



A Guide to
Free and Low Cost
Activities to do
with Children
in New York City



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Welcome!

Welcome to the ACS/CUNY Informal Family Child Care Project *Guide to Free and Low Cost Activities to do with Children in New York City!* As a child care provider, you have the unique responsibility and joy of caring for children during an important time in their lives. Being out in the world adds variety to the day and helps children develop a sense of themselves and the world around them. We hope this guide makes your time with children easier, more interesting and more FUN!

Who we are:

The ACS/CUNY Informal Family Child Care Project (IFCC) is a partnership between the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) and the City University of New York (CUNY) created to support the important work you do with children and families every day. IFCC offers a variety of programs and services, including:

- Professional learning workshops
- Coaching and individualized support
- Career development, and
- Resources and materials to use with children

Who this guide is for:

Whether you are caring for one child a few days a week or several children on a regular basis, you are building relationships and providing important learning opportunities through the choices you make every day. IFCC created this guide for you, to share information about the rich resources and experiences available for young children in New York City, many of which are free or low cost.

How to use this guide:

Outings with children can include short trips – like a daily walk or a visit to a local park, library, or grocery store – or longer outings to specific destinations. In this guide, you will find information about places to visit with children and tips for making your outings safe and engaging. The guide is organized in two ways – by borough and by type of experience or venue – and puts information about the diverse resources NYC has to offer at your fingertips.



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MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

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- **PREPARE** for the outing.
 - Visit the venue's website or call in advance for information.
 - Choose one or two exhibits or areas to focus on during your visit.
 - Consider logistics like transportation, supervision, weather, and meals.
 - Inform families in advance about where you're going.
 - Ensure children are dressed properly.
 - Pack a first aid kit.
- **BUILD** excitement before your visit.
 - **TALK** with children about what they might see and introduce new words and concepts (*What is a museum? What is an exhibit?*).
 - **READ** books and share stories about some of the things they may see.
 - **ASK** questions to learn what children are curious about.
- **LISTEN** and **OBSERVE** for opportunities to introduce new words or concepts
- **ASK** open-ended questions like:
 - **What** do you **NOTICE**?
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 - **How** does it make you **FEEL**?
- **Make it FUN!**
 - Invite children to **ACT OUT** what they see.
 - **PLAY** "I SPY" (*I spy something red, round, HUGE, tiny, etc.*).

Extending Learning

- At home, **ENCOURAGE REFLECTION** about the outing. You might ask:
 - What did you like the most about our trip today?
 - What new words did you learn?
 - What can we find or use at home to make our own art (*or structures, animals, etc.*)?
- **EXTEND** children's learning by trying the following activities after your visit:
 - **CREATE** an art gallery with children and **OBSERVE** each other's creations.
 - **READ** and **TALK** about art and creative expression.

While You're There

- **FOLLOW** children's lead and let them guide your exploration.
- **OBSERVE** children interacting with exhibits, displays, activities.
- **DOCUMENT** your observations with pictures or notes to help children remember the experience later.

BRONX Museums and Cultural Institutions

48th Police Precinct Station

1925 Bathgate Ave
Bronx, New York 10457
(718) 299-3900
Historic Building built in 1901.

The 48th Police Precinct Station, designed in 1900 by Horgan & Slattery and completed in 1901, is an excellent example of Italian Renaissance Revival municipal architecture. The station survives as a prominent architectural landmark in the East Tremont section of the Bronx.

Directions:

2 **5** to Tremont Ave/West Farms Sq to Bx 42 bus to E Tremont/3rd Ave

Bartow-Pell Mansion and Carriage House and Landmark

895 Shore Road, Pelham Bay Park
Bronx, NY 10464
(718) 885-1461
bartowpellmansionmuseum.org
Free Admission for Garden Grounds
For Mansion: Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday
12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
\$5 for adults
\$3 for seniors & students
free for children under six

Built 1836, Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, with its splendid Greek Revival interiors, is tucked away in a lovely, quiet corner of Pelham Bay Park – an area that was once home to more than 20 elegant country estates. As the only grand country house still in existence on Pelham Bay, it provides an important link to the social and architectural history of New York.

Directions:

6 to Buhre Ave, Bx8 bus to Dean Ave/Lafayette Ave

BRONX Museums and Cultural Institutions

Bronx Borough Courthouse

East 161st Street, Third and Brook Avenues
Bronx, New York 10451

The Bronx Borough Courthouse is a U.S. National Historic Place and a New York City landmark. It was built between 1905 and 1914 in Melrose near Boston Road, Third Avenue, St. Anns Avenue and 161st Street.

Directions:

4 **D** to 161st St - Grand Concourse

Bronx Museum of the Arts

1040 Grand Concourse at 165th St
Bronx, NY 10456
(718)-681-6000
bronxmuseum.org
Free Admission

The Bronx Museum of the Arts is a contemporary art museum that connects diverse audiences to the urban experience through its permanent collection, special exhibitions, and education programs. The Bronx Museum of the Arts is dedicated to providing all visitors access to its contemporary art collection and exhibitions.

Directions:

D **4** **5** **2** to 167th St

Derfner Judaica Museum

Jacob Reingold Pavilion, Hebrew Home, Riverdale
5901 Palisades Avenue
Bronx, NY 10471
(718) 581-1000
riverspringhealth.org/derfner-judaica-museum
Free Admission

The Derfner Judaica Museum is a cultural and educational center that offers great exhibitions relating to Jewish history and contemporary Jewish culture.

Directions:

1 to 231st St, then Bx10 bus to Riverdale Ave & 261st St

1 to Marble Hill Ave/228th St, then Bx7 bus to Riverdale Ave & 261st St

4 to Bedford Park/Lehman College, then Bx10 bus to Riverdale Ave & 261st St

BRONX Museums and Cultural Institutions

Fordham University Museum of Greek, Etruscan and Roman Art

Rose Hill Campus
441 E Fordham Rd
Bronx, NY 10458
718-817-3590
library.fordham.edu/resources/fordhammuseum
Free Admission

The Fordham Museum of Greek, Etruscan and Roman Art features more than 260 antiquities dating from the 10th century B.C. through the 3rd century A.D. The collection spans several periods, Mycenaean, Villanovan, Classical Greece, Geometrical, Archaic Roman, Imperial Roman, Republican, Etruscan, South Italian.

Directions:

D to Fordham Rd

Hall of Fame for Great Americans

2155 University Ave
Bronx, NY 10453
(718) 289-5100
Free Admission, Donation Recommended

The original “Hall of Fame” for Great Americans is also known as a New York Landmark to honor prominent Americans who have had a significant impact on this nation’s history.

Directions:

4 **D** to 183rd St



PARKS, RECREATION AND OUTDOOR VENUES

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 - Choose one or two areas to focus on during your outing.
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 - Inform families in advance about where you're going.
 - Plan your route and be prepared to adjust based on children's needs.
 - Ensure children are dressed properly.
 - Pack a first aid kit.
- **TALK** about what to expect.
 - What do they think they will see?
 - Are there games or equipment they look forward to playing with?

While You're There

- **ENCOURAGE** children to use their **SENSES**.
 - **ASK** them to close their eyes and tell you what they hear or smell.
 - **TOUCH** tree bark and other clean, safe objects you find and talk about texture, shape and size.
- **ENCOURAGE** children to **LOOK** for wildlife.
 - **LOOK** under rocks and sticks for bugs, look up in the trees for birds.
 - **LOOK** for animal tracks or for feathers that can tell the story of the animals that live in the area.

- **GO** on a scavenger hunt! Work together to create a list of items you may find and see outdoors.
- **COLLECT** leaves, rocks, sticks and other items to bring back with you.

Extending Learning

- When you get home, **ENCOURAGE REFLECTION** about their experience and discoveries.
- You might ask:
 - What did you like the most about our time outside today?
 - What did you find on our outing today?
- **DISCUSS** what they see and **EXPAND** on their observations using descriptive words.
- **EXTEND** their learning by trying the following activities with them after your outing:
 - **ASK** children to share their observations and discoveries.
 - **OFFER** books and **FACILITATE** discussions about the outdoors, living in a city, the animals they saw.
 - **MAKE** art using the items you collected. Press flowers, glitter pinecones or draw part of your favorite park outdoor activity.

BRONX Parks, Recreation and Outdoor Venues



Bronx Zoo

2300 Southern Blvd
Bronx, NY 10460
(718) 220-5100
bronxzoo.com

Wednesday Admission Pay As You Wish

The Bronx Zoo connects families, children, and adults to wildlife. With the Bronx Zoo's friendly environment you will enjoy the full experience and witness exhibits and attractions unfold.

