

## February School Vacation Week

*Looking for something fun to do during the long, boring days of February school vacation week? Bring your kids and their friends to the Old State House Museum! A different hands-on, historical activity will be offered each day of the week. All activities take place between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m, and are free with museum admission. Here are the exciting activities in store at the museum:*

Monday, February 15

### A Sailors' Life

- Make and take home your own piece of scrimshaw - whale bone carving, which was a popular pastime for sailors
- Learn to tie sailing knots
- Listen to popular sea shanties

Tuesday, February 16

### Colonial Broadside

Broadside was one-sided printed sheets that were posted in public places around town and read at public meetings. The broadsides could be official notices, petitions, advertisements, or special news items. Come to the Old State House to make your own 18th-century-style broadside to take home and share.



Wednesday, February 17

### Optical Toys

In the early 19th century, people began to notice that the eye can be tricked into seeing something that isn't really there. This was the beginning of animation and eventually movie making, but before the technology got that advanced, children played with toys that created optical illusions. Come and try them out for yourself!

Thursday, February 18

### Tin Punching

In the colonial era, Boston's homes were lit by candlelight. Candles were often put in hole-punched tin lanterns, which were both decorative and functional. Learn how these lanterns were made by making your own punched tin decoration.

Friday, February 19

### Tavern Games

Experience the atmosphere of a colonial tavern with an assortment of fun, family-friendly games, and activities!