



PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY
SUPPORTING YOUR STORY

MAY 2025
SERVICES & EVENTS

MAIN LIBRARY
82 MAIN STREET

SOUTH BRANCH
LIBRARY
78 LYNN STREET

WEST BRANCH
LIBRARY
603 LOWELL STREET

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WWW.PEABODYLIBRARY.ORG

MAY 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 Saturday, May 25 - Monday, May 27 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

We will be closed on Sundays starting on Sunday, May 26. We will restart our Sunday hours on Sunday, September 7.

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!

Sprouting now, until
supplies run out!



the peapod
peabody's community
seed exchange

A free community resource
for veggie, herb, & flower
seeds for your garden, at all
three Peabody Library
locations.

Brought to you by:



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Guided Meditation

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



Tuesday, May 20
6:30 PM, Tech Lab

Yoga

Beginner friendly Yoga for adults with NEW instructor Kirsty Yetter!



Tuesdays, 11:30 AM
2nd floor Tech Lab

ONLINE DEATH CAFÉ



At a Death Café people, often strangers, gather to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death.

While not a support group nor a venue for bereavement, a Death Cafe seeks to provide an unscripted, non-judgmental platform for those wishing to explore the many facets of this often taboo subject.

Tuesday, May 27, 12 PM
on Zoom - please register

SENSORY-FRIENDLY LEGO NIGHT FOR ADULTS

PIL is partnering with Northeast ARC to host a sensory-friendly LEGO night for adults ages 18+.

Come build your dream structure with us and unleash your inner architect. We provide the Legos, just bring your imagination!

Lego night is free, inclusive, and open to all. It's specially designed for adults with a diverse range of abilities and neurotypes.

**Monday, May 12, 6 PM
Main Library Tech Lab
Registration required**



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Craft and Chat

Make a cross-stitched pride flag keychain! Choose a pattern that represents you (allies welcome), or make one for a friend or family member.

**MONDAY, MAY 19
6:30 PM, TECH LAB**



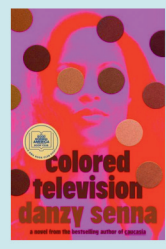
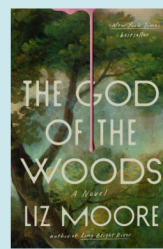
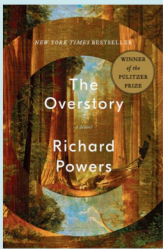
Massachusetts Center for the Book

2025 Reading Challenge

massbook.org/readingchallenge

MAY

A book with a first sentence of eight words or less



CLASSIC SCI-FI FILM SERIES



Please join us for the fourth great film in our Classic Science Fiction Film Series: The War of the Worlds!

Aliens invade the Earth and attack everything in their path. Can humanity stop them from destroying civilization and taking control? When all our defenses fail, can anything save us?

SUNDAY, MAY 18
2 PM, TEEN ROOM

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

... and more!!!

Main Reading Room
Wednesdays: 1 pm - 2:30 pm

Bring your own equipment and account/login information!

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

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 May 1:

“The Paris Novel” by Ruth Reichl

Nonfiction Book Group

Last Thursday of the month, 4PM

Meets at West Branch Library

Meeting May 29:

“Nothing to Envy” by Barbara Demick

Peabody Council on Aging Book Group

2nd Wednesday of every month, 10:30 AM

Meets at Torigian Center

Meeting April 9:

“Lady Tan’s Circle of Women” by Lisa See

Super Sleuths

Second Tuesday of the month, 1:30 PM

Meets at the South Branch Library

Meeting May 13th

“The Searcher” by Tana French

Teen Book Club

Last Wednesday of the month, 4 PM

Participants receive community service

For Teens Grades 6-12.

Meeting May 28th in the Teen Room

“Throne of Glass” by Sarah J. Maas

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.**

Teen Anime Club

**MAY 12TH, 4PM
TEEN ROOM**

Join us in the Teen Room the for Anime Club! For this meeting, we'll be watching the first few episodes of "Solo Leveling".

