



Lowell Kids Week 2023



February 18th-26th Schedule of Events

In partnership with many community organizations, Lowell Kids Week is very happy to provide another week of free and exciting activities for kids and families during this school vacation.

This year Lowell Kids Week is presented by:

**City of Lowell • Lowell National Historical Park • Pollard Public Library •
Tsongas Industrial History Center • Lowell PD • Mill City Grows •
Lala Books • Massachusetts Audubon Society • Lowell Housing Authority •
Lowell Recreation Department
And many others!**

- All programs are free, but many require advance registration. Please see program listings for details and registration information!
- Program schedule is subject to change – please regularly check ww.lowellkidsweek.org
- Information about these activities and other local resources can be found on the Lowell Kids Week Facebook page - www.facebook.com/lowellkidsweek
- Questions about a specific event or program should be directed to the organization sponsoring the program!



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Saturday, February 18th 2023

Lowell's Winterfest!

All Ages | No Registration Required | Hosted by the City of Lowell |

Location: Lowell Memorial Auditorium (50 E Merrimack Street, Lowell)

Winterfest is back! This free, two-day event will be hosted at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium this year, Friday and Saturday, February 17th –18th. Winterfest features live music, free entertainment, and family activities.

Visit <https://www.lowellwinterfest.com/winterfest-home> for more information!

12 pm – 3 pm • Watch The Winterfest Youth Mural Competition

All Ages | No Registration Required | Hosted by Mosaic Lowell | Location: Lowell Memorial Auditorium

Cheer on the participants at the Youth Mural Competition at Winterfest! Teams of young people (ages 13-17) will be live painting their vision for this year's theme: "Coming Soon: What would you add to Lowell?" Everyone is invited to see these young artists in action, enjoy music provided by Spins & Needles DJs, and browse the Art Market. Awards will be announced at 3:30PM.

Sunday, February 19th

2 pm – 4 pm • Decorating Bandboxes

All Ages | No Registration Required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park |

Location: Boott Cotton Mill Museum, The Counting House, 115 John St. Lowell, MA

The Mill Girls used bandboxes to store their hats, clothing, and accessories. These decorative boxes were covered in wallpaper or specially designed patterned paper on the outside.

The inside was covered in newspaper showing headlines, articles, and advertisements of the day. Choose among a selection of colorful paper or create your own designs to cover a bandbox.

Monday, February 20th

10 am – 12 pm • Free Movie at AMC Tyngsboro

All Ages | Under 12 must be accompanied by an adult | Registration Required: Reserve Online | Hosted by Lowell Recreation Department | Location: AMC Tyngsborough 12 (440 Middlesex Rd, Tyngsborough)

Free movie at the AMC Tyngsboro! *Movie: To Be Determined. * 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 Saturday, January 21st. Movie may change depending on availability (if there is a change, we will update it on the city website). Limit of 100 participants.

Monday, February 20th 2023 Continued!

11 am – 2 pm • Make a Bookmark

All Ages | No Registration Required | Hosted by lala books | Location: lala books, 189 Market St

Drop in anytime to make a bookmark - from simple color-in designs to folded paper creations from 11 am - 2 pm. Check out more details at lalabookstore.com.

1 pm – 3 pm • Light Up Valentine's Day Cards

Grades K-12 | Registration Required: Reserve through Email | Hosted by Coalition for A Better Acre | Location: The YES! Learning Center at Coalition for A Better Acre, 517 Moody Street, First Floor

Can you make your Valentine's Card Light Up? Learn how to build your own circuit card! This STEAM Activity will be delivered by CBA's Youth Development Manager, Pam Larocque, an expert in hands-on STEAM Learning. Students will have the opportunity to design a Valentine's Card around a cut-and-paste circuit, they build themselves, featuring a small light as a part of the card's art. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Please email Pam Larocque at pam.larocque@cbacre.org to register and include the following information: child(ren)'s name(s), age(s), grade(s), and food allergies and put Lowell Kid's Week in the subject line. Spaces are first come, first serve and are restricted to 20. A confirmation email will be sent back within 24 hours if your child(ren) secure(s) a spot and if the activity is full, you will receive a notification your child(ren) will be added to the waitlist.

