

LOWELL KIDS WEEK 2020

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.

This year Lowell Kids Week is presented by:

Lowell National Historical Park • Lowell Recreation Department • City of Lowell • Coalition for a Better Acre • Latinx Community Center for Empowerment • Lowell Community Health Center • Lowell Health Department • Lowell Humane Society • Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust • Lowell Police Department • Lowell Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services • Making Art with Artists • Mass Audubon • Mill City Grows • Pollard Memorial Library • Project LEARN • Tsongas Industrial History Center • University of Massachusetts Lowell • Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Community Teamwork

- 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 KidsWeekLowell@gmail.com
- 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.
- Program schedule is subject to change – **please regularly check www.lowellkidsweek.org!**

www.lowellkidsweek.org

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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-12PM · FREE SHOWING OF DOLITTLE

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 "DOLITTLE" 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. Registration begins Wednesday, January 1st. Movie may change depending on availability (if there is a change, we will update it on the city website). Limit of 100 participants.

11AM-12:30PM · MACHINES AND MELODIES

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center

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

How does a machine make a melody come alive? What do looms, music boxes, and computers have in common? During this program, you'll learn the answers to these questions and make your own musical masterpiece.

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!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

10AM-12PM · COMMUNITY CRAFT: WHAT'S YOUR SUPERPOWER?

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

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

What's your superpower? Work with an artist to make a community collage showing off your superpower. We'll be adding to this collage throughout the week, so be sure to flex your skills.

10AM-12PM · CARTOONS AND CARICATURES

Ages 10-16 | Registration required: reserve online at <https://www.lowelllearns.com/mawa---making-art-with-artists.html> | Hosted by Making Art with Artists | Location: Christ Church United (1 Bartlett St.)

Students will learn and explore the techniques of drawing faces and people. Come have fun using pencils and Sharpies to draw faces and learn about cartoons and caricatures.

11AM-11:45AM · 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!

12PM-3PM · BINGO WITH YOUR GRANDPARENTS!

**Kids 3+ and 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 play Bingo at the Senior Center! This is the same event that has been previously run by Retired Lowell Safety Officer Paul Corcoran. This event will take place at the Council on Aging from 12-3pm. Pizza, drinks and prizes will be provided. This event is for kids ages 3-12 along with their families. Registration begins Wednesday, January 1st. Please call the Recreation Office for more information at 978-674-4175 or visit our website at <http://lowellrec.com/info/activities/> to register.

1PM-3PM · PLAYING WITH ANIMAL PATTERNS

Ages 7-12 | Registration required: reserve online at <https://www.lowelllearns.com/mawa---making-art-with-artists.html> | Hosted by Making Art with Artists | Location: Christ Church United (1 Bartlett St.)

In this class we will show and discuss the many patterns and colors found in animals around the world. We'll learn how to mix primary colors to make new ones. Using the paints that we mix and paper each student will create their own animal-inspired patterns.

2PM-3:30PM · CUPCAKE ART

Youth 5-12th grade and their families | Registration required: Reserve at 978-674-1529 | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library | Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)

Create your own artistic masterpiece using cupcakes and a whole lot of other edible decorating materials. We will supply everything you need.

2PM – 3PM · STEM OPEN HOUSE: WATERWORKS AND ENGINEERING

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: 3rd Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Drop in for a chance to have some fun trying out some hands-on activities before the Family Festival! The Tsongas Industrial History Center will have the Engineering and Waterpower workshops open.

3PM – 6PM · 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 local resources, and explore something new about your community! The festival will include activities and giveaways from community organizations, kid-friendly workshops, and art-making. Make sure to join Mill City Grows at 4:30 p.m. for a special demonstration all about how to make kid-friendly smoothies!

Participating organizations include City of Lowell Health Department, Coalition for a Better Acre, Latinx Community Center for Empowerment, Lowell Community Health Center, Lowell Humane Society, Lowell Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services, Lowell Police Department, Making Art with Artists, Mill City Grows, Project LEARN, Tsongas Industrial History Center, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) & Community Teamwork and more!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10AM-2PM · TEDDY BEAR CLINIC

K-8TH Grade | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell Community Health Center

Location: Lowell Community Health Center (161 Jackson St.)

Lowell CHC will be hosting a Teddy Bear Clinic. We are encouraging children to bring their teddy bears to get a "Check-up". Learn about oral health, nutrition, get your teddy a physical exam and more.

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11AM-11:30AM · FARM VISITS TRAVELING PETTING ZOO

Ages 4+ | Registration required: Reserve at 978-674-1529 | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library | Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)

Come and see real live baby farm animals! You can even have a cuddle! Space is limited and sign up is required. Everyone attending must sign up and registration begins February 3, 2020. To reserve your spot, contact the Children's Department at 978-674-1529 or sign up online at www.lowelllibrary.org.

