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**What:** New Year Pancake Breakfast. Warm your winter Saturday at Verrill Farm's first pancake breakfast of the New Year! Breakfast includes made-from-scratch pancakes, Massachusetts-made maple syrup, and juice, milk or coffee.

**When:** Saturday, January 8, 2005

**Time:** 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Where:** Verrill Farm, 11 Wheeler Road, Concord

**Cost:** \$6.00 per person

**For more info:** 978-369-4494; [www.verrillfarm.com](http://www.verrillfarm.com)

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**What:** Discover the Lost ½ Mile of the Charles River. After the construction of the Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge is completed, what will be left behind? Come and discover the "lost" half-mile of the Charles River. There will be rough terrain so wear walking shoes.

**When:** Saturday, January 8, 2005

**Time:** 1:00 – 2:30 pm

**Where:** Charles River Reservation; Meet at the plaza in front of the Museum of Science

**Cost:** Free

**For more info:** 617-626-1481;

[www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/charlesR.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/charlesR.htm)

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**What:** Resolution Walk at Charles River Basin. Jumpstart that New Year's resolution to get more exercise! Join us for a four-mile walk around the basin and start the New Year right! Wear comfortable shoes and dress appropriately for the weather.

**When:** Sunday, January 9, 2005

**Time:** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Where:** Charles River Reservation; Meet at the plaza in front of the Museum of Science

**Cost:** Free

**For more info:** 617-626-1481;

[www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/charlesR.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/charlesR.htm)

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**What:** Dusk Deer Watch at Blue Hills State Reservation. White-tailed deer are becoming common in the reservation but are rarely seen. Join a DCR Ranger to hunt for signs of deer and perhaps see one or more! Please dress appropriately and wear boots. Programs will run unless weather is severe. Best for ages 8 and up. Prior registration is recommended.

**When:** Sunday, January 9, 2005

Time: 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Where: Blue Hills State Reservation, 695 Hillside Street, Milton

Cost: Free

For more info & to register: 617-698-1802; [tom.bender@state.ma.us](mailto:tom.bender@state.ma.us)

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**What:** The Thomas Crane Public Library presents the "NASA@your library" traveling exhibit. Learn about the International Space Station, NASA's future plans and what it's like to live in space.

**When:** Daily through Thursday, January 20, 2005

**Time:** Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm; Friday – Saturday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 pm

**Where:** Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington Street, Quincy

**Cost:** Free

**For more info:** 617-376-1300; [thomascranelibrary.org](http://thomascranelibrary.org)

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**What:** Winter in the Tropics. Shake those winter blues with a visit to "Winter in the Tropics" at Franklin Park Zoo. Enjoy a video in the Tropical Forest's toasty warm Hippo Theatre, take in a zookeeper encounter at Bird's World, or warm up at the Giddy-Up Grill.

**When:** Weekends in January and February

**Time:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Where:** Franklin Park Zoo, One Franklin Park Road, Boston

**Cost:** \$5.00 for children (15 and under); \$9.50 for adults

**For more info:** 617-541-LION; [www.zoonewengland.com](http://www.zoonewengland.com)

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**What:** Tanglewood Marionettes. The award-winning Tanglewood Marionettes will enchant audiences of all ages at this performance in Natick!

**When:** Saturday, January 15, 2005

**Time:** 11:00 am

**Where:** The Center for Arts in Natick, 14 Summer Street, Natick

**Cost:** \$5.00 for children (under 12); \$8.00 for adults

**For more info:** 508-647-0097; [www.natickart.org](http://www.natickart.org)

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**What:** Charles River Dam Tour. Why is the dam the most important building in Boston? Come on a tour and find out!

**When:** Saturday, January 15, 2005

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Where:** Meet at the Paul Revere Park, Charlestown located below the North Washington Street Bridge in Charlestown

**Cost:** Free

**For more info:** 617-626-1481;

[www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/charlesR.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/charlesR.htm)

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**What:** Kids First! Film Club. Each Sunday in January, this special program brings classic children's book adaptations to the giant screen! Jan 9: The Iron Giant, from the director of "The Incredibles," is a fantastic and gentle adaptation

of Ted Hughes's 1968 novella which follows a young boy who befriends a giant robot who falls from the sky smack into the middle of small town 50s America (ages 5 to 9). Jan 16: "Click Clack Moo Moo," short stories featuring fun on the farm (ages 2+). Jan 23: "Giggle Giggle Quack," and more funny favorites (ages 2+). Jan 30: "Is Your Mama a Llama" and more stories about growing up (ages 2+).

