



PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY
SUPPORTING YOUR STORY

APRIL 2026 SERVICES & EVENTS

MAIN LIBRARY
82 MAIN STREET

SOUTH BRANCH
LIBRARY
78 LYNN STREET

WEST BRANCH
LIBRARY
603 LOWELL STREET

WWW.PEABODYLIBRARY.ORG



APRIL 2026 LIBRARY HOURS

MAIN LIBRARY

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 9pm

Friday: 9am - 1pm

Saturday: 9am - 5pm

Sunday: 1 pm - 5 pm

SOUTH & WEST BRANCH LIBRARIES

Monday & Wednesday: 9am - 5pm

Tuesday: 9am - 9pm

Thursday: 1pm - 9pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm

Sunday: Closed

All three libraries will be closed on Monday, April 20 for the Patriots' Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 21.

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!



the peapod

peabody's community seed exchange

Available now, until supplies run out!

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



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DROP IN TECH HELP



Basic Computer Skills
Laptops and Computers
Tablets / E-Readers
Smart Phones
Library Databases and Apps

Main Reading Room
Wednesdays: 1:00 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.**

CELEBRATE AMERICA 250 WITH THE PEABODY LIBRARY

Join us for these events celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Wednesdays in March, 11 AM:

Revolutionary Writers with Theo Theoharis

Monday, May 11, 6:30 PM:

Declaration of Independence Calligraphy Workshop - learn the calligraphy style used in America's founding documents

Wednesday, June 3, 5:30 PM:

"Hamilton" musical family screening, sing along, cosplay, popcorn and pizza. For All Ages.

Saturday, May 9, 11 AM:

Old South Burying Ground (in Peabody) cemetery tour with the Historical Society

Coming in July:

Film series featuring cult classic musical 1776 and documentaries about the Revolution.

Learn more and register at peabodylibrary.org/calendar

Adult Yoga

Beginner friendly Yoga
for adults with
instructor Kirsty Yetter.



Mondays at 11:30
2nd floor Tech Lab

Guided Meditation

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



Tuesday, April 21
6:30 PM, Tech Lab

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS (ONLINE)



New players and experienced
adventurers wanted! Zoom
link will be sent to your email
when you register.

Monday, April 13
7 PM, Zoom

Adult Craft and Chat



Join our monthly Craft and Chat on the
last Monday of each month! This month,
bring your own project or use our
supplies to start something new, with
facilitator Stacie Dolin.

Monday, April 27
6:30 PM, Tech Lab

Blooms and Brushes

Paint night

Join librarian Olivia in a guided paint session where we will be creating a lovely cherry blossom landscape painting.

Thursday, April 23
6 PM, Creativity Lab

DEADLY COMPLICATIONS

Sunday, April 12th
2:00 to 4:00 pm in
the Tech Lab
at the Main Library



COMA (1978)

A medical resident fears for her life as she investigates why healthy patients fall into comas. Based on a Robin Cook bestseller!

All films are free!
Popcorn will be served.
To register, scan
the QR code or visit
peabodylibrary.org/calendar



LEARN TO USE ANCESTRY.COM



Explore your family history
with one-on-one help
from a librarian

Tuesdays, February - May
2:00 - 3:00 pm
Main Library

By appointment only:
peabodylibrary.org/calendar/

Volunteer Opportunities

T.A.C.O.

Teen Advisory and Community Organization

Earn community service hours by participating in TACO! Help out at the library by performing chores, crafts and /or tasks with us, to better your community. Registration is **REQUIRED** for each meeting.

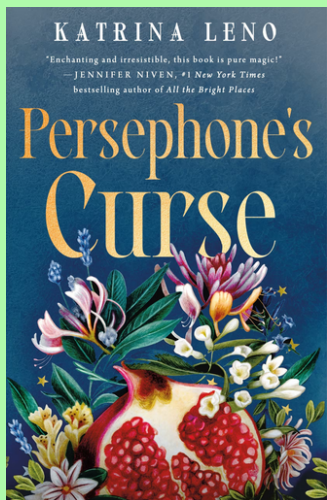
Tuesdays at the Main Library, 4-5PM



Thursdays at the West Branch Library, 4-5PM

Teen Book Club

Wed., April 29th, 4-5PM, Teen Room



Join us to discuss our April book, "Persephone's Curse" by Katrina Leno. Participants receive one hour of Community Service. Registration is required.

