



PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY
SUPPORTING YOUR STORY

JANUARY 2024

SERVICES & EVENTS



MAIN LIBRARY
82 MAIN STREET

SOUTH BRANCH
LIBRARY
78 LYNN STREET

WEST BRANCH
LIBRARY
603 LOWELL STREET

WWW.PEABODYLIBRARY.ORG

JANUARY 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 Sunday, December 31, Monday, January 1, and Monday January 15.

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

Third Tuesday of the month

January 16, 6:30 PM



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

Yoga

Beginner friendly Yoga for adults
with instructor Jill Manos.



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



PAINT NITE WITH POP-UP ART SCHOOL

Paint a pastel sunset with a star-filled sky oozing over top. Learn how to paint colorful and fluffy clouds, and a dark celestial sky with Pop up Art School.

FOR ADULTS 18+

TUESDAY, JAN. 30
6:30 PM, TECH LAB

Please sign up to reserve a spot!
peabodylibrary.org/calendar



CRAFT & CHAT

Decompress after your holiday festivities at our 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.



FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

JANUARY 2, 6:30 PM

MAIN LIBRARY TECH LAB

PET LOSS GRIEF SUPPORT

Led by Marla Andrews of Humane Hearts, LLC

Main Library

Thurs. January 11, 6:30PM

Losing a beloved pet can be a lonely and devastating time in your life. With the safe environment of our support group, we hope to offer you a place to discuss your journey through grief.



Make a Felt Mug Cozy

with Gabi

Using simple patterns, felt, and some buttons, make a reusable mug cozy to get you through the rest of winter! All supplies provided, please register.



Monday, January 22

6:30 PM, Tech Lab

Circular Weaving

with Gabi

Learn the basics of weaving in a circle, and make a home decor project using an embroidery hoop and scrap yarn. All materials are provided, beginners welcome. Please sign up as supplies are limited.

Monday, January 29

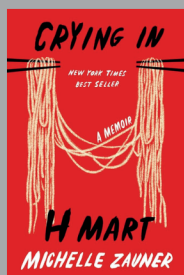
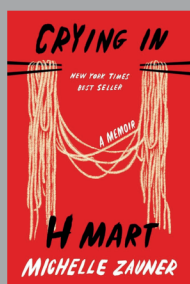
6:30 PM

Main Library Tech Lab



Biographies & Bagels Book Brunch

We read biographies and memoirs, and eat bagels while discussing interesting lives.



**Next Meeting: January 20, 11 AM
Main Library Tech Lab**

**Pick up a copy of “Crying in H
Mart” at the Main Library!**

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 Library, 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.

T.A.C.O.

The Teen Advisory and
Community Organization
will now be held ...



... Tuesdays at
the Main Library,
and
Thursdays at the West
Branch,
4PM-5PM

Tuesdays @ West Thursdays @ Main 4 - 5 PM

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. For questions, please contact Teen Librarian Amory at athomas@noblenet.org



"To All the BOOKS I've Loved Before"

TEEN BOOK CLUB

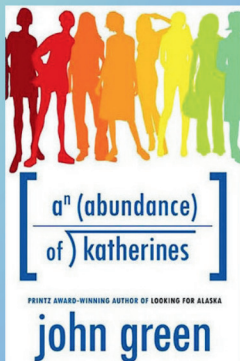
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

4PM-5PM,

TEEN ROOM



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



CAR TALK

FOR TEENS AND NEW DRIVERS

Monday, January 8

Teen
Room
4-5pm

How do you change your oil?

How does an engine work?

How do you change a tire?

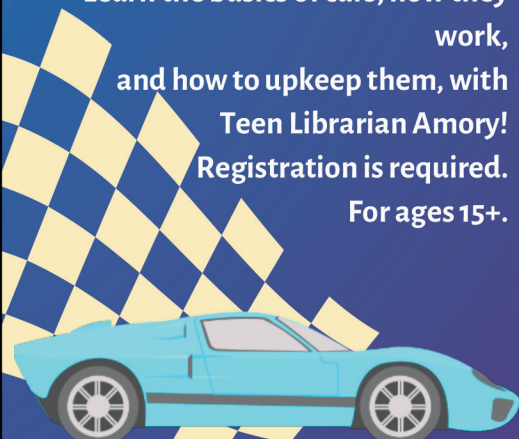
Learn the basics of cars, how they work,

and how to upkeep them, with

Teen Librarian Amory!

