



Milton Early Childhood Alliance

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Our Programs...always free!!

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

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Story Walks

Our Story Walks are currently posted on the grounds of the Trailside Museum (1904 Canton Ave., Milton), and in the Playground of Houghton's Pond (840 Hillside St., Milton)! The children's books at the Trailside Museum will change every 5-6 weeks through the fall. The Children's books at Houghton's Pond are seasonal and will include a story for the summer and a story for the fall.

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: Parkway United Methodist Church (158 Blue Hills Pkwy., Milton) on July 11 and August 8 and Cunningham Hall (75 Edge Hill Rd., Milton) on July 18 and August 22. Programs begin at 10:00 AM and are offered in collaboration with Milton Public Schools and Milton Public Library. [Click here for more information](#) and scroll down to program.

STEM Free Play Fridays

Our popular STEM activities will continue to be included in Milton Public Library's Free Play Fridays program (476 Canton Ave., Milton). A large variety of different STEM activities will be available on July 12, July 26, August 9, and August 23 in the Story Hour Room. Programs run from 10:00-12:00 each session. [Click here for more information](#) and scroll down to program.

Free Fun Fridays!!

Sponsored by Highland Street Foundation at www.highlandstreet.org. Visit designated cultural attractions in Massachusetts every Friday this summer. Free admission—no registration or tickets required.

June 28, 2019	Lyric Stage Company of Boston, Cape Ann Museum, Clark Art Institute, MIT Museum, Nicholas House Museum, Norman Rockwell Museum, Plimoth Plantation, The Mount: Edith Wharton's Home, Wenham Museum, Worcester Art Museum
July 5, 2019	Amelia Park Children's Museum, Cape Cod Maritime Museum, Children's Museum in Easton, Edward Gorey House, Falmouth Museums on the Green, Jacob's Pillow, Museum of Printing, Pilgrim Hall Museum, The Old Manse-The Trustees, The Telephone Museum
July 12, 2019	Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Charles River Watershed Assoc., Chesterwood, Children's Museum of Greater Fall River, Gloucester Stage Company, Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, NE Quilt Museum, The Patriot's Hall of Fame, Smith College Museum of Art, Springfield Museums
July 19, 2019	Boston Children's Museum, The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, Battleship Cove, Cape Cod Children's Museum, Nantucket Maria Mitchell Association, NE Historic Genealogical Society, Peabody Essex Museum, Sandwich Glass Museum, Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History, The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art
July 26, 2019	Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Edward M. Kennedy Instit. for the US Senate, Cape Cod Museum of Art, Commonwealth Museum, Commonwealth Shakespeare Museum, Fitchburg Art Museum, Historic Deerfield, Larz Anderson Auto Museum, The Gardens at Elm Bank (Mass Hort), Ventfort Hall Mansion & Gilded Age Museum
August 2, 2019	Franklin Park Zoo, Boston Symphony Orchestra at Tanglewood, Chatham Shark Center, Children's Museum at Holyoke, Concord Museum, International Volleyball Hall of Fame, Lynn Museum, Museum of Russian Icons, Naumkeag-The Trustees, Old State House
August 9, 2019	Boston Harbor Islands Nat'l & State Park, Davis Museum at Wellesley College, Gore Place, Hancock Shaker Village, JFK Hyannis Museum, Museum of the Nat'l Center of Afro-American Artists, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Old Colony History Museum, Worcester Historical Museum, The Greenway Carousel
August 16, 2019	JFK Presidential Library & Museum, Berkshire Theatre Group, Cahoon Museum of American Art, Discovery Museum, Fruitlands Museum-The Trustees, Fuller Craft Museum, Harvard Museums of Science & Culture, Paragon Carousel, Provincetown Art Assoc. and Museum, USS Constitution Museum
August 23, 2019	The Institute Of Contemporary Art/Boston, Berkshire Museum, Boston Athenaeum, Buttonwood Park Zoo, Emily Dickinson Museum, Fort Devens Museum, Freedom Trail Foundation, Heritage Museums & Gardens, Museum of African American History, The Mary Bank Eddy Library & Mapparium
August 30, 2018	Old Sturbridge Village, Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, Griffin Museum of Photography, Hull Lifesaving Museum, MA Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, MASS MoCA, Museum of the First Corps of Cadets, Osterville Historical Museum, Capron Park Zoo, Eco Tarium

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5th Annual We Are Milton Music Fest and Fireworks!

