

February School Vacation Events

[Addison Gallery of American Art](#)

180 Main Street | Andover, MA
978.749.4000

During public school vacation week, we are offering special programs for children of every age group. Registration is not required. All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. **All events are free and open to the public.**

Tuesday, February 17th, 10:30am-11:30 am

Addison Book Club (ABC) for Infants and Toddlers

Listen to stories and engage with art featuring the bold contrast of black and white. Exploration with sensory based materials to follow.

Wednesday, February 18th, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Mixed Media/Mixed Messages

Explore themes of consumer culture, identity, and beauty through creation of self-portraits with collage, in conjunction with Ellen Gallagher's [DeLuxe](#). Recommended for children 10 years and older.

Thursday, February 19th, 10:00am - 5:00pm

Choose Your Own Adventure

Drop in any time during the day and navigate through the galleries on a scavenger hunt.

Friday, February 20th, 10:30am - 12:00pm

Family Film Festival

Watch short films in black and white and then create your own moving stories inspired by the exhibition [Light/Dark, White/Black](#).

[Altitude Trampoline Park](#)

700 Boston Road | Billerica, MA
978.663.5867

Altitude Billerica is one of the largest indoor trampoline parks in the state measuring 30,000 square feet with 15,000 square feet of interconnected wall to wall trampolines and attractions. The indoor park includes a variety of specific activities such as 3D Dodgeball, Basketball Dunking Lanes, Foam Pits, Gymnastics "tumble tracks", as well as a large Main Court. Altitude Billerica is the only trampoline park in Massachusetts to have a Rock Climbing Wall and Battle Beam suspended over foam pits!

[Concord Museum](#)

On Cambridge Turnpike at Lexington Road | Concord, MA
978-369-9763

Join us at the Concord Museum this February vacation for fun-filled activities for all.

President's Day, Monday, February 16th, 1:00 pm

Enjoy a visit with the Lincolns – a one-time only opportunity to sit and chat with President and Mrs. Lincoln! The years that followed the Lincolns' move to the white House were filled with personal and national crises. Join Sharon and Steve Wood as they present this living history program for the first time at the Concord Museum. Time provided for audience questions after the program.

Reserve today as space is limited online at concordmuseum.org or by calling 978 369 9763 x 216. Non-members \$15/\$7 child; Members \$10/\$5 child; ticket price includes Museum admission and a craft project.

Sunday, February 15th through Thursday, February 19th

Daily Crafts in the Concord Museum. Get creative with presidential crafts this week! Crafts will be available daily in Brooke Hall on **Sunday, February 15 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm** and Monday through **Thursday, February 16 – 19 from 11:30am – 3:00pm**. Included free with Concord Museum admission.

Friday and Saturday, February 19th and 20th

Seating's at 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm

Children's Tea: A Teddy Bear Tea. Make the day a special outing by sipping cocoa or tea in the Concord Museum's elegant Brooke Hall while enjoying sweet treats. Sweets are provided by a variety of area bakers and tea is served with jewel-like silken tea infusers crafted by *Tea Forté* of Concord. The afternoon experience is always a memorable one. Take part in a simple craft. Bring a favorite teddy or stuffed toy along. Reservations are required. Call 978 369 9762 x 216 to reserve your space today!

Ongoing through May 3th

Good Night, Sleep Tight: Art from Children's Literature. An exhibition of original children's book illustrations related to sleep, nighttime, going to bed, dreams, and lullabies. The work of Tomie dePaola, Salley Mavor, Melissa Sweet, Ilse Plume, Pamela Zagarenski, Beth Krommes, and Peter H. Reynolds, among others, are on display. Also included in the exhibition is a Frank Thayer Merrill illustration from the Roberts Brothers 1880 edition of *Little Women*. Bring the kids!

[deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum](#)

51 Sandy Pond Road | Lincoln, MA

(781) 259-8355

Art for February Vacation

Wednesday, February 18th–Friday, February 20th, drop in 1:00pm–3:00pm

Sound Stories

Henry David Thoreau took careful note of the sounds he heard at Walden Pond and wrote about them in his book, *Walden*. Let's take a page out of Thoreau's book and make the sounds that we hear visible! We'll create our own "soundscapes" using both human-made and natural sounds, and then draw a score of what we hear. **Free with admission!**

Thursday, February 19th, drop in 1:00pm–3:00pm

Paper Cabin Constructions

Walden, revisited artist Hilary Wilder made eight full-sized reproductions of Henry David Thoreau's writing desk using only paper and paper! What kind of desks, cabins, and chairs can we create from paper? What do they tell us about how Thoreau lived on Walden Pond for two years, two months, and two days? **Free with admission!**

Saturday, February 21st, drop in 11:00am–4:00pm

Polaroid Portrait Project

Get inspired by The Social Medium! Join the creators of the Polaroid Portrait Project, Devan Durante and Brandon Lane, in this unique experience of using Polaroid cameras from the 1970s to take portraits of visitors and add images to a growing gallery wall of people visiting the Museum. **Free with admission!**

[The Discovery Museums](#)

177 Main Street (Route 27) | Acton, MA
978.264.4200

February Festivities. Come to The Discovery Museums and enjoy an array of activities for all ages.

Sunday, February 15th | Drop in: 11:00am-2:00pm

Happy Birthday Galileo! Join us as we celebrate the birthday of physicist, mathematician, astronomer, engineer and philosopher, Galileo Galilei. We'll investigate balls and ramps and explore other activities inspired by Galileo's own experiments.

Monday, February 16th | Drop in 11:00am-2:00pm

President's Day. How many Abraham Lincolns can you balance on a ruler? Can you make Thomas Jefferson turn colors? In honor of President's Day we'll be enlisting help from some of our nation's former leaders for some presidential style science.

Tuesday, February 17th | Drop in 11:00am-2:00pm

Mini Mardi Gras. Get ready to make some noise as we celebrate the beginning of Mardi Gras! Construct your own noise makers, engineer hats and design colorful masks to help you celebrate the holiday in style.

Wednesday, February 18th | Drop in 11:00am-2:00pm

Pluto Day. On February 18, 1930 Clyde Tombaugh of the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona discovered what was then considered the ninth planet – Pluto. Now a dwarf planet, we'll honor this celestial discovery by making straw powered rockets. Where in the galaxy will your rocket take you.

Thursday, February 19th | Drop in 11:00am-2:00pm

Celebrate Chinese New Year. Join us as we learn about and celebrate the Year of the Goat! We'll construct traditional elements important in the Chinese New Year celebration, including kites, lanterns and red envelopes.

Friday, February 20th | Drop in 11:00am-2:00pm

Toothpick Day. Did you know the first machine for manufacturing toothpicks as patented on February 20, 1872 by two inventors from Granville, Massachusetts? We'll be using the small but versatile toothpick, along with other recycled and repurposed materials, to create unique structures and sculptures.

[Louisa May Alcott House](#)

399 Lexington Road | Concord, MA
978.369.4118

Tuesday, February 17th – Friday, February 20th | 1:00pm-2:00pm

Saturday, February 21st | 4:45pm-5:45pm

FEBRUARY FAMILY FUN WEEK "Welcome to Our Home" Living History Tours

Suitable for all ages! Ideal for families!

Your visit to Orchard House becomes a trip to the past as you have an interactive tour with an expert, authentically costumed guide portraying an Alcott family member or one of their famous friends. Hear fascinating anecdotes and learn first-hand about their lives and times; play a 19th-century game and

sing period songs in the Parlor; participate in a treasure hunt -- all while learning about this extraordinary New England family!

[Lowell Kids Week](#)

Downtown Lowell

978.275.1780

Monday, February 16th – Saturday, February 21st.

Lowell Kids Week is a community-wide week of free family activities that takes place annually during February school vacation week in Lowell, Mass.

Lowell Kids Week consists of nearly fifty free programs, serves over 2,000 local kids and their families, and builds connections among a diverse group of local organizations, agencies, and businesses.

