather-cooperative Fridays. The Gilliland Observatory is open 8:30-10:00 PM each Friday for viewing the stars, planets and the moon. On cloudy nights, a tour of the observatory along with astronomy-related activities are offered. Program does not run on nights with inclement weather. For more information, visit their website at mos.org, click "Explore" and "Public Events." Call 617-589-0267 for update on availability due to weather.

Blue Hills Reservation, Trailside Museum, and Brookwood Farm!!

There are plenty of family-friendly activities and events available in and around the Blue Hills Reservation, the Trailside Museum, and Brookwood Farm. Visit mass.gov/dcr and click on "Programs and Events" for hiking, fishing, boating, swimming, biking, camping, and walking fun! Visit friendsofthebluehills.org, click on "Visit" and then on "Suggested Hikes" for a list of hiking trails that would be best for you and your family. Visit massaudubon.org, click on "Get Outdoors", "Wildlife Sanctuaries List", and "Blue Hills Trailside Museum" for more information. The Trailside Museum's outdoor grounds and our Story Walk are free; a small fee is charged for their indoor programming. Visit brookwoodcommunityfarm.org and click on "Events" for more information. Visiting the working farm and enjoying our Story Walk are free; a nominal fee is charged for their children's programming.

Bookworm Wednesdays!!

Bring a book report with you to select Showcase Cinemas at 9:00 AM on Wednesdays from July 6 to July 27 and receive a free admission. Visit www.showcasecinemas.com for more info. Click on "Programs", then on the Bookworm Wednesdays icon.