Directions:

  to East Tremont Ave/West Farms Sq

Crotona Park

1700 Crotona Ave
(718) 378-2061
nycgovparks.org/parks/crotona-park

Crotona Park, named after the Greek colony of Croton, is known for its 28 tree species and beautiful 3.3 acre lake, which is home to turtles, ducks, and fish.

Directions:

  to Freeman St  to Claremont Pkwy

Jerome Avenue Market

Mullaly Park Bet. River Ave & McClellan
8am - 4pm Fridays starting June 27th to Nov 21st

Harvest Home Farmer's Market is a NYC non-profit organization dedicated to increasing access to local, farm-fresh produce for low-income neighborhoods.

Directions:

  to 161st St - Yankee Stadium

BRONX Parks, Recreation and Outdoor Venues

The New York Botanical Gardens

2900 Southern Blvd

Bronx, NY 10458

(718) 817-8716

nybg.org

Free Admission to the grounds Wednesday and Saturday 9-10 am

The New York Botanical Garden is a giant plant kingdom. The Garden provides more than just a beautiful nature experience but also takes the role of a museum of plant collections.

Directions:

D to Norwood - 205th St

Orchard Beach

Long Island Sound in Pelham Bay Park

(718) 885-2275

nycgovparks.org/parks/pelham-bay-park/facilities/beaches

Free Admission

Orchard Beach is a free public beach near Pelham Bay Park and situated on the western end of Long Island Sound. Enjoy the sun and assorted events, playgrounds, and fun.

Directions:

6 to Pelham Bay Park, then BX29

La Familia Verde Farmers Market

East Tremont & LaFontaine Aves

lafamiliaverde.org

8 am - 2 pm Tuesdays

La Familia Verde is a Community Garden Coalition and Resource Center known for its Farmers Market which provides fresh produce from 5 community farms. Join the celebration all summer long.

Directions:

2 **4** **5** to 149th St - Grand Concourse **6** to 3rd Ave - 138th St

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Target Bronx Community Garden

1025 Anderson Avenue

Bronx, NY 10452

nyp.org/green-spaces/garden-details/target-bronx-community-garden

Open up to 20 hours minimum per week

Founded in 1982, this open space has long been used by local gardeners to raise a variety of vegetables and fruit, including tomatoes, corn and pears, and to harvest apples from the garden's beloved, mature apple tree.

Directions:

B **4** to 161st St - Yankee Stadium

Van Cortlandt Park

Van Cortlandt Park South bet. Broadway and Jerome Ave

Bronx, NY 10462

(718) 430-1890

nycgovparks.org/parks/VanCortlandtPark

Free Admission

Van Cortlandt Park is a beautiful park in the heart of the Bronx near the Westchester County line, the park is great for picnics and playground fun.

Directions:

1 **4** to Van Cortlandt Park - 242nd St

Wave Hill

675 West 252nd Street

Bronx, NY 10471

(718) 549-3200

wavehill.org

Free Admission

Wave Hill is a public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades in the Bronx. Wave Hill's vibrant landscape is one of the most beautiful places in New York City.

Directions:

1 to the end of the line at West 242nd Street. A free Wave Hill shuttle van meets passengers on the west side of Broadway in front of Burger King.

LIBRARIES

Plan Your Visit

- **CHOOSE** a library to visit.
- **PREPARE** for your visit:
 - Visit the library's website or call the branch you will be visiting. Most library branches offer interactive story times for different age groups as well as many other free programs and activities.
 - Consider visiting the library in advance to meet the children's librarian and learn the layout of the library.
- **SIGN UP** for your own library card if you don't already have one, and ask parents if their children have library cards before you go.
- **PREPARE** children for story times at the library by setting aside a daily Story Time when you read aloud to children. If there are older children in your care, you may want get them involved in reading aloud to children as well.

While You're There

- **INTRODUCE** the children to the children's librarian and encourage children to ask for help with finding books. Older children may ask for help with homework assignments or projects.
- **DO** a Picture Walk.
 - Choose a book – preferably with lots of illustrations – and “walk” through the book, one page at a time.

- **OBSERVE** what children **NOTICE**.
- **TALK** about the characters and ask children to **PREDICT** what might happen, then
- **READ** the book together.

- **ENCOURAGE** children to select one or two books (or more!) to bring home. You may also consider checking out books on tape or CD, DVD's and other available resources.

Extending Learning

- When you get home, **ENCOURAGE REFLECTION** about their experience at the library.
- You might ask:
 - What was your favorite part of the story you heard today?
 - Why did you choose these books today?
- **EXPLORE** the following activities to continue promoting **EARLY LITERACY** and **LANGUAGE** development.
 - **READ** to and with children
 - **OBSERVE** how they **INTERACT** with books and stories
 - **INVITE** children to create books of their own.
 - **CREATE** a quiet and comfortable *Book Nook* or area in your home with books and soft materials.

Main Branch

Bronx Library Center

310 East Kingsbridge Road (at Briggs Avenue)

Bronx, NY 10458

(718) 579-4244

nypl.org

Other Branches

Allerton Library

2740 Barnes Ave

Bronx, NY 10467

(718) 881-4240

Baychester Library

2049 Asch Loop North

Bronx, NY 10475

(718) 379-6700

Belmont Library and Enrico Fermi

Cultural Center

610 E. 186th Street

Bronx, NY 10458

(718) 933-6410

Castle Hill Library

947 Castle Hill Avenue (at Bruckner Blvd.)

Bronx, NY 10473

(718) 824-3838

City Island Library

320 City Island Ave

Bronx, NY 10464

(718) 885-1703

Clasons Point Library

320 City Island Ave

Bronx, NY 10464

(718) 842-1235

Eastchester Library

1385 E Gun Hill Rd

Bronx, NY 10469

(718) 653-3292

Francis Martin Library

2150 University Avenue (at 181st St.)

Bronx, NY 10453

(718) 295-5287

Grand Concourse Library

155 E 173rd St

Bronx, NY 10457

(718) 583-6611

High Bridge Library

78 West 168th Street (at Woodycrest Ave.)

Bronx, NY 10452

(718) 293-7800

Hunts Point Library

877 Southern Boulevard

Bronx, NY 10459

(718) 617-0338

Jerome Park Library

118 Eames Place (near Kingsbridge Rd.)

Bronx, NY 10468

(718) 549-5200

Kingsbridge Library

291 W 231st St

Bronx, New York 10463

(718) 548-5656

Melrose Library

910 Morris Ave

Bronx, NY 10451

(718) 588-0110

Morris Park Library

985 Morris Park Avenue (between Radcliff and Colden Aves.)

Bronx, NY 10462

(718) 931-0636

Morrisania Library

610 East 169th Street (at Franklin Ave.)

Bronx, NY 10456

(718) 589-9268

Mosholu Library

285 East 205th Street
Bronx, NY 10467
(718) 882-8239

Mott Haven Library

321 E 140th St
Bronx, NY 10454
(718) 665-4878

Parkchester Library

1985 Westchester Avenue (at Pugsley Ave.)
Bronx, NY 10462
(718) 829-7830

Pelham Bay Library

3060 Middletown Road
Bronx, NY 10461
(718) 792-6744

Riverdale Library

5540 Mosholu Avenue
Bronx, NY 10471
(718) 549-1212

Sedgwick Library

1701 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. (at W. 176th St.)
Bronx, NY 10453
(718) 731-2074

Soundview Library

660 Soundview Avenue (at Seward Ave.)
Bronx, NY 10473
(718) 589-0880

Spuyten Duyvil Library

650 W. 235th St. (at Independence Ave.)
Bronx, NY 10463
(718) 796-1202

Throg's Neck Library

3025 Cross Bronx Expressway Extension
(at E. Tremont Ave.)
Bronx, NY 10465
(718) 792-2612

Tremont Library

1866 Washington Avenue (at E. 176th St.)
Bronx, NY 10457
(718) 299-5177

Van Cortlandt Library

3874 Sedgwick Avenue (south of Mosholu Parkway)
Bronx, NY 10463
(718) 543-5150

Van Nest Library

2147 Barnes Avenue (near Pelham Parkway South)
Bronx, NY 10462
(718) 829-5864

Wakefield Library

4100 Lowerre Place (at E. 229th St.)
Bronx, NY 10466
(718) 652-4663

West Farms Library

2085 Honeywell Avenue (between E. 179th & 180th Sts.)
Bronx, NY 10460
(718) 367-5376

Westchester Square Library

2521 Glebe Avenue
Bronx, NY 10461
(718) 863-0436

Woodlawn Heights Library

4355 Katonah Avenue (at E. 239th St.)
Bronx, NY 10470
(718) 519-9627

Woodstock Library

761 East 160th Street (west of Prospect Ave.)
Bronx, NY 10456
(718) 665-6255



Places to Visit in
BROOKLYN

MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

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- At home, **ENCOURAGE REFLECTION** about the outing. You might ask:
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BROOKLYN Museums and Cultural Institutions

Borough Hall Skyscraper Historic District

<https://untappedcities.com/2014/04/11/a-look-at-brooklyns-skyscraper-historic-district/>

The Borough Hall Skyscraper Historic District is a cluster of 21 buildings surrounding Brooklyn's Borough Hall.