2 pm – 4 pm • Creating Silhouettes and Letter Writing

All Ages | No Registration Required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park | Location: Boott Cotton Mill Museum, The Counting House, 115 John St. Lowell, MA

Before the use of cell phones and digital cameras, people communicated with each other by writing and sending letters. They also found different ways of capturing images, by painting, sketching, and creating silhouettes. During the Industrial Revolution, Mill Girls often wrote letters to send to their loved ones, which may have included a photograph or portrait silhouette. Try your hand at calligraphy or decorative handwriting to craft a letter and then create a silhouette or shadow drawing to capture your self-portrait.

4 pm – 6 pm • Meet Maria: Black History STEM

Grades K-12 | Registration Required: Reserve through Email | Hosted by Coalition for a Better Acre | Location: The YES! Learning Center at Coalition for A Better Acre, 517 Moody Street, First Floor

Join CBA's Youth Development Manager, Pam Larocque to learn about Dr. Marie M. Daly, a pioneer in the biochemistry field who blazed trails for BIPOC and Women in the industry with her profound work studying the human pulmonary and cardiac systems. Dr. Daly was also the first woman to receive a PhD in Chemistry in the United States! Following Dr. Daly's biopic, students will build models of clean, partially clogged, and fully clogged arteries and make a model of the heart from everyday items. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. **Please email Pam Larocque at pam.larocque@cbacre.org to register and include the following information: child(ren)'s name(s), age(s), grade(s), and food allergies and put Lowell Kid's Week in the subject line.**

Tuesday, February 21th 2023

10 am – 12 pm • All About Seeds: Movement, Art and Food

All Ages | Reservations Required: Online Form Below | Hosted by Mill City Grows | Location: 19 Hall St. Looking for something fun to do over Winter vacation? Join Mill City Grow's this February to start your seeds in Lowell! During this time together, our Education Team will be proving a tour of our office, leading a hands-on activity, and making a farm-fresh snack for families to take home with them! **Reserve your spot using the link below:** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-paVAKGvqXcUN0AtAoaI2E873p_dhzkh6JmGbqCIYW6g07A/viewform

10 am – 11 am • Lowell Police Youth Services Boxing Program

Ages 10-18 | Reservations Required: Reserve through Email | Hosted by Lowell Police Youth Services | Location: Portuguese American Youth Center, Top Floor, 739 Central St, Lowell, MA

Join the Lowell Police Youth Services Department for this Youth Boxing Program, attendees will have the opportunity to learn and practice boxing skills. Lowell Police Department Youth Services provides youth programs that emphasize health and wellness.

To reserve your spot, reach out to mmarshall@lowellma.gov.

10 am – 12 pm • Print a Still Life

Ages 8-14 | Reservations Required: Reserve Online | Hosted by Lowell Learns Community Music and Art Initiative | Location: Christ Church United, 1 Bartlett St. Lowell

Paint a still life using stamps cut and carved from Styrofoam trays. You may be inspired by famous paintings, by a real still-life set-up, or by your own imagination. What will strike your fancy? Will your painting contain: Flowers? Fruits? Furniture? Stuffed animals? Come explore and create!

Reserve your spot at www.lowelllearns.com before February 18.

10 am – 1 pm • Unleash Your Inner Artist: Creating a Historic Masterpiece at Whistler House Museum of Art

Grades 4-9 | Reservations Required: Reserve through Email or Phone | Hosted by the Whistler House Museum of Art | Location: Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St, Lowell, MA

Visit the birthplace of American artist James McNeill Whistler and meet his famous mother! Learn about the historic house, the artist, and his famous works. Join the Whistler House Museum of Art's Artist-in-Residence to draw, color, paint, and create collages of "Whistler's Mother." **Reach out to the Whistler House Museum to reserve a spot: dgain@whistlerhouse.org or call 978-452-7641.**

11 am – 2 pm • Make a Bookmark

All Ages | No Registration Required | Hosted by lala books | Location: lala books, 189 Market St

Drop in anytime to make a bookmark - from simple color-in designs to folded paper creations from 11 am - 2 pm. Check out more details at lalabookstore.com.

