



PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY
SUPPORTING YOUR STORY

MARCH 2024 SERVICES & EVENTS



MAIN LIBRARY
82 MAIN STREET

SOUTH BRANCH
LIBRARY
78 LYNN STREET

WEST BRANCH
LIBRARY
603 LOWELL STREET

WWW.PEABODYLIBRARY.ORG

MARCH 2024 LIBRARY HOURS

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

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
 March 19, 6:30 PM
 Please register

Yoga

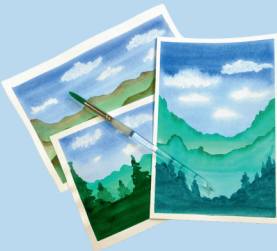
Beginner friendly Yoga for adults with instructor Jill Manos.



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

WATERCOLOR PAINT NITE

WITH POP-UP ART SCHOOL



Learn to paint a watercolor mountain landscape with Pop Up Art School.

**MON., MARCH 4
 6:30 PM, TECH LAB**

UNFINISHED CRAFT PROJECT NIGHT

One person's craft fail may be another's creative genius!

Bring your unfinished, portable craft projects and get inspiration, help, or even swap projects with other participants to jump start your creativity again.

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 6:30 PM



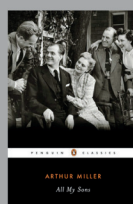
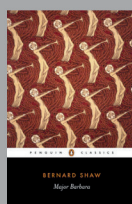
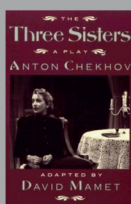
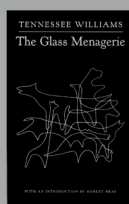
STAGING FAMILY LIFE: ANTON CHEKHOV TO ARTHUR MILLER

with Theo Theoharis

Wednesdays at 11:00, March 11 - April 3

Professor Theo Theoharis is back to teach a class on drama centered around family life. The class will read 4 plays from playwrights spanning different cultures and time periods. Books are available at the Main Library.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



CRAFT & CHAT

Join our PIL monthly crafting circle!

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

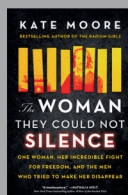
Crafty librarian Catherine can help with most fiber projects.



LAST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
MARCH 26, 6:30 PM
MAIN LIBRARY - SUTTON ROOM

Biographies & Bagels Book Brunch

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



Next Meeting: March 30, 11 AM
Main Library Tech Lab

Pick up a copy of "The Woman They Could Not Silence" 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
- ✓ Smart Phones
- ✓ Tablets
- ✓ Library Databases and Apps
- ✓ E-Readers
- ✓ Word Processing Software
- ✓ Laptops and Computers
- ✓ ... and more!!!

MONDAYS: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAYS: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

MAIN READING ROOM, MAIN LIBRARY

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

INTERNET FOR BEGINNERS!



COME AND LEARN HOW TO

USE AN INTERNET BROWSER

SEARCH GOOGLE

NAVIGATE WEBSITES

EVALUATE RELIABILITY OF WEBSITES

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 AT 2-3:30 PM

CREATIVITY LAB, MAIN LIBRARY

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Need Volunteer Hours?:

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**



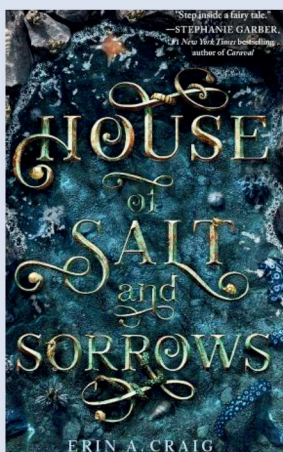
**Thursdays at the West
Branch Library 4-5PM**



***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! Read selected books with fellow Teens, and come discuss what you think! Participants will receive 1 hour community service and food. Registration required. For Grades 9-12.