Directions:

2 3 4 5 to Borough Hall **F A C R** to Jay St - MetroTech

Brooklyn Academy of Music Historic District

Peter Jay Sharp Building

30 Lafayette Ave

Brooklyn, NY 11217

(718) 636-4100

bam.org

Admission based on tickets purchased for shows

Local architects designed this neighborhood of three- and four-story row houses between 1885 and 1859. A few rare homes with cast-iron facades were added in the 1870s. In 1908 the Brooklyn Academy of Music built its new headquarters designed by Herts & Tallant in the Italian Renaissance Revival style here.

Directions:

2 3 4 5 B D N Q R to Atlantic Ave - Barclay's Center

Brooklyn Museum

200 Eastern Parkway (at Washington Avenue)

Brooklyn, NY 11238

(718) 638-5000

brooklynmuseum.org

Admission: Adults \$16

19 and under FREE,

Target First Saturdays FREE

Wed - Sun 11am - 6pm

The Brooklyn Museum is one of the oldest and largest art museums in the country. Its world-renowned permanent collections range from ancient Egyptian masterpieces to contemporary art, and represent a wide range of cultures.

Directions:

2 3 to Eastern Pkwy- Brooklyn Museum

BROOKLYN Museums and Cultural Institutions

Brooklyn Children's Museum

145 Brooklyn Ave
(718) 735-4400
brooklynkids.org

*Pay as you wish Thursdays 2-6 pm**

*Does not apply to schools, camps, or other organized groups. Free hours are suspended on days during NYC School's Out Weeks. BCM will offer a reduced admission rate of \$5 per person on these dates after 3 pm.

The Brooklyn Children's Museum is the world's oldest children's museum. With a recent expansion, new exhibits and programs are available to children and families. The museum's collection and exhibitions reflect its long history as well as the changes in children's educational needs over time and the changing environment.

Directions:

3 to Kingston Ave **A** to Nostrand Ave

C to Kingston/Throop Ave

New York Transit Museum

Brooklyn Heights
130 Livingston Street, 10th Floor,
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 694-3451
nytransitmuseum.org

Admission:

Adults \$10

Children and Seniors \$5

The New York Transit Museum explores the development of the greater New York Metropolitan region through the presentations of exhibitions, tours, educational programs, and workshops dealing with the cultural, social, and technological history of public transportation.

Directions:

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BROOKLYN Parks, Recreation and Outdoor Venues

Albert J. Parham Playground

Willoughby Ave, Adelphi St & Clermont Ave, Ft Green
(212) 639-9675
nycgovparks.org/parks/albert-j-parham-playground
Free Admission

Located south of Willoughby Avenue between Adelphi Street and Clermont Avenue in Brooklyn, this playground is named for Albert Lysander Parham (1914-1990)

Directions:

 to Lafayette Ave

Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Garden

94 A / 95 Malcolm X Boulevard
Brooklyn, NY 11221
(212) 333-2552
nyrp.org/green-spaces/garden-details/bedford-stuyvesant-community-garden
Free Admission

The Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Garden – formerly the Lola Bryant Community Garden – has long been known for the large quantities of fruits and vegetables – including collard greens, tomatoes, okra and pole and bush beans – that were cultivated there for many years by avid local gardeners and shared with senior citizens and others in the community.

Directions:

 to Utica Ave, B46 to Malcolm X Blvd/Gates Ave



BROOKLYN Parks, Recreation and Outdoor Venues

Bridge Plaza Community Garden

153 Concord Street

Brooklyn, NY 11201

(212) 333-2552

nyrp.org/green-spaces/garden-details/bridge-plaza-community-garden

Free Admission

Located in the Downtown section of the borough, this 2,500-square-foot garden serves a neighborhood comprised primarily of residential, office and government buildings.

Directions::



to Utica Ave, B46 to Malcolm X Blvd/Gates Ave

Brighton Playground

Brighton 2nd Street & Bridgewater Court

Brooklyn, NY 11235

nycgovparks.org/parks/brighton-playground

Free Admission

The playground design was inspired by the amusements and marine life of Coney Island. Sea creatures from starfish to dolphins adorn the steel panels at entrances to the playground and the play equipment.

Directions:



to Brighton Beach

Carroll Gardens Greenmarket

Carroll Street and Smith Street

Brooklyn, NY 11231

(212) 788-7476

grownyc.org/greenmarket/brooklyn/carroll-gardens

Sundays 8am-3pm

Most Greenmarkets provide an array of fresh fruit and vegetables, plants and flowers, grass-fed meat, fresh fish, eggs and dairy products. Most markets accept SNAP/EBT cards.

Directions:



to Carroll St

BROOKLYN Parks, Recreation and Outdoor Venues

Brooklyn Bridge Park and Brooklyn Bridge Conservancy

334 Furman Street
 Brooklyn, NY 11201
 (718) 222-9939
brooklynbridgepark.org
Free Admission

Brooklyn Bridge Park partners with Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy to provide a programming schedule that contains over 400 free activities throughout the year ranging from children's education programs and bike lessons, to performing arts and fitness classes.

Directions:

2 **3** **4** **5** to Borough Hall
A **C** to High St
R to Court St
F to Jay St - MetroTech

Brooklyn Borough Hall Greenmarket

Court St and Montague St
 Brooklyn, NY 11241
grownyc.org/greenmarket/brooklyn/boro-hall-sa
Tu, Th, and Sat 8am-6pm

Most Greenmarkets provide an array of fresh fruit and vegetables, plants and flowers, grass-fed meat, fresh fish, eggs and dairy products. Most markets accept SNAP/EBT cards.

Directions:

2 **3** **4** to Borough Hall **R** to Court St

BROOKLYN Parks, Recreation and Outdoor Venues

Brooklyn Botanic Garden

900 Washington Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225
(718) 623-7200
bbg.org

Free Admission for Children Under 12 & School groups

Free Admission also on Saturdays 10–12 noon, Winter Weekdays & Tuesdays
(* Except on Saturdays with public programs such as Sakura Matsuri, Chile Pepper Festival, and Ghouls & Gourds.)*

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden serves all the people in its community and throughout the world by displaying plants and practicing the high art of horticulture.

Directions:

2 3 to Eastern Pkwy - Brooklyn Museum
4 5 to Franklin Ave
Q B S to Prospect Park

Coney Island / Brighton Beach

Surf Ave at W 12th St.

(Stretches from W 37th St to Brighton Beach)

Coney Island: (718) 946-1350

Brighton Beach: (718) 946-1350

nycgovparks.org/parks/coney-island-beach-and-boardwalk/facilities/beaches

Free Beach Admission

Coney Island Brighton Beach is an oceanside neighborhood in the southern portion of Brooklyn.

Directions:

F D Q N to Coney Island - Stillwell Ave.

BROOKLYN Parks, Recreation and Outdoor Venues

Cooper Street Community Garden

34 Cooper Street (between Broadway and Bushwick Avenue)

Brooklyn, NY 11207

212) 333-2552

nyrp.org/green-spaces/garden-details/cooper-street-community-garden


Free Admission

GrowNYC's garden program has built or rejuvenated more than 100 community gardens across New York City, and continues to work with schools, public housing associations, and community groups to transform vacant land into vibrant spaces that challenge communities to interact with each other.

You can find out more information about the community gardens at:

<https://www.grownyc.org/gardens/our-community-gardens>

Directions:

 to Bushwick

DUMBO Historic District

Water Street between Pearl Street and Anchorage Place

Brooklyn, NY 11201

(718) 237-8700

DUMBO (Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass) is a neighborhood between the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges with walkways, green space, playgrounds and great views of Manhattan.

