



PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY
SUPPORTING YOUR STORY

FEBRUARY 2025

SERVICES & EVENTS

MAIN LIBRARY
82 MAIN STREET

SOUTH BRANCH
LIBRARY
78 LYNN STREET

WEST BRANCH
LIBRARY
603 LOWELL STREET

WWW.PEABODYLIBRARY.ORG



FEBRUARY 2025 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

All three locations will be closed on Monday, February 17 in honor of the Presidents' Day holiday.

THE PIL IS FINE-FREE!

Peabody Institute Library is 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.



Tuesday, February 18
6:30 PM, Tech Lab

Yoga

Beginner friendly Yoga for adults with instructor Jill Manos.



Tuesdays, 11:30 AM
2nd floor Tech Lab

PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY SPRING CONCERT SERIES

Stephanie James

Peabody native and recording artist **Stephanie James** performs original music from her debut album "Unbreakable," as well as covers of well-known favorites.

Monday, February 10, 7 PM
Sutton Room, Main Library

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INSTITUTE LIBRARY FOUNDATION & THE
MCCARTHY FAMILY FOUNDATION



PIL Pet Video Festival

Saturday, February 1
1 PM, Tech Lab

Your best pet videos will be screened on Festival Day! Audience favorites will win pet-themed prizes. Audience members are welcome whether you've submitted a video or not.

Sign up to attend at
peabodylibrary.org/calendar

SUBMISSIONS OPEN
FROM JANUARY 2 -
JANUARY 27 AT
[PEABODYLIBRARY.ORG/
PETVIDEOS](http://PEABODYLIBRARY.ORG/PETVIDEOS)



Craft and Chat

... is back! Now on Mondays.

Once a month on the last Monday of the month, Craft & Chat is an opportunity to hold creative space while getting to know one another and enjoying some light tunes. Some months will include a guided craft, while others will be a chance to bring your own or choose from our stash.

February's theme is crafter's choice - bring your own, finish your weaving from January, or choose from our stash.

Monday, February 24

6:30 PM, Tech Lab

TEA TIME!

Join Therapy Gardens for a tea tasting & exploration, for beginners and enthusiasts alike.

Learn how tea is made and how to make your own blends with tea, herbs, and flowers, and sample several different varieties.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3
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 11, 12 PM



YOU'RE INVITED TO
**GEORGE PEABODY'S
230TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Celebrate George Peabody's 230th birthday with a piano concert highlighting 18th & 19th century works from classically trained pianist, Charisse Nocera. Birthday cake will be served at intermission.



Sign up online at
peabodylibrary.org/calendar

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH
SUTTON ROOM, 7-8PM**

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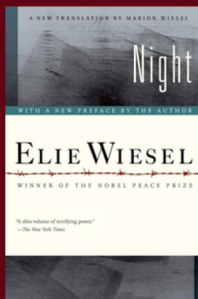


COMING IN MARCH/APRIL:

Join us as we welcome back
Professor Theo Theoharis

for his popular literature discussion series.

4 Wednesdays in March and April. We'll be discussing Holocaust literature - more details and titles coming soon!



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PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY SPRING CONCERT SERIES

More info at peabodylibrary.org/concerts

Stephanie James

Monday, February 10 at 7 PM

Trio Nordica

Monday, March 10 at 7 PM

Éine Minogue

Monday, March 24 at 7 PM

Fiske 'n Fell Clarinet Duo

Monday, April 7 at 7 PM



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FAMILY FOUNDATION

DROP IN TECH HELP



Come in for tech help with:

Basic Computer Skills

Smart Phones

Laptops and Computers

Library Databases and Apps

Tablets / E-Readers

... and more!!!

Main Reading Room

Wednesdays: 1 pm - 2:30 pm

Thursdays: 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Bring your own equipment and account/login information!

Library laptops are available if you do not have / cannot bring your own equipment.

Need Volunteer Hours?:

Teen Advisory and Community Organization

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

NEW!

Teen Anime Club

Monday, February 3rd, 4PM-5PM, Teen Room



Join us in the Teen Room the first Monday of every month for Anime Club! For this meeting, we'll be watching the first episode of "Horimiya".

Snacks included, registration preferred.

