



PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY
SUPPORTING YOUR STORY

FEBRUARY 2024 SERVICES & EVENTS

MAIN LIBRARY
82 MAIN STREET

SOUTH BRANCH
LIBRARY
78 LYNN STREET

WEST BRANCH
LIBRARY
603 LOWELL STREET

WWW.PEABODYLIBRARY.ORG



FEBRUARY 2024 HOURS & HOLIDAYS

MAIN LIBRARY

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 9pm

Friday: 9am - 1pm

Saturday: 9am - 5pm

Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

SOUTH & WEST BRANCH LIBRARIES

Monday & Wednesday: 9am - 5pm

Tuesday: 9am - 9pm

Thursday: 1pm - 9pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm

All three library locations will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day

THE PIL IS FINE-FREE!

Peabody Institute Library is now a **Fine-Free Library!** We have officially eliminated all overdue fines on Peabody-owned items- for everyone, forever!



Guided Meditation

Join Jesselynn Barber for a monthly chance to slow down, get grounded, and relax at the library.



Third Tuesday of the month
February 20, 6:30 PM
Please register

Yoga

Beginner friendly Yoga for adults with instructor Jill Manos.



Every Tuesday in February
11:30 AM
2nd floor Tech Lab

Aging Gracefully: Planning for a Healthy and Supported Future

A panel of experts on how to care for yourself or a relative during the aging process.

Tuesday, Feb. 27
6:30 PM, Tech Lab



ONLINE DEATH CAFÉ

A safe space (online) to discuss death with other adults. Bring your own tea or pastries!



Tuesday, February 15, 12 PM

Make an upcycled sachet
with Gabi

Bring an old sweater or T shirt and learn
how to turn it into a lavender sachet!



Monday, February 5
6:30 PM, Tech Lab

CRAFT & CHAT

Join our PIL monthly
crafting circle!

Bring your own crafts, catch
up with friends, and make
some new ones.

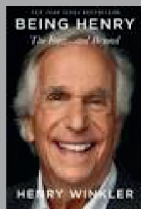
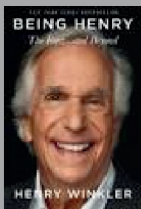
Crafty librarian Catherine
can help with most fiber
projects.

TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 6, 6:30 PM

MAIN LIBRARY - SUTTON ROOM

Biographies & Bagels Book Brunch



Next Meeting: February 17, 11 AM
Main Library Tech Lab

Pick up a copy of "Being Henry" at the
Main Library.

PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY SPRING CONCERT SERIES

More info at peabodylibrary.org/concerts

Karen Grenier

Monday, March 11 at 7 PM

Society of American Magicians

Monday, April 1 at 7 PM

Susan Hagen & David Heyes

Wednesday, April 24 at 7 PM

Stephanie James

Monday, May 6 at 7 PM

Éine Minogue

Monday, May 20 at 7 PM

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY
FOUNDATION & THE MCCARTHY FAMILY FOUNDATION

DROP IN ▶▶ TECH HELP ◀◀



Come in for tech help with:

- ✔ Basic Computer Skills
- ✔ Laptops and Computers
- ✔ Tablets
- ✔ E-Readers
- ✔ Smart Phones
- ✔ Library Databases and Apps
- ✔ Word Processing Software
- ✔ ... and more!!!

Main Reading Room

Mondays: 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Wednesdays: 1 pm - 2:30 pm

Come prepared by bringing any devices you want help working with, login or account information you may need, and any specific questions you have! Chromebooks are available to practice on if you can not bring in your own device.

TECH HELP:

GETTING STARTED WITH COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS!

COME AND LEARN:

BASIC PARTS OF A COMPUTER

BASIC WINDOWS OPERATIONS

HOW TO USE A MOUSE

EXPERIENCE NEEDED: NONE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 2-3:30 PM

CREATIVITY LAB

MAIN LIBRARY

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Teen Advisory and Community Organization

Earn community service hours by participating in our Teen Advisory and Community Organization, aka TACO!

Registration is required. Teen volunteers will receive free food the first Tuesday or Thursday of each month.

**Tuesdays at the
Main Library, 4-5PM**

**Thursdays at the West
Branch Library 4-5PM**



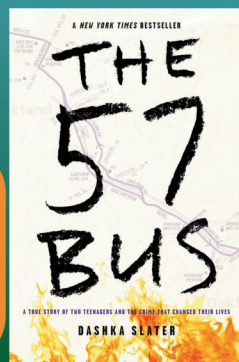
***Please register online for each meeting. Those who do not register ahead of time will not be permitted to attend.**

“To All the BOOKS I’ve Loved Before”: Teen Book Club!

Join us every LAST Wednesday of the month at 4PM for our NEW Teen Book Club!

