

LOWELL KIDS WEEK 2019

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

Lowell Kids Week is presented by:

Lowell National Historical Park
Lowell Recreation Department
Angkor Dance Troupe
Coalition for a Better Acre
Community Teamwork
Council on Aging
Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell
Judith Bessette, Local Artist
Lowell Alliance
Lowell Humane Society
Lowell Learns
Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust

Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm Sanctuary
NFI Family Resource Center
Pollard Memorial Library
SoarMA
South Bay Community Services
Thom Anne Sullivan Center
Tsongas Industrial History Center
University of Massachusetts Lowell
Umbrella Community Arts Center
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
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 kids or more** to any Kids Week events by emailing the Lowell Kids Week Coordinator at allison_horrocks@nps.gov.
- All children participating in programs **MUST be accompanied by an adult**, unless otherwise noted.
- Most 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 available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Weather cancellations will be announced online and on WCAP 980 AM.
- Program schedule is subject to change – **please regularly check www.lowellkidsweek.org!**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

1PM-4PM · YOUR CITY SATURDAY: INTERACTIVE INSTALLATION AND ACTIVITIES FOR 404 INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ART AND TECHNOLOGY

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park

Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Join Lowell National Historical Park, UMass Lowell Art and Design, and the Tsongas Industrial History for an afternoon of celebrating creativity and innovation. As part of the 404 International Festival of Art and Technology, you can come and be part of artist Jeffu Warmouth's installation, "Lilliput." In this playful interactive installation, viewers approach a video mirror to find themselves infested by tiny versions of previous viewers. In their attempts to catch or move these little gnomes, the present viewers simultaneously see and lose themselves, becoming landscape, environment, and architecture for the tiny ghosts. While so engaged, their own video presence is being recorded, ready to hop down onto unexpected viewers in future visits. We will have other family-friendly art activities for all to flex their creative and technical muscles together. This is a free event for the whole family; all are welcome. Drop in any time from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:30AM-10:30AM · BUILDING, BUILDING, BUILDING

Ages 8-12 | Registration required: Reserve at 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Artist Judith Bessette

Location: Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center (246 Market St.)

What's your vision of a future city? This workshop will draw upon your planning and construction skills as you build a city made of boxes and recycled materials.

10AM-11AM · SPINDLE CITY STORYTIME & STUFFIE SLEEPOVER

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park

Location: Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center (246 Market St.)

Celebrate winter with this crafty story hour! After listening to a story, participants will make their own thumbprint bookmarks with snowmen. At the end of the program, you may leave a stuffed friend who will spend the night at the Boott Cotton Mills Museum.

10AM-12PM · FREE SHOWING OF LEGO MOVIE 2

All Ages; under 12 must be accompanied by adult | Registration required: Reserve online at

<http://lowellrec.com/info/activities> | Hosted by Lowell Recreation Department

Location: AMC Tyngsboro 12 (440 Middlesex Road, Tyngsboro)

Free showing of "LEGO MOVIE 2" at the AMC Tyngsboro! Limit of 4 tickets per group. Please call the Recreation Office for more information at 978-674-4175 or visit our website at <http://lowellrec.com/info/activities> to register. Movie may change depending on availability (if there is a change, we will update it on the city website).

11AM-3PM · LOWELL KIDS WEEK FAMILY FESTIVAL

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park

Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Come meet your neighbors, make art, connect with community resources, and explore something new about your community! The festival will include activities and giveaways from community organizations, kid-friendly workshops, and art-making. Participating organizations include Community Teamwork, Lowell Alliance, Lowell Humane Society, South Bay Community Services, SoarMA, Thom Anne Sullivan Center, Tsongas Industrial History Center, WIC, and others!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10AM-11AM · BOW WOW WINTER STORYTIME

Ages 4-8 | Registration required: Reserve at 978-674-1529 | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library

Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)

Join us for a special winter storytime featuring our therapy dog, Prince, and his handler, Joyce! We will be reading winter and dog themed stories, singing songs, playing instruments, and making a craft. Make sure to stay after storytime for a special meet and greet with Prince! Sign up is required and begins on Monday, February 4, 2019.

10AM-12PM · BE THE CHANGE

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park

Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Learn a little Lowell history and celebrate the new 2019 America the Beautiful Quarter featuring Lowell National Historical Park in Massachusetts! Design your own coin to represent yourself and the changes you will make in our community. Note: This is not a coin exchange.

11AM-2PM · MAGICAL SPACES

Ages 10-14 | Registration required: <https://www.lowelllearns.com> | Hosted by Lowell Learns

Location: Christ Church United UCC Lowell (1 Bartlett St.)

How do artists create paintings in which some things seem close, and others very far away? Student will learn the techniques behind the illusion. We will learn techniques of one-point perspective in drawings which transform simple geometric shapes into 3-dimensional objects in space.

