

**Activities Calendar**  
**Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

**This Weekend**

**Strawberry Festival**

Live bands, food vendors and picnic area, ice cream shortcake pastries and pie, barn yard animals, pick your own strawberry's on over 10 acres and enjoy hayrides and pony rides.

Date/time: Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 6pm

Location: Connors Farm (off Rte. 35 in Danvers)

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

**Saturday & Sunday**

**Summers Day Revels**

For everyone under the sun! Celebrate the first weekend of summer with a free festive two-day musical event with Queen Sun and King Moon. Enjoy ethnic foods, public art, cultural performances and the lighting of the Beacon – all welcoming the summer season.

Date/time: Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>; 4pm to twilight

Location: Boston Children's Museum

Website: [www.revels.org](http://www.revels.org)

Phone: 617-972-8300

Cost: Free

**Sunday**

**10,000 Strong Boston – A Call to Action**

10,000 Strong Boston has been described as a “mini-Million Man March” for Boston. It is an event organized to take a stand against the issues facing our community while promoting responsibility, accountability, family, social justice and civic engagement. Please visit their website below for a schedule of the day and list of invited speakers.

Date/time: Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00pm to 6:00pm

Location: Franklin Park

Website: [www.10000strongboston.com](http://www.10000strongboston.com)

Phone: 617-555-6463

Cost: Free

**Weekly Activities**

**Monday**

**Annie Sullivan, Teacher**

A one-woman show performed by Kate Carney for those ages 10 and up. Sullivan is the teacher who taught Helen Keller how to communicate.

Date/time: Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Location: South Boston Branch Library; 646 East Broadway

Website: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

Phone: 617-268-0180

Cost: free

### **Poetry Party**

Open mic. Read your poems or a famous one.

Date/time: Mondays, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Dudley Branch Library; 65 Warren St., Roxbury

Website: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

Phone: 617-442-6186

Cost: free

### **Growing Vegetable Soup/ A Sembrar Supo de Verduras**

Help tend the garden and listen to a story read by the Children's Librarian.

Date/time: Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am

Location: Egleston Square Branch Library; 2044 Columbus Ave., Roxbury

Website: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

Phone: 617-445-4340

Cost: Free

### **Tuesday**

#### **Radical Reptiles**

Kids will get to meet snakes and learn about reptiles up close in this Summer Reading kick-off.

Date/time: Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Mattapan Branch Library; 10 Hazelton St., Mattapan

Website: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

Phone: 617-298-9218

Cost: Free

### **Wednesday**

#### **Game Night**

Uno, Scrabble, Dominos and more.

Date/time: Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Egleston Square Branch Library; 2044 Columbus Ave., Roxbury

Website: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

Phone: 617-445-4340

Cost: Free

### **Wild Reads Craft Program**

Children age 4 and up are invited to a make and take craft program. Come make a craft to kick off Summer Reading and watch a short film while your masterpiece dries! Stop by or call the North End Branch to sign up.

Date/time: Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

Location: North End Branch Library; 25 Parmenter St.

Website: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

Phone: 617-277-8135

Cost: Free

### **Thursday**

**Between the Lions Read Aloud Book Club** -- Children ages 7 to 10 will read aloud and discuss books and then work on activities.

Date/time: Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup>

Location: East Boston Branch Library; 276 Meridian St.

Website: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

Phone: 617-569-0271

Cost: Free

### **Concert**

Ordinario, "the Kings of Bosa Nova" perform.

Date/time: Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Location: JP Branch Library; 12 Sedgwick St.

Website: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

Phone: 617-524-2053

Cost: free

### **Friday**

#### **Zoo New England**

Learn about a tropical rainforest.

Date/time: Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

Location: Grove Hall Branch Library; 5 Crawford St., Dorchester

Website: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

Phone: 617-427-3337

Cost: free

### **You Are the Star**

Tad Travis, aka Mr. DJ, leads families in musical activities including karaoke and line dancing.

Date/time: Friday, June 27 at 2 p.m.

Location: Brighton Branch Library; 40 Academy Hill Rd.

Website: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

Phone: 617-782-6032

Cost: free

### **Ongoing Activities**

#### **Children of Hangzhou: Connecting with China**

Visit China, no passport required! Travel to China and meet four children at home, at school, in the library, theater and in the countryside. Discover how Chinese life mixes ancient traditions with modern lifestyles and how life in China is both similar and different from life in North America.

Date/time: daily from 10am-5pm; 10am to 9pm on Fridays

Location: Boston Children's Museum

Website: [www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org)

Phone: 617-426-8855

Cost: Adults (16-64) \$10, Children (2-15) \$8; every Friday from 5pm-9pm admission is only \$1!! (Sponsored by Target)

### **Institute of Contemporary Art Summer Concert Series**

Enjoy open air concerts with the hot sounds from students, faculty and alumni from the coolest music School around, Berklee. Check the ICA Website below for a list of scheduled performances.

Date/time: Every Thursday throughout the summer from 6pm to 8:30pm

Location: 100 Northern Ave., Boston, MA

Website: [www.icaboston.org](http://www.icaboston.org)

Cost: free

### **North End Feast Days**

During the summer weekends Boston's oldest neighborhood, the North End, continues to celebrate the Catholic Feast Days of the Italian saints dear to the last large immigrant population in the North End. Enjoy the processions, music, banks and Italian food! Stroll the historic and picturesque streets and find yourself transported to Italy!