Participants will receive 1 hour community service and food. Registration required. For Grades 9-12.

Feb. 28
“The 57 Bus”
by Dashka
Slater





Teen Valentine Card Making

Tuesday, February 13,

5-7PM



All supplies and candy will be provided.

Registration is required. For ages 12+

TEEN STUDY GROUP



NEED HOMEWORK HELP?
COME TO THE TEEN STUDY GROUP!
FOR GRADES 6+.
REGISTRATION SUGGESTED.
MONDAYS, 3PM-5PM

TEEN READ-A-THON

Join Teens in your community for a month long Read - a - Thon!
Whoever reads for the most minutes

throughout the month of February wins a trophy and \$100! For grades 6-12. Participants must record their reading time on the Beanstack app.



Board Games & Brunch



Saturday, February 10 , 2-4PM



Have brunch with us and play some fun board games!
Registration is required.

Paint Pouring

**Tuesday, February 20, 1-3PM,
in the Creativity Lab**



Create stunning marble and drip-like effects using acrylic paint! Your artistic creativity knows no bounds! Registration is required.

Succulent Terrariums

Wednesday, February 21 , 3-4PM



Join us in the Teen Room to create Terrariums! These make great little gifts, with very low maintenance. Registration is required. For ages 13+

Movie Night!

**Thursday, February 22 , 5:30-7:30PM
in the Creativity Lab**



Join us for a Movie Night in the Creativity Lab! Pizza and snacks will be provided. Registration is required, so that we know how much pizza to get!

Teen Cooking: Rice Krispies!

Thursday , February 29 , 2-4PM

Come to the Teen Room to learn how to make Rice Krispie Treats! Make your own, and decorate as you'd like!
Registration is required.



STORYTIMES

at the Main Library

BABIES



Every Thursday @ 10:00
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab

TODDLERS



Every Thursday @ 11:00
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab

PRESCHOOL



Every Wednesday @ 10:30
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab

YOGA



Tuesdays @ 10:00
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab

CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS

Kids will move and stretch to songs, complete with scarves to play with and followed by freeze dancing.

Open to ages 4-7 and their caregivers. Registration required.



Sat. Feb. 10, 10-10:30AM
Tech Lab

MAKE YOUR OWN HOT COCOA JAR



Kids will use hot chocolate mix, marshmallows, chocolate chips and candy canes to make your own hot cocoa jar. Registration required. Open to ages 6-12.

Saturday, Feb. 24
10 - 11 AM

Professor Bugman: Bug Petting Zoo

Professor Bugman will introduce children to arthropods (aka bugs) via a "petting zoo" and explain their unique characteristics.

Open to ages 5-12.

Registration Required



Monday, February 26
3:15 - 4:00 PM, Tech Lab

Northern Lights Paintings Glow Painting



Cape Ann Art Haven will lead a glow painting activity to create a northern lights scene. Registration required. Open to children ages 6 and up.

Thurs., Feb. 8
3:30 - 4:30 PM
Tech Lab

PIL BOOK GROUPS

Find the right one for you in the list below. Books are available at the meeting location or at the Main Library Public Service Desk.

Fiction Book Group

1st Thursday of every month, 2PM

Meets at West Branch Library

Meeting February 1:

“A Ladies’ guide to Fortune Hunting: A Novel”

Nonfiction Book Group

Last Thursday of the month, 6 PM

Meets at West Branch Library

Meeting February 29:

“Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood, and the Prison of Belief”

Peabody Council on Aging Book Group

2nd Wednesday of every month, 10:30 AM

Meets at Torigian Center

Meeting February 14:

“Let Us Descend”

Biographies & Bagels Book Brunch *NEW*

Last Saturday of every month, 11 AM

Meets at Main Library

Meeting February 17:

“Being Henry: The Fonz... and Beyond”

“To All the BOOKS I’ve Loved Before”

Teen Book Club *NEW*

Last Wednesday of the month, 4 PM

Meets in the Teen Room of the Main Library

Meeting Feb 28:

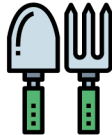
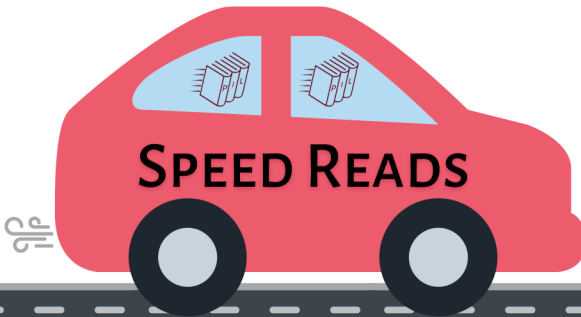
“The 57 Bus ” by Dashka Slater



Tired of waiting in line for new books?

Check out our **SPEED READS** collections,
at all three libraries.