Directions:

  to Clark St   to High St  to York St

Essex Street Community Garden

3030 Fulton Street (at Essex Street)

Brooklyn, NY 11208

(212) 333-2552

nyrp.org/green-spaces/garden-details/essex-street-community-garden

Free Admission

Established in 1996 by local gardeners, the centerpiece of the Essex Street Community Garden is a series of large, raised planting beds enclosed by low stone walls that provide ample space for cultivating vegetables and herbs.

Directions:

 to Cleveland St

BROOKLYN Parks, Recreation and Outdoor Venues

Prospect Park Zoo

450 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225
(718) 399-7339
prospectparkzoo.com
Admission Low Cost:
Adults \$8.00
Children (3–12) \$5.00
Seniors (65+) 6.00
Children under 2 FREE

The Prospect Park Zoo connects families, children, and adults to wildlife. The Prospect Park Zoo offers many exhibits and attractions for all ages.

Directions:

 to Prospect Park

Cortelyou Greenmarket

Cortelyou Road (between Argyle & Rugby)
Brooklyn, NY 11226
(212) 788-7476
grownyc.org/greenmarket/brooklyn/cortelyou
Sun 8am-4pm

Shoppers routinely fill their market bags and baskets with specialty Mexican produce and herbs, eggs, chicken, fresh pasta, orchard fruit and juice, seafood, mushrooms, grass-fed beef, goat cheese, and vegetables grown in the Black Dirt region of Orange County, NY.


Directions:

 to Cortelyou Rd

Eagle Street Rooftop Farm

44 Eagle Street
Brooklyn, NY 11222
Sundays 9-4pm (During the growing season)
Free Admission

Directions:

 to Greenpoint Ave

LIBRARIES

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- **SIGN UP** for your own library card if you don't already have one, and ask parents if their children have library cards before you go.
- **PREPARE** children for story times at the library by setting aside a daily Story Time when you read aloud to children. If there are older children in your care, you may want get them involved in reading aloud to children as well.

While You're There

- **INTRODUCE** the children to the children's librarian and encourage children to ask for help with finding books. Older children may ask for help with homework assignments or projects.
- **DO** a Picture Walk.
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- **OBSERVE** what children **NOTICE**.
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 - **OBSERVE** how they **INTERACT** with books and stories
 - **INVITE** children to create books of their own.
 - **CREATE** a quiet and comfortable *Book Nook* or area in your home with books and soft materials.

Main Branch

The Brooklyn Public Library

10 Grand Army Plaza
Brooklyn, NY 11238
(718) 230-2100
bklynlibrary.org

Other Branches

Arlington Library

203 Arlington Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11207
(718) 277-6105

Bay Ridge Library

7223 Ridge Blvd
Brooklyn, NY 11209
(718) 748-5709

Bedford Learning Library

496 Franklin Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11238
(718) 623-0012

Borough Park Library

1265 43rd St
Brooklyn, NY 11219
(718) 437-4085

Brighton Beach Library

16 Brighton 1st Rd
Brooklyn, NY 11235
(718) 946-2917

Brownsville Library

61 Glenmore Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11212
(718) 498-9721

Bushwick Library

340 Bushwick Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11206
(718) 602-1348

Business & Career Library

280 Cadman Plaza W. (at Tillary St.)
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 623-7000

Canarsie Library

1580 Rockaway Pkwy. (at Ave. J)
Brooklyn, NY 11236
(718) 257-6547

Carroll Gardens Library

396 Clinton St. (at Union St.)
Brooklyn, NY 11231
(718) 596-6972

Clarendon Library

2035 Nostrand Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11210
(718) 421-1159

Clinton Hill Library

380 Washington Ave. (at Lafayette Ave.)
Brooklyn, NY 11238
(718) 398-8713

Coney Island Library

1901 Mermaid Ave. (Near W. 19th St.)
Brooklyn, NY 11224
(718) 265-3220

Cortelyou Library

1305 Cortelyou Rd. (at Argyle Rd.)
Brooklyn, NY 11226
(718) 693-7763

Cypress Hills Library

1197 Sutter Ave. (at Crystal St.)
Brooklyn, NY 11208
(718) 277-6004

Dyker Library

8202 13th Ave. (at 82nd St.)
Brooklyn, NY 11228
(718) 748-6261

Eastern Parkway Library

1044 Eastern Pkwy. (at Schenectady Ave.)
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 953-4225

Fort Hamilton Library

9424 Fourth Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11209
(718) 748-6919

Greenpoint Library

107 Norman Ave. (at Leonard St.)
Brooklyn, NY 11222
(718) 349-8504

Highlawn Library

1664 W. 13th St. (at Kings Highway)
Brooklyn, NY 11223
(718) 234-7208

Jamaica Bay Library

9727 Seaview Ave. (at E. 98th St. near
Rockaway Pkwy.)
Brooklyn, NY 11236
(718) 241-3571

Kings Bay Library

3650 Nostrand Ave. (near Ave. W)
Brooklyn, NY 11229
(718) 368-1709

Leonard Library

81 Devoe St. (at Leonard St.)
Brooklyn, NY 11211
(718) 486-6006

Mapleton Library

1702 60th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11204
(718) 256-2117

DeKalb Library

790 Bushwick Ave (at DeKalb Ave.)
Brooklyn, NY 11221
(718) 455-3898

East Flatbush Library

9612 Church Ave. (at Rockaway Pkwy)
Brooklyn, NY 11212
(718) 922-0927

Flatbush Library

22 Linden Blvd. (at Flatbush Ave.)
Brooklyn, NY 11226
(718) 856-0813

Gerritsen Beach Library

2808 Gerritsen Ave. (Bartlett Place)
Brooklyn, NY 11229
(718) 368-1435

Gravesend Library

303 Ave. X (at West. 2nd St.)
Brooklyn, NY 11223
(718) 382-5792

Homecrest Library

2525 Coney Island Ave. (at Ave. V)
Brooklyn, NY 11223
(718) 382-5924

Kensington Library

4207 18th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11218
(718) 436-0545

Kings Highway Library

2115 Ocean Ave. (near Kings Highway)
Brooklyn, NY 11229
(718) 375-3037

Macon Library

361 Lewis Ave. (at Macon St.)
Brooklyn, NY 11233
(718) 573-5606

Marcy Library

617 DeKalb Ave. (at Nostrand Ave.)
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 935-0032

McKinley Park Library

6802 Fort Hamilton Pkwy (at 68th St.)
 Brooklyn, NY 11219
 (718) 748-8001

Mill Basin Library

2385 Ralph Ave (near Ave N)
 Brooklyn, NY 11234
 (718) 241-3973

New Lots Library

665 New Lots Ave. (at Barbey St.)
 Brooklyn, NY 11207
 (718) 649-0311

New Utrecht Library

1743 86th St. (at Bay 17th St.)
 Brooklyn, NY 11214
 (718) 236-4086

Pacific Library

25 Fourth Ave. (at Pacific St.)
 Brooklyn, NY 11217
 (718) 638-1531

Paerdegat Library

850 E. 59th St. (at Paerdegat Ave. South)
 Brooklyn, NY 11234
 (718) 241-3994

Park Slope Library

431 6th Ave. (at 9th St.)
 Brooklyn, NY 11215
 (718) 832-1853

Red Hook Library

7 Wolcott St. (at Dwight St.)
 Brooklyn, NY 11231
 (718) 935-0203

Rugby Library

1000 Utica Ave. (Near Tilden Ave.)
 Brooklyn, NY 11203
 (718) 566-0054

Ryder Library

5902 23rd Ave. (bet. 23rd Ave. at 59th St.)
 Brooklyn, NY 11204
 (718) 331-2962

Saratoga Library

8 Thomas S. Boyland St. (at "Macon St.")
 Brooklyn, NY 11233
 (718) 573-5224

Spring Creek Library

12143 Flatlands Ave. (at New Jersey Ave.)
 Brooklyn, NY 11207
 (718) 257-6571

Stone Avenue Library

581 Mother Gaston Boulevard
 Brooklyn, NY 11212
 (718) 485-8347

Sunset Park Library

5108 4th Ave. (at 51st St.)
 Brooklyn, NY 11220
 (718) 567-2806

Ulmer Park Library

2602 Bath Ave (at 26th Ave)
 Brooklyn, NY 11214
 (718) 265-3443

Walt Whitman Library

93 Saint Edwards St. (between Myrtle and
 Park Avenues)
 Brooklyn, NY 11205
 (718) 935-0244

Washington Irving Library

360 Irving Ave. (at Woodbine St.)
 Brooklyn, NY 11237
 (718) 628-8378

Williamsburgh Library

240 Division Ave. (at Marcy Ave.)
 Brooklyn, NY 11211
 (718) 302-3485



Places to Visit in

MANHATTAN

MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

Plan Your Visit

- **CHOOSE** a museum or cultural venue to visit.
- **PREPARE** for the outing.
 - Visit the venue's website or call in advance for information.
 - Choose one or two exhibits or areas to focus on during your visit.
 - Consider logistics like transportation, supervision, weather, and meals.
 - Inform families in advance about where you're going
 - Ensure children are dressed properly.
 - Pack a first aid kit.
- **BUILD** excitement before your visit.
 - **TALK** with children about what they might see and introduce new words and concepts (*What is a museum? What is an exhibit?*).
 - **READ** books and share stories about some of the things they may see.
 - **ASK** questions to learn what children are curious about.
- **LISTEN** and **OBSERVE** for opportunities to introduce new words or concepts
- **ASK** open-ended questions like:
 - **What** do you **NOTICE**?
 - **What** do you **WONDER**?
 - **How** does it make you **FEEL**?
- **Make it FUN!**
 - Invite children to **ACT OUT** what they see.
 - **PLAY** "I SPY" (*I spy something red, round, HUGE, tiny, etc.*).