11 am – 12 pm • Little Makers

Grades K-4 | Reservation Required: Reserve Online or Phone | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library | Location: Pollard Memorial Library

Join us for a STEM tinker lab! Children in grades K-4 will rotate between stations with STEM building supplies to explore, experiment, and put together materials in new ways. Registration is required and space is limited. Registration begins on Monday, February 6, 2023. **Sign up online lowelllibrary.org/events or by calling the Children's Reference Desk (978) 674-1529.**

Tuesday, February 21th Continued!

12 pm – 1 pm • Winter Nature Scavenger Hunt

All Ages | Reservation Required: Reserve Online | Hosted by Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust |

Location: Hawk Valley Farm, End of Varnum Terrace, Lowell, MA 01854

Enjoy the fresh air as you search high and low while exploring all that Hawk Valley Farm has to offer. Learn about the nature and history of this protected conservation land in an exciting scavenger hunt. **Reserve your spot on their website: <https://lowelllandtrust.org/kids-week-winter-nature-scavenger-hunt/>**

12 pm – 3 pm • Bingo with Your Grandparents!

Ages 3-12 | Reservations Required: Reserve Online or Phone | Hosted by Lowell Recreation Department

| Location: Council on Aging, 276 Broadway Street, Lowell MA

Come play Bingo at the Senior Center! This event will take place at the Council on Aging from 12-3 pm. Pizza, drinks, and prizes will be provided. This event is for kids ages 3-12 along with their families. Registration begins Saturday, January 21st. **Please call the Recreation Office for more information at 978-674-4175 or visit our website at <http://lowellrec.com/info/activities/> to register.**

12 pm – 2 pm • Restorative Justice Art Activity

Ages 8-13 | Reservations Required: Form Linked Below | Hosted by YWCA Lowell |

Location: YWCA Acre Youth Center, 41 Rock St, Lowell MA

Join this hands-on art activity that explores values and restorative justice.

Reserve a spot: <https://forms.gle/Mji2pWwAkvxgZFfZA>

1 pm – 2 pm • Lowell Police Youth Services Boxing Program

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2 pm – 2:45 pm • Hands-On History - Weaving Workshop

All Ages | Reservations Required: Phone in | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center |

Location: Boott Cotton Mill Museum, 3rd Floor, 115 John St. Lowell, MA

Come try weaving on our four harness looms in our educational spaces at the Boott Cotton Mill Museum. Learn how cloth was made by hand and get to try our hand looms. **Reserve your spot by calling: 978-970-5000.**

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Wednesday, February 22nd 2023

9 am - 12 pm • IDEA Camp Showcase

Grades 3-10 | Registration Required: Form Below | Hosted by Project LEARN |

Location: Project LEARN's Youth Innovation Space at 58 Prescott Street, Suite C1

Join us for a day of hands-on science & fun! We're inviting Lowell kids (Grades 4 - 10) to join us for a day of interactive STEM-themed activities. Learn to code with Sphero robots, build a functioning model heart, see an underwater robot, or prepare a farm-to-table edible dish! Families and kids of all ages are welcome to participate in these hands-on mini workshops. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. **Use the following link to fill out the reservation form: www.bit.ly/3HLt0HR**

10 am – 12 pm • Free Movie at AMC Tyngsboro

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10 am – 11 am • Hands-on Nature Presents: Winter Hibernation

Grades K-12 | Registration Required Online and Phone | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library | Location: Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack Street Lowell, MA

How do your favorite animals spend the winter? Learn about how animals look for shelter during the coldest months of the year. We'll talk about hibernation and how animals spend the winter, and the amazing ways animals survive through harsh New England temperatures. Bring a stuffed animal and create a cozy hibernation den to take home! **Sign-up is required and begins on Feb. 6, 2023, online at <https://lowelllibrary.org/events> or by phone at 978-674-1529.**