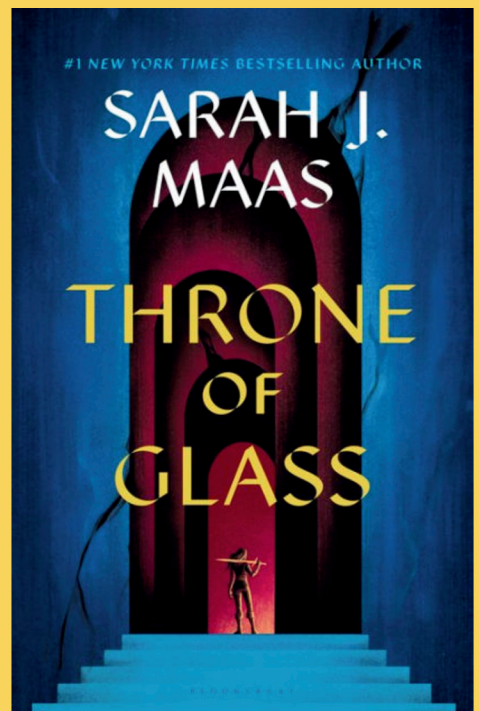


Teen Book Club

**Wednesday, May 28th,
4-5PM, Teen Room**

Join us to discuss "Throne of Glass" by Sarah J. Maas. 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.





STAR WARS DAY: REVENGE OF THE 5TH

**Monday, May 5th,
4PM, Teen Room**

**Trivia! Movie!
Costume Contest!
Grades 6-12.**



Clay Pinch Pots

**Thursday, May 15th
3:30-4:30PM, Teen Room**

Explore the art of pottery using air-dry clay to create a pinch pot! Use textures, beads and more to make your own little work of art.

For Teens, Grades 6-12.
Registration is required.



**Wednesday, May 7th
4PM, Teen Room**



What does it mean to balance a checkbook? What's the difference between credit and debit? What IS a 401-k? Come to this program to find out! For Teens Grades 6-12.
Registration is preferred.

CRAFT **AND** ***YAP***

**SATURDAY MAY 17TH
1PM-3PM, TEEN ROOM**

GRADES 6-12

Teens are welcome to drop in anytime and pick up a craft! Bring your own or start a project in the Teen Room.

Registration is not required, snacks will be offered. For Teens Grades 6-12.



The greatest fairy tale never told.

**TEEN
MOVIE
NIGHT****THURS.**
May 22nd
5PM**Teen Room****anime
BOSTON
2025** MAY 23-25

Want to go to Anime Boston on Friday, May 23rd? Go with our Anime Club and receive the discount Group rate (\$60 for a Friday ticket). For more information, please email our Senior Teen Librarian Amory at AThomas@Noblenet.org by May 12th

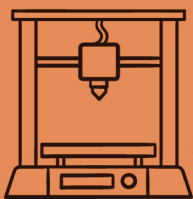
**RAWRing 20's
Alt. Tea Party**

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST
1-3PM, MAIN LIBRARY COURTYARD

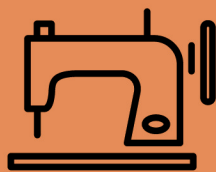
Teens are welcome to join us in the Courtyard to listen to some punk music, eat some yummy snacks, and kick it Alternative style.

Emo / Scene / Goth outfits are **HIGHLY** encouraged.

For Teens Grades 6-12, registration is preferred but not required.



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

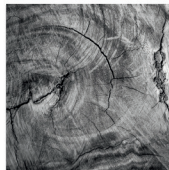
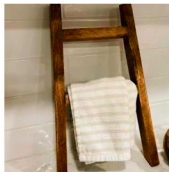
KITCHEN TOWEL LADDER

MONDAY, MAY 19TH
10:00 AM

Learn the very basics of wood working. No experience needed.

Assemble a countertop towel holder with no nails!

CREATIVITY LAB WOOD WORKING



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

CREATIVITY LAB 3D MODELING 101

Ever have an idea for an invention or needed a part for an appliance they don't make anymore?

Learn the basics of modeling to design for 3D printing. No experience necessary.

Lesson 1
Basics of
3D CAD



Thursday
May 15th
7:00

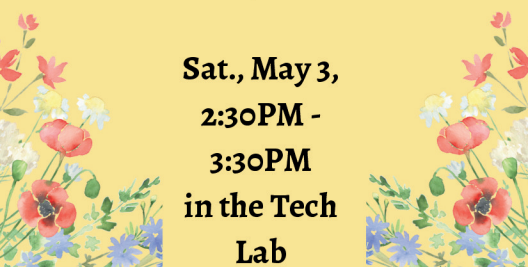
LESSON 2: 3D SCULPTING

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

SPRINGTIME FLOWERS

Children aged 4 and up are invited to join Miss Meeghan for some floral fun! Miss Meeghan will share some springtime stories featuring flowers. Children will then get to express themselves through painting a tulip craft! Registration is required.

