

APRIL 2019

MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Building Better Futures for All Children



Artwork by
Noland, Age 6

Free, Fun Activities for Families with Young Children

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Coloring Contest

All Month!

KidsPLAYce, 20 Elliot St, Brattleboro. 802-254-5212

All month at KidsPLAYce, Safe Place Child Advocacy Center coloring contest.

Color a blue pinwheel in honor of Child Abuse Prevention month. Coloring pages provided, or make your own & drop off your entry at KidsPLAYce thru April 30th.

Sing and Dance with Robin

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 10:30-11:30.

April 2, 9 - KidsPLAYce, 20 Elliot St, Brattleboro. 802-254-5212

April 16, 23, 30 - Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main St. Brattleboro. 802-254-5290

A fun, joy-filled hour for parents and children ages birth to 5. Sing, dance, and explore rhythm instruments in an enriching and bonding musical experience!

Pre-registration is appreciated. Call Rose at 802-254-5212.

Preschooler Story Time

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, and 25 (and beyond!) 11:00-12:00

The Putney Library, 55 Main St, Putney. 802-387-4407

Preschooler Story Time is a great way to engage children ages 2 to 4 in stories, songs, fingerplays and crafts. Longtime Putney Central School librarian Susan Hessey presents wonderful thematic story times at 11am on Thursdays during the school year.

Children's Art Exhibit Opening Reception

Thursday, April 4, 3:30-5:00

Moore Free Library: Crowell Gallery. 23 West St, Newfane. 802-365-7948

Opening reception for NewBrook Elementary & Townshend Preschool Art Show for the month of April.

Snack and Story Time

Fridays, April 5, 12, 19, and 26 (and beyond!) 10:30-11:30

KidsPLAYce, 20 Elliot St, Brattleboro. 802-254-5212

Enjoy a snack and story, provided by the Brattleboro Food Co-op, every Friday all year long!

Adventures with Super Bee: Night at the Museum, Family Dance Show & Party

Friday, April 5, 5:30-8:30

Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St, Brattleboro. 802-257-0124

Adventures with Super Bee presents a magical evening of live dance performance, storytelling, and interactive creative play for the whole family. 5:30 doors open;

5:45-6:30 Super Bee show; 6:30-7:30 Super Bee will lead tiptoe mini tours.

Reception and viewing of BMAC exhibits will be open until 8:30.

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Family Bingo Night

Friday, April 5, 6:00-8:00

Academy School, 880 Western Ave, Brattleboro

Come for an enjoyable family evening of BINGO! Come for a game or stay the whole time. Prizes to be awarded to winners and fun night to be had by all, young and old.

Southern Vermont Natural History Museum

Presentation at Timson Hill

Saturday, April 6, 10:00-11:00

Timson Hill Preschool, 13 Timson Hill Rd, Williamsville

Presentation by the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum at Timson Hill Preschool.



*Artwork by
Adria, Age 4*

15th Annual Young Children's Art Exhibit

Sunday, April 7, 10:00-12:00

River Garden, 157 Main St, Brattleboro

Come enjoy the work of our community's youngest artists. Early childhood educators will be displaying their students' artistic creations. Hands-on activities, refreshments, face-painting and information on resources in our community will be available.

Fun with Food at the Coop

Tuesday, April 9, 9:30-11:00

Brattleboro Food Coop, 2 Main St, Brattleboro. 802-246-2842

We'll transform the BFC Community Room into a center of sensory exploration with doughs of various kinds for kids to get their hands in, along with taste tests from every color of the rainbow. Stop in any time between 9:30 and 11:00!

Celebrating Snuggle Animals and You!

Thursday, April 11, 10:00 to 12:00

Westminster West Public Library, 3409 Westminster W Rd, Putney. 802-387-4682

Bring your favorite snuggle animal to the Library for fun and games! Circle time, story, snack, and a variety of fun and games.

Children's Creative Dance

Saturday, April 13, 9:30-10:00 (3-4 yr olds) 10:15-11:00 (5-6 yr olds)

Brattleboro School of Dance, 22 High St, Brattleboro (3rd floor)

Join us for a dance class which incorporates simple exercises and activities that draw on children's imagination and love of expressive movement. Reserve a spot by contacting info@brattleboroschoolofdance.com or 802-254-6884.

