

Friends of the Children-Boston
Activities Calendar Monday, December 1st - Sunday, December 7th

Monday

Music Man

Acclaimed musician Ed Morgan performs a selection of original and classic children's songs. Enjoy your favorite bagel while your children sing along with Ed!

Date/Time: Monday Dec 1, 5pm-6pm

Location: Finagle a Bagel, 273 Harvard St, Brookline

Website: www.gocitykids.com

Cost: Free

Tuesday

DIY Club

Kids in grades 5-7 will make a Traveling Sisterhood Jeans Bag. Bring a pair of pants that no longer fit. Sign up in advance.

Date/Time: Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 4 p.m.

Location: Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 12 Sedgwick St.

Phone: 617-524-2053

Website: www.bpl.org

Cost: Free

Wednesday

BookMaking for Kids

Kids can create their own books in connection with the book and collage exhibit.

Date/Time: Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 4:30 p.m.

Location: Honan-Allston Branch Library, 300 North Harvard St

Phone: 617-787-6313

Website: www.bpl.org

Cost: Free

Holiday Films

It's a Wonderful Life

Date/Time: Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 3

Location: North End Branch Library, 25 Parmenter St.

Phone: 617-227-8135

Website: www.bpl.org

Cost: Free

Thursday

Holiday Open House

Crafts food and fun. At 7 p.m. Rosalita's Puppets tell the story of Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Dragon. Funded by the Friends of the Jamaica Plain Branch Library.

Date/Time: Thursday, Dec. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Location: Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 12 Sedgwick St

Phone: 617-524-2053

Website: www.bpl.org

Cost: Free

Friday

Macy's Enchanted Trolley Tour & Tree Lightings 2008

Mayor Tom Menino and Santa Claus will once again hit the road to bring some Christmas cheer to 15 Boston neighborhoods with the Macy's Enchanted Trolley Tour and Tree Lightings.

Friday, December 5

5:30pm...West Roxbury: Roche Family Center

6:15pm...Readville: Wolcott Square

6:45pm...Mattapan: Mattapan Square

7:15pm...Dorchester: Codman Square

7:45pm...Dorchester: Adams Corner

Cost: Free

Saturday

City-Wide Friends Book Sales

Date/Time: Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Mezzanine Conference Room. (Ext. 2371) Central Library, Copley Square.

Phone: 617-536-5400

Website: www.bpl.org

Cost: Free

Sunday

Family Films

The Water Horse (2007, 112 min.)

Date/Time: Sunday at 2 p.m. Dec 7

Location: Central Library, Copley Square.

Phone: 617-536-5400

Website: www.bpl.org

Cost: Free

Family Friends

Anthony Williams' Urban Nutcracker

Urban Nutcracker presents a multicultural interpretation of the dance classic, performed by professional dancers and a cast reflective of the rich diversity & promise of Boston's youth. Urban Nutcracker follows the story line of the 19th century fairy tale fusing ballet, swing, hip hop, flamenco and urban tap with the classical score of Tchaikovsky and the pulsating beat of Ellington. By casting dancers from multi-ethnic backgrounds, Urban Nutcracker provides the audience with an invaluable opportunity to bridge cultural barriers. Designed to push beyond traditional interpretations and therefore beyond the traditional audience reach of the holiday classic, Urban Nutcracker will inspire a new generation of dance enthusiasts/theater patrons!

Date/Time: Friday December 5, 7:30-9:30pm

Location: John Hancock Hall, 180 Berkeley St, Boston

Phone: 617-524-3066

Website: www.urbannutcracker.org

Cost: \$20-\$55

Miracle on 34th Street

Kris Kringle is the personification of good will and Christmas spirit. As Macy's holiday Santa, he enchants children and shoppers so completely that he is deemed dangerous by fellow employees who question his competency and plot to ruin him. A small girl's belief in Santa and the magic of the holiday is at stake in the climactic courtroom decision. This hilarious, tender, and heartwarming show for the entire family is a Christmas classic.

