



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 six weeks throughout the summer and fall months. Additional Story Walks will be posted around town this summer—so watch for more information.

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 12 and August 16 and Cunningham Hall (75 Edge Hill Rd., Milton) on July 26 and August 23. This program is 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 13, July 27, August 10, and August 24 in the Story Hour Room. [Click here for more information](#) and scroll down to program.

Free Fun Fridays!!

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

June 29, 2018	Lyric Stage Company of Boston, MIT Museum, Berkshire Theatre Group, Nantucket Whaling Museum, The Mount: Edith Wharton's Home, Concord Museum, Worcester Art Museum, Clark Art Institute, Children's Museum in Easton, Edward Gorey House
July 6, 2018	Boston Children's Museum, Peabody Essex Museum, Cape Cod Maritime Museum, Battleship Cove, Amelia Park Children's Museum, Gore Place, Falmouth Museums on the Green, Hancock Shaker Village, Pilgrim Hall Museum, New England Quilt Museum
July 13, 2018	Edward M. Kennedy Institute, Charles River Watershed Association, Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Chesterwood, The Telephone Museum, Ventfort Hall Mansion & Gilded Age Museum, The Sports Museum, Children's Museum at Holyoke, International Volleyball Hall of Fame, Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center
July 20, 2018	Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Gloucester Stage Company, The Gardens at Elm Bank (Mass Hort), Chatham Shark Center, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Nantucket Maria Mitchell Association, Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History, Springfield Museums, Discovery Museum, The Hall at Patriot Place
July 27, 2018	Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston Symphony Orchestra/Tanglewood, Commonwealth Shakespeare Co., JFK Hyannis Mus., Fitchburg Art Mus., Old Colony History Mus., Boston Athenaeum, Sandwich Glass Mus., Arnold Arboretum, Museum of Russian Icons
August 3, 2018	Franklin Park Zoo, Cape Cod Museum of Art, Children's Mus./Greater Fall River, Davis Museum/Wellesley College, Naumkeag The Trustees, Worcester Historical Mus., Osterville Historical Mus., Historic Deerfield, The Eric Carle Museum, Paragon Carousel
August 10, 2018	Boston Harbor Islands Park, Institute of Contemp. Art/Boston, Jacob's Pillow, Cahoon Museum of American Art, Nichols House Mus., Nat'l Center of Afro-American Artists, Wenham Mus., Fuller Craft Mus., The Greenway Carousel, Freedom Trail Foundation
August 17, 2018	JFK Presidential Library & Museum, Plimoth Plantation, Commonwealth Museum, Lynn Museum, NE Historic Genealogical Society, Fort Devens Museum, Fruitlands Museum The Trustees, Old State House, Berkshire Museum, Museum of the First Corps of Cadets
August 24, 2018	Harvard Mus. of Science & Culture, Buttonwood Park Zoo, Mass MoCA, Heritage Museums & Gardens, Cape Cod Children's Mus., Smith College Mus. of Art, The Old Manse The Trustees, Emily Dickinson Mus., Hull Lifesaving Mus., Mus. Of African American History
August 31, 2018	Old Sturbridge Village, EcoTarium, Norman Rockwell Museum, Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, Chatham Marconi Maritime Center, USS Constitution Museum, Cape Ann Museum, Griffin Museum of Photography, Provincetown Art Association & Museum, The Mary Baker Eddy Library & Mapparium

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**5th Annual
We Are Milton
Music Fest and
Fireworks!**
June 23rd and 24th
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 9: Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle August 16: Coco August 23: Beauty and The Beast August 30: Thor: Ragnarok
DCR Martini Shell, Hyde Park	July 10: Despicable Me 3 July 17: The Emoji Movie July 24: Elf July 31: Cars 3 August 7: Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle August 14: Coco August 21: Beauty and The Beast August 28: Thor: Ragnarok
DCR Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, Boston	July 13: The Emoji Movie July 20: Elf July 27: Cars 3 August 3: Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle August 10: Coco August 17: Beauty and The Beast August 24: Thor: Ragnarok

Movies begin at 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 6 to August 15; no concert on July 4th. The rain date is August 22. 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 search for 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. Click on 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.

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; 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 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. For more information and additional locations, visit www.kidsbowlfree.com.

Bookworm Wednesdays!!

Bring a book report with you to select Showcase Cinemas Wednesdays from July 11 to August 1 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.