



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, 2017

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, to be posted for July and August at Brookwood Community Farm (11 Blue Hill River Rd. on the Milton/Canton line), will feature a terrific garden-themed children's story.

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: Tucker Elementary School (187 Blue Hills Pkwy., Milton) on July 13 and August 10 and Cunningham Hall (77 Edge Hill Rd., Milton) on July 27 and August 24. This program is offered in collaboration with Milton's Public Schools and 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 each visit. [Click here for more information](#) and scroll down to program.

Children's Story Hour at Brookwood Farm

Join us for an interactive Story Walk on Saturday, July 15, from 10:00-11:00 AM! Watch Janet Stevens' book, *Tops & Bottoms*, come alive as you and your child experience the story first hand on a working farm. We'll also plant seeds for you to watch grow at home and look for critters who eat off the land. For children ages 3-8 with their parents. Registration is required; email cpcmecasl@verizon.net or [click here for more information](#) and scroll down to program. Offered in collaboration with Mass. DCR and Brookwood Community Farm.

Free Fun Fridays!!

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

June 23, 2017	Lyric Stage Company of Boston, Mary Baker Eddy Library, The Sports Museum, Clark Art Institute, The Mount: Edith Wharton's Home, Worcester Art Museum, Peabody Essex Museum, The Discovery Museums
June 30, 2017	Boston Children's Museum, MIT Museum, Norman Rockwell Museum, Springfield Museums, EcoTarium, Maritime Gloucester, New Bedford Whaling Museum, The Gardens at Elm Bank (Mass Hort)
July 7, 2017	Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, NE Historic Genealogical Society, Ventfort Hall Mansion & Gilded Age Museum, Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, Amelia Park Children's Museum, Falmouth Museums on the Green, Pilgrim Hall Museum, Children Museum in Easton, The Hall at Patriot Place
July 14, 2017	Edward M. Kennedy Institute, The Metropolitan Waterworks Museum, Harvard Museums of Science & Culture, Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Provincetown Art Assoc. & Museum, Edward Gorey House, Museum of Russian Icons, Cape Ann Museum
July 21, 2017	Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Tanglewood, Boston Athenaeum, The Museum of the NCAA, Fruitlands Museum The Trustees, Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History, Lynn Museum, Hancock Shaker Village, Sandwich Glass Museum
July 28, 2017	JFK Presidential Library and Museum, Commonwealth Museum, Arnold Arboretum, The Eric Carle Museum, Berkshire Theatre Group, Historic Deerfield, Cape Cod Museum of Art, Wenham Museum, Tower Hill Botanic Garden
August 4, 2017	Commonwealth Shakespeare Co., Old State House, The Greenway Carousel, Fort Devens Museum, Children's Museum at Holyoke, International Volleyball Hall of Fame, The Old Manse The Trustees, JFK Hyannis Museum
August 11, 2017	Franklin Park Zoo, Fuller Craft Museum, Cape Cod Maritime Museum, Worcester Historical Museum, Griffin Museum of Photography, Fitchburg Art Museum, Jacob's Pillow Dance, Smith College Museum of Art, Naumkeag The Trustees
August 18, 2016	The Institute of Contemporary Art Boston, Old Sturbridge Village, Freedom Trail Foundation, Buttonwoods Park Zoo, Cape Cod Children's Museum, Concord Museum, Berkshire Museum, Emily Dickinson Museum
August 25, 2017	Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park, USS Constitution Museum, Plimoth Plantation, MASS MoCA, Nantucket Whaling Museum, The Children's Museum of Greater Fall River, Museum of African American History, Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, Heritage Museums & Gardens

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**5th Annual
We Are Milton
Music Fest and
Fireworks!**
June 24th and 25th
visit
www.waremilton.org
for all details



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 Pope John Paul II Park, Dorchester	August 10: Moana August 17: The Lego Batman Movie August 24: Dr. Strange August 29: Star Wars: Rogue One
DCR Martini Shell, Hyde Park	July 11: The Secret Life of Pets July 18: Sing July 25: Jungle Book (Live) August 1: Finding Dory August 8: Moana August 15: The Lego Batman Movie August 22: Dr. Strange August 29: Stars Wars: Rogue One
DCR Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, Boston	July 14: Sing July 21: The Jungle Book July 28: Finding Dory August 4: Moana August 11: The Lego Batman Movie August 18: Dr. Strange August 25: Star Wars: Rogue One

For more information on movies at The Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, call 617-787-7200. For information on movies at Pope John Paul II Park and Martini Shell, call 617-698-1802.

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 then use the drop-down menu under Featured Events to select Children's Programs for more details and registration information.

Milton Parks and Recreation Concert Series!!

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, June 14 to August 16. One rain date is currently scheduled for August 23. For more information, visit their website at www.townofmilton.org. Click on Departments, Parks & Recreation, then on Summer Concert 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 click on Programs and Events for hiking, fishing, boating, swimming, biking, camping, and walking fun by month! 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. See also Peek A Blue hikes for you and your tots. 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.

Star Gaze!!

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). Call 617-353-2630 the day you plan to visit. Reservations are required; tickets can be reserved online at bu.edu/astronomy; click Events, then 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 weather-cooperative Fridays. For more information, visit their website at mos.org, click Explore, Public Events, 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. For more information and additional locations, visit www.kidsbowlfree.com.

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 information. Click on Programs, then on the Bookworm Wednesdays icon. Children under age six, with a parent/guardian, will receive free admission without a book report.