

# April PLAYcation 2018

## Schedule of Events

April PLAYcation is a partnership between many community organizations in Lowell, providing free, unique activities for kids and families during school vacations.

### PLAYcation is presented by:

Lowell National Historical Park  
Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association  
Coalition for a Better Acre  
Lowell CHC Teen BLOCK  
Lowell Learns & Christ Church United  
Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary  
Mill City Grows  
Musketaquid Arts and Environment  
Pollard Memorial Library  
Tsongas Industrial History Center  
University of Massachusetts Lowell  
YWCA Lowell



### HELPFUL HINTS:

- We love to host groups at drop-in events when space allows, but please **let us know ahead of time if you're interested in bringing a group of 10 or more kids** to any PLAYcation events by emailing the April PLAYcation coordinator at [Bridget\\_Peregrino@nps.gov](mailto:Bridget_Peregrino@nps.gov)
- All children participating in programs **MUST be accompanied by an adult**, unless otherwise noted.
- Lowell Kids Week programs are free of charge, but many have limited space **and require pre-registration**. Please see program listings for details and registration information.
- If you cannot attend an event for which you pre-registered, please call and cancel to make room for others.
- Drop-in programs are first-come, first-served.
- Weather cancellations will be announced online and on WCAP 980 AM.
- Program schedule is subject to change – please check [www.lowellkidsweek.org](http://www.lowellkidsweek.org) regularly!

# SATURDAY, APRIL 14

## 1PM-4PM • Hands-On History: Engineering Workshop

**All ages | Registration not required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park and the Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)**

Dreamer. Innovator, Researcher. Problem Solver. Inventor. Creator. Do any of these words apply to you? Then you could also be an Engineer! Engineers are people who design and build solutions. Come down and try your engineering skills in our design, build, and test challenge!

# SUNDAY, APRIL 15

## 11AM-12:30PM • Wellness on the Walkways: Family Photography Walk

**All ages | Registration not required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park  
Location: LNHP Visitor Center (246 Market St.)**

Looking for a fun way to get outside during school vacation? Join park rangers for a family-focused photography walk as we explore some fascinating downtown locations. Bring your cameras or cellphones, no prior experience necessary.

# MONDAY, APRIL 16

## 10AM-12PM • Flags for the Earth

**Ages 6+ | Registration not required | Hosted by Musketaquid Arts & Environment  
Location: Counting House, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)**

Design and paint a flag for Earth Day. It could be a nature image, a message, or an abstract design – then add it to a dowel and you are ready to go. You can hang it in your room or outside your house and wave it proudly in the Lowell Earth Day Parade on Sunday, April 22! This program is limited to 25 participants, first-come, first-served.

# TUESDAY, APRIL 17

## 9AM-2PM • Healthy Teens Healthy Relationships Workshop Series Day 1

**Ages 13+ | Registration required: 978-458-9983 | Hosted by: YWCA Lowell and Lowell Community Health Center Teen BLOCK | Location: YWCA Lowell Acre Youth Center (41 Rock St.)**

A dynamic, informative, interactive, and experiential series of workshops hosted by YWCA Lowell in collaboration with Lowell Community Health Center Teen BLOCK. Workshops focus on four subject areas: Pregnancy Prevention, Adolescent Development, Healthy Relationships, and Financial Literacy. Day 2 will be 4/18, from 9am to 3pm; and Day 3 will be 4/19, from 9am to 2pm. Lunch and snacks will be provided. **\*\*Receive a \$50 gift card for completing all three sessions!\*\*** Contact Andre Chandonnet, Youth Services Director, YWCA Lowell Acre Youth Center at 978-458-9983 to register.

## 10AM-12PM • Mask Making

**Ages 6+ | Registration not required | Hosted by Musketquid Arts & Environment Location: Counting House, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)**

Who is your local spirit animal? Design and paint your own or use one of our stencils to make a mask of local wildlife – raccoon, owl, hawk, mouse, squirrel, and more. Wear the mask you create at the Lowell Earth Day Parade on Sunday, April 22! This program is limited to 25 participants, first-come, first-served.

## 1PM-4PM • MAWA (Making Art with Artists) Day 1

**Ages 6-13 | Registration required: <https://www.lowelllearns.com/mawa---making-art-with-artist.html> | Hosted by: Lowell Learns | Location: Christ Church United (180 E. Merrimack St.)**

A two day program: Day 1 - Abstract Art, View the work of abstract artists and create your own original pieces, Day 2 - Portraits, Learn from masters and your classmates to create meaningful portraits. Class ends with a music segment.

## 2PM-3PM • STEM Explorers

**Grades 3-5 | Registration required: 978-674-1529 | Hosted by: Pollard Memorial Library | Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)**

Calling all STEM explorers! Join us in a building challenge that will let you explore the magic of circuits and 21st century STEM learning with LittleBits! LittleBits is a platform of electronic building blocks for creating inventions that easily snap together with magnets. Call the Children's Department at 978-674-1529 or register online at <http://pollardml.org/events/library-calendar>.

### **7:30PM-9PM • Spindle City Stars: A Night Sky Evening Program**

**All ages | Registration not required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park  
Location: Counting House, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)**

Spend the evening with us as we build star wheels and take a walk under the stars. We will explore the history of astronomy in Lowell and “human computers” who created the technology for us to explore space. Those who have their own telescopes are welcome to bring them! For more information visit

<https://www.nps.gov/lowe/planyourvisit/wellness-on-the-walkways.htm>.