Registration is required.

For ages 15+.



TEEN SAFETY

Wednesday January 24
3-4PM, Teen Room

Learn the skills you need to keep you safe online and "IRL" with Teen Librarian Amory. Registration is required, as space is limited. For more info, call the Main Library at 978-531-0100, or email AThomas@noblinet.org.



TEEN STUDY GROUP



NEED HOMEWORK HELP?

WANT A QUIET SPACE TO STUDY?

COME TO THE TEEN STUDY GROUP!

FOR GRADES 6+. REGISTRATION SUGGESTED.

MONDAYS, 3PM-5PM

STARTING JAN 22.

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 followed by freeze dancing and scarves to play with.

Part dance class part music class! Wear comfortable clothes for dancing in.

Open to ages 4-7 and their caregivers. In the Tech Lab. Registration required.

Sat. Jan. 13 , 10:00AM -10:30AM



Reading Mentors with Teen Advisory and Community Organization



Children will practice reading books

with a teen and the teens will read to the

children. Register online. Open to children

grades K-5. Bring your own books or arrive early

to find books to read in the Children's library.



Registration Required

TUES., JAN. 30TH FROM 4:00 PM - 5:00PM IN

THE TEEN ROOM

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 January 4:

“Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine”

Cookbook Club

3rd Thursday of every month, 6PM

Meets at West Branch Library

Meeting January 18: The Complete Mediterranean Cookbook”

Nonfiction Book Group

Last Thursday of the month, 6 PM

Meets at West Branch Library

Meeting January 25: “The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women in the CIA ”.

Peabody Council on Aging Book Group

2nd Wednesday of every month, 10:30 AM

Meets at Torigian Center

Meeting January 10: “Lost City of the Monkey God”

***NEW* Biographies & Bagels Book Brunch**

Last Saturday of every month, 10 AM

Meets at Main Library

Meeting January 20: “Crying in H Mart”

“To All the BOOKS I’ve Loved Before”

***NEW* Teen Book Club**

Last Wednesday of the month, 4 PM

Meets in the Teen Room of the Main Library

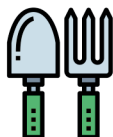
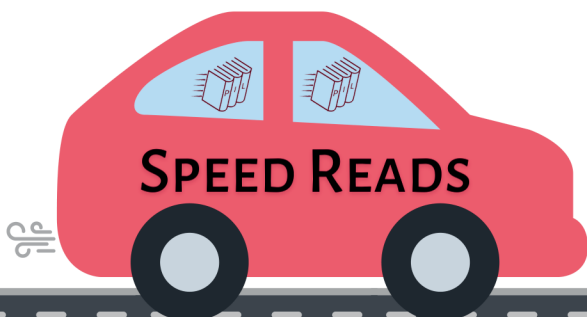
Meeting Jan. 31: “An Abundance of Katherines”
by John Green



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 !

Mon. Jan. 29th

10:00AM-11:00AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Family Lego Fun

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

SAT. JAN. 6TH AND 20TH FROM 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. Located in the tech lab on the second floor.

Follow signs for the Storytime room.

Mon., Jan. 8, 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

URBAN PLANNING FOR KIDS!

Have you ever wondered how cities and towns are built, or who decides where a school should be placed? 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, JANUARY 11, 3:30 - 5:00PM

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

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



FAMILY BINGO!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

Play to win cool prizes, such as a book to keep!

For kids ages 5 - 12 and their caregivers.

MONDAY

JANUARY 22

3:30-4:30PM

Registration Required!