Extending Learning

- At home, **ENCOURAGE REFLECTION** about the outing.
You might ask:
 - What did you like the most about our trip today?
 - What new words did you learn?
 - What can we find or use at home to make our own art (*or structures, animals, etc.*)?
- **EXTEND** children's learning by trying the following activities after your visit:
 - **CREATE** an art gallery with children and **OBSERVE** each other's creations.
 - **READ** and **TALK** about art and creative expression.

While You're There

- **FOLLOW** children's lead and let them guide your exploration.
- **OBSERVE** children interacting with exhibits, displays, activities.
- **DOCUMENT** your observations with pictures or notes to help children remember the experience later.

MANHATTAN Museums and Cultural Institutions

El Museo Del Barrio

1230 Fifth Avenue (between 104th and 105th Streets)

New York, NY 10029

(212) 831-7272

elmuseo.org

Pay As You Wish

Mon - Sat 11am-6pm Sun 1pm-5pm

El Museo del Barrio's Education Programs offers something to people of all ages. It seeks to foster a space for individual and collective sharing and understanding through inquiry and dialogue. Participants have the opportunity to consider the experiences of people from Puerto Rico, Latin America, the Caribbean and the United States in a meaningful way by learning about these regions' diverse histories, and cultures.

Directions:

2 **3** to Central Park North - 110th St **6** to 103rd St

International Print Center NYC

508 West 26th Street, Room 5A (between 10th & 11th Ave)

New York, NY 10001

(212) 989-5090

ipcny.org

Pay As You Wish

Tue -Sat 11am -6pm

Conceived to be the first and only non-profit exhibition space, resource and learning center devoted solely to artists' prints, serving the needs of artists, printmakers, educators, publishers, students, collectors and general viewing public. It offers exhibition opportunities for contemporary artists through its New Prints Program which inaugurated the comprehensive program of exhibitions embracing all time periods and cultures, launched in 2000 with Hard Pressed at AXA Gallery and continuing today through our international and thematic exhibitions series.

Directions:

C **E** to 23rd St **1** to 28th St

MANHATTAN Museums and Cultural Institutions

National Museum of The American Indian

One Bowling Green
New York, NY 10004
(212) 514-3758
nmai.si.edu
Free Admission

The National Museum of the American Indian is committed to advancing knowledge and understanding of the Native cultures of the Western Hemisphere. The Museum encourages families to explore history together through permanent installations targeted for children 8-13 and a wide range of family learning programs for toddlers, children and preteens.

Directions:

4 **5** to Bowling Green **R** to Whitehall St **2** **3** to Wall St

American Museum of Natural History

Central Park West at 79th Street
New York, NY 10024-5192
(212) 769-5100
amnh.org
Pay What You Wish

The American Museum of Natural History, located on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, is one of the largest and most celebrated museums in the world. The museum's collections contain over 32 million specimens of plants, humans, animals, fossils, minerals, rocks, meteorites, and human cultural artifacts, of which only a small fraction can be displayed at any given time.

Directions:

B **C** to 81st St - Museum of Natural History

MANHATTAN Museums and Cultural Institutions

Children's Museum of Manhattan

The Tisch Building
212 West 83rd Street
New York, NY 10024
(212) 721-1223
cmom.org

On the first Friday of every month admission is free from 5 – 8pm

CMOM believes that children learn best when provided with nurturing, creative environments that support play, imagination, curiosity and discovery. Our comprehensive early childhood curriculum engages all facets of your child's life by bringing together the arts, language, science, math and the humanities.

Directions:

B **C** to 81st St - Museum of Natural History **1** to 79th St

2 **3** to 72nd St

PARKS, RECREATION AND OUTDOOR VENUES

Plan Your Visit

- **CHOOSE** a park or other outdoor venue to visit.
- **PREPARE** for the outing:
 - Visit the venue's website or call in advance to plan trip logistics.
 - Choose one or two areas to focus on during your outing.
 - Consider logistics like transportation, supervision, weather and meals.
 - Inform families in advance about where you're going.
 - Plan your route and be prepared to adjust based on children's needs.
 - Ensure children are dressed properly.
 - Pack a first aid kit.
- **TALK** about what to expect.
 - What do they think they will see?
 - Are there games or equipment they look forward to playing with?

While You're There

- **ENCOURAGE** children to use their SENSES.
 - **ASK** them to close their eyes and tell you what they hear or smell.
 - **TOUCH** tree bark and other clean, safe objects you find and talk about texture, shape and size.
- **ENCOURAGE** children to **LOOK** for wildlife.
 - **LOOK** under rocks and sticks for bugs, look up in the trees for birds.
 - **LOOK** for animal tracks or for feathers that can tell the story of the animals that live in the area.

- **GO** on a scavenger hunt! Work together to create a list of items you may find and see outdoors.
- **COLLECT** leaves, rocks, sticks and other items to bring back with you.

Extending Learning

- When you get home, **ENCOURAGE REFLECTION** about their experience and discoveries.
- You might ask:
 - What did you like the most about our time outside today?
 - What did you find on our outing today?
- **DISCUSS** what they see and **EXPAND** on their observations using descriptive words.
- **EXTEND** their learning by trying the following activities with them after your outing:
 - **ASK** children to share their observations and discoveries.
 - **OFFER** books and **FACILITATE** discussions about the outdoors, living in a city, the animals they saw.
 - **MAKE** art using the items you collected. Press flowers, glitter pinecones or draw part of your favorite park outdoor activity.

MANHATTAN Parks, Recreation and Outdoor Venues

Battery Park Pier A

Battery Park City Authority
 200 Liberty Street
 New York, NY 10006
 (212) 417-2000
bpcn.ny.gov

City Pier A is a municipal pier in the Hudson River at Battery Park near the southern end of Manhattan in New York City. It has also been named Liberty Gateway. It is the last surviving historic pier in the city.

Directions:

2 R to Rector St **4 5** to Bowling Green

Central Park

Manhattan, NY
 (212) 310-6600
centralparknyc.org
Free Admission

Central Park is an urban park in the central part of the borough of Manhattan. It was initially opened in 1857, on 778 acres of city-owned land, later expanding to its current size of 843 acres.

Directions:

N Q R to 5th Ave/59th St **A B C D** to Columbus Circle / 59th St
B C to 72nd St, 81st St, 86th St or to Cathedral Parkway -110th St
2 3 to Central Park North - 110 St

Christopher Street Pier 45

Hudson River, Greenwich Village
 New York, NY 10014
 212) 627-2020
hudsonriverpark.org/explore-the-park/locations/pier-45
Free Admission

Amenities on this 850-foot-long pier include shade structures, seating areas, wood decking and passive grass lawns. This is a favorite spot for sunbathing in the neighborhood and an event space in the summer.

Directions:

1 to Christopher Street

MANHATTAN Parks, Recreation and Outdoor Venues

Chelsea Piers

23rd Street, WestSide
New York, NY
(212) 336-6666
chelseapiers.com

Free Admission

Chelsea Piers is a series of piers in Chelsea, on the West Side of Manhattan. Located to the west of the West Side Highway (Eleventh Avenue and Hudson River Park) and to the east of the Hudson River, they were originally a passenger ship terminal in the early 1900s.