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18**

### **9AM-3PM • Healthy Teens Healthy Relationships Workshop Series Day 2**

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### **10AM-11AM • Teddy Bear Picnic**

**Ages 3+ | Registration required: 978-674-1529 | Hosted by: Pollard Memorial Library | Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)**

Come celebrate spring with us! Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. Bring your favorite cuddly stuffed animal too! Registration begins on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Call the Children’s Department at 978-674-1529 or register online at <http://pollardml.org/events/library-calendar>.

### **10AM-12PM • Animal Puppets on a Stick**

**Ages 6+ | No registration required | Hosted by Musketquid Arts & Environment  
Location: Counting House@ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)**

Choose an animal you might find in Massachusetts - maybe an owl, a red fox, a skunk? Or a plant – a flower or a vegetable? You'll draw, cut, staple, stuff your puppet and mount it on a stick, so it is ready to carry out the door... Bring it to the Lowell Earth Day Parade on Sunday, April 22! This program is limited to 25 participants, first-come, first-served.

### **12PM-1PM • Mill City Grows: Spring Planting Event!**

**All ages | Registration required: [giuliana@millcitygrows.org](mailto:giuliana@millcitygrows.org) | Hosted by: Mill City Grows | Location: 230 Middlesex St. (Informally called "Mill City Grows' Urban Farm at Mill No. 5")**

Mill City Grows wants to welcome families and youth of all ages to participate in a Spring Planting Event to learn about different plants, square foot gardening techniques, urban farming, and much more! Activities include planting in garden beds, creating take-home seed balls, and investigating an urban farm site with our farmers! Contact Giuliana Cappucci; [giuliana@millcitygrows.org](mailto:giuliana@millcitygrows.org) to register.

### **1PM-4PM • MAWA (Making Art with Artists) Day 2**

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### **2PM-3PM • Weaving Workshop #1**

**All ages | Registration required: 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)**

Learn how cloth is designed, patterned, and made in this unique hands-on workshop. Weave your own piece of cloth using hand looms. Learn the difference between warp and weft and have fun in the process!

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 19**

### **9AM-2PM • Healthy Teens Healthy Relationships Workshop Series Day 3**

**Ages 13+ | Registration required: 978-458-9983 | Hosted by: YWCA Lowell and Lowell Community Health Center Teen BLOCK | Location: YWCA Lowell Acre Youth Center (41 Rock St.)**

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### 10AM-12PM • Young Author- Where Will You Take Us Today?

**Ages 7+ | Registration required: [sreyfov@cmaalowell.org](mailto:sreyfov@cmaalowell.org) | Hosted by: Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association | Location: CMAA (465 School St.)**  
Come hear a folk story from Asia. Illustrate and write your own story and share it with family and love ones. Children under 7 can also attend and share their stories.

### 12PM-2PM • Spring Fling

**All ages | Registration not required | Hosted by: Coalition for a Better Acre | Location: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Coalition for a Better Acre (517 Moody St.)**  
Celebrate Spring with CBA! Create a flower bouquet out of paper and decorate your own flower pot.

### 2PM-3PM • Weaving Workshop #2

**All ages | Registration required: 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)**  
Learn how cloth is designed, patterned, and made in this unique hands-on workshop. Weave your own piece of cloth using hand looms. Learn the difference between warp and weft and have fun in the process!

### 6:30PM-7:30PM • Family Fort Storytime

**Ages 3+ | Registration required: 978-674-1529 | Hosted by: Pollard Memorial Library | Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)**  
Build your own special family fort and join us for a special storytime. We will provide some building supplies but feel free to bring flashlights, pillows, blankets and other cozy items from home. Call the Children's Department at 978-674-1529 or register online at <http://pollardml.org/events/library-calendar>.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 20

### 1PM-2PM • Birds in Spring and How We Can Help

**All ages | Registration required: 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary | Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum Events Center (115 John St.)**  
This year, 2018, is the Year of the Bird! Meet some birds that live in Lowell at least part of the year. Learn about their life cycle, the challenges they face and how we can help them as the world changes.

# SATURDAY, APRIL 21

## 9:30AM-10:15AM • Lego Club

**Grades 1+ | Registration not required | Hosted by: Pollard Memorial Library**

**Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)**

Are you a Lego master builder? Children in grades 1-6 are welcome to join us for a morning of Lego building challenges and fun!

## 9:30AM-5PM • Fee-free admission at the Boott Cotton Mills Museum

**All ages | Registration not required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park**

**Location: Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)**

In honor of National Park Week, the Boott Cotton Mills Museum will be fee-free. This is a great opportunity to bring the entire family. Don't forget to pick up the new Junior Ranger Activity Book and become a Lowell National Historical Park Junior Ranger.

## 1PM-4PM • Your City Saturday: National Junior Ranger Day

**All ages | Registration not required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park**

**Location: LNHP Visitor Center (246 Market St.)**

Join Lowell National Historical Park on National Junior Ranger Day and become a Junior Ranger! You can stop by the Visitor Center between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. for special Junior Ranger activities, including a Downtown Scavenger Hunt. "Explore, Learn, and Protect!" The Junior Ranger motto is recited by people around the country; each taking an oath of their own to protect parks, continue to learn about parks, and share their own ranger story with friends and family. All are welcome to participate!

# SUNDAY, APRIL 22

## 11:30AM-4PM • Earth Day Parade and Festival

**All ages | Registration not required | Hosted by UMASS Lowell and Community Partners | Location: Parade-LNHP Visitor Center (246 Market St.), Festival-UTEC**

**(35 Warren St.)**

We invite organizations, individuals and families to the streets of downtown Lowell to celebrate the greening of our city with a mile-long parade featuring marching bands, puppets, costumes, and eco-conscious groups. Immediately following the parade, we'll be holding a fun sustainability festival for all participants and the general public. For more information visit <http://www.lowellearthday.org/>.