Teen Book Club

Wednesday, Feb. 26th, 4-5PM, Teen Room

The Teen Book Club is BACK! Join us to discuss "Grown" by acclaimed author Tiffany D. Jackson! Copies can be picked up at the PSD at the Main library or sent to you at your preferred library branch.

Participants receive one hour of Community Service.



TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

It's Movie Night in the Teen Room! We'll be watching the first "Sonic" movie, and eating pizza! Registration is preferred.



**Tuesday,
February 18th
5:30PM
Teen Room**

Reverse Paintings



with Pop Up Art School

Thursday, February 20th, 1pm, Teen Room

Teens! Come join us with Pop Up Art School to create beautiful paintings! Choose from three images, and paint it using acrylic paint on clear acetate.

Registration is required.

For Teens Grades 6-12.



Teen COOKIE TASTING

**Wednesday, February 19th
2PM, Teen Room**

Anisettes, Lofthouse, and Thumbprints, OH MY! Teens are welcome to join us in the Teen Room to taste a variety of cookies! Learn about different kinds of cookies. For Teens Grades 6-12. Registration is required.



BOARDGAMES AND BOBA

SATURDAY, FEB. 22ND

**1PM-3PM
TEEN ROOM**



Teens are welcome to come to the Teen Room to play board games, and we'll get some Boba tea! Registration is preferred. For Teens Grades 6-12.



Beijinhos "Little Kisses" Making: Coconut Brazilian Fudge



Want to try a yummy dessert? Children can learn a bit about the Brazilian dessert beijinhos, "little kisses," a delicious coconut fudge treat, with Miss Katia in the Children's Library. Children will form the beijinhos into little balls with sprinkles. For ages 7-10. Registration is required.

Sat., Feb. 1

From 10AM - 11AM

NEW PARENTS GROUP

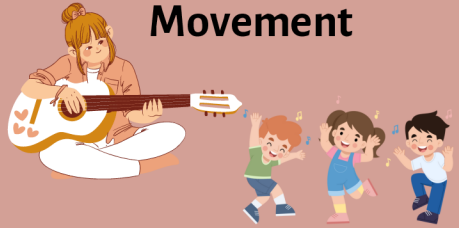


New Parents are welcome to drop in and join us in the Tech Lab every other Wednesday with their little ones! Practice tummy time, play with toys, explore textures and colors, and meet other new parents.

Registration is not required, but preferred.

WED., FEB. 5 AND 19
FROM 10:30AM - 12PM

CFCE Music and Movement



Join the CFCE for Music and Movement at 10AM in the Tech Lab! Hear and sing songs and dance to the beat! Registration required.

Mon., Feb. 3

From 10AM—11AM

VALENTINE'S BINGO

Valentine's Day is just around the corner! Celebrate with a fun game of Valentine's Day-themed Bingo with Miss Meeghan in the Tech Lab. Winners will get fun prizes celebrating the holiday! For ages 5-12.

Registration is required.



SAT., FEB. 8
FROM 2PM - 3PM

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT



Homeschooling and wanting to connect with other homeschool families in the area? Come to our homeschool hangout! Open to children 12 and under and their caregivers. No registration required.

Mon., Feb. 10

From 1PM - 2PM in the Tech Lab

PAJAMA STORYTIME

Come join Miss Meeghan in the Tech Lab for a storytime to end your day! Every other week, children aged 4 and up and their caregivers can listen to new stories, sing songs, and have a sweet treat. Registration is required.



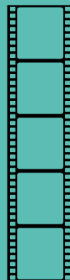
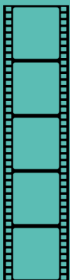
WED., FEB. 12 AND 26

FROM 5:30PM - 6:30PM

MOVIE NIGHT

Wonder what happens when a bear from Peru travels to London, England? Find out at our Kids: Movie Night! We will be showing Paddington (© Lions Gate Films, Inc.) in the Tech Lab. All ages are welcome, and popcorn will be provided!

Registration is required.



WED., FEB. 19

FROM 6PM - 8PM

HAND SEWING CRAFT



Come join Miss Patty to learn how to hand sew a simple craft in the Tech Lab! Make the craft and take it home to keep working on or finish at the library. Open to ages 7-12. Supplies included.

Registration required.