June 22 and 23, 2019
Visit www.wearemilton.org for all details.

Free family friendly outdoor movie series in Quincy!

Monday nights in June and July. Visit www.discoverquincy.com for all details.



Are you looking for child care or a preschool program for your child? We can help! Give us a call at 617-696-2262 or send an email to cpcmecasld@verizon.net. We can help you explore options that will best fit the needs of your family.



Do you wonder if your child is developing on target for their age? With the Ages & Stages Questionnaire, we can help you learn about your child's growth and development and what to look for and expect. We will provide you with a free, age appropriate, questionnaire for you to complete and return for scoring. We will let you know if your child is on target for their age and provide you with ideas and fun activities to encourage your child's future development. If interested, email cpcmecasld@verizon.net or give us a call at 617-696-2262.

Free Family Flicks!!

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

DCR Pope John Paul II Park, Dorchester	August 8: The Lego Movie 2 August 15: How To Train Your Dragon The Hidden World August 22: Captain Marvel August 29: Dumbo
DCR Martini Shell, Hyde Park	July 9: Ralph Breaks the Internet July 16: Mary Poppins Returns July 23: Spiderman Into the Spider Verse July 30: Bumblebee August 6: The Lego Movie 2 August 13: How To Train Your Dragon The Hidden World August 20: Captain Marvel August 27: Dumbo
DCR Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, Boston	July 12: Mary Poppins Returns July 19: Spiderman Into the Spider Verse July 26: Bumblebee August 2: The Lego Movie 2 August 9: How To Train Your Dragon The Hidden World August 16: Captain Marvel August 23: Dumbo

Movies begin at dusk/sundown. For more information, call the WBZ Free Flicks Hotline at 617-787-7200.

Milton Public Library Happenings!!

Great things are happening at the Milton Public Library with many programs and events for children of all ages! Visit their website at www.miltonlibrary.org, click on Events, drop down to Upcoming Events, click on View All Events, click in the All Programs box to select Children's Programs for more details.

Milton Parks and Recreation Concert Series!!

Enjoy an evening of fun at their Summer Concert Series, Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 PM. Bring a blanket, picnic, bottle of bubbles and have some fun as a family! Dates are each Wednesday, June 5 to August 14; no concert on July 3rd. The rain date is August 21. For more information, visit their website at www.townofmilton.org. Click on Departments, Parks & Recreation, then on Summer Concert Series Schedule.

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

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 scroll down to Upcoming Programs and Events for hiking, fishing, boating, swimming, biking, camping, and walking fun!

Visit friendsofthebluehills.org, click on Visit and Suggested Hikes for a list of hiking trails that would be best for you and your family. Or, use "search" for their stroller-friendly Peek A Blue hikes for you and your tots.

Visit massaudubon.org, click on Get Outdoors, Wildlife Sanctuaries List, and click Blue Hills Trailside Museum under Select Wildlife Sanctuary 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 a schedule of their offerings.

Houghton's Pond Fish Festival!!

Catch some "reel" fun at Houghton's Pond. Join the DCR rangers and instructors from Mass Wildlife and learn the basics of fishing in this free clinic. Equipment is available or bring your own. Fishing license not required for this event. Crafts, games, and other fishy activities, too! A guaranteed good time on Saturday, July 20th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Picnic Site 5 on the west side of Houghton's Pond.

Star Gaze!!

Coit Observatory at Boston University is free and open to the public most Wednesdays throughout the year. Use telescopes and binoculars to view the night sky (and learn about astronomy). Call 617-353-2630 the day you plan to visit. Reservations are required; free tickets can be reserved online at bu.edu/astronomy; click on Public Open Night at the Observatory.

Astronomy After Hours program at the Museum of Science offers a free evening of astronomy-themed fun on Fridays. For more information, visit their website at mos.org, click Explore, Drop-in Activities, then scroll down to Astronomy After Hours. Call 617-589-0267 for update on availability due to weather.

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. To receive free coupons, registration is required. For more information and additional locations, visit www.kidsbowlfree.com.