Directions:

2 **3** to 14th St **C** **E** to 14th St **L** to 8th Ave

El Cataño Community Garden

171 East 110th Street (between Lexington and Third Avenues)
New York, NY 10029
(646) 474-4424

nyp.org/green-spaces/garden-details/el-catano-community-garden

Free Admission

Named after a city on the northern coast of Puerto Rico, this beloved garden is enthusiastically supported by local residents.

Directions:

2 **3** to Central Park North - 110th St **6** to 110th St

Family Garden – Sponsored by Tiffany & Co.

431 East 114th Street
New York, NY 10029

nyp.org/green-spaces/garden-details/family-garden-sponsored-by-tiffany-and-co

Free Admission

Directly facing Thomas Jefferson Park, the Family Garden's location inspired Loring to weave historical references into his design plan. Garden highlights include a wrought-iron entry gate that echoes the façade of Jefferson's beloved Virginia home, Monticello, and garden furnishings that feature the Founding Father's silhouette.

Directions:

6 to 116th St

MANHATTAN Parks, Recreation and Outdoor Venues

Friendship Garden

499 West 150th Street (between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue)

New York, NY 10031

nyp.org/green-spaces/garden-details/friendship-garden-wicked

Free Admission

Echoing themes of the Land of Oz – and as portrayed in the Broadway production – the Friendship Garden features unique Oz-inspired lampposts and fencing, a poppy-painted mural, a “yellow brick” path, an “emerald” granite patio, a spiral-twisted stone barbeque and two new street trees in front of the space. The revitalized garden is also lush with plant life, including a variety of roses, lilies, hostas and hydrangeas. Finally, a wishing well, located in the middle of the garden, symbolizes that a community working together, as one, can truly make any wish come true.

Directions:

1 B D to 145th St **C** to 155th St

South Street Seaport / Titanic Memorial

Pearl St and Fulton St

New York, NY 10038

South Street Seaport: (212) 748-8600

Titanic Memorial: (212) 830-7700

southstreetseaport.com

Free Admission

Directions:

2 3 C to Fulton St

Moira Ann Smith Playground

Madison Square Park, Between 24th & 25th Street

New York, NY 10010

(212) 520-7600

madisonsquarepark.org/kids/playground

Free Admission

The innovative Police Officer Moira Ann Smith Playground provides hours of fun for children. There are swings, slides and a 15-foot waterwheel sprinkler.

Directions:

N R 6 to 23rd Street **B Q** to 34th St / Herald Sq

MANHATTAN Parks, Recreation and Outdoor Venues

Morningside Park Down to Earth Farmers Market

110th St. & Manhattan Ave

New York, NY 10026

(914) 923-4837

downtoearthmarkets.com/markets?region=Manhattan&market=Morningside+Park+Winter+Farmers+Market

Saturday 9am-5pm

Free Admission

Directions:

B **C** to Cathedral Pkwy - 110th St

Fulton Stall Market

91 South St

New York, NY 10038

646) 801-5499

fultonstallmarket.org/

Sundays 10am-4pm

Free Admission

Fulton Stall Market operates an indoor farmers' market on the weekends and a permanent market shop seven days a week. Fulton Stall Market offers chef demos from local restaurants, music performances by local artists, Saturday cartoons and movies for kids, and nutrition education workshops for school groups.

Directions:

2 **3** **4** **5** **C** to Fulton St



MANHATTAN Parks, Recreation and Outdoor Venues

Toyota Children's Learning Garden

603 East 11th Street

New York, NY 10009

nyrp.org/green-spaces/garden-details/toyota-east-childrens-learning-garden/

Free Admission

Directions:

L to 1st Ave

Target East Harlem Community Garden

415-417 East 117th Street (between First and Pleasant Avenues)

New York, NY 10035

nyrp.org/green-spaces/garden-details/target-east-harlem-community-garden

Sundays 10am-4pm

Free Admission

Directions:

6 to 116th St

Indian Road Playground

Inwood Hill Park, W 214th St between Indian Rd and Seaman Ave

New York, NY 10034

nycgovparks.org/parks/inwood-hill-park/highlights/12342

Free Admission

Situated in what may well be Manhattan's wildest, most history-laden nature preserve, the refurbished Indian Road Playground in Inwood Hill Park lends its bucolic surroundings a welcome kid-friendliness. Built with American Indian references in homage to the nearby road of the same name and the people who used it, the playground sports a wooden canoe that kids can sit in or fill with sand, a Native symbol-bearing tic-tac-toe game and a thoughtfully shaded circular sand pit, plus two climbing structures (one for tots, the other for older children) that resemble science-class atomic models.

Directions:

A to 207th St **1** to 215th St

LIBRARIES

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Main Branch

Grand Central Library

135 East 46th Street (between Lexington & Third Aves.)
New York, NY 10017
(212) 621-0670
nypl.org

Other Branches

115th Street Library

203 West 115th Street
New York, NY 10026-2403
(212) 666-9393

125th Street Library

224 East 125th Street (near Third Ave.)
New York, NY
(212) 534-5050

58th Street Library

127 East 58th Street (between Park & Lexington Aves.)
New York, NY 10022-1211
(212) 759-7358

67th Street Library

328 East 67th Street (near First Ave.)
New York, NY 10065-6204
(212) 734-1717

96th Street Library

112 East 96th Street (near Lexington Ave.)
New York, NY 10128-2597
(212) 289-0908

Aguilar Library

174 East 110th Street (between Lexington & Third Aves.)
New York, NY 10029-3212
(212) 534-2930

Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library

40 West 20th Street (between 5th and 6th Aves.)
New York, NY 10011-4211
(212) 206-5400

Battery Park City Library

175 North End Avenue (at Murray Street)
New York, NY 10282
(212) 790-3499

Bloomingdale Library

150 West 100th Street (between Amsterdam & Columbus Aves.)
Manhattan, NY 10025-5196
(212) 222-8030

Chatham Square Library

33 East Broadway (near Catherine St.)
New York, NY 10002-6804
(212) 964-6598

Columbus Library

742 10th Avenue (between 50th & 51st)
New York, NY 10019-7019
(212) 586-5098

Countee Cullen Library

104 West 136th Street (near Lenox Ave.)
New York, NY 10030-2695
(212) 491-2070

Donnell Library Center

20 West 53rd Street
New York, NY 10019-6185
(212) 714-8400

Epiphany Library

228 East 23rd Street (near Second Ave.)
New York, NY 10010-4672
(212) 679-2645

Fort Washington Library

535 West 179th Street
New York, NY 10033-5799
(212) 927-3533

George Bruce Library

518 West 125th Street (at Amsterdam Ave.)
New York, NY 10027-3407
(212) 662-9727

Grand Central Library

135 East 46th Street
 New York, NY 10017
 (212) 621-0670

Hamilton Grange Library

503 West 145th Street
 New York, NY 10031-5101
 (212) 926-2147

Hudson Park Library

66 Leroy Street (off Seventh Ave. South)
 New York, NY 10014-3929
 (212) 243-6876

Jefferson Market Library

425 Avenue of the Americas (at 10th St.)
 New York, NY 10011-8454
 (212) 243-4334

Macomb's Bridge Library

2650 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd.
 (between W. 152nd & 153rd Sts.)
 New York, NY 10039-2004
 (212) 281-4900

Morningside Heights

2900 Broadway (at W. 113th St.)
 New York, NY 10025-7822
 (212) 864-2530

New Amsterdam Library

9 Murray Street (between Broadway &
 Church St.)
 New York, NY 10007-2223
 (212) 732-8186

Riverside Library

127 Amsterdam Avenue (at W. 65th St.)
 New York, NY 10023-6447
 (212) 870-1810

Seward Park Library

192 East Broadway (at Jefferson St.)
 New York, NY 10002-5597
 (212) 477-6770

Terence Cardinal Cooke-Cathedral Library

560 Lexington Avenue (at E. 50th St.)
 New York, NY 10022-6828
 (212) 752-3824

Hamilton Fish Park Library

415 East Houston Street (near Avenue D)
 New York, NY 10002-1197
 (212) 673-2290

Harlem Library

9 West 124th Street
 New York, NY 10027-5699
 (212) 348-5620

Inwood Library

4790 Broadway (near Dyckman St.)
 New York, NY 10034-4916
 (212) 942-2445

Kips Bay Library

446 Third Avenue (at E. 31st St.)
 New York, NY 10016-6025
 (212) 683-2520

Mid-Manhattan Library

455 Fifth Avenue (at 40th Street)
 New York, NY 10016-0122
 (917) 275-6975

Muhlenberg Library

209 West 23rd Street (near Seventh Ave.)
 New York, NY 10011-2379
 (212) 924-1585

Ottendorfer Library

135 Second Avenue (near E. 8th St. - St.
 Marks Place)
 New York, NY 10003-8304
 (212) 674-0947

Roosevelt Island Library

524 Main Street
 New York, NY 10044-0001
 (212) 308-6243

St. Agnes Library

444 Amsterdam Avenue (near W. 81st St.)
 New York, NY 10024-5506
 (212) 621-0619

Tompkins Square Library

331 East 10th Street (near Avenue B)
 New York, NY 10009-5099
 (212) 228-4747

Washington Heights Library

1000 St. Nicholas Avenue (at W. 160th St.)
New York, NY 10032-5202
(212) 923-6054

Webster Library

1465 York Avenue (near E. 78th St.)
New York, NY 10021-8895
(212) 288-5049

Yorkville Library

222 East 79th Street (between Second &
Third Aves.)
New York, NY 10021-1295
(212) 744-5824



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Places to Visit in
QUEENS

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QUEENS Museums and Cultural Institutions