12PM-1PM · OLD TYME ART

Ages 6-17 | Registration required: Reserve at 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: 4th Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Learn how to write with quill pens and ink while designing your own journal to write in! If you want to take a break, you can have your silhouette made, just like Francis Cabot Lowell!

12PM-3PM · BINGO WITH YOUR GRANDPARENTS!

**Ages 3 and up with their families | Registration required: Reserve online at <http://lowellrec.com/info/activities> | Hosted by Lowell Recreation Department
Location: Council on Aging (276 Broadway St.)**

Come down for BINGO! Fun for the whole family.

1PM-3PM · PUFFY PAINT WILD RIVER

**All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park
Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)**

Did you know that two mighty rivers run right through the City of Lowell? Come and learn about the rivers and what people can do to help protect our watersheds. Everyone will have a chance to be creative and design a portion of a river art piece using puffy paint. Note: this one can get messy!

2PM-3PM · GIRLS IN STEM

**Ages 5-9 | Registration required: Reserve at 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Girls Inc. Lowell
Location: Girls Inc. Lowell (220 Worthen St.)**

Join Girls Inc. of Greater Lowell for Girls in STEM! Girls will learn about a famous female scientist and then complete a hands-on activity related to her work.

2PM-4PM · FAMILY MOVIE

**All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library
Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)**

Children, teens, and their families are invited to join us for a family movie. Everybody's favorite family of superheroes is back with a new mission! This time, Helen is in the spotlight, leaving Bob at home with Violet, Dash, and Jack-Jack to navigate the heroics of family life. This film is rated PG.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9AM-10AM · CREATION STATIONS

**Ages 6-17 | No registration required | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center
Location: 4th Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)**

Try your hand at several creative crafts! Paint a marble masterpiece; make paper come alive, and much more.

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10AM-12PM · WINTER LANDSCAPE MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Umbrella Community Arts Center

Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Working with natural and recycled materials, make a winter city or park landscape. We'll be using recycled nature magazines, wrapping paper, fabrics, egg cartons, bottle caps, and found sticks and seeds to make a layered and textured story of place.

11AM-2PM · MORE MAGICAL SPACES

Ages 10-14 | Registration required: <https://www.lowelllearns.com> | Hosted by Lowell Learns

Location: Christ Church United UCC Lowell (1 Bartlett St.)

Imagination, dreams, and breaking laws of nature are the highlights of Surrealist art. Students will learn about Surrealism and work back into their drawings, transforming the simple 3-D shapes into a variety of objects. Collage elements will be added to truly create something magical! Themes will include dreams, board games, and the impossible.

11AM-11:30AM · BABY FARM ANIMALS!

Ages 4+ | Registration required: Reserve at 978-674-1529 | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library

Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)

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12PM-2PM · WINTER WONDERLAND

Ages 2-14 | No registration required | Hosted by Coalition for a Better Acre

Location: 3rd Floor, Coalition for a Better Acre (517 Moody St.)

The Coalition for a Better Acre welcomes you to a Winter Wonderland! Enjoy a hot drink and sweet treats as you make arts and crafts to brighten the winter days.

12PM-2PM · YWCA LEGOS CAFE

All Ages; Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult | No registration required | Hosted by YWCA Lowell Acre Youth Center

Location: YWCA Lowell Acre Youth Center (41 Rock St.)

As part of Black History Month, come learn about some of the black engineers who have helped to shape our lives today, while also using your own engineering and team skills to build a model LEGOS community. Nutritious snacks will be provided.

12:30PM-2:30PM · PRINCESS TEA PARTY

Ages 5-11 | Registration required: Reserve online at <http://lowellrec.com/info/activities>

Hosted by Lowell Recreation Department | Location: Reilly School Cafe Rear Entrance (115 Douglas Rd.)

Come in your fanciest dress to get your hair, nails, and makeup done! Then, sit down for a cupcake tea party. Please call the Recreation Office for more information at 978-674-4175 or visit our website at <http://lowellrec.com/info/activities> to register.

2PM-2:45PM · WEAVING WORKSHOP #1

Ages 6-17 | Registration required: Reserve at 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: 3rd 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!

2PM-3:30PM · MEET WORKING DOGS AT THE LIBRARY

Kindergarten + | No registration required | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library

Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)

Dogs help us in many ways. Meet three dogs with three very different and important jobs. Meet a dog who works with the police to keep us safe, a dog who helps us feel better, and a dog who helps guide people who don't see very well. Police dogs, therapy dogs, and guide dogs all do important work. Come and meet them and the people with whom they work.

2PM-3PM · SAVVY SCIENCE

Ages 5-12 | Registration required: Reserve at 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Girls Inc. Lowell

Location: Girls Inc. Lowell (220 Worthen St.)