Sat., May 3,
2:30PM -
3:30PM
in the Tech
Lab



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., MAY 5 AND 19
FROM 10AM - 11AM
IN THE TECH LAB

SUCCULENTS ON A SATURDAY



Join Miss Katia in potting succulents! You'll get the chance to decorate your succulent's pot and make it your own. The succulent is yours to keep! For ages 6-12. Registration is required

SAT., MAY 10
10AM - 11AM

IN THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

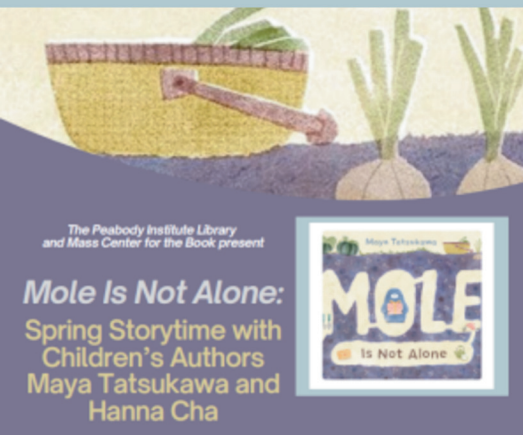
HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT



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.

SAT., MAY 12
1PM - 2PM

IN THE TECH LAB



Sat., May 17, 12PM - 1PM in the Tech Lab

Join the Peabody Institute Library for a special event with acclaimed children's author and Mass Book Award-Honoree Maya Tatsukawa, who will present "Mole Is Not Alone" and her brand-new book, "Otter Carries On"! Maya will be joined in conversation by author-illustrator Hanna Cha. Registration is not required but preferred.



MOVIE NIGHT



Children of all ages can join us to watch the adventures of a crime-fighting animal/human in Dog Man (© Universal Pictures). Popcorn will be provided! Registration is required.

WED., MAY 21
IN THE TECH LAB
5PM - 6:45PM

SELF-CARE BINGO



Children aged 5 and up are invited to join Miss Meeghan in a game of bingo! The cards will feature different ways children can practice self-care. Participants have the chance to win self-care prizes, like coloring books, fidget toys, and more. Registration is required.

SAT., MAY 31 IN THE TECH LAB
3PM - 4PM

RECCURING EVENTS

at the Main Library

FAMILY LEGO FUN

Monday, May 5
@ 3:30PM - 4:30PM
in the Children's Library



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Monday, May 12 @ 10:30AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



YOGA

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



PAJAMA STORYTIME

Wednesday, May 7
@ 5:30PM - 6:30PM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



NEW PARENTS GROUP

Wednesday, May 14 and 28.
Drop In from 10:30AM - 12PM

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



FORENSIC SCIENCE ROADSHOW

WITH PAUL ZAMBELLA

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

THURSDAY, MAY 15
6-8 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

FOR AGES 18+



CRIME SCENE

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

SATURDAY
MAY 17

10:30 - 11:30AM

For Kids Ages 3 - 7 and
their caretakers

Registration Required!



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 MAY 12
WEDNESDAY MAY 28

3:30-4:30PM

ART CLUB FOR KIDS!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

TUESDAY, MAY 27
3:30 - 4:30 PM

(last Tuesday of every month)

FOR KIDS AGES 8 TO 12

Registration required
All materials provided



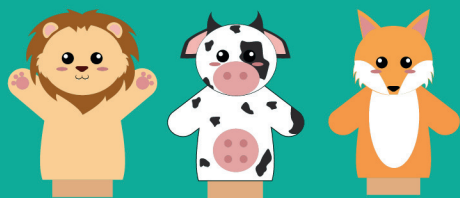
TODDLER STORYTIME!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

EVERY TUESDAY
10:00 - 10:30 AM

FOR KIDS AGES 2 - 4 YEARS
AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Registration required

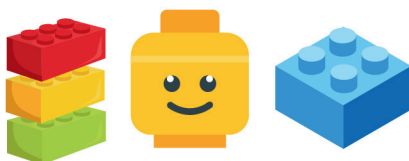


AFTER SCHOOL LEGOS!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

MONDAY
MAY 19
3:30 - 4:30PM

FOR KIDS AGES 5-12
REGISTRATION REQUIRED



HERBARIUM BOTTLES

TUESDAY, MAY 13TH

4PM-5PM

WEST BRANCH COMMUNITY ROOM

AGES 14+

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED



Butterfly Feeders

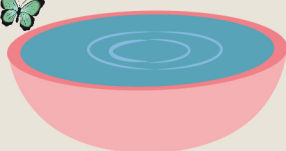
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10AM-11AM