Graphic Novel



Teen Book Club

Sat., April 25th 12-1PM, Teen Room



Join us once a month to discuss a Graphic Novel pick! For our April meeting, we'll be discussing "Squire" by Nadia Shamas.

Participants receive one hour of community service.

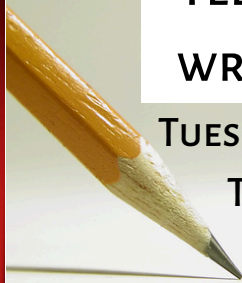
Teen Movie Night

Thurs. April 16th,
5:30PM-7:30PM
Teen Room



TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CLASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST,
TEEN ROOM,
3-5PM



Learn how to start the process of crafting your fictional story, get feedback on your work, and learn techniques on how to improve your writing. For Teens, Grades 8-12. Registration is required.

Teen Chip Tasting

WED., APRIL 22ND, 2-3PM

Have you ever tried Sour Cream & Onion chips? What about Pizza Flavored? Come to the Teen Room Room to taste test different kinds of flavored chips!

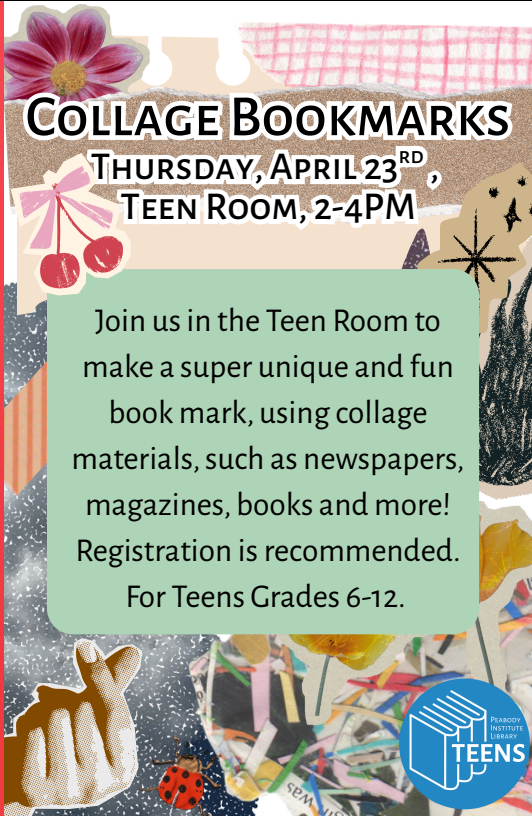
Registration is required. For Teens Grades 6-12.



COLLAGE BOOKMARKS

THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD,
TEEN ROOM, 2-4PM

Join us in the Teen Room to make a super unique and fun book mark, using collage materials, such as newspapers, magazines, books and more! Registration is recommended. For Teens Grades 6-12.





APRIL VACATION READ - A - THON

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH THROUGH
SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH

Teens Grades 6-12 are invited to compete to see who can read the most minutes throughout April Vacation.

The top reader will receive a little prize, a certificate and **GLORY!** Please register online at Beanstack.com or on the app. Contest runs from Saturday, April 18th through Sunday, April 24th. Winner will be contacted Monday, April 25th

FREE ACT

ACT Practice Test

Saturday, 4/4 @ 10 AM

This full-length ACT practice test gives students the chance to simulate test day conditions in a supportive, low-pressure setting. It's an excellent opportunity to gain valuable experience and insight before the real exam.

All students will receive a **detailed score report** to better understand their performance, and identify areas for growth. If your student receives extended time accommodations, please contact info@opendoor.education and we will follow up to provide appropriate testing options.

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Practice Test & College
Admissions Info Session
The SAT, The ACT, and YOU:

Everything You Need to Know About
College Admissions Testing

4/15 @ 7 PM (Online via Zoom) The landscape of college admissions testing is evolving rapidly, and many parents and students are understandably uncertain about what these changes, including the new digital test formats, will mean for them. This class will identify and unpack the major issues relating to testing so that you can develop a smart, effective, and informed plan for your student.