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12PM-1PM · OLD TYME ART

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 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!

12:30PM-2:30PM · PRINCESS FOR A DAY!

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

Hosted by Lowell Recreation Department | Location: Reilly School Cafe Rear Entrance (115 Douglas Rd.) Free program for kids ages 5-11 at the Reilly! Parents can drop their child off in the back entrance of the school at 12:30PM for their child to have the royal princess treatment (hair done, makeup done, nails painted). We will also be decorating cupcakes and having a tea party. Participants can wear a "princess dress" if they would like, but not required. The city is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged items. Pick up is at 2:30PM. Limit of 25 participants. Please call the Recreation Office for more information at 978-674-4175 or visit our website at <http://lowellrec.com/info/activities/> to register.

1PM-2PM · 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.

2PM-2:45PM · WEAVING WORKSHOP #2

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10AM-12PM · COMICS & GRAPHIC NOVELS

Ages 10-16 | Registration required: reserve online at <https://www.lowelllearns.com/mawa--making-art-with-artists.html> | Hosted by Making Art with Artists | Location: Christ Church United (1 Bartlett St.)

Learn how to tell visual stories! We'll look at different styles and types of comic books and graphic novels. We'll start by putting down ideas and work out a rough story. We'll cast the right character for the right part.

10:30AM-11:30AM · BOW WOW STORYTIME

Ages 2-5 | Registration required: Reserve at 978-674-1529 | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library | Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)

Join us for a special storytime for children ages 2 - 5 featuring our therapy dog, Thor and his handler Joyce. We will be reading books, singing songs, and making a craft. Reserve your spot by calling the Children's Desk at 978-674-1529 or visit our special events calendar at <https://www.lowelllibrary.org> and register online. Registration begins on Monday, February 3rd. *Thor and Joyce are affiliated with Therapy Pets Unlimited.

10AM-11AM · PUPPET MAKING

Ages 6-17 | No registration required | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: 3rd Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Geared toward the young but fun for all. Join us to learn how to make a puppet. A stage and scripts will be available to use your imagination, have fun storytelling and playing with puppets. A Puppet performance will be at noon.

11AM-12PM · SING ALONG & STORYTIME

Ages 6-17 | No registration required | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: 3rd Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Come by to learn some songs and have fun here in Lowell.

12PM-1PM · PUPPET PERFORMANCE

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Welcome one and all to come by and join in the puppet show.

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1PM-3PM · COLLAGING ANIMAL INSPIRED PATTERNS

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We will create a collaged masterpiece using the animal-inspired patterns created in class on Tuesday. Students who missed the Tuesday class can create a quick animal pattern from which to collage.

1PM-3PM · ORIGINAL ORIGAMI

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

Try your hand at origami! During this program, you'll have the chance to create origami versions of animals found in the Merrimack Valley with a park ranger.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10AM-11:30AM · CRAFTING FRIENDSHIP FUN

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

How did mill girls bond with their friends? Learn about the crafty ways that mill girls bonded more than 150 years ago. Make your own friendship book, art project, or piece of jewelry.

10AM-12PM · BIRD FEEDERS AND SCAVENGER HUNT

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust

Location: Hawk Valley Farm - end of Varnum Terrace

Learn all about your local birds. Create backyard bird feeders and complete a bird themed scavenger hunt!

11AM-12PM · 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.

12PM-1PM · NATURE COLLAGE

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

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

Work with an artist to make a nature collage and learn how YOU can make the world a greener place!

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.

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5PM-10PM · LOWELL WINTERFEST

All ages | No registration required | Hosted by City of Lowell | Location: downtown Lowell

Starting with the 5PM official opening of Winterfest, enjoy FREE events downtown including: street curling on Arcand Drive, the Winter Market on JFK Plaza, music in tents, and a fire show! Events close at 10PM. For more information visit <https://www.lowellwinterfest.com/>

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

2PM-4PM · AMIGOS DEL PLANETA TIERRA/FRIENDS OF PLANET EARTH

**Ages 4-12 | No registration required | Hosted by Latinx Community Center for Empowerment
| Location: Lowell NPS Visitor Center (246 Market St.)**

Come and learn about recycling habits and sustainability with friends from the Latinx Community Center for Empowerment!

11AM-10PM · LOWELL WINTERFEST

All ages | No registration required | Hosted by City of Lowell | Location: downtown Lowell

Lowell's annual Winterfest weekend in downtown Lowell continues on Saturday! Check out the Kids Fun Zone in JFK Plaza tent, live music, and other performances such as the Bubble Guy. For more information visit <https://www.lowellwinterfest.com/>