TODDLER STORYTIME!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

TUESDAYS

10:00-10:30AM

JANUARY 9
JANUARY 23

FOR AGES 2 - 4 YEARS

Registration Required



AFTER SCHOOL LEGOs

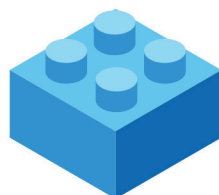
AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

WEDNESDAYS
JANUARY 17
JANUARY 31

FOR KIDS AGES 5-12

3:30-4:30PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



PICTURE FRAME

DECOUPAGE

Monday, January 8

3PM-4PM

Ages 18+

West Branch Community Room

Make your own unique picture frame through the technique of decoupage. Make your picture frame simple or go as wild as possible, the choice is yours!

Registration is required.

MARBLE MAZE STEAM CHALLENGE

Tuesday, January 23

3:15pmPM-40PM

For Children Ages 7+

West Branch Community Room

Registration is required



Children ages 7+ are invited to the West Branch for a fun STEAM challenge. Using straws, tape, and cardboard to build a maze to run a marble through.

TACO Thursdays at the West Branch Library 4 -5 PM



Earn community service hours by participating in our Teen Advisory and Community Organization, or T.A.C.O.! No registration needed, and volunteers receive a free meal the first

Thursday of every month!

For teens, grades 6-12.

For questions, please email Alex at apappas@noblenet.org

STAR BABIES

Saturday, January 13

10AM-11AM

For Children Ages 8+

West Branch Community Room

Children ages 8+ are invited to the WBL to make a star baby using felt, beads, and a bit of sewing. Basic hand sewing experience helpful, but not necessary.



Registration is required

WEST BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

FICTION BOOK CLUB

JANUARY



FEBRUARY



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



**Thurs., Jan. 4 and Thurs., Feb. 1,
2PM in the Community Room**

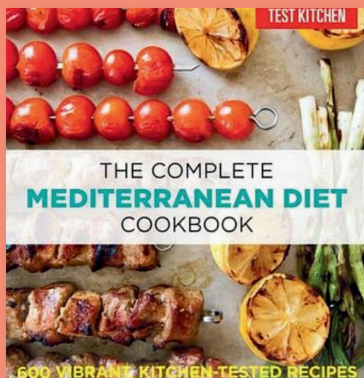
NEW!

COOKBOOK CLUB

Join us on the third Thursday of every month to share creations from a monthly selected cookbook or theme!
Participants must bring a prepared dish.
For ages 18+.

**Thursday, January 18,
6PM in the Community Room**

This month's Book : "The Complete Mediterranean Cookbook"



NONFICTION BOOK CLUB

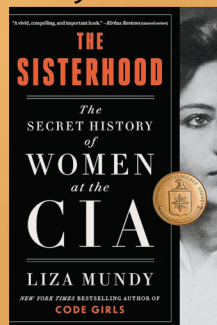
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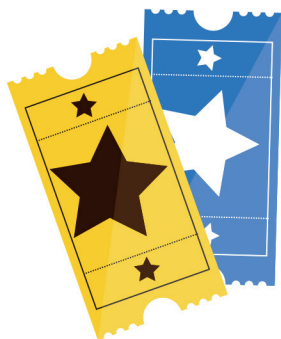
Join us on the last Thursday of every month to discuss our reads! For ages 18+.

Thursday, January 25

6PM in the Alcove reading area

"The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women of the CIA"
by Liza Mundy





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
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Fiscal year 2023

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW


peabodylibrary.org

BORROWERS & LIBRARY USE

SERVICES



Children's
materials
borrowed
319,925



Materials
loaned to
other
libraries
28,070



Books
126,331



DVDs
15,437



Audiobooks & CDs
12,202



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%

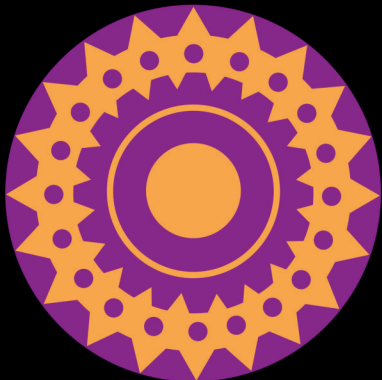
**For every \$1 the City invests in the
PIL, our services return \$8.78 in
value to your community**

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