NEW BOOKS
14 DAY LOAN PERIOD
NO RENEWALS OR HOLDS



LIBRARY OF THINGS

Find the list and reserve items at
peabodylibrary.org/libraryofthings

CFCE: Music and Movement

Open to all ages!

Come hear live guitar music and dance to songs and nursery rhymes!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Monday, February 26
10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Family Lego Fun

The whole family is invited to create some LEGO masterpieces at the Main Library!



SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 3 & 17
10:00 - 10:30 AM

Little Groove: Baby Wiggle



Come hear live guitar and music for kids. Open to kids ages 0-4 years old.
Registration required.

Monday, February 12
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT



Open to children 12 and under and their caregivers. There will be games, crafts, and toys available. No registration required.

Monday, February 5
1:00 - 2:00 PM



LEGO FOR SENIORS

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

Get in touch with your inner child and
spend an afternoon making LEGO
creations!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

2 - 4PM

For Ages 55+



Game Group for Seniors

at the South Branch Library

Thursday, February 8

2 - 4PM

For ages 55+



Bring your own board games
or card decks or choose
one of ours!



SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

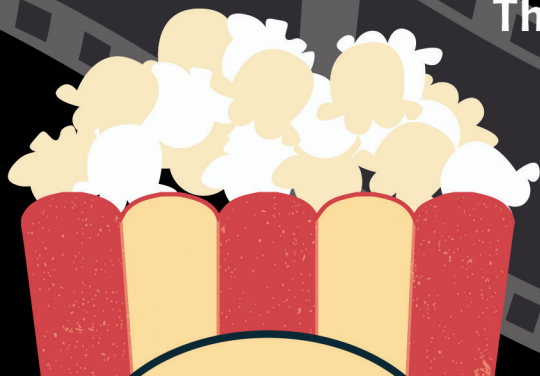
Thursday, February 22

6:30-8:30PM

All Ages Welcome!

Popcorn Provided!

Registration Required



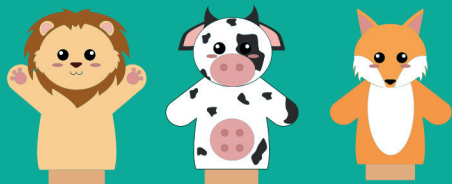
TODDLER STORYTIME!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

TUESDAYS
FEBRUARY 6
FEBRUARY 20

10:00-10:30AM

FOR AGES 2 - 4 YEARS
Registration Required



BUILD A LEGO SNOWFLAKE!



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
10:30AM

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

For Kids ages 5-12
Registration Required!

AFTER SCHOOL LEGOS

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 28
3:30-4:30PM

FOR KIDS AGES 5-12
REGISTRATION REQUIRED



FAMILY BINGO!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5
3:30-4:30PM

Play to win cool prizes, such as a book to keep! For kids ages 5 - 12 and their caregivers.

Registration
Required!



DROP-IN VALENTINE'S DAY CARD MAKING

Wednesday
February 13

3:30-4:30

at the West Branch
Library
For children 4+

URBAN PLANNING FOR KIDS!

Have you ever wondered how cities and towns are built? Have you ever thought about what you think the best park ever would look like? Design and create your own urban planning projects with LEGOs or art supplies!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22,

3:30 - 5:00PM

AT THE WEST BRANCH LIBRARY

FOR KIDS IN GRADES 3, 4 OR 5
REGISTRATION REQUIRED!



WINTER SENSORY BIN PLAY

Vacation Week Fun

February 21

2 Sessions

10-10:45 or 10:45-11:30

Children ages 4& up



Registration required

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME



AT THE WEST BRANCH LIBRARY

Wednesday February 7

11:15AM-11:45AM

Ages 3-5

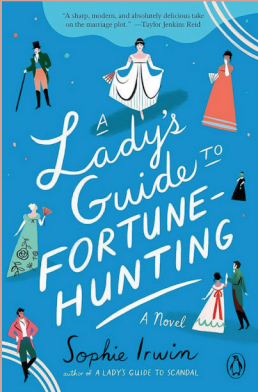
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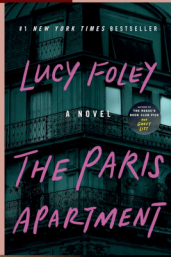
WEST BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

FEBRUARY

FICTION BOOK CLUB



MARCH



Come discuss our Fiction monthly reads on the first Thursday of every month! For ages 18+.