Date/time: ongoing throughout the summer on Weekends, all day

Location: The North End of Boston

Phone: 617-635-3911

Website: [www.cityofboston.gov/arts](http://www.cityofboston.gov/arts)

### **Rockwell & the Shinjin: Celebrating Baseball and the Red Sox**

The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA), will cheer on the 2007 World Series Champion Red Sox with an installation that opens Tuesday, April 8, Opening Day at Fenway Park. Rockwell and the Shinjin: Celebrating Baseball and the Red Sox features the iconic Norman Rockwell painting The Rookie (The Red Sox Locker Room) (1957, Private Collection), on special loan to the Museum, as well as memorabilia lent by the Red Sox and private collectors, and vintage prints and photographs from the MFA's own collection. On view through July 20, Rockwell and the Shinjin will be displayed in the Ruth and Carl J. Shapiro Rotunda on the second floor of the Museum.

Date/time: ongoing until Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, available during Museum hours

Location: Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; 465 Huntington Ave.

Website: [www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org)

Phone: 617-267-9300

Cost: Adults - \$17; Students - \$15, children under 17 years old are free

### **Swan Boat Rides**

With brightly buffed brass and a fresh coat of paint, the Swan Boats reappeared in Boston's Public Garden in April. Enjoy a peaceful 15 minute paddleboat cruise around the Boston Garden lagoon. The only boats of their kind in the world, inspired by the opera Lohengrin. Little has changed since they first graced the 24-acre gardens lagoons in 1877. In fact, the boats are operated by descendants of Swan Boat founder Robert Paget. And they are still propelled the old-fashioned way too, by pedal power!

Date/time: Daily 10am – 4pm

Location: Boston Public Garden; close to the Arlington T stop on the Green line

Phone: 617-522-1966

Cost: Adults - \$2.75; Children (up to 15 years old) - \$1.25

**Museum of Science Exhibits** \*Friend's – There are several complimentary passes available for you and Achievers!\*

**Mars!**

Mars! takes you on an amazing space journey. You begin here on Earth, where you'll see, in high-definition clarity, the dramatic launch of the rockets that carried the Spirit and Opportunity rovers into outer space. Next, you'll learn about the adaptations that make the Mars rovers uniquely suited for their mission. You'll also have a front-row seat at NASA's Mission Control to witness the tension—and resulting exhilaration—of Spirit's successful landing in the Gusev crater. Then, you'll put on your special polarized glasses for a 3-D trip of a lifetime.

**Cahners ComputerPlace**

Cahners ComputerPlace is a hands-on computer discovery exhibit showcasing an ever-changing selection of software titles with one thing in common: all encouraging people to learn, explore, and create with computers.

Date/time: Sat-Thur 9am-5pm; Friday 9am-9pm

Location: Museum of Science; Science Park, Boston, MA 02114

Website: [www.mos.org](http://www.mos.org)

Phone: 617-723-2500

Cost: Adults \$17; Children (3-11) \$14

**Street Level**

The exhibit features three promising artists whose works draw directly from street culture.

Date/time: Ongoing until May; Tues, Wed, Sat, Sun; 10am-5pm. Thur-Fri 10am-9pm

Location: Institute of Contemporary Art; 100 Northern Av., Boston, MA 02210

Website: [www.icaboston.org](http://www.icaboston.org)

Phone: 617-478-3100

Cost: Adults \$12, Under 17 is free; Thursday is free for everyone!

**Dolphins and Whales 3D: Tribes of the Ocean**

The film uses stunning imagery of these marine mammals in their natural habitats to spread an increasingly important conservation message about the need to protect the earth's oceans from pollution and destruction. The 3D technology brings the audience into the depths of the ocean alongside the creatures to show scenes from the animals' lives that can not be seen from the ocean's surface.

Date/time: Sun-Wed 9:30am-8:15pm (final show at 7:30pm); Thurs-Sat 9:30am-10:15pm (final show at 9:30pm)

Location: Simons IMAX Theatre; Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110

Website: [www.newenglandaquarium.org](http://www.newenglandaquarium.org)

Phone: 866-815-4629

Cost: Adults \$9.95; Children (3-11) \$7.95

**MIT Museum Exhibit's** \*Friend's – There are several complimentary passes available for you and Achievers!\*

**Holography: The Light Fantastic**

This selection of holograms, the world's largest, illustrates the many artistic and scientific facets of the medium.

**Robots and Beyond**

This interactive exhibit goes behind the scenes and into the research labs to explore artificial intelligence at MIT. Exhibits and demonstrations challenge visitors to exercise their minds and imaginations.

Date/time: Daily from 10am to 5pm

Location: MIT Museum; 265 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139

Website: <http://web.mit.edu/museum>

Phone: 617-253-5927

Cost: Adult \$7.50; Seniors and Students \$3; MIT ID and children (under 5) are free.  
10am-noon is free admission on Sunday's.

**Stargazing at the BU Observatory**

The University Observatory is open for stargazing every Wednesday night. For visibility information call, 617-353-2630 after 5:30 pm.

Date/time: Wednesday evenings throughout the spring and summer

Location: Boston University

Website: <http://www.bu.edu/astronomy/opennight.html>

Phone: 617-353-2630

Cost: Free