Godwin-Ternbach Museum at Queens College (Godwin Ternbach Museum)

65-30 Kissena Boulevard 405 Klapper Hall

Queens, NY 11367

(718) 997-4747

gtmuseum.org

Mon-Fri 11am-7pm Sat 11am- 5pm

Pay As You Wish

The Godwin-Ternbach Museum organizes cultural exhibitions and programs of contemporary and historical significance for the diverse audiences of Queens and the metropolitan region. It is the only comprehensive collection of art and artifacts in the borough, housing nearly 6,000 works that date from ancient to modern times, which represent global cultures from Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe and North America.

Directions:

Q25 **Q34** **Q44** **Q64** to Queens College

Lawrence Family Graveyard Historic District

Southeast Corner of 20th Road and 35th Street

Queens, NY 11105

(718) 997-4747

Lawrence Family Graveyard Historic District is a cemetery located in Queens.

Directions:

N **Q** to Astoria- Ditmars Blvd or **Q100** to 20th Ave/31st St
or **Q101** to Steinway St/21st Ave

Queens Museum of Arts

NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park

Queens, NY 11368

(718) 592-9700

queensmuseum.org

Wed-Sun 12pm-6pm

The Queens Museum is dedicated to presenting the highest quality visual arts and educational programming for people in the New York metropolitan area, and particularly for the residents of Queens, a uniquely diverse, ethnic, cultural, and international community.

Directions:

7 **7** to Mets - Willets Point

QUEENS Museums and Cultural Institutions

Sculpture Center

44-19 Purves St. East of Jackson Ave

Long Island City, NY, 11101

(718) 361-1750


sculpture-center.org

Pay As You Wish

Mon 11am - 6pm Thu-Sun 11am-6pm

Sculpture Center is a contemporary art museum

Directions:

 to Court Sq

Sidewalk Clock



30-78 Steinway St. Historic District

Queens, NY 11367

Landmark

Installed in 1922, this is one of two landmarked clocks in Queens and was purchased by Edward Wagner and moved from Manhattan to the front of his jewelry store.

Directions:

 to Steinway St  to 30th Ave

New York Hall of Science

47-01 111th St

Corona, NY 11368

(718) 699-0005


nysci.org

Free Admissions Fridays, 2 – 5 pm and Sundays, 10 – 11 am.

Free hours are suspended during World Maker Faire.

Located in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park in the borough of Queens, in the section of the park that is in Corona. It occupies one of the few remaining structures from the 1964 New York World's Fair and is New York City's only hands-on science and technology center. The more than 400 hands-on exhibits explore biology, chemistry, and physics.

Directions:

 To 111th St

QUEENS Museums and Cultural Institutions

Astoria Farmers Market

14th Street between 31st Avenue & 31st Road

Queens, NY 11106

(212) 788-7476

grownyc.org/greenmarket/queens/astoria

Open Wednesdays, July through mid-November 8 am – 3 pm.

Free Admission

A small weekday market with an excellent selection of fruits and vegetables that draw a large number of shoppers from the surrounding neighborhood and nearby WIC center. Shoppers will find a wide selection of vegetables, in-season orchard fruit, and a terrific variety of Mexican hot peppers, specialty greens and tomatillos.

Directions:

Q N to Broadway.



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QUEENS Parks, Recreation and Outdoor Venues

Curtis “50 Cent” Community Garden

117-15 – 117-09 165th Street (Foch Boulevard)

Queens, NY 11434

nyrp.org/green-spaces/garden-details/curtis-50-cent-community-garden

Free Admission

Giving back to his childhood neighborhood and the community that has supported him over the years, rap-sensation Curtis “50 Cent” Jackson joined forces with New York Restoration Project (NYRP) Founder and performer Bette Midler to breathe new life into this much needed green space.

Directions:

Q111 **Q113** **Q114** to Guy R Brewer Blvd/Foch Blvd

Q5 **Q64** to Merrick Blvd/Foch Blvd

Queens Botanical Garden

43-50 Main Street

Flushing, NY 11355

(718) 886-3800

queensbotanical.org

Admission Low Cost:

\$4 Adult; \$3 Seniors

\$2 Students with ID and Children over 3.

Queens Botanical Garden is an urban oasis where people, plants and cultures are celebrated through inspiring gardens, innovative educational programs and demonstrations of environmental stewardship.

Directions:

7 to Flushing - Main St, or **Q20** **Q44** to Main St & Elder Ave

QUEENS Parks, Recreation and Outdoor Venues

Gantry Plaza State Park Playground

4-09 47th Rd at the East River

Hunter's Point Long Island City

Queens, NY 10007

(212) 866-3100

parks.ny.gov/parks/149/details

Free Admission

Gantry Plaza State Park boasts spectacular views of the midtown Manhattan skyline, including the Empire State Building and the United Nations. Recreational facilities include basketball courts, playgrounds, handball courts, and a fishing pier with its own cleaning table.

Directions:

7 to Vernon Blvd - Jackson Ave



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- When you get home, **ENCOURAGE REFLECTION** about their experience at the library.
- You might ask:
 - What was your favorite part of the story you heard today?
 - Why did you choose these books today?
- **EXPLORE** the following activities to continue promoting **EARLY LITERACY** and **LANGUAGE** development.
 - **READ** to and with children
 - **OBSERVE** how they **INTERACT** with books and stories
 - **INVITE** children to create books of their own.
 - **CREATE** a quiet and comfortable *Book Nook* or area in your home with books and soft materials.

Main Branch

Queens Central Public Library

89-11 Merrick Blvd
Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 990-0700
queenslibrary.org

Other Branches

Arverne Library

312 Beach 54 Street
Arverne, NY 11692
(718) 634-4784

Astoria Library

14-01 Astoria Boulevard
Long Island City, NY 11102
(718) 278-2220

Auburndale Library

25-55 Francis Lewis Boulevard
Flushing, NY 11358
(718) 352-2027

Bayside Library

214-20 Northern Boulevard
Bayside, NY 11361
(718) 229-1834

Bay Terrace Library

18-36 Bell Boulevard
Bayside, NY 11360
(718) 423-7004

Bellerose Library

250-06 Hillside Avenue
Bellerose, NY 11426
(718) 831-8644

Briarwood Library

85-12 Main Street
Briarwood, NY 11435
(718) 658-1680

Broad Channel Library

16-26 Cross Bay Boulevard
Broad Channel, NY 11693
(718) 318-4943

Broadway Library

40-20 Broadway
Long Island City, NY 11103
(718) 721-2462

Ozone Park Library

92-24 Rockaway Boulevard
Ozone Park, NY 11417
(718) 845-3127

Cambria Heights Library

218-13 Linden Boulevard
Cambria Heights, NY 11411
(718) 528-3535

Central Library

89-11 Merrick Boulevard
Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 990-0700