[Pinot's Palette](#)

7A Meriam Street | Lexington, MA

781.862.3200

Looking for a fun and creative outlet for your little artist? Then Little Brushes has exactly what you are looking for! At Little Brushes we offer a fun-filled party, atmosphere where your little artists can have a blast creating their own masterpieces. From painting to collaging and everything in between Little Brushes fosters a friendly and collaborative environment your little artist will need to bring out their creative spirit.

Monday, February 16th | 9:00am-1:00pm

Owls & Flying Bugs. Kids will create their very own custom owl from a variety of construction papers, buttons, paint, and glitter. Our owls will adorn a painted canvas with a whimsical background. Kids will then create miniature 3d butterflies, moths, or Beatles with lollipop bodies! These will be attached to the same canvas to create a truly magical 3d... and EDIBLE piece of art work! (Ages 7-13)

Tuesday, February 17th | 9:00am-1:00pm

Gone Fishing. Let's go fish! Little artists will create their own colorful fish using pinecones, acrylic paints, clay, and paper materials. Various painting and sculpting techniques will be explored. Little artists will learn to use materials from nature to bring home the best catch of the day! (Ages 7-13)

Wednesday, February 18th | 9:00am-1:00pm

Bust a Move. Let's bust a move! Little artists will learn about movement and sculpture using a kitchen staple, aluminum foil! Each little artist will create their own figure and an environment to create and share their own narrative. A wide selection of supplies will be available to enable each student to make their narrative come alive. (Ages 7-13)

Thursday, February 19th | 9:00am-1:00pm

Day & Night. Little artists will explore warm and cool color palettes using watercolors and acrylics. Day and night narratives will be created as each student learns about composition and pattern making. Warm, sunny colors for day and cooler hues for the night – the color and pattern possibilities are endless! (Ages 7-13)

Friday, February 20th | 9:00am-1:00pm

Inspirational Quote. Carpe Diem everyone! Seize the day and 2015 with a custom inspirational quote painting made by your little one for your home. Mixed media materials will be available in addition to

acrylic paints. *Please keep quotes short. Please email studio with quote for your child so it can be pre-sketched onto canvas prior to class. (Ages 7-13)

[Verrill Farm](#)

11 Wheeler Road | Concord, MA
978.369.4494

Tuesday, February 17th | Baking for Grades 1-3.

Thursday, February 19th | Cooking with Kevin for Grades 4-6.

3:00pm-4:30pm

Cooking Classes

Menus, instruction and hands-on participation are geared for specific ages to make each class suitable and fun for the chefs-in-training! Kids leave with cooking skills and the food they have prepared. Classes take place in the farm stand kitchen. \$25.00 per student. Registration & prepayment are required. These popular classes fill up quickly. Please call today to sign up.

Courtyard Boston Andover

10 Campanelli Drive | Andover, MA
978.794.0700

[Family Movie Night Package](#)

Traveling with the kids (or maybe just kids at heart!) - who doesn't love an in-room movie to make the trip just a little more exciting?! After spending a day checking out the local sights, and taking a dip in our in-door pool or soak in the hot tub, relax in your freshly renovated guestroom with the family - pick your favorite movie and let us provide dinner in! Our Family Movie Night package features: Deluxe guestroom accommodations, One in-room movie of your choice, One large pizza and Four non-alcoholic beverages from The Bistro. Please reference **promotional code: MAJ** when making this reservation.

Courtyard Boston Woburn/Burlington

240 Mishawum Road | Woburn, MA
781.932.3200

[Experience Shopping Package](#)

The Courtyard Boston Woburn/Burlington Hotel is the perfect choice. Experience newly renovated guestrooms and public spaces and a hotel that is only a quick drive to all of the areas hottest attractions! Our Experience Shopping Package includes: Deluxe guestroom accommodations and \$25 gift card good at [Simon/Burlington Mall](#). Please reference **promotional code: SHO**

[Holiday Inn Boxborough](#)

242 Adams Place | Boxborough, MA
978.263.8701

February 15-22, 2015

School Vacation Family Staycation Special

Overnight room with access to our tropical indoor pool including a free in room movie and popcorn. \$109.00 per night.