Thurs., Feb. 1 and
Thurs., Mar. 14,
2PM in the
Community Room

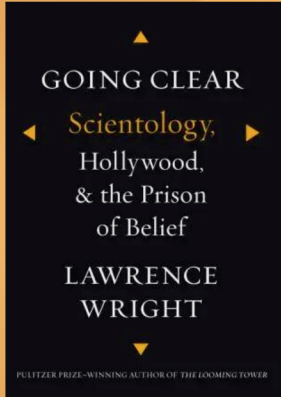


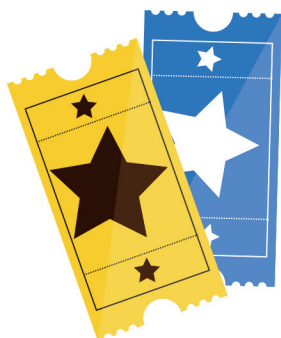
NONFICTION BOOK CLUB

“Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood, & the Prison of Belief” by Lawrence Wright

Want to learn more about worldly events?
Join us on the last Thursday of every month to discuss our reads! For ages 18+.

Thursday, February 29
6PM in the alcove reading area





MUSEUM PASSES

The Library offers coupons for discounted or free admission to the following cultural, educational, and recreational institutions.

To reserve a pass, call the library or go to <https://www.peabodylibrary.org/museumpasses>

Boston Children's Museum

NEW! Davis Farmland

NEW! Harvard Museums of Science and Culture

House of the Seven Gables

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

NEW! Lynn Museum and Historical Society

Mass Audubon

More Availability! Massachusetts State Parks

Museum of Fine Arts

Museum of Science

New England Aquarium

NEW! North Shore Children's Museum

Peabody Essex Museum

NEW! Plymouth Patuxet Museums

NEW! Trustees of the Reservations

Zoo New England



ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLES

Join an in-person group at the Library



Conversation Circles are volunteer-led sessions that provide weekly opportunities for non-native English speakers to practice basic conversational English in an informal setting. Sessions increase vocabulary and knowledge of American culture and customs, improve pronunciation and learn idiomatic expressions.

ECC's are ongoing. To join a circle, please call the library and ask for Yunan Guo, or email guo@noblenet.org.

Local History & Sutton Room

View digitized documents, photographs, local newspapers, and genealogical records online at any time at peabodylibrary.org/localhistory

The microfilm machine in the Main Reading Room can be accessed during Library hours to view

- newspapers
- street listings
- early town records
- maps

To see the historic Sutton Room, call or email for an appointment at least 2 days before your planned visit.



PEABODY
INSTITUTE
LIBRARY

SUPPORTING YOUR STORY

Fiscal year 2023

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

peabodylibrary.org

BORROWERS & LIBRARY USE

SERVICES



Children's materials borrowed

319,925



Books

126,331



DVDs

15,437



Audiobooks & CDs

12,202



Materials loaned to other libraries

28,070



Digital Audiobooks

33,960



eBooks

78,418



Digital journals, & periodicals

33,960

709,322

360%

Physical and electronic items borrowed / used this fiscal year

increase from FY22



16,977
Library Card Holders



30,000
Hours helping children & families



12,064
Computer sessions



4,051,237
Website Visits

- We are open **144** hours each week

- We serve a population of **54,119***

- We have a staff of **39** people

- Of our staff, **12** have graduate degrees, **8** of which are Masters in Library and Information Science

*Based on 2021 population data



60,033
Streaming & research uses



166,870
WiFi sessions

WHO CAME TO OUR EVENTS

332%
more people
attended our
programs
than FY22

100% of PIL's programs are FREE
and do NOT need a library
card to attend



3,287
Adults & Seniors



3,270
Babies, toddlers and preschoolers
Ages 0-5 years



1074
School-
aged
children
Ages 6-11 years



860
Teens
Ages 13-18 years

1,382
All ages

Multiple
generations at age-
inclusive events



2,744
Craft Kits
Distributed to
kids ages 0-11

**RETURN ON INVESTMENT (ROI) =
OUR VALUE TO OUR COMMUNITY**

878%

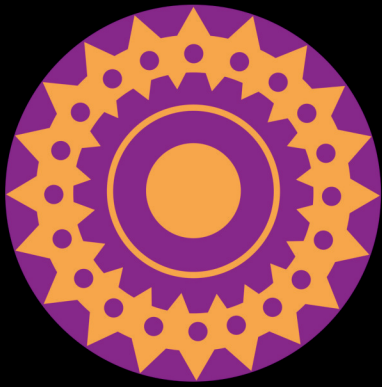
**For every \$1 the City invests in the
PIL, our services return \$8.78 in
value to your community**

Yearly taxes that go
into the PIL
calculated per person

\$36.30

Yearly value of PIL
services calculated
per person

\$318.79



CREATIVITY LAB *imagination in action*

Now Open for Open Labs!

Register for an Open Lab session to use our tools for 3D printing, sewing, sound recording, laser cutting, woodworking, coding, vinyl cutting, graphic design, electronics, and more.

For more information, go to:

www.peabodylibrary.org/creativitylab