10 am – 12 pm • 'Life Doesn't Frighten Me' Poem/Painting

Ages 8-14 | Reservations Required: Reserve Online | Hosted by Lowell Learns Community Music and Art Initiative | Location: Christ Church United, 1 Bartlett St. Lowell

We'll create our own painting inspired by the 'Life Doesn't Frighten Me' poem by Maya Angelou and illustrations by Jean-Michel Basquiat. What scary things can we explore... 'Shadows on the wall, Noises down the hall or Lions on the loose'? We'll have fun finding out.

Reserve your spot at www.lowelllearns.com before Feb. 18.

11 am – 2 pm • Make a Bookmark

All Ages | No Registration Required | Hosted by lala books | Location: lala books, 189 Market St

Drop in anytime to make a bookmark - from simple color-in designs to folded paper creations from 11 am - 2 pm. Check out more details at lalabookstore.com.

Wednesday, February 22nd Continued

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm • Princess for a Day!

Ages 3-11 | Registration Required: Reserve Online and Phone | Hosted by Lowell Recreation Department | Location: Reilly School Cafeteria, 115 Douglas Road Lowell, MA

All participants must be fully potty-trained. Parents can drop their child off at the back entrance of the school at 12:30 PM 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 2:30 PM. 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. Registration begins Saturday, January 21st.**

2 pm – 3 pm • Make a Hanger Doll

All Ages | Registration Required: Reserve by Phone | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park | Location: Boott Cotton Mill Museum, Counting House, 115 John St. Lowell, MA

Using common materials like hangers and scraps of cloth, you will be able to design and customize your very own doll! Wire doll frames will be provided, already bent to resemble the shape of a doll. You can then create a unique doll using a variety of yarns and fabrics! **Reserve your spot by calling: 978-970-5000**

3 pm – 6 pm • Filmmaking for Kids

Ages 8-14 | Registration Required: Facebook Event for Information | Hosted by Scot Langdon | Location: 122 Western Avenue, Lowell Artists Studio and Lofts - Teaching Space on the Second Floor

Hands-on filmmaking for children ages 8-14 with an interest or passion for photography, videography, story creation, filmmaking, editing, camera work, audio production, and taking an idea and bringing it to life in a collaborative, supportive team environment. **See Facebook Event page for more details and to reserve a spot: <https://fb.me/e/2Rw2knl69>**

Thursday, February 23rd

10 am – 12 pm • Portraits Remix

Ages | Reservations Required: Reserve Online | Hosted By Lowell Learns Community Music and Art Initiative | Location: Christ Church United, 1 Bartlett St. Lowell

Get ready for a remix - we will create funky portrait collages where anything goes! Our teachers will be famous artists with a passion for creativity and collage - Wangechi Mutu, Pablo Picasso, and Hannah Hoch. **Reserve your spot at www.lowelllearns.com before February 18.**

10 am – 11:30 am • Winter Wildlife Exploration

All Ages | Registration Required: Reserve on Website | Hosted by Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust | Location: Hawk Valley Farm, End of Varnum Terrace, Lowell, MA 01854

Enjoy the fresh air and new sights as you search Hawk Valley Farm; for birds' overhead to mystery tracks left in the snow. Practice your scientific skills as you search for signs of animal life around this beautiful and historic property. **Reserve your spot on their website: <https://lowelllandtrust.org/kids-week-winter-nature-scavenger-hunt/>**

Thursday, February 23rd Continued!

11 am – 12 pm • Family Game Day!