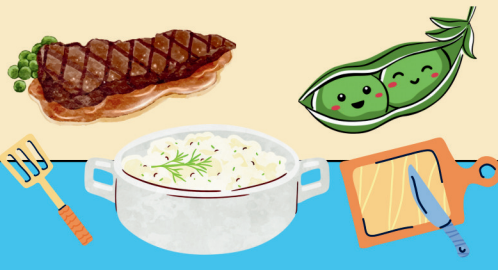


**March 27
“House of
Salt and
Sorrows” by
Erin A. Craig**

* Teen Cooking Class *

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 4 - 5PM

Watch our Teen Librarian prepare a meal, then have some for yourself!
Registration required.



TEEN GAMING:

MARIO KART

@ THE CREATIVITY LAB

Celebrate Mario Day Eve with us in the Creativity Lab.

Registration is REQUIRED as space is limited.

Saturday, March 9
2-4PM

SLIME MAKING

for Teens

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

3:30-4:30PM

TEEN ROOM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Can YOU guess each flavor?



Teen Room
Wednesday
March 20
4-5pm



LGBTEEN HANGOUT



Thursday,
March 28,
4-5PM

Hang out with other Teens that identify as LGBTQIA+ and allies, listen to music, and enjoy snacks!

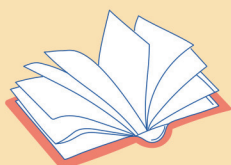
We'll do different crafts and activities each month, and talk about how we can create a safer and inclusive environment. This event is open for all Teens.

Registration is required as space is limited.



PIL vs. PIL TEEN CHECKOUT CONTEST!

Throughout the month of March, we're competing with the Peabody Institute Library of Danvers to see which Teen collection has the most items checked out! Check in weekly to see how we're doing - whichever library wins, gets the GLORY and BRAGGING RIGHTS!



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, including scarves to play with.

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

Registration required.



Sat. Mar. 16, 10 - 10:30 AM



DROP IN CRAFTS

**Every Thursday, 5 -7
PM, in the Children's
Library.
A different craft each
week.**

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

KIDS SOAP MAKING



**Make your own soap with Miss Katia.
Kids will get to take home a bar soap in a
fun shape. Open to kids ages 5 and up.**

Registration required

Wed. Mar. 6, 3:00PM -3:30PM

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 March 14:

“The Paris Apartment”

Nonfiction Book Group

Last Thursday of the month, 6 PM

Meets at West Branch Library

Meeting March 28:

“Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O’Connell’s urgent mission to bring healing to homeless people”

Peabody Council on Aging Book Group

2nd Wednesday of every month, 10:30 AM

Meets at Torigian Center

Meeting March 13:

“Let Us Descend”

Biographies & Bagels Book Brunch *NEW*

Last Saturday of every month, 11 AM

Meets at Main Library

Meeting March 30:

“The Woman They Could Not Silence”

“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 March 27:

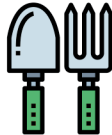
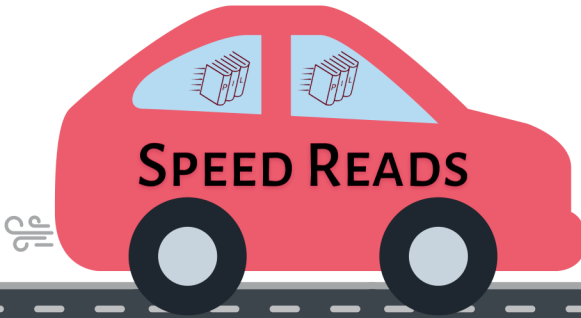
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Tired of waiting in line for new books?

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



Mon. Mar.11 & 25
10:00AM-11:00AM

KIDS: READING WITH RABBITS PROGRAM



Storytime and bunny circle with live rabbits for petting. Open to ages 4 and up. Registration required.

Sat. Mar. 9, 1:30—2:15 PM

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

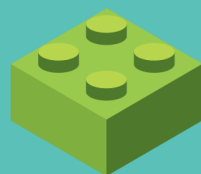


Open to children 12 and under and their caregivers.

There will be games, crafts, and toys available. No registration required.

Mon., Mar. 18
1:00—2:00 PM

FAMILY LEGO FUN



Come play with legos!
Open to children 12 and under and their caregivers. Registration required. In the Children's Library.