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 April 9

“The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau”

by Kristin Harmel

Nonfiction Book Group

Last Thursday of the month, 4PM

Meets at West Branch Library

Meeting April 30

“A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America, and the Woman

Who Stopped Them” by Timothy Egan

Peabody Council on Aging Book Group

Second Wednesday of every month,

10:30 AM

Meets at Torigian Center

Meeting March 11:

“Story of Arthur Truelove”

The Readers

Third Wednesday of the month

1:30PM

Meets at the South Branch Library

Meeting April 15th

“Nora Webster” by Colm Toibin

Super Sleuths

Second Tuesday of the month, 1:30PM

Meets at the South Branch Library

Meeting April 14th

“Everyone Here is Lying” by

Shari Lapena

Teen Book Club

Last Wednesday of the month, 4PM

Participants receive one hour of

community service. For Teens

Grades 6-12.

Meeting April 29th

“Persephone’s Curse” by Katrina Leno

for Teens Grades 6-12.

Teen Graphic Novel Book Club

Last Saturday of the month, 12PM

Participants receive community

service. For Teens Grades 6-12.

Meeting April 25th, 12-1PM

“Squire” by Nadia Shamas.

for Teens Grades 6-12.





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LIBRARY FOUNDATION

All sale proceeds go directly to the Foundation and are used to help fund Library programs and services.

BOOK SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH , 10AM-2PM

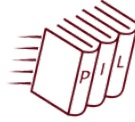
Hardcover books: \$2

Paperback books: \$1

Speed Reads Speed Sale: \$2

(New hardcovers from Speed Reads)

Credit Card via Square QR Code,
Cash, Check, and Venmo
@pilfoundation accepted.

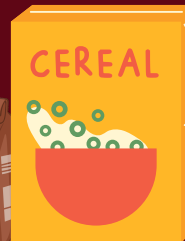


THE PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY LITTLE FREE PANTRY Main Library - Courtyard Entrance

Donate food or take what you need from
our **NEW Little Free Pantry!**



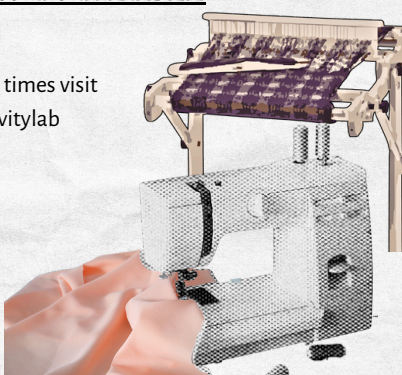
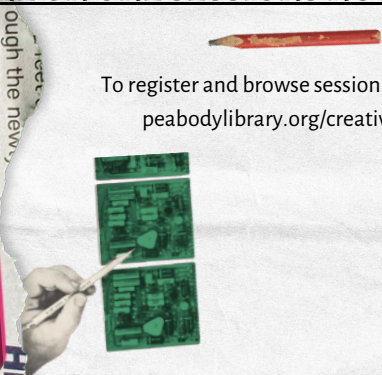
Scan the QR Code with
your phone's camera to
visit our Amazon Wishlist
to donate!



CREATIVITY LAB OPEN LABS

Want to use our tools for 3D printing, sewing, laser cutting, woodworking, coding, vinyl cutting, graphic design, electronics, and more? We can show you how!

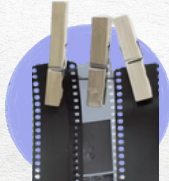
ONE ON ONE SESSIONS NOW AVAILABLE



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

New!

LAB-BOX ars-imago



DEVELOP YOUR OWN FILM

No dark room or experience
needed. The lab-box does
everything for you!

35mm - 120mm
color/bw

Cosplay Meet-Up @ The Creativity Lab

Last Thursday of every month.

5:30-8 PM

WHETHER YOU'RE IN FULL COSPLAY OR WORKING ON YOUR NEXT "COSPLAN," WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO BRING YOUR CREATIONS TO LIFE.

After School Art Classes

ALL CLASSES WILL BE TAUGHT BY LOCAL ARTIST EDUCATOR BRUCE ORR. BRUCE IS AN ART TEACHER, ART THERAPIST, MURALIST, ILLUSTRATOR, PUPPETEER, BUILDER FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS AND ALL AROUND ARTS ADVOCATE.