Corona Library

38-23 104 Street
Corona, NY 11368
(718) 426-2844

Court Square Library

25-01 Jackson Avenue
Long Island City, NY 11101
(718) 937-2790

Douglaston/Little Neck Library

249-01 Northern Boulevard
Little Neck, NY 11363
(718) 225-8414

East Elmhurst Library

95-06 Astoria Boulevard
East Elmhurst, NY 11369
(718) 424-2619

Elmhurst Library

85-08 51 Ave
Elmhurst, NY 11373
(718) 271-1020

Far Rockaway Library

1637 Central Avenue
Far Rockaway, NY 11691
(718) 327-2549

Flushing Library

41-17 Main Street
 Flushing, NY 11355
 (718) 661-1200

Forest Hills Library

108-19 71 Avenue
 Forest Hills, NY 11375
 (718) 268-7934

Fresh Meadows Library

193-20 Horace Harding Expressway
 Fresh Meadows, NY 11365
 (718) 454-7272

Glendale Library

78-60 73 Place
 Glendale, NY 11385
 (718) 821-4980

Glen Oaks Library

256-04 Union Turnpike
 Glen Oaks, NY 11004
 (718) 831-8636

Hillcrest Library

187-05 Union Turnpike
 Flushing, NY 11366
 (718) 454-2786

Hollis Library

202-05 Hillside Avenue
 Hollis, NY 11423
 (718) 465-7355

Howard Beach Library

92-06 156 Avenue
 Howard Beach, NY 11414
 (718) 641-7086

Jackson Heights Library

35-51 81 Street
 Jackson Heights, NY 11372
 (718) 899-2500

Kew Gardens Hills Library

71-34 Main Street
 Flushing, NY 11367
 (718) 261-6654

Langston Hughes Library

100-01 Northern Boulevard
 Corona, NY 11368
 (718) 651-1100

Laurelton Library

134-26 225 Street
 Laurelton, NY 11413
 (718) 528-2822

Lefferts Library

103-34 Lefferts Boulevard
 Richmond Hill, NY 11419
 (718) 843-5950

Lefrak City Library

98-30 57 Avenue
 Corona, NY 11368
 (718) 592-7677

Long Island City Library

37-44 21 Street
 Long Island City, NY 11101
 (718) 752-3700

Maspeth Library

69-70 Grand Avenue
 Maspeth, NY 1137
 (718) 639-5228

McGoldrick Library

155-06 Roosevelt Av. (off Northern Blvd)
 Flushing, NY 11354
 (718) 461-1616

Middle Village Library

72-31 Metropolitan Avenue
 Middle Village, NY 11379
 (718) 326-1390

Mitchell-Linden Library

31-32 Union Street
 Flushing, NY 11354
 (718) 539-2330

North Forest Park Library

98-27 Metropolitan Avenue
 Forest Hills, NY 11375
 (718) 261-5512

Peninsula Library

92-25 Rockaway Beach Boulevard
 Rockaway Beach, NY 11693
 (718) 634-1110

Pomonok Library

158-21 Jewel Avenue
 Flushing, NY 11365
 (718) 591-4343

Poppenhusen Library

121-23 14 Avenue
 College Point, NY 11356
 (718) 359-1102

Queens Library for Teens

2002 Cornaga Ave
 Far Rockaway, NY 11691
 (718) 471-2573

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STATEN ISLAND Museums and Cultural Institutions

Staten Island Children’s Museum

1000 Richmond Terrace
 Staten Island, NY 10301
 (718) 273-2060
 sichildrensmuseum.org

Low Cost Admission: \$6 for anyone 1 years old and up

The Staten Island Children’s Museum is open to children of all ages, offering a broad selection of exhibits, programs, special events, and creative activities. Learn, grow and be entertained with a hands-on, kid-friendly experience!

Directions:

 Staten Island Ferry > **S40** to Richmond Ter/Snug Harbor Rd

Staten Island Museum

75 Stuyvesant Place (at Wall St)
 Staten Island, NY, 10301
 (718) 727-1135
 statenislandmuseum.org

Pay As You Wish

Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12pm-5pm

Especially for thinkers, doers and the curious who are seeking diverse and engaging experiences in a unique setting, Staten Island Museum is the place for exploring the dynamic connection between natural science, art and history since 1881.

Directions:


 Staten Island Ferry or **S67** to Bay St/Borough Pl
 Or **S52** to St Marks Pl/Wall St

St. George/New Brighton Historic District

Staten Island, NY 10301

Between the years of 1835 and 1987, dozens of buildings, with different architectural styles, were built on the northern tip of Staten Island. Having been well-kept over the years, a hearing was held by the Landmarks Preservation Commission to designate the buildings, as well as their boundaries, as a Historic District.

Directions:

 Staten Island Ferry to (St. George Terminal)
 or **S52** to Westervelt Ave/Hamilton Ave

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Westervelt Community Garden

143 Westervelt Avenue (between Curtis Place and Cleveland Street)
Staten Island, NY 10301


nyrp.org/green-spaces/garden-details/westervelt-family-and-community-garden

Free Admission

Founded in 1985, the Westervelt Community Garden is an important neighborhood resource. It is one of only a handful of community gardens on Staten Island. In the front of the garden, mature trees provide shade for local residents and visitors, while resourceful local gardeners grow vegetables and herbs – including peppers, eggplant, basil and parsley. A picnic table and grill in the back of the space make it an ideal location for barbeques and community gatherings.

Directions:

S42 S52 to Westervelt Ave/Crescent Ave

or  Staten Island Ferry to (St. George Terminal)

Seaside Nature Wildlife Park Playground

Nelson Ave, Staten Island, NY 10308 at Tennyson Dr.
Staten Island, NY 10308

(212) 639-9675

nycgovparks.org/parks/seaside-wildlife-nature-park

Free Admission

Eschewing the high-tech tack other city parks have taken, the park's planners put the sea theme front and center with two boatlike play structures—one with a regal dragon shiphead—an open-jawed shark jungle gym, a mini lighthouse and a gleaming, anatomically correct brass horseshoe crab, just for the fun of it. Plus, the soft white stuff in the huge sandy area seems as indigenous as the salty air.

Directions:

S79-SBS to Hylan Blvd/Nelson Ave or **X1 X2** to Hylan Blvd/Nelson Ave

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- **ENCOURAGE** children to select one or two books (or more!) to bring home. You may also consider checking out books on tape or CD, DVD's and other available resources.

Extending Learning

- When you get home, **ENCOURAGE REFLECTION** about their experience at the library.
- You might ask:
 - What was your favorite part of the story you heard today?
 - Why did you choose these books today?
- **EXPLORE** the following activities to continue promoting **EARLY LITERACY** and **LANGUAGE** development.
 - **READ** to and with children
 - **OBSERVE** how they **INTERACT** with books and stories
 - **INVITE** children to create books of their own.
 - **CREATE** a quiet and comfortable *Book Nook* or area in your home with books and soft materials.

Branches

Dongan Hills Library

1617 Richmond Road
Staten Island, NY 10304
(718) 351-1444

Huguenot Park Library

830 Huguenot Ave
Staten Island, NY 10312
(718) 984-4636

New Dorp Library

309 New Dorp Lane
Staten Island, NY 10306,
(718) 351-2977

St. George Library

5 Central Ave
Staten Island, NY 10301
(718) 442-8560

Stapleton Library

132 Canal Street
Staten Island, NY 10304
(718) 727-0427

Tottenville Library

7430 Amboy Road
Staten Island, NY 10307
(718) 984-0945

Great Kills Library

56 Giffords Lane
Staten Island, NY 10308
(718) 984-6670

Mariners Harbor Library

206 South Ave
Staten Island, NY 10303
(212) 621-0690

Port Richmond Library

75 Bennett Street
Staten Island, NY 10302
(718) 442-0158

South Beach Library

21 Robin Road
Staten Island, NY 10305
(718) 831-8644

Todt Hill- Westerleigh Library

2550 Victory Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10314
(718) 494-1642

West New Brighton Library

976 Castleton Ave
Staten Island, NY 10310
(718) 442-1416



MTA New York City Subway

with bus and railroad connections

Key

- Part-line extension
- Local service only
- All rights flex (local and express service)
- Free subway transfer from non-subway transfer (excluding single ride ticket)
- Normal service
- Additional express service
- Bus connections
- Commuter rail service
- Suburban express
- Subway transfer (excluding single ride ticket)
- Northbound/uptown only
- Southbound/downtown only

Station Name

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MTA New York City Transit Subway Service

A 8 Avenue Express	L 14 St-Canarsie Local	1 Broadway/77th Local
B 6 Avenue Express	M Nassau Street Express	2 7 Avenue Express
C 6 Avenue Local	N Nassau Street Express	3 7 Avenue Express
D 6 Avenue Express	O Broadway Local	4 Lexington Av Express
E 6 Avenue Local	P Broadway Express	5 Lexington Av Express
F 6 Avenue Local	R Broadway Local	6 Lexington Av Local
G 6 Avenue Local	S Broadway Local	7 Flushing Local
H 6 Avenue Local	T Franklin Av Shuttle	
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