Come and participate in a hands-on STEM activity!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10AM-12PM · STORY AND SCAVENGER HUNT AT THE 1760 SPALDING HOUSE

All Ages | Registration required: Email KDurkin@LowellLandTrust.org | Hosted by Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust | Location: Spalding House (383 Pawtucket St.)

Come tour our historic Spalding House and see a stunning view of the Pawtucket Falls on the Merrimack River. This property holds many stories about the relationships between people and the

natural environment, stories going back thousands of years. We will share many of these stories as well as provide a Scavenger Hunt of items to find in the house!

11AM-12PM · MEET AUTHOR EMILIE-NOELLE PROVOST

**Ages 10+ | No registration required | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library
| Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)**

Meet author Emilie-Noelle Provost. Her new book *The Blue Bottle* tells the story of 13-year-old Charlotte Hale, who must stop an angry ocean god bent on destruction. Check the library for copies of the book.

11AM-2PM · FANTASTICAL ABSTRACTION

**Ages 6-10 | Registration required: <https://www.lowelllearns.com> | Hosted by Lowell Learns
Location: Christ Church United UCC Lowell (1 Bartlett St.)**

Each child will draw and paint their own abstract art masterpiece. We will look at famous abstract artists and discuss how they use line, color, pattern and texture. We will learn how to mix the primary colors and make secondary colors to paint an imaginative painting.

12:30PM-2PM · ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

**All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park
Location: Counting House @ 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 and try your engineering skills in our design, build, and test challenge!

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2PM-3PM · ENGINEER IT!

Ages 6-17 | Registration required: Reserve at 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: 3rd Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Can you design a vehicle to go down a ramp without losing its cargo? See if you can complete the mission, while being creative and having fun!

2PM-3PM · STEM EXPLORERS WITH LITTLE BITS

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

Children in grades 3-5 are invited to 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. Children will be working in pairs to build an invention. Registration is required and begins on Monday, February 4. Call 978-674-1529 (the Children's Reference Desk) or visit our website: <https://lowelllibrary.org/events>.

2:30PM-4PM · CALMING WINTER FUN

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park

Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Juggling the demands of school and activities in the midst of brisk winter weather? Join us for a crafty and relaxing afternoon! We'll be making sensory bottles, creating unique snowflakes, and trying our hand at circle weaving.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

10AM-12PM · STICK WITH PEOPLE

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Umbrella Community Arts Center

Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Make friends (real or imaginary) out of sticks, yarn, and natural materials. Add accessories like wings, hats, or capes--there's no limit to the possibilities these beautiful seeds and found materials offer your growing circle of friends and family.

11AM-2PM · IMAGINARY BIRDS, BUTTERFLIES, AND ANIMALS

Ages 6-10 | Registration required: <https://www.lowelllearns.com> | Hosted by Lowell Learns

Location: Christ Church United UCC Lowell (1 Bartlett St.)

In this class we'll create imaginary animals made up by combining parts of different animals. We'll look at examples of the magical and mysterious animals that Marc Chagall created from his imagination. Each child will choose 3 animals to mix-up and make their own to draw and then paint.

11AM-2PM · MONKEYING AROUND WITH ANGKOR DANCE TROUPE

Ages 4-12 | No registration required | Hosted by Angkor Dance Troupe

Location: 3rd Floor, Mogan Cultural Center (40 French St.)

Angkor Dance Troupe welcomes you to our Monkeying Around with Angkor Dance Troupe workshop. Come learn about the history and role of the monkey in Cambodian classical dance and make your very own paper monkey mask to take home!

1PM-2PM · OWLS IN WINTER

Ages 3+ with their families | Registration required: Reserve at 978-970-5000

Hosted by Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary

Location: 2nd Floor, Events Center @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Meet native owls that might live in Lowell and learn about what they do in winter.

1PM-3PM · CHILDREN'S GAMES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Ages 4-8 | No registration required | Hosted by NFI Family Resource Center

Location: NFI Family Resource Center (27 Prescott St.)

Join us as we play games from around the world! We'll also be sharing stories and have other activities and things to make.

1:30PM-4PM · JUNIOR RANGER EXPLORE-ATHON

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park

Location: Mill Girls and Immigrants Exhibit (40 French St.)

Junior Rangers at Lowell National Historical Park are storytellers who care for their city. Drop in to the Mill Girls and Immigrants Exhibit any time between 1:30pm and 4pm to explore the park with Junior Ranger guidebooks and earn your very own badge!

2PM-3PM · WATERPOWER WORKSHOP

Ages 6-17 | Registration required: Reserve at 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: 3rd Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Design, build, and operate a canal system just as the Proprietors of Locks and Canals did in Lowell in the early 1800s. All participants will get hands-on canal building experience (no prior experience required). Be ready to have a great time and maybe get a little wet.

3PM-3:45PM · WEAVING WORKSHOP #2

Ages 6-17 | Registration required: Reserve at 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: 3rd Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

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