FRI., FEB. 21

FROM 10AM - 12PM

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 6:
“How to Find Love in a Book Shop”
by Veronica Henry

Nonfiction Book Group

Last Thursday of the month, 4PM
Meets at West Branch Library
Meeting February 27:
“An Unfinished Love Story” by Doris Kearns
Goodwin

Peabody Council on Aging Book Group

2nd Wednesday of every month, 10:30 AM
Meets at Torigian Center
Meeting February 12:
“The Hunter” by Tana French

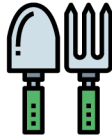
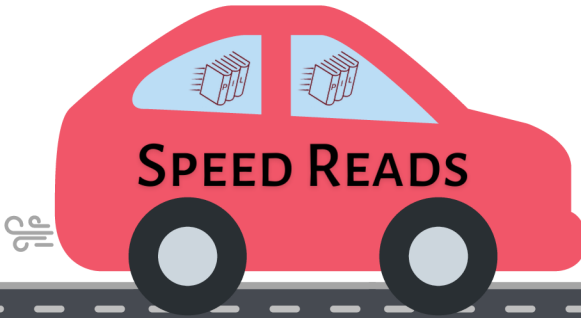
Teen Book Club

Last Wednesday of the month, 4 PM
Meets in the Teen Room of the Main Library
Meeting February 26th at 4PM
“Grown” by Tiffany D. Jackson

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

at the Main Library

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

NEW TIME



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



YOGA



Every Tuesday @ 10AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab

BABY STORYTIME

Every Thursday @ 10AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



TODDLER STORYTIME

Every Thursday @ 11AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



DROP IN CRAFTS

Every Thursday @ 5:30PM - 7PM
in the Children's Library



IDENTITY THEFT, FRAUD AND SCAM PROTECTION

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

Learn how to protect yourself!

Presented by the MA Office of Consumer Affairs and
Business Regulation

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 25

1:30PM - 2:30PM

Registration Required



MAKE A BIRD FEEDER!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY



TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 18

2PM - 3PM

FOR AGES 5 - 12

Registration Required

The Art of RUTH ANN MOWDER



On Display January 14 - April 1
at the South Branch Library

FAMILY MYSTERY BINGO!



AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

Play to win cool prizes! Choose between a book to keep or a grab bag of MYSTERY prizes!

For kids ages 5 - 12 and their caregivers. Registration required.



MONDAY
FEBRUARY 10
FEBRUARY 24
3:30-4:30PM

ART CLUB FOR KIDS! AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
3:30 - 4:30 PM

(last Tuesday of every month)

FOR KIDS AGES 8 TO 12

Registration required

All materials provided



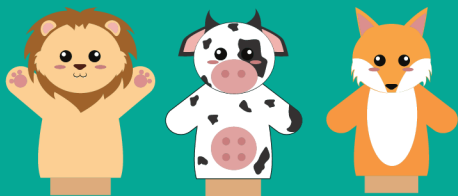
TODDLER STORYTIME!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

EVERY TUESDAY
10:00 - 10:30 AM

FOR KIDS AGES 2 - 4 YEARS
AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Registration required



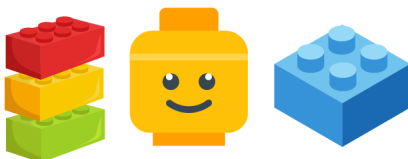
LEGOS!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 5
3:30 - 4:30PM

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 19
10:30AM - 12

FOR KIDS AGES 5-12
REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Adult Yoga