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Story Time with Peter

Saturday, April 13, 10:30-12:00

Marlboro Community Center, 524 South Rd, Marlboro. 802-257-0801

Join renowned local musician and performer Peter Amidon for a musical storytime and stay for a snack afterwards.

Nature Crafts

Saturday, April 13, 10:00-3:00 Drop in

All Souls U.U. Church, 29 South St, West Brattleboro. 802-254-9377

Come and craft with natural materials. We will be searching and gathering outside and making fun crafts out of what we find. Lunch and crafts for sale will be available, but no purchase is required to participate.

Have Fun with Collage

Saturday, April 13, 1:00-2:30

The River Gallery School of Art, 32 Main St. Suite 201, Brattleboro. 802-258-7470

Combine tissue, magazine pages, torn paper and found objects to create a one of a kind art piece.

Storybook Walk

Sunday, April 14, 10:00-11:00

45 Farmhouse Square, Brattleboro. 802-490-2270

Join Retreat Farm's outdoor educators for a storybook walk along the Little Lamb Loop trail! As we walk, children will search for the next page in the book to discover the story of a royal pig mix up! More info: info@retreatfarm.org

Free Week at KidsPLAYce

Monday, April 15 – Friday, April 19 10:00-2:00

KidsPLAYce, 20 Elliot St, Brattleboro. 802-254-5212

Free Admission all week long, Come & PLAY! Special guests TBD.

Wet Felting Fun

Monday, April 15, 10:00-12:00

Winston Prouty Center, Vermont Hall, 209 Austine Dr, Brattleboro. 802-257-7852

Come play in warm soapy water and felt with Sueño. Together, we will felt a large group mural with our bare feet. Want to bring something home? Make a felt bead necklace or a bendy snake!

Talk a Walk with Mrs. Cranberry & Friends

Wednesday, April 17, 10:00-11:00

Winston Prouty Center, Vermont Hall, 209 Austine Dr, Brattleboro. 802-257-7852

Join Winton Prouty's Outdoor Program Coordinator, Alfred Hughes, Jr. on a hike through the campus trails. Meet the friends who live in the forest, including Mrs. Cranberry, Brother Cub and Sister Cub.

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Financing as a Family

Wednesday, April 17, 12:00-5:00 Drop-in

Edward Jones, 263 Canal St. Unit 1, Brattleboro. 802-579-1364

Whether your children or grandchildren are learning to crawl or learning to drive, you can help make a college education a reality. Join us for our college savings presentation, as we discuss: questions to consider as you establish a college savings goal, savings strategies to help you reach your goal, features and benefits of various education savings plans. RSVP is not necessary. Contact: Marianne Lawrence, Branch Officer Administrator-Trainee: marianne.lawrence@edwardjones.com

Animal Tea and Stories

Thursday, April 18, 9:30-11:00

Brattleboro Food Coop, 2 Main St, Brattleboro. 802-246-2842

Bring your favorite stuffed animal and dress up as an animal if you'd like! We'll have a special tea party with homemade scones, kid-friendly tea and animal stories!

April Break Drop-In Programs

Thursday, April 18 & Friday, April 19, 10:00-11:00

Grafton Nature Museum, 186 Townshend Rd, Grafton. 802-843-2111.

Themes include: The New Life of Spring; Eagles, Hawks, and Owls – Soaring, Swooping, and Stealthy Predators; Amphibians On The Move!, Amazing Adaptations. Full schedule at www.nature-museum.org

Wild Carrot Farm

Saturday, April 20, 10:00-12:00

Wild Carrot Farm, 511 Upper Dummerston Rd, Brattleboro.

Families are invited to meet farm animals, go for a hay-ride, and plant seeds in your own pot to take home. The farm is located across from the Brattleboro Country Club. wildcarrotfarm@gmail.com

Superhero Mindfulness

Saturday, April 20, 11:00-12:00

New England Youth Theatre, 100 Flat St, Brattleboro

In this class parents and children will learn how to be mindful superhero's! We will learn a superhero stretch, superhero guided imagery, mindful spiderman & belly breathing techniques using a "Breathing Ball" (Hoberman sphere), and how to use our super hearing by tuning into the sound of a singing bowl. You are welcome to wear your favorite superhero attire! Please pre-register by contacting Amber Arnold: ambersacredvibrations@gmail.com or 802-275-8723.



