



JANUARY 2019 EVENTS

<p>Open Hours</p>	<p>Open 5 days a week—Wednesdays through Sundays 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Also open New Year's Day Tuesday, January 1, 10 am – 4 pm Also open MLK holiday hours Monday, January 21, 10 am – 4 pm</p>
<p>Tuesday January 1 1-3 pm</p>	<p>First Day Hike Enjoy a leisurely two-mile stroll down the Canalside Rail Trail and get the New Year started off on a Great Falls note. This family friendly hike follows a gentle route and provides an opportunity to discover the abundant natural, historical, and cultural features that make the Great Falls Discovery Center and rail trail such an amazing State Park! Be prepared for cold weather: dress in layers and wear winter boots. Dogs are welcome on leash. Afterward, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate in the Discovery Center's Great Hall, sponsored by our Friends Group. Sign in at the Discovery Center's Great Hall at 1:00 pm. Hike will begin at 1:15 pm.</p>
<p>January 4 — February 8</p>	<p>Great Hall Art Exhibit: Talking Cloth: Kangas from East Africa Before there were T shirts to convey our thoughts and identities, there were kangas. Kangas are the everyday cloth worn and used by women in many East African countries, unique for their colorful patterns and also their printed text. The messages, slogans and sayings printed on these cloths are used by women to trade barbed insults, give each other compliments, commemorate events, or to express hope, sorrow, and pride. The kangas in this exhibit are from the collections of two local women who have lived and worked in Kenya and Tanzania. The Discovery Center will be open special hours on Monday, January 21, 10 am to 4 pm for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.</p>
<p>Three Fridays in January 10:30–11:30 am</p>	<p>Kidleidoscope Story Hour 1/4: Raptors; 1/18: Winter bugs; 1/25: Who lives in a tree? Come learn about our wildlife neighbors who share our home in the Connecticut River Watershed. Program includes a story, interactive games, and a craft to introduce young children to wildlife along the river. Meet in the Great Hall. For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Siblings and friends welcome.</p>

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<p>Saturday January 5 1-3 pm</p>	<p>Art Reception Talking Cloth: Kangas from East Africa The opening reception for the Great Hall art exhibit features a talk about the history and cultural context of kangas. The reception is also a kid friendly opportunity to try on kangas, and participate by imagining and drawing your own kanga design. Design a border and center, and then think about what message you might want to convey. Do you have a mantra or favorite proverb?</p>
<p>Friday January 11 7-9 pm</p>	<p>Great Falls Coffeehouse presents: Ragged Blue Bluegrass and Celtic music with an interesting spin on old, new, original, and pop tunes. Each month the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center host an evening coffeehouse with local talent. Refreshments available. Suggested donations to support educational programming at the Center. Museum and museum store open during intermission.</p>
<p>Saturday January 19 1-2 pm</p>	<p>Animal Homes in Winter: Where Are All the Animals Hiding? Winter is a time for staying snug and warm for animals too! Join us as we investigate the secret hidden animal homes of the season through stories, crafts, and activities. For ages 3 – 6 with a parent or guardian. Siblings and friends welcome. Weather permitting we may explore outside. Bundle up!</p>
<p>Monday, January 21 10 am—4 pm</p>	<p>Special Open Hours on Martin Luther King Jr. Day Open 10 am to 4 pm.</p>
<p>Saturday January 26 1-2 pm</p>	<p>Who's Been Here? Join us for a tracking adventure to find out who has been outside in the snow at the Discovery Center. We will investigate the mysterious signs that wildlife leave behind through stories, crafts, and exploring outside. Bundle up! For ages 3 – 6 with a parent or guardian. Siblings and friends welcome.</p>

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