WEST BRANCH
COMMUNITY ROOM

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LEGO BRIDGE CHALLENGE

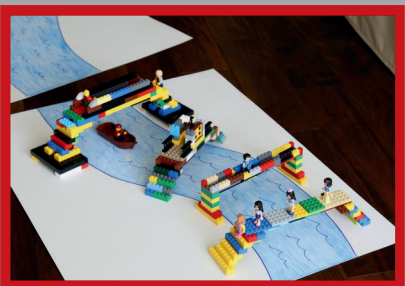
Saturday, May 17

11AM-12PM

West Branch
Community Room

For children 5 +

Registration is Required



TODDLER ART: PAPER PIZZA

Tuesday, May 20

10:30AM-11:30AM

West Branch Community Room

For children 18 months +

Registration is Required

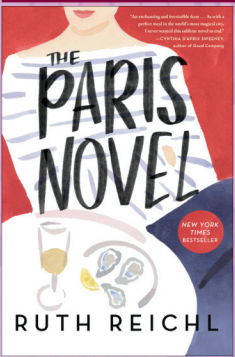


WEST BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

FICTION BOOK CLUB

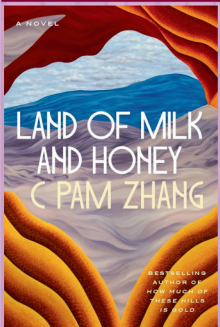
Come discuss our Fiction monthly reads on the first Thursday of every month! For ages 18+.

May



**Thurs., May 1 &
Thurs., June 1
2PM in the
Community Room**

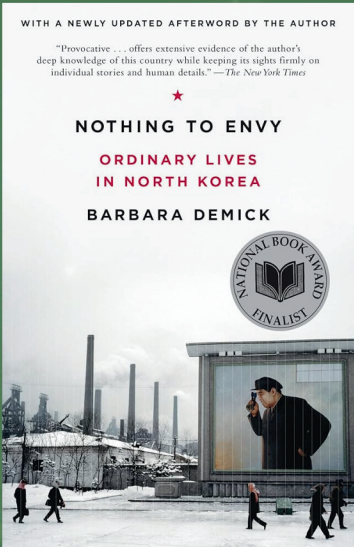
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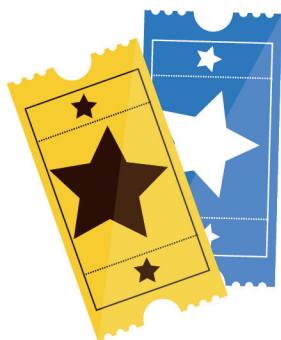
NONFICTION BOOK CLUB

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

**Thursday, May 29 at 6PM
in the Alcove reading area**



“Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea” by Barbara Demick



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

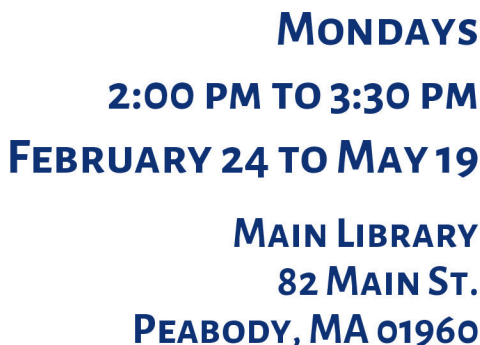
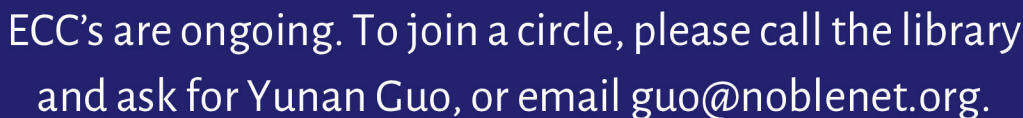
Trustees of the Reservations

Wenham Museum

Zoo New England



Join an in-person group at the Library



Our new Citizenship Study Group will help you prepare for the U.S. citizenship exam in an informal group setting. Participation is free, and you can begin anytime. Basic English literacy is required.

For more information, call: 978-531-0100
or email: peabodyELL@noblenet.org

*** NEW! ***

Sutton Room Drop In Hours



every Thursday, 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. No sign up required.

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.



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FRIDAY, MAY 9TH, 6-8PM

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