

*Friends of the Children-Boston*  
**Activities Calendar Monday, November 17th - Sunday, November 23rd**

**Monday**

**Family Literacy Night**

Bring family photos, write stories and draw family portraits to create a book your family will keep.

Date/Time: Monday, Nov. 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Location: East Boston Branch Library, 276 Meridian St.

Phone: 617-569-0271

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

Cost: Free

**Tuesday**

**Pumpkin Day**

Pumpkin stories, songs and snack.

Date/Time: Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Phone: 617-445-4340

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

Cost: Free

**Family Literacy Month**

57 Readers and Writers, a group of Brighton residents of all ages will share their writings. Refreshments to follow.

Date/Time: Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Faneuil Branch Library, 419 Faneuil St., Brighton

Phone: 617-782-6705

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

Cost: Free

**Wednesday**

**Bedtime Stories**

Dress in your pajamas, bring a stuffed animal for stories, songs and crafts for children 2 to 5.

Date/Time: Wednesdays, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Adams Street Branch Library, 690 Adams St, Dorchester

Phone: 617-436-6900

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

Cost: Free

**Frog Pond Skating Opening Celebration**

Mayor Thomas M. Menino hosts the official opening of the Boston Common Frog Pond 2008/2009 season with demonstrations by precision skating teams, pairs, and champion figure skaters. The Frog Pond features concessions, skate rentals, rest rooms, and a warming area.

Date/Time: Wednesday, Nov. 19, 5:30pm  
Location: Frog Pong, Boston Common  
Phone: 617-635-2120  
Website: [www.bostoncommonfrogpond.org](http://www.bostoncommonfrogpond.org)  
Cost: Free

### **Tikatok Make Your Own Book**

Write your own book to be published. Part of the BPL's celebration of Family Literacy.  
Date/Time: Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Egleston Square Branch Library, 2044 Columbus Ave., Roxbury  
Phone: 617-445-4340  
Website: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)  
Cost: Free

### **Thursday**

#### **Family Game Night**

Games food and prizes at this Family Literacy celebration with Read Boston.  
Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 20 at 5 p.m.  
Location: Codman Square Branch Library, 690 Washington St., Dorchester  
Phone: 617-436-8214  
Website: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)  
Cost: Free

#### **Family Game Day**

Celebrate National Gaming Day with favorites like chess, checkers and Clue.  
Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 20 at 4 p.m.  
Location: North End Branch Library, 25 Parmenter St.  
Phone: 617-227-8135  
Website: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)  
Cost: Free

### **Friday**

#### **Holiday Craft Program**

Fun take home crafts for kids.  
Date/Time: Friday, Nov. 21 at 2:30 p.m.  
Location: Fields Corner Branch Library, 1520 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester  
Phone: 617-436-2155  
Website: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)  
Cost: Free

### **Saturday**

#### **Family Stories**

Families will hear stories and then create books to be published by Tikatok. Bring photos or drawings to illustrate your story.  
Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 22 at 11 a.m.

Location: Fields Corner Branch Library, 1520 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester  
Phone: 617-436-2155  
Website: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)  
Cost: Free

### **Faneuil Hall Marketplace 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony**

Free entertainment throughout the day with the Tree illumination at 5:30pm. Featured Performers will include: Ernie and the Automatics, Universal Motown Pop/R&B recording group Jada, and more.

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 22 all day

Location: Faneuil Hall, Boston

Website: [www.searchboston.com/happenings](http://www.searchboston.com/happenings)

Cost: Free

### **Sunday**

#### **Family Volunteer Day**

Volunteers of all ages and their families and friends can participate in the nation-wide National Family Volunteer Day program hosted by the HandsOn Network and sponsored by Disney. Two local projects include sorting donations at the Lowell Wish Project, and helping with a youth literacy project, hosted by the Somerville Boys & Girls Club.

Date/Time: Sunday, Nov. 23, 10am-2pm

Location: Boston Cares, 190 High Street, Boston, MA 02110

Phone: 617.422.0910 x206

Website: [www.gocitykids.com](http://www.gocitykids.com), [www.bostoncares.org](http://www.bostoncares.org)

Cost: Free

### **Family Friends**

#### **Video Games Live!**

A full orchestra and chorus performs music from current and classic video games as video footage and synchronized lighting add to the experience. Pre-concert activities include interactive game demos, a costume contest, prize giveaways, game competitions, and a meet-and-greet with top game composers and designers.

Date/Time: Friday, Nov. 21, Pre-concert activities 7pm; Concert 8pm

Location: Citi Performing Arts Center (formerly Wang Center), 270 Tremont St

Website: [www.gocitykids.com](http://www.gocitykids.com), [www.citicenter.org](http://www.citicenter.org)

Cost: \$35-\$75

### **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**

#### **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.bpl.org)

Cost: Free

### **EcoKids Environmental Club**

Fun activities for kids ages 8 to 12 to learn more about the environment.

Date/Time: Wednesdays through Nov. 19 at 4:30pm

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

Phone: 617-787-6313

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

Cost: Free

### **Drop-In Science – Codman Square**

Children will learn about science in fun experiments. No meeting Nov. 11.

Date/Time: Tuesdays Oct. 14 through Nov. 25 at 3 p.m.

Location: Codman Square Branch Library, 690 Washington St., Dorchester

Phone: 617-436-8214

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

Cost: Free

### **Drop-in Science – Fields Corner**

Hands-on science activities for children in grades 2 and up.

Date/Time: Saturdays, Oct. 18 through Nov. 22 at 11 a.m.

Location: Fields Corner Branch Library, 1520 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester

Phone: 617-436-2155

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

Cost: Free

### **Story Hour at Barefoot Books**

A fun hour of age-appropriate stories. Coloring and refreshments too! Ages 0-5.

Date/Time: Ongoing each Friday and Saturday at 10:30am

Location: Barefoot Books, 1771 Massachusetts Avenue

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

Cost: Free