Sat., Mar. 2 and 30
10:00 AM—11:00AM



LEGO FOR SENIORS

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 19
2 - 4PM

For Ages 55+

SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY COMMUNITY PUZZLE SHARE!

SATURDAY
MARCH 30

9:30AM - 12PM

Give a puzzle and take a puzzle!

All ages welcome!




PET LOSS GRIEF SUPPORT

Led by Marla Andrews
of Humane Hearts, LLC

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
6:30-7:30PM

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY



MAKE A PLANT BUDDY WITH POP UP ART SCHOOL!



THURSDAY, MARCH 28
6:00 - 7:30PM

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
FOR AGES 16+

FAMILY BINGO!

AT THE
SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

MONDAY, MARCH 4
MONDAY, MARCH 18

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!



AFTER SCHOOL LEGOS

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 13
MARCH 27

3:30-4:30PM

FOR KIDS AGES 5-12

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



TODDLER STORYTIME!

TUESDAYS

MARCH 5

MARCH 19

10:00-10:30AM

FOR AGES 2 - 4 YEARS

Registration Required



DESIGN YOUR OWN FLOWER POT

At the West Branch Library

Wednesday, March 20

3PM - 4PM

Ages 18+

Registration is required as space is limited

LEARN TO SEW A COIN PURSE

At the West Branch Library

Saturday, March 23

10am - 11am

For children ages 8+



Registration required as space is limited.



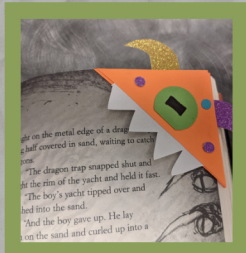
MONSTER BOOKMARKS

at the West Branch Library

Tuesday, March 19

3:30PM-4:30PM

For children ages 8+



Registration required as space is limited

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME



AT THE WEST BRANCH LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 13

11:15AM-11:45AM

Ages 3-5

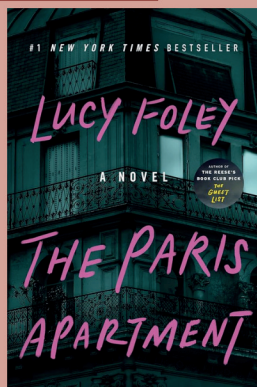
Registration required



WEST BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

MARCH

FICTION BOOK CLUB



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

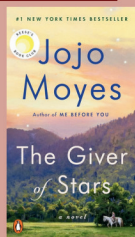
Thurs., March 14 and

Thurs., April 4

2PM in the Community Room



APRIL



NONFICTION BOOK CLUB

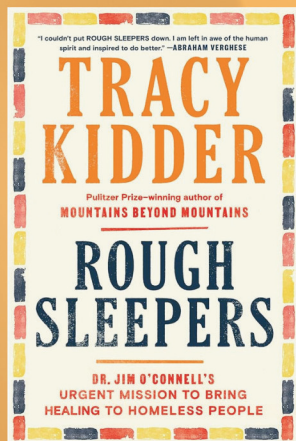
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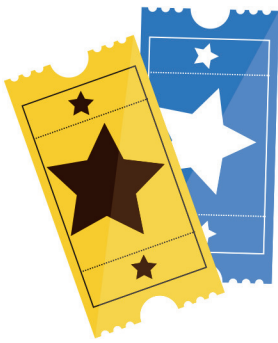
Want to learn more about worldly events?

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

Thursday, March 28

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%

increase from FY22

Physical and electronic items borrowed / used this fiscal year



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

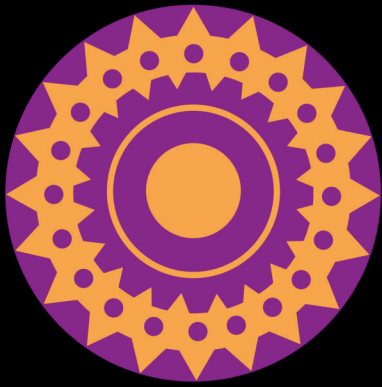
**RETURN ON INVESTMENT (ROI) =
OUR VALUE TO OUR COMMUNITY**

878%

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

Yearly value of PIL
services calculated
per person

\$36.30



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