Date/Time: December 5-14, 2008

Location: Riverside Theatre, 45 Fairmount Ave, Hyde Park, MA

Phone: 617-361-5269

Website: www.rtwboston.org

Cost: \$23 adults, \$20 students/seniors, \$15 children

Into the Woods

Looking for a fun, inexpensive family holiday alternative to the Nutcracker or Scrooge? Come see INTO THE WOODS!!! For less than it costs to park your car and buy 1 ticket downtown, you can bring the whole family to this fully-staged musical featuring a talented cast in a setting where kids will be close to the action! A lively irreverent fantasy a la "Princess Bride" is a moving lesson about community responsibility and the stories we tell our children. Stephen Sondheim's fractured fairy tale features an ambivalent Cinderella, a blood-thirsty Little Red Ridinghood, a Prince Charming with a roving eye and a Witch...who raps?

Date/Time: Nov 14-Dec 14. Family performances December 27-30!

Location: Turtle Lane Playhouse, 283 Melrose St., Newton, MA, 02466

Phone: 617-244-0169

Website: <http://www.turtlelane.org>

Cost: \$25

Gingerbread Tea

The Swan Cafe offers a seasonal assortment of sweet and savory delicacies as well as some rare and very special teas. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation to Horizons for Homeless Children. Note that the phone number listed on the website is incorrect; please call the number listed below.

Date/Time: Ongoing Daily 11/14/08 – 12/12/08

Location: Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers, 50 Park Plaza at Arlington St

Phone: 617.426.2000

Website: <http://www.bos...erbreadtea.pdf>

Cost: Adults \$32.50; Children \$16.50

The Mayor's Holiday Special

Enjoy the city and take advantage of Boston's renowned holiday music, dance, and theater traditions with the *Mayor's Holiday Special*, which runs throughout the holiday

season. The Mayor's special includes over 40 discounted performances - half-price! - for some of Boston's most beloved cultural institutions. Check the website for details.

Date/Time: Ongoing Daily 11/1/08 – 1/1/09

Website: <http://www.art... mhs/index.html>

Cost: Varies

Ongoing

Hyde Park Open Studios

The Library hosts artists, performances and demonstrations.

Date/Time: Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6 and 7 from noon to 5 p.m.

Location: Hyde Branch Library, 35 Harvard Ave.

Phone: 617-361-2524

Website: www.bpl.org

Cost: Free

Third Annual Festival of Wreaths

Eleven area designers professionally "deck the halls" in seasonal holiday decor to create a holiday show house for this special fundraising event. Tickets to the event are \$10 and one-of-a-kind wreaths and other holiday items will be raffled off with all proceeds benefiting the Room to Dream Foundation, dedicated to creating healing environments for children and adolescents facing chronic and debilitating illnesses.

Date/Time: 10AM-4PM, Mon. thru Fri.; 11AM-2PM Sat., Nov. 29 and Sat., Dec. 6; and 1PM-5PM, Sun., Nov. 30 and Sun., Dec. 7.

Location: Van Millwork Showroom, 65 Crawford St, Needham, MA

Phone: 781-444-8744

Website: www.roomtodreamfoundation.org, www.searchboston.com/happenings

Cost: \$10

Drum Experience

Students learn to play drums, recite poetry and dance.

Date/Time: Saturdays through June at noon.

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

Phone: 617-442-6186

Website: www.bpl.org

Cost: Free

It's All About Arts

A workshop for teens with artists from the [Roslindale Arts Alliance](#). Teens will learn crafts, painting, and other art forms. Supplies are included.

Date/Time: Saturdays, Nov. 1, 8, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Nov. 16, Dec. 21 at 2pm.

Location: Central Library in Copley Square

Phone: 617-536-5400

Website: www.bpl.org

Cost: Free

Creative Drama

Library Creative Drama Inc. offers creative drama as a tool for learning for children ages 7-12.

Date/Time: Thursdays through Nov. 20, at 3pm

Location: Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street

Phone: 617-242-1248

Website: www.bpl.org

Cost: Free

Baby Sitter's Club

Those ages 11 -15 can get their Red Cross babysitter's certification by attending one group of two classes offered each month. Sign up in advance.

Date/Time: Tuesdays, Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 9, 16, Jan. 13, 20 and Feb. 10, 17 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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

Phone: 617-442-6186

Website: www.bpl.org

Cost: Free