**When:** Sundays in January

**Time:** 11:00 am

**Where:** Coolidge Corner Theatre, 290 Harvard Street, Brookline

**Cost:** \$2.00

**For more info:** 617-734-2500; [www.coolidge.org](http://www.coolidge.org)

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**What:** MIT Museum. This museum explores the foundations and the frontiers of science, and gives visitors a window on technological innovation they won't find anywhere else. Learn about robots and artificial intelligence, see amazing holograms, follow the making of MIT scientists and engineers, catch the time-stopping beauty of strobe photography, discover the art in architecture, journey with leading edge oceanographers, even thrill to a roomful of ingenious kinetic sculptures. The Museum features changing and ongoing exhibits, unique hands-on experiences, and community programs for visitors of all ages.

**When:** Tuesday - Sunday

**Time:** Tuesday – Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm; Saturday – Sunday: 12:00 – 5:00 pm

**Where:** MIT Museum, 265 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge

**Cost:** Free admission on the third Sunday of each month; Otherwise, \$1.00 for children (5-18); \$5.00 for adults

**For more info:** 617-253-4444; [web.mit.edu/museum](http://web.mit.edu/museum)

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**What:** Ice Skating on the Frog Pond. Lace up your skates and head to the Frog Pond on Boston Common! The pond area includes concessions, skate rentals, restrooms and warming areas.

**When:** Daily

**Time:** Sunday – Thursday: 10:00 am – 9:00 pm; Friday – Saturday: 10:00 am – 10:00 pm

**Where:** Boston Common, Boston

**Cost:** Admission: Free for children (13 and under); \$3.00 for adults; Skate rentals: \$5.00 for children; \$7.00 for adults

**For more info:** 617-635-2120; [Parks@ci.boston.ma.us](mailto:Parks@ci.boston.ma.us)

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**What:** Flights of Fancy. Soar into the world of music with the Boston Lyric Opera! The fun-filled weekend combines programs about flight with

presentations on the science of music and performances featuring Boston Lyric Opera musicians. On Saturday, catch a special appearance by Ken Blackburn, who created the paper airplane that holds the world record for time aloft (27.6 seconds). The day begins with a paper airplane contest (11:00 am). Blackburn signs copies of his book "Kids' Paper Airplane Book" from 2:00 –4:00 pm. Two free 20-minute musical previews of BLO's The Little Prince take place in the Atrium (1:30 pm & 2:30 pm). Visit the Museum of Science website for a full schedule of events.

**When:** Friday, January 21 – Sunday, January 23, 2005

**Time:** Friday: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Where:** Museum of Science, Science Park, Boston

**Cost:** \$11.00 for children; \$14.00 for adults

**For more info:** 617-723-2500; [www.mos.org](http://www.mos.org)

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**What:** Toe Jam Puppet Band. The Toe Jam Puppet Band offers a special brand of hands-on children's entertainment that people of all ages will enjoy! Performances are active, encouraging kids and adults to sing and dance along with the band as they entertain with a unique combination of original songs, masterful shadow puppetry, storytelling and just plain old good fun.

**When:** Saturday, January 22, 2005

**Time:** 10:30 am

**Where:** Coolidge Corner Theatre, 290 Harvard Street, Brookline

**Cost:** \$8.00 for children; \$10.00 for adults

**For more info:** 617-734-2500; [www.coolidgecornertheatre.org](http://www.coolidgecornertheatre.org)

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**What:** Spoof Gabbling Circus. The Spoof Gabbling Circus is a two-person non-stop comedy juggling show. It's a high-energy, vaudeville-style show that appeals to kids, teens, and grownups.

**When:** Saturday, January 22, 2005

**Time:** 10:30 am

**Where:** Regent Theatre, 7 Medford Street, Arlington

**Cost:** \$5.00 for children (12 and under); \$7.00 for adults

**For more info:** 781-646-4849; [www.regenttheatre.com](http://www.regenttheatre.com)

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**What:** Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Pocket Full of Tales Theatre Company presents "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." It's cold outside, but it's warm inside...what better time to share the classic tale of a girl named after the wonders of winter! Join the PFOT adult cast and eight local kids for a morning filled with witches, dwarves, princesses and, of course, a prince to save the day!

**When:** Saturday January 22, 2005

**Time:** 11:00 am

**Where:** The Center for Arts in Natick, 14 Summer Street, Natick

**Cost:** \$5.00 for children (under 12); \$8.00 for adults  
**For more info:** 508-647-0097; [www.natickarts.org](http://www.natickarts.org)

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**What:** Japanese New Year Celebration. A Japanese New Year Festival features arts and crafts activities, performances and demonstrations. Move to the beat of Japanese taiko drumming, watch a tea ceremony demonstration and make giant origami figures.

