



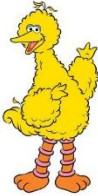






















# Metuchen-Edison Historical Society Kids BINGO

	B	I	N	G	O
1	 <b>Visit the Duck Pond &amp; Victorian Gardens.</b>	 <b>Read a book written before you were born.</b>	 <b>Find out what famous Magician lived in Redfield Village.</b>	<p><b>FREE</b></p>  <p><b>SPACE!</b></p>	 <b>Flap your wings outside 252 Main Street!</b>
2	<p><b>FREE</b></p>  <p><b>SPACE!</b></p>	 <b>Visit NASA.gov and search for Astronaut Mark Polansky.</b>	 <b>Eat Ice Cream across from the former Costa's Ice Cream Factory.</b>	 <b>See if you own a stuffed animal made by Gund.</b>	 <b>Walk by Metuchen's First School.</b>
3	 <b>Name a play or movie you would like to see at the Forum Theatre.</b>	 <b>Take a picture of Metuchen's oldest house.</b>	<p><b>FREE</b></p>  <p><b>SPACE!</b></p>	 <b>Visit the birthplace of recorded sound.</b>	 <b>Download a Nannykids at the historical society's website.</b>
4	 <b>Rearrange the letters in METUCHEN to make new words.</b>	 <b>Take a picnic to East Jersey Old Town Village.</b>	 <b>Draw a picture of the house where John Ciardi lived.</b>	 <b>What was the Moss School called before being renamed?</b>	<p><b>FREE</b></p>  <p><b>SPACE!</b></p>
5	<b>What color is the house where General Washington &amp; Alexander Hamilton ate breakfast?</b> 	<p><b>FREE</b></p>  <p><b>SPACE!</b></p>	 <b>Read the poem "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer.</b>	 <b>Use the swings at Olmezer Park.</b>	 <b>Come up with an invention!</b>

# Kids BINGO Finding Guide & Answer Key

B1. *The Duck Pond is in the midst of the Victorian Office Rentals complex off Wernik Place at Main Street. These 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings are now offices, some of which were moved here to prevent their demolition.*

N1. *David Copperfield (David Seth Kotkin) is most commercially successful magician in history. He grew up in Redfield Village and graduated from Metuchen High School in 1974.*

O1. *Kermit Ernest Hollingshead Love, who created Big Bird and Snuffleupagus, lived with his grandmother at 252 Main Street when he was young.*

I2. *Mark Polansky, who is from Edison, is a retired Space Shuttle Astronaut.*

N2. *Costa's Ice Cream was extremely popular in this area of New Jersey, and was served in various locations on Main Street and throughout the state. They built 16 Pearl Street, visible from the Plaza as you enjoy ice cream yourself, as a modern Ice Cream factory and manufactured here for many years before moving to Woodbridge.*

G2. *The world famous Gund Company, founded in 1898, is headquartered at 1 Runyons Lane in Edison. They are best known for their line of Teddy bears and the slogan, "Gotta Getta Gund."*

O2. *The first schoolhouse in Metuchen was built ca. 1807 and still stands at 491 Middlesex Avenue (next to the firehouse). Can you imagine fitting all of Metuchen's children in that building?*

I3. *The Ayers-Allen House at 16 Durham Avenue, just before Campbell School, was built ca. 1740. In the late 1700s it also served as a tavern & inn and was famous for its ginger cakes and ale.*

G3. *Thomas Alva Edison made his first sound recordings on sheets of tinfoil at his Menlo Park Laboratory in Edison in 1877. The first public demonstration of this new invention took place at the First Presbyterian Church on Woodbridge Avenue in Metuchen. In case you didn't know, Edison Township was renamed Edison after the famous inventor in the 1950s. Before that it was called Raritan Township.*

O3. *On the Metuchen-Edison Historical Society's website you can find and download "Nannykids," a kids-focused newsletter that includes articles, coloring pages, and activities.*

I4. *East Jersey Olde Towne Village is an open-air museum located in Johnson Park in Piscataway, and contains a collection of original, reconstructed, and replicated 18th and 19th century buildings. It is run by Middlesex County and is free to visit.*

N4. *Trick question! Ciardi, Poet Laureate of New Jersey, lived at 31 Graham Avenue before moving to 359 Middlesex Avenue.*

G4. *The Moss School was renamed from Washington School in honor of its long-time and beloved principal, Dr. Mildred B. Moss School.*

B5. *General George Washington & his aide-de-camp Alexander Hamilton, along with several others in their entourage, ate breakfast at the Colonel John Dunham House on July 10, 1778. The Dunham House is located at 33 Park Way in Edison, near the historic St. James Church and Piscatawaytown Cemetery.*

N5. *Alfred Joyce Kilmer was an American writer and poet mainly remembered for a short poem titled "Trees", which was published in the collection "Trees and Other Poems" in 1914. He was born in New Brunswick but spent a great deal of time in this area, and was married to Metuchenite Aline Murray in St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The large military installation, Camp Kilmer, is named for him.*

G5. *The property at the corner of Main & Christol Streets became a park in the early 1980s and was named for resident, civic leader, and councilperson George Olmezer in honor of his contribution to the Borough's Recreation Department.*

O5. *Channel your inner Thomas Edison – or Jerome Lemelson – and dream up an invention! You've probably heard of Edison, but Lemelson (who lived in Rector Street in Metuchen) held 605 patents and was one of the most prolific inventors in American history.*

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