



April 15th - 23rd

Schedule of Events

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

This year Lowell PLAYcation is presented by:

City of Lowell • Lowell National Historical Park • Pollard Public Library • Lala Books • Lowell Housing Authority • Tsongas Industrial History Center

- 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 www.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!



www.lowellkidsweek.org





Saturday April 15

Make a Hanger Doll

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

All Ages | No Registration Required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park | Location: Boott Cotton Mills 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! This is a drop-in activity, while supplies last.

History Detective Hike

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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

Want to learn more about the history in your own community? Join a Park Ranger on a special tour in downtown Lowell! Become a history detective as we look closely at the downtown buildings and landscapes. Feel free to bring a camera, sketch pad, or journal to help you record your discoveries.

Sunday April 16

Hands-On History - Weaving & Engineering Workshops

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

All Ages | No Registration Required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park and Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: Boott Cotton Mill Museum, 3rd Floor, 115 John St. Lowell, MA

Connect, Create, and Discover! Lowell National Historical Park and the Tsongas Industrial History Center are excited to offer hands-on workshops for everyone to come and experience history by doing! Drop by and weave on a four-harness loom or try your hand at an engineering challenge.

Monday April 17

Lantern Decorating

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

All Ages | No Reservations Required | Hosted by Mosaic Lowell | Location: Boott Cotton Mill Museum, Counting House, 115 John St. Lowell, MA

Lowell National Historical Park in collaboration with Lowell's Annual Points of Light Floating Lantern Celebration invite you to decorate a lantern before the event. Participants will be able to personalize a lantern while supplies last! Your lantern will then be floated on the Western Canal the evening of Saturday, April 29th. Please note that your decorated lanterns will not be taken home, festival organizers will ensure they are part of the event later this month. To see your lantern at the festival visit www.pointsoflightlowell.com for more information about the event.

Tuesday April 18

Healthy Teens, Healthy Relationships

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Grades K-4 | Reservation Required: Reserve Online | Hosted YWCA Lowell and Lowell Community Health Center Teen BLOCK | Location: YWCA Lowell Acre Youth Center, 41 Rock St, Lowell, MA

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. Sign up using the form: <https://forms.gle/gCTzUfUoe7QxBRVu6>.

Little Makers

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Grades K-4 | Reservation Required: Reserve Online or Phone | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library | Location: Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack St. Lowell, MA

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 begins on Monday, April 3, 2023. Sign up online lowelllibrary.org/events or by calling the Children's Reference Desk (978) 674-1529.

Exploring Coin Design and Embossing

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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!

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Wednesday April 19, continued...

Peep-Tacular Art! A Peep Diorama

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Grades 5 – 12 | Reservation Required: Reserve Online or Phone | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library | Location: Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack St. Lowell, MA 01852

Peep-Tacular Art! Come make a Peeps diorama. We'll provide the Peeps, shoe boxes, and bibbles and bobbles for you to create your work of art. Sign up online lowelllibrary.org/events or by calling the Children's Reference Desk (978) 674-1529.

Stuffie Library Sleepover

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Ages 4 and up | Reservation Required: Reserve Online or Phone | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library | Location: Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack St. Lowell, MA 01852

Join us for a special PJ storytime! Come in your PJ's and bring a stuffie friend. After storytime, your stuffie will stay at the library and join other stuffies for a special library sleepover. What sort of shenanigans will the stuffies get into? Don't worry, we will post photos showing their antics! On Thursday at 10 AM, return to the library for a craft and snack with your stuffie. Sign up required and begins April 3, 2023. Sign up online lowelllibrary.org/events or by calling the Children's Reference Desk (978) 674-1529.

Thursday April 20

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Friday April 21

Earth Day Family Fun- Salem St.

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Ages 5-11 | No Reservation Required | Hosted by Lowell Housing Authority and Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust | Location: North Common Village- 21 Salem St.

Join the Lowell Housing Authority and Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust as the Eco-Mobile brings a second year of Earth Day festivities! Elementary school kids (roughly 5-11 years of age) are invited to participate in an outdoor scavenger hunt and other hands-on activities! There will also be a limited supply of gift bags for attendees, provided by The Wish Project. **All children must be accompanied by an adult.** This event will also take place at Highland Parkway (580 Chelmsford St.), from 12:15-1:30pm, on the same day. Please attend the location that is most convenient for you. Please attend the location that is most convenient for you. More information can be found: <https://fb.me/e/2s5hCMSrv>.

Friday April 21, continued...

Earth Day Family Fun- Chelmsford St.

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM

Ages 5-11 | No Reservation Required | Hosted by Lowell Housing Authority and Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust | Location: Highland Parkway- 580 Chelmsford St.

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Playing Cat's Cradle

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Ages 6 and up | No Reservations Required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park | Location: Boott Cotton Mill Museum, Counting House, 115 John St. Lowell, MA

While a simple piece of string may not seem like it can be used for much, tied in a loop, string has provided endless entertainment for hundreds of years across the globe. Join rangers in learning the many different string figures. Grab your friend and learn to play Cat's Cradle or work on your own to make unique string designs. When you're finished, you can bring home your string and work on new figures and teach your friends!

Saturday April 22 **Earth Day!**

Mack Plaza & Pawtucket Canal Cleanup

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

All ages | No Reservation Required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park, Lowell Litter Krewe, Lowell Canalwater Cleaners | Mack Plaza, 246 Market St.

Meet at Mack Plaza, 246 Market St. Event hosted by Lowell Litter Krewe, Lowell Canalwater Cleaners and Lowell National Historical Park. Help clean up the city of Lowell on Earth Day! Gloves and tools will be provided. This event is rain or shine – please dress for the weather and wear closed-toed shoes. For more information, visit: <https://fb.me/e/49EZpfZoV>

Grab and Explore Scavenger Hunt

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Ages 6 and up | No Reservation Required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park | Location: Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St. or Boott Cotton Mills Museum, 115 John St.

Grab a fun activity bag and explore Lowell National Historical Park together with your family and friends. Take home activities or spend time outside working on a scavenger hunt!

Saturday April 22, continued...

Boott Cotton Mills Museum Fee Free Day!

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

All ages | No Reservation Required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park | Boott Cotton Mills Museum, 115 John St.

To kick off National Park Week the National Park Service is offering free admission to all National Parks around the country! Here at Lowell National Historical Park, the Boott Cotton Mills Museum will be free for all visitors Saturday, April 22nd. The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., so come by and explore the multitude of stories that shaped this industrial city.

Lowell Youth Baseball and Softball Parade

12:00 pm

All Ages | No Reservation Required | Hosted by the City of Lowell and Lowell Youth Baseball and Softball League | Location: Begins at Tsongas Arena, Ends JFK Plaza

The parade will begin at 12 pm at the Tsongas Arena and continue along Arcand Drive, arriving at JFK Plaza. At the plaza, there will be music, food, and activities. Prior to the parade, there will be an Earth Day cleanup from 8:30am-11:30am with Lowell Canalwaters Cleaners, Lowell National Historical Park and the Lowell Litter Krewe.

Sunday April 23

Story Time With a Ranger

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

All Ages | No Reservation Required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park | Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St.

Drop by to visit Lowell National Historical Park and join in for Story Time with one of our rangers. The ranger will have different stories to read, stay and listen to one or stay longer!

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