**When:** Sunday, January 23, 2005

**Time:** 11:00 am - 4:00pm

**Where:** Boston Children's Museum, 300 Congress Street, Boston

**Cost:** \$7.00 for children (15 and under); \$9.00 for adults

**For more info:** 617-426-6500; [www.BostonChildrensMuseum.org](http://www.BostonChildrensMuseum.org)

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**What:** Pretty Sweet Members' Day. Explore the DeCordova's new exhibition "Pretty Sweet: The Sentimental Image in Contemporary Art," and then create your own collage or Valentine. Bring an object that has sentimental value to you. As you create a Valentine for that special someone, incorporate an image of your object into your own artwork. At 2:00 and 3:00 pm, enjoy theatrical scenes, monologues, and sonnets of sentimentality performed by Boston's acclaimed "Actors' Shakespeare Project." RSVP by Thursday, January 20, 2005.

**When:** Sunday, January 23, 2005

**Time:** 1:00 – 4:00 pm

**Where:** DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, 51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln

**Cost:** \$6.00 for children (12 and under); \$9.00 for adults

**For more info & to RSVP:** 781-259-3629

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**What:** Japanese Calligraphy for Kids. Come learn about the tools and techniques of Japanese calligraphy! Dr. Ohki gives a demonstration appropriate for ages 9-12 and will give all children make their own calligraphic masterworks to take home. Wear old clothing. Enrollment is limited to 15, and pre-registration is required.

**When:** Saturday, January 29, 2005

**Time:** 10:00 - 11:30 am

**Where:** Fogg Art Museum, 32 Quincy Street, Cambridge

**Cost:** \$15.00

**For more info & to pre-register:** 617-495-4402;  
[www.artmuseums.harvard.edu](http://www.artmuseums.harvard.edu)

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**What:** Weather Weekend & Groundhog Day Celebration. Make weather instruments, windsocks and more! Celebrate the legend of Punxsutawney Phil and determine if a groundhog can predict the weather.

**When:** Saturday, January 29, 2005 – Sunday, January 30, 2005

**Time:** 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Where:** Boston Children's Museum, 300 Congress Street, Boston

**Cost:** \$7.00 for children (15 and under); \$9.00 for adults

**For more info:** 617-426-8855; [www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org)

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**What:** F.A.S.T. Program: Our Genes and Our Environment. In the Family Adventures in Science and Technology (F.A.S.T.) program, you'll explore factors in the environment that affect our health adversely. CEHS students and researchers will discuss individual differences in susceptibility to environmental factors (such as allergens) by manipulating Lego DNA models; reveal the mystery and significance behind some current MIT environmental health research; and provide handy information on how to build a safe environment inside your home this winter.

**When:** Sunday, January 30, 2005

**Time:** 2:00 – 4:00 pm

**Where:** MIT Museum, 265 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge

**Cost:** \$1.00 for children (5-18); \$5.00 for adults

**For more info:** 617-253-4444; [www.web.mit.edu/museum](http://www.web.mit.edu/museum)

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**What:** Junie B. Jones. Outspoken, precocious, lovable Junie B. Jones stars in a colorful, funny, fast-paced musical about new friends, new glasses, sugar cookies, the annual kickball tournament and other various first-grade angst-ridden situations. Follow her adventures as she writes down the story line of her life in her "Top Secret Personal Beeswax Journal." The musical is based on four stories in Barbara Park's Junie B. Jones series of books. The performance is part of the Magic Ark Children's Series. Best for ages 9 and younger.

**When:** Sunday, January 30, 2005

**Time:** 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm

**Where:** Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center, 333 Nahanton Street, Newton

**Cost:** \$9.00

**For more info:** 617-965-5226; [www.lsjcc.org](http://www.lsjcc.org)

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**What:** Lab Tricks. High school explorer Matt Chia will dazzle you with physicals tricks, puzzles and magic!

**When:** Sunday, January 30, 2005

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Where:** The Discovery Museums, 177 Main Street, Acton

**Cost:** \$8.00 per person

**For more info:** 978-264-4200

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**What:** Go out for Hot Chocolate. Warm up during the cold winter weather with a steaming cup of hot chocolate!

**When:** Daily

**Time:** Hours vary

**Where:** Atomic Café, 265 Cabot Street, Beverly; Bistanys, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston; The Ritz-Carlton, 15 Arlington Street, Boston; Sidney's Grille, 20 Sidney Street, Hotel@MIT, Cambridge; Swan's Café, Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers, 64 Arlington Street, Boston

**Cost:** Prices vary

**For more info:** Atomic Café: 978-922-0042; Bistanys: 617-367-6604; The Ritz-Carlton: 617-912-3355; Sidney's Grille: 617-494-0011; Swan's Café: 617-426-2000

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