Artwork by
Eldie, Age 7

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Adventures with Super Bee

Saturday, April 20, 11:15-11:45

KidsPLAYce, 20 Elliot St, Brattleboro. 802-254-5212

An inspiring, fun and interactive dance performance by Sobo Studios.

Earth Day and 30th Birthday Celebration

Saturday, April 20, 12:00-1:00

Grafton Nature Museum, 186 Townshend Rd, Grafton. 802-843-2111. www.nature-museum.org

Parent Tot Open Gym

Monday, April 15 & Thursday, April 18, 10:00-11:45

Gibson Aiken Center Gym, 207 Main St. Brattleboro. 802-254-5808

Enjoy play in a big open space. Toys, blocks, playhouse, foam mats, balls and more provided. Children must be supervised.

Mother Up! Monthly Meet Up

Monday, April 22 (and every 4th Monday!) 5:30-7:30

KidsPLAYce, 20 Elliot St, Brattleboro. abby@350vt.org

Mother Up! brings together families to talk about the tough realities of climate change and to participate in the just transition to a healthier and safer world. A vegetarian meal plus childcare for ages 8 and under will be provided. Contact: abby@350vt.org

Animals of Spring presented by Teaching Creatures

Wednesday, April 24. Two sessions: 9:30-10:15 & 10:30-11:15

Hilltop Montessori School, 99 Stafford Farm Hill Rd, Brattleboro

Come learn about what some special animals have been doing all winter, and what awaits them in the warmth of the new season. Meet frogs, a rabbit and a hedgehog up close and celebrate the arrival of spring! Pre-registration required; call 802-257-0500 x102

Portraits and Punch

Thursday, April 25, 10:00 to 12:00

Westminster West Public Library

3409 Westminster W Rd, Putney, VT 05346

Come share with us the healthy benefits of elderberry juice, while having your portrait drawn. The day starts outside with Circle Time (dress warmly!) and then moves inside for snack and portraits. Free and open to all. More info at 802-387-4682.



Skier from Africa but Skiing in Vermont, by Oliver, Age 6

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Cheshire Children's Museum (Free with Voucher)

Friday, April 26 & Saturday, April 27, 10:00-5:00

Sunday, April 28, 12:00-5:00

149 Emerald Street, Keene, NH. 603-903-1800

A hands-on museum for children to explore, learn and "Imagine a World of Possibilities." Vouchers for free entrance will be distributed at the Children's Art Exhibit on April 7 at the River Garden and will be available at the Winston Prouty Center, 209 Austine Dr. Brattleboro, 802-257-7852.

Children's Book Swap

Friday, April 26, 4:00-6:00

Mount Snow Child Care, West Dover. Clock Tower Building, 2nd Floor

Bring your gently used children's books and exchange them at our Children's Book Swap. More info: lhesselbach@mountsnow.com or 802.464.4152

Moving to Music, Stories and Imagination

Saturday, April 27, 10:00-10:45

Hilltop Montessori School, 99 Stafford Farm Hill Rd, Brattleboro

Andy Davis will lead young children in activities that weave together music, storytelling, dance and song. Parents are welcome to participate with children or observe. Bring comfortable shoes. Please pre-register - call Hilltop Montessori School at 802-257-0500 or email frontdesk@hilltopmontessori.org

Art for Young Children

Saturday, April 27, 10:00-12:00

Marlboro Community Center, 524 South Rd, Marlboro. 802-257-0801

Join Jaime Schilling, artist and art teacher for young children, for a morning of creativity. More details at <http://marlborocommunity.center> or by emailing marlborocommunitycenter@gmail.com

Family Fun Event

Saturday, April 27, 10:00-12:00

Early Education Services, 130 Birge St, Brattleboro. 802-254-3742 ext 171

Open to all! The Annies, face painting, live animals from the Southern Natural History Museum, free books and bag lunches and much more!

Signs of Spring Hike

Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 to 12:00

The Grammar School, 69 Hickory Ridge Road South, Putney.

Enjoy an easy amble looking for signs of spring and wildlife along The Grammar School's streams and wooded nature trails. Mud/puddle boots recommended. Healthy snack to follow.



Stay up-to-date about these events at facebook.com/WindhamMOYC

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Vermont's future starts with today's children. Our children need the highest quality care and education. Supporting the system that provides those experiences will bring lasting benefits for our society as a whole. Join families from across the country during the Month of the Young Child in recognizing the people, programs and policies that build better futures for all children.

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