EVERY MONDAY &
WEDNESDAY
3:30 PM TO 5:30PM
CREATIVITY LAB

Studio Art Mondays

Train in the art of art! Learn about color, texture, perspective, and scale.

Hone your painting, sketching, and sculpting skills with other young artists.

Wicked Wednesday Workshop

Every Wednesday Bruce will introduce a different weird workshop! From sewing projects to t-shirt design and stamp making, It's all the messy fun parts of making art.



APRIL SHOWERS & RAINBOWS CRAFT AND STORYTIME



Children aged 4 and up can paint rainbows on wooden rainbow crafts. Plus, Miss Meeghan will read some great stories about both the rain and rainbows! Registration is required.

THUR., APRIL 9
3:45PM - 4:45PM
IN THE TECH LAB

CFCE MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

MON., APRIL 13 AND 27
10AM - 11AM
IN THE TECH LAB



Join the CFCE for Music and Movement at 10:00am in the Tech Lab! Hear and sing songs and dance to the beat! Registration is required.

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., APRIL 13
1PM - 2PM
IN THE TECH LAB

Kids: The Joys of Nature: Helping Endangered Species With Joy Marzolf



**Saturday, April 18
In the Tech Lab**

**Two Showings!
2:30PM - 3PM
3:30PM - 4PM**



**Registration is Required
Recommended for Ages 4-12**

MOVIE NIGHT

It's Earth Day! Children of all ages are invited to celebrate the earth with a movie night. Meet a little orange creature who speaks for the trees, and see what happens when people want to cut down all the trees. Snacks and water will be provided. Registration is required.



**WED., APRIL 22
6PM - 7:45PM
IN THE TECH LAB**

UNICORN CUPCAKES



Children aged 7-12 are invited to join Miss Katia in decorating magical unicorn cupcakes. Add fun sprinkles and a horn to your unicorn cupcake and enjoy!

Registration is required.

**SAT., APRIL 25
1:15PM - 2PM
IN THE TECH LAB**

MONTHLY EVENTS

at the Main Library

BABY GROUP

Saturday, April 4 and 18
Drop In from 11AM - 12PM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



FAMILY LEGO FUN

Saturday, April 11 and 25
@ 10AM - 11AM
in the Children's Library



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Monday, April 6
@ 10AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



YOGA

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



PAJAMA STORYTIME

Wednesday, April 1
@ 5:30PM - 6PM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



BABY STORYTIME

Thursday, April 16, 23, and 30
@ 10AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



TODDLER STORYTIME

Thursday, April 16, 23, and 30
@ 11AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



DROP IN CRAFTS

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





ACRYLIC PAINTING

WITH ARTIST BROOKE LAMBERT

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

6-8PM

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

For adults 18+.

Registration required.

Registration opens March 19.



Appliqué Workshop

at the South Branch Library



Saturday April 11

10 - 11:30 AM

Registration Required

For Adults 18+



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
APRIL 6
APRIL 27

3:30 - 4:30PM



Watercolor Collage

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

6-8PM

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

For adults 18+.

Registration required.

Registration opens April 2.

ART CLUB FOR KIDS!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

TUESDAY, APRIL 28
3:30 - 4:30 PM

(last Tuesday of every month)

FOR KIDS AGES 8 TO 12

Registration required

All materials provided



PAPER CRAFT

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

2:00 PM

For kids ages 5-12 and their caregivers

Registration required.



MAKE A BIRD FEEDER

THURSDAY
APRIL 23
2 PM

FOR KIDS AGES 6 - 12

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

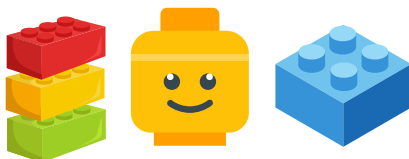
AFTER SCHOOL LEGOS!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 8
APRIL 29