Grades K-12 | Registration Required Online and Phone | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library |

Location: Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack Street Lowell, MA

Do you have the winter blues? Get out of the house and join us for a family-friendly board game event! Children of all ages and their families can play from our selection of games or bring their own. Registration is required and space is limited. **Sign-up is required and begins on Feb. 6, 2023, online at <https://lowelllibrary.org/events> or by phone at 978-674-1529.**

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1 pm – 3 pm • Exploring Coin Design and Embossing

All Ages | No Reservations Required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park and John F. Kennedy National Historical Site | Location: Boott Cotton Mill Museum, Counting House, 115 John St. Lowell, MA

Join a ranger from John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site and learn about the history behind the creation of the Kennedy half dollar and the Lowell NHP America the Beautiful quarter! US Mint coins have featured the Liberty Bell, eagles on the moon, Presidents, and even National Park sites, like Lowell National Historical Park. Create your own coin design and try embossing it on foil!

2 pm – 2:45 pm • Hands-On History - Weaving Workshop

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11 am – 12 pm • Native Owls in Winter

All Ages | Registration Required: Reserve by Phone | Hosted by Massachusetts Audubon Society |

Location: Boott Cotton Mills, Event Center on the Second Floor, 115 John St. Lowell, MA

Meet an owl and learn about what the owls that live in and around Lowell are doing in the winter! And how you can look for them when you're outside exploring.

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2 pm – 3 pm • Teen DIY Workshop: Button Making

Grades 5-12 | Registration Required Online and Phone | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library | Location: Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack Street Lowell, MA

Use your creativity and design your own buttons! All supplies are provided. Registration is required and supplies are limited. **Sign-up is required and begins on Feb. 6, 2023, online at <https://lowelllibrary.org/events> or by phone at 978-674-1529.**

6 pm – 8 pm • Family Movie Night!

All Ages | No Reservation Required | Hosted by The Lowell Housing Authority |

Location: Armand P. Mercier Community Center, 21 Salem St., Lowell, MA

The Lowell Housing Authority welcomes families to a fun movie night. Join us in your pajamas and we will provide the snacks! On their Facebook page mark "Going" to ensure that they have enough for all! All children/youth must be accompanied by an adult. **Find more information here: <https://fb.me/e/29inOlvbY>**

Saturday, February 25th 2023

11 am – 1 pm • Swa Pol (Monkey Dance) Workshop

Ages 5-18 | Reservation Required: | Hosted by Angkor Dance Troupe |

Location: The Mogan Cultural Center, 40 French Street, Lowell, MA

Learn about the dance and history of the Angkor Dance Troupe. Enjoy watching a Swa Pol (Monkey Dance) performance and then practice the movements with our dancers and instructors, accompanied by music.

Reserve your spot using the following link: <https://forms.gle/Wm7Ab7oyrT1N8Krx5>

11 am – 4 pm • Magic Wand Making (Newly Added)

All Ages | No Reservation Required | Hosted by Pop Cultured | Location: Pop Cultured @ Mill No. 5, 250 Jackson Street, Lowell, MA

Families are invited to drop in to Pop Cultured at Mill No. 5 and craft their own magic wand! No reservation needed, free to attend, while supplies last.

12 pm – 2 pm • Winter Arts and Crafts

All Ages | No Reservation Required | Hosted by The Umbrella Arts Center |

Location: Boott Cotton Mill Museum, Counting House, 115 John St. Lowell, MA

Families of all ages will create fun crafts inspired by the season of Winter and the World around them! Drop in anytime to unleash your creativity and make some wonderful winter art pieces!

1 pm – 3 pm • Creative Clay Creatures

Ages 5-12 | No Reservation Required | Hosted by Arts League of Lowell |

Location: Arts League of Lowell, 307 Market St. Lowell, MA

Join the artists of ALL as we create fanciful creatures using clay. You will learn how to model with clay and take home your very own creation!

3 pm – 4 pm • Weaving by Hand

All Ages | No Reservations Required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park |

Location: Boott Cotton Mill Museum, Counting House, 115 John St. Lowell, MA

Get your hands tangled and try out different methods of weaving yarn, all of which don't require big looms or complicated tools! They're all done with your hand or household items.

Sunday, February 26th

2 pm – 4 pm • Creating Silhouettes and Letter Writing

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