

'ARTFUL TALES!' SCHOOL VACATION WEEK AT PEM



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

SALEM, MA — Join us as PEM celebrates School Vacation Week with an action-packed roster of activities to keep families entertained, engaged, and learning. This year's theme, 'Artful Tales!', encourages our young visitors to experience books in exciting new ways — to discover how they're created, see special performances, participate in collaborative art-making projects, hear readings from authors, and more!

Be sure not to miss our tropical mural project with children's book illustrator Robin Brickman, a 'Storigami' session with world-renowned origami artist Michael LaFosse, and tiger woodblock printing with regional artist, Salem Minegar.

All activities are FREE with museum admission.

SCHOOL VACATION WEEK: Artful Tales!

Monday, February 15th

10 am – 5 pm | **Stories Alive**

Sponsored by Barefoot Books

Visit the festive Stories Alive tent and discover a new book, a puppet friend or game to play.

11 am – 3 pm | **Drop-in Art Activity: Altered Books**

Transform an old children's book into a unique work of art.

11 am – 4 pm | **Tropical Mural**

Help illustrator Robin Brickman transform the Atrium into a tropical habitat for colorful paper birds and other creatures inspired by her recent books *Wings* and *Beaks*.

Tuesday, February 16

10 am – 5 pm | **Stories Alive**

(See February 15 Calendar entry)

11 am – 3 pm | **Drop-in Art Activity: Altered Books**

(See February 15 Calendar entry)

11 am – 4 pm | **Tropical Mural**

(See February 15 Calendar entry)

1:30 – 3 pm | **Tails and Claws!**

Live Animal Program: Debi Willoughby of Jungle Encounters introduces some of her wild animal friends that call the tropics home including a Common Marmoset, a Geoffroy's Cat, an Ornate Horned Frog and more.

10 - 10:30 am | **Behind-the-Scenes Tour Especially for Kids!**

Phillips Library | Reservations by February 15

Recommended for children ages 8–12 with accompanying adult

Discover a treasure trove of rare children's books in the library collection on this 30-minute tour. You might even get to handle a 200-year-old book!

Wednesday, February 17

10 am – 5 pm | **Stories Alive**

(See February 15 Calendar entry)

10:30 am | **Storytelling Performance**

Jeff Hopkins shares an original story inspired by PEM's collection. After, color in the larger-than-life pictures he created on the wall.

11 am – 3 pm | **Drop-in Art Activity: Altered Books**

(See February 15 Calendar entry)

Noon – 2 pm | **Drop-in Art Activity: Accordion Books**

Create a simple accordion-style book. Then design and draw your own characters with Jeff Hopkins' help!

Thursday, February 18

10 am – 5 pm | **Stories Alive**

(See February 15 Calendar entry)

10 - 10:30 am | **Behind-the-Scenes Tour Especially for Kids!**

(See February 16 Calendar entry)

10:30 am | **Storytelling Performance**

(See February 17 Calendar entry)

11 am – 3 pm | **Drop-in Art Activity: Altered Books**

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Noon – 2 pm | **Drop-in Art Activity: Accordion Books**

(See February 17 Calendar entry)

Friday, February 19

10 am – 5 pm | **Stories Alive**

(See February 15 Calendar entry)

10:15 am – 3:30 pm | **Storigami**

Make origami as you listen to stories about Righty and Lefty told by master origami artist and author Michael LaFosse.

10:15 am – 4 pm | **Drop-in Art Activity: Origami Books**

Fold your own origami book (no cutting, no glue) designed by master origami artist Jeannine Mosely.

Saturday, February 20

10 am – 5 pm | **Stories Alive**

(See February 15 Calendar entry)

11 am | **How a Book Is Made**

Reservations highly recommended

For adults and children ages 6 and up

Author and illustrator Grace Lin shows the many steps of publishing, reads one of her books, answers questions and draws one of her characters. *A book signing follows. Books will be available for purchase, or bring your own.*

Noon – 3 pm | **Drop-in Art Activity: Woodblock Prints**

Use custom-made Year of the Tiger woodblocks by local artist Salem Minegar to print your own Lunar New Year card.

1 pm | Lunar New Year

Reservations highly recommended

For adults and children ages 6 and up

Referencing her books *Bringing in the New Year* and *The Year of the Rat*, Grace Lin talks about Lunar New Year customs.

About the Peabody Essex Museum

The Peabody Essex Museum presents art and culture from New England and around the world. The museum's collections are among the finest of their kind, showcasing an unrivaled spectrum of American art and architecture (including four National Historic Landmark buildings) and outstanding Asian, Asian Export, Native American, African, Oceanic, Maritime and Photography collections. In addition to its vast collections, the museum offers a vibrant schedule of changing exhibitions and a hands-on education center. The museum campus features numerous parks, period gardens and 22 historic properties, including Yin Yu Tang, a 200-year-old house that is the only example of Chinese domestic architecture on display in the United States.

HOURS: Open Tuesday-Sunday and holiday Mondays, 10 am-5 pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

ADMISSION: Adults \$15; seniors \$13; students \$11. Additional admission to Yin Yu Tang: \$5. Members, youth 16 and under and residents of Salem enjoy free general admission and free admission to Yin Yu Tang.

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