



Activities Calendar April 17th-21st

Ongoing Events

April 17th- May 6th
(see website
for showtimes)

Big Apple Circus City Hall Plaza

The Big Apple Circus combines international circus artistry with Broadway-style theater under a big top at Boston's City Hall Plaza. No seat is more than 30 feet away from the action.

Location: 1 City Hall Plaza, Boston, MA

Cost: \$10 to \$37 (**Save \$5** per ticket, use promotional code: **CITY**)

Phone: 617-931-2787

Website: www.bigapplecircus.org

Apr. 14th-May 6th
Sat, Sun 2pm

A Year with Frog and Toad Boston Children's Theatre, Grand Lodge of Masons

The Boston Children's Theatre presents a new musical version of A Year with Frog and Toad, based on Arnold Lobel's remarkably human amphibians. This is a performance by children, for children.

Location: 186 Tremont St., Boston, MA

Cost: \$12-18

Phone: 617-424-6634

Website: www.bostonchildrenstheatre.org

April 13th-22nd
Thu-Sat 8pm
Sun 3pm

Alice in Wonderland Riverside Theatre Works

Alice in wonderland comes to life at the Riverside Theatre. Alice's tale of falling through the rabbit hole and meeting the talking caterpillars and Cheshire cats.

Location: 45 Fairmount Avenue, Hyde Park, MA

Cost: \$22 Adults, \$19 Students and Children under 12 \$15

Ages: 6 and up

Phone: 617-361-5269

Website: www.riversidetheatreworks.org

Apr. 14th-21st
11am

The Paperbag Princess The Center for the Arts Natick

Pocket Full of Tales Theatre Company presents The Paper Bag Princess. This is a tale about a resourceful princess that saves the day.

Location: 4 Summer St. Natick, MA

Cost: \$8 Adults, Children 3-12 \$5.

Phone: 617-647-0097

Website: <http://www.pocketfulloftales.com> **April Vacation Special Events:**

April 17th-20th
10am-4pm

School Vacation Week: The Art of Nature Museum of Fine Arts

The MFA celebrates April school vacation with special performances, art-making activities, and other events: Tue-Fri, 11am & 1pm Tues – Fri, 11 & 1: Film shorts (Tue-Fri, 11am & 1pm); a variety of children's stories about nature read by story-teller Laura Ziman (Tue-Fri, 10:30am & 1:30pm); an interactive performance by the Underground Railway Theater that explores nature in art (Tue-Fri, 10:30am, 11:30am, & 12:30pm); drop-in drawing activity (Thu 1pm & 2:30pm, Fri 10:30am & 12:30pm); nature-inspired art-making activities and the 4th annual Nagoya/Boston MFA Postcard Exchange (Tue-Fri 10am-4pm). No pre-registration required.

Activities are offered on-going throughout the day.

Location: 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA

Cost: Free with Admission

Phone: 617-369-3300

Website: www.mfa.org

April 18th and 19th
10am-11:30am

Paul Revere's Midnight Ride

Paul Revere's House

Find out what really happened on the midnight ride. Watch a short slide program, then retrace Revere's route from his home to the Charles. Kids will have hats and carry props as actors. Reservation required.

Location: 19 North Square, Boston, MA

Cost: \$4.50 per participant and \$4.50 per accompanying adult

Phone: 617-523-2338

April 18th-21st
11am-3pm

April Vacation Week Activities

USS Constitution

Location: Boston National Historical Park - Building 22, Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, MA

Cost: Free

Ages: 2 and up

Phone: 617-426-1812 x146

April 18th-22nd

Vacation Week

Boston Central Library

A family concert with Johnny the K performing with a guitar, disguises, and songs (Wed, 10:30am); clowning around with a clown from the Big Apple Circus who drops by to perform (Wed 3pm-5pm); and magic with Steve Rudolph, who performs a magic show that stresses reading (Fri 10:30am); and reading with Lucy, the Dog, a Reading Education Assistance Dog (Sun, 2:30pm, for children ages 5-8).

Location: 700 Boylston St., Boston, MA

Ages: 2-8

Phone: 617-536-5400 ext. 2328

Website: www.bpl.org

April 17th-20th
9am-3pm

April Vacation Week at Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary

Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary

Explore the wonders at Broadmoor by taking a look at the flowers, frogs, salamanders and lots of baby animals! Watch the return of the birds to the fields and wetlands as they hunt for food, sing and build nests.

Location: 280 Eliot Street, Natick, MA

Ages: Separate programs for grades K-1, grades 2-3, and grades 4-5. Registration required

Cost: Non-members: Four days \$210, single day \$60; Members: Four days \$190, single day \$55

April 17th-20th
9am-12n

The Mansion is Bugged

Gore Place

Kids explore the world of insects and spiders through art, science, literature, and music in a series of four classes. They learn about insect structure and ecology and how to draw insects accurately using multiple techniques and media. In addition, insect-themed folktales, myths, artwork and music are used to stimulate children's creativity and imagination. Space is limited and reservations are required

Location: 52 Gore Place, Waltham, MA

Cost: \$32 per session

Ages: 6-9

Phone: 781-894-2798

Tuesday April 17th

11am

Animal Affair

Lower Mills Branch Library

The Animal Affair brings animals for a visit. Groups should sign up in advance.

Location: 27 Richmond St. Dorchester, MA

Cost: Free

Phone: 617-298-7841

Website: www.bpl.org

12-8pm

Free Cone Day

Ben & Jerry's

Ben & Jerry's all over town host their annual Free Cone Day.

Locations: 36 J.F.K. Street, Cambridge, MA; 174 Newbury Street, Boston, MA; 20 Park Plaza, Boston, MA

Cost: Free

Website: [www. Benjerry.com](http://www.Benjerry.com)

Wednesday April 18th

3pm

Print Making

Lower Mills Branch Library

Learn about block printing, courtesy of the Boston Children's Museum.

Location: 27 Richmond St. Dorchester, MA

Cost: Free

Phone: 617-298-7841

Website: www.bpl.org

11:30am-4pm

Fun For Families Day

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Activities include creating jazzy jewelry, constructing a hat, bird watching and becoming a detective to help the king find his precious jewels.

Location: 280 The Fenway, Boston

Cost: Free with admission

Website: [http://isabellastewartgardner.org/ calendar/detail.asp?fillid=711](http://isabellastewartgardner.org/calendar/detail.asp?fillid=711)

Thursday April 19th

3pm

Weaving

Lower Mills Branch Library

Learn about weaving on a handmade loom, courtesy of the Boston Children's Museum.

Location: 27 Richmond St. Dorchester, MA

Cost: Free

Phone: 617-298-7841

Website: www.bpl.org

3:30pm

Historic New England Fun and Games

Mattapan Branch Library

Play old-fashioned games.

Location: 10 Hazelton St. Mattapan, MA

Cost: Free

Ages: 5-12

Phone: 617-298-9218

Website: www.bpl.org