with Jacqui Orphanos



Every Monday

2pm - 3pm

West Branch Community Room

Ages 18+

Registration required



WINTER BUTTON TREE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

3:30PM-4:30PM

WEST BRANCH COMMUNITY

ROOM

AGES 14+

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED



DIY VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS

Thursday, February 13

5:30PM-6:30PM

West Branch Community

Room

For children 4+

Registration is Required



MELTING SNOWMAN CRAFT

Monday, February 24

10AM-11AM

West Branch Community Room

Ages 2-5

Registration is Required



WEST BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

February

FICTION BOOK CLUB

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



March

Thurs., Feb. 6. &
Thurs., Mar. 6
2PM in the
Community Room



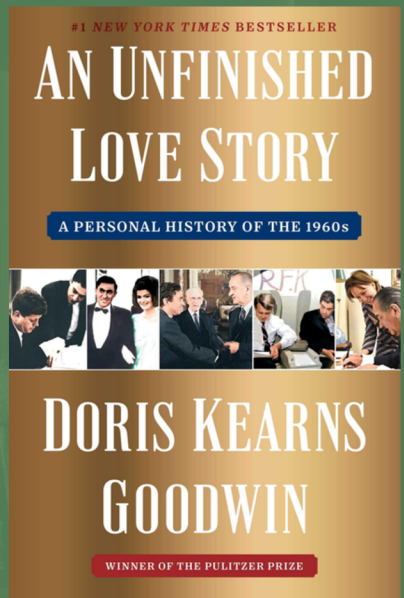
NONFICTION BOOK CLUB

“An Unfinished Love Story” by Doris Kearns Goodwin

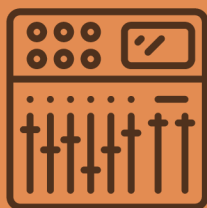
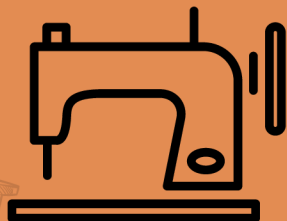
Want to learn more about worldly events?

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

Thursday, February 27 at 4PM
in the Alcove reading area



CREATIVITY LAB OPEN LABS



SELECT SESSIONS AVAILABLE:

To register and browse session times visit
peabodylibrary.org/creativitylab

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

Made in the Creativity Lab

NEW!

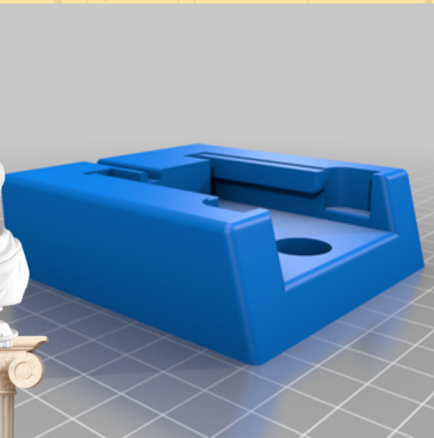
ADULT TAKE HOME CRAFT

1 per patron

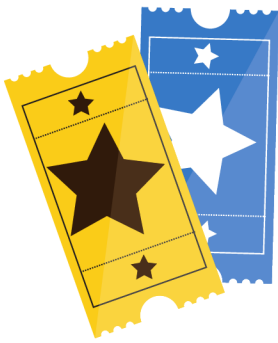
Available at the Public Services Desk at all three branches

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SPOTLIGHT



THIS PATRON USED THE 3D
PRINTER TO PRINT A STORAGE
SOLUTION FOR POWER TOOL
BATTERIES!



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
- House of the Seven Gables
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- Mass Audubon
- Massachusetts State Parks
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Museum of Science
- New England Aquarium
- North Shore Children's Museum
- Peabody Essex Museum
- Plimouth Patuxet Museums
- Trustees of the Reservations
- Wenham Museum
- 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.

*** NEW! ***

Sutton Room Drop In Hours

Thursdays 1-4 pm



Stop by the historic Sutton Room to browse current issues of genealogy magazines, see the Audubon prints now on display, or learn how to use the archives.

LOCAL HISTORY AT ANY TIME

View historic Peabody documents, photographs, newspapers, and genealogical records online at peabodylibrary.org/localhistory.

Use the microfilm machine in the Main Reading Room during Library hours to view local newspapers, street listings, early town records, and maps.

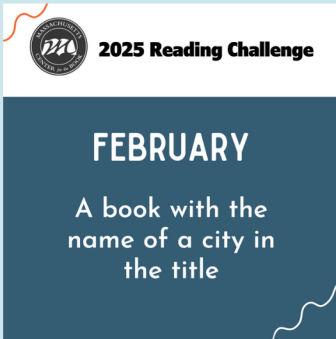
We're a proud partner of the Massachusetts Center for the Book 2025 Reading Challenge



massbook.org/readingchallenge

Theme for February 2025:

- Choose a book with the name of a city in the title



- Visit peabodylibrary.org/readchallenge for a list of suggested titles
- After reading the book, fill out a short form on the Reading Challenge website;
- There will be monthly drawings for free books;
- Complete 12 months and you could win a tote bag full of books!



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