3:30PM - 4:30PM

FOR KIDS AGES 5-12
REGISTRATION REQUIRED



SUNFLOWER PLANTING

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 22
10:30 AM

FOR KIDS AGES 5 - 12

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



BY THE SEA SOAP MAKING WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

6PM-7PM

WEST BRANCH COMMUNITY ROOM

AGES 18+

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED*



DIY COOKIE BAR FOR KIDS

Saturday, April 18

11AM - 12PM

West Branch Community Room

Children Ages 5+

Registration is Required



FREE-FORM CRAFTERNOON

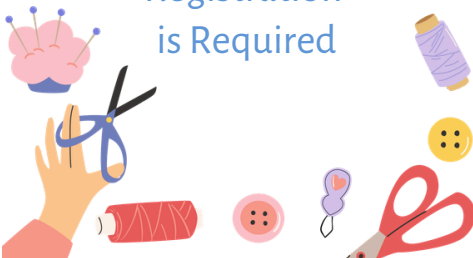
Tuesday, April 21

1PM - 2PM

West Branch Community Room

For Families with Children

Registration is Required

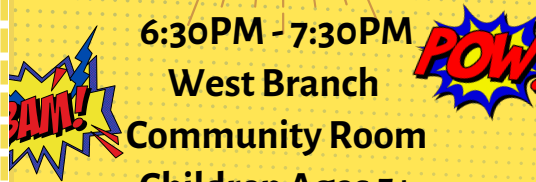


SUPERHERO ACADEMY

Thursday, April 23

6:30PM - 7:30PM

West Branch Community Room
Children Ages 5+



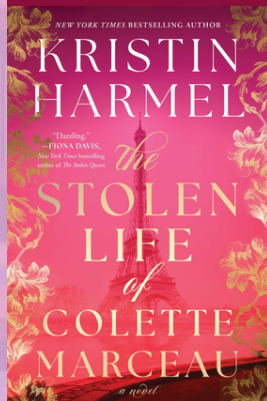
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AS SPACE IS LIMITED

WEST BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

FICTION BOOK CLUB

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

April



May



Thurs., April 9

Thurs. May 7

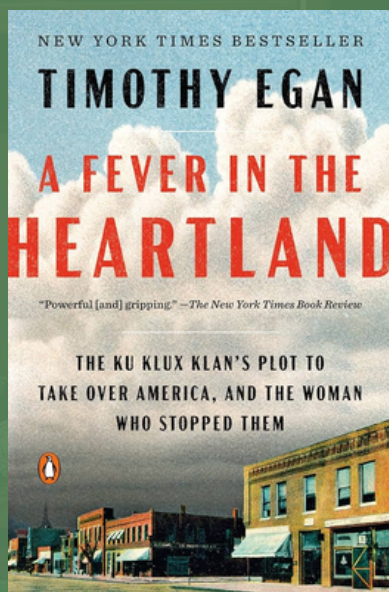
2PM in the
Community Room

NONFICTION BOOK CLUB

Want to learn more
about world events?

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

Thursday, April 30
4PM in the Alcove
reading area



Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America, and the Woman Who Stopped Them" by Timothy Egan

MUSEUM PASSES

trustees



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
Plymouth Patuxet Museums
Trustees of the Reservations
Wenham Museum
Zoo New England

Sutton Room Drop In Hours

Thursdays 2-4 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

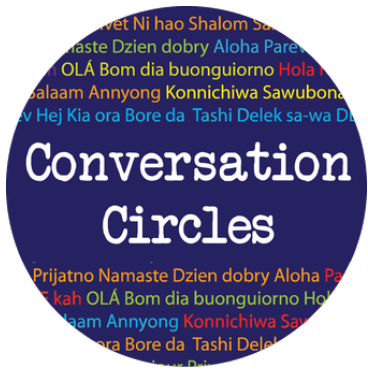
Search historic Peabody deeds, photographs, yearbooks, and more online at [peabodylibrary.org/localhistory](https://www.peabodylibrary.org/localhistory).

ONLINE NEWSPAPERS

Historic newspapers are now searchable online at [peabodyma.historyarchives.online](https://www.peabodyma.historyarchives.online)

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLES

LEARN TO USE ENGLISH FOR WORK,
SHOPPING, AND TALKING WITH FRIENDS.



For more information,
visit the Main Library
at 82 Main St., Peabody,
or email us at
peabodyELL@noblenet.org
Through May 15, 2026

Groups meet one hour per week.
Day and evening groups are available.



MARCH 2ND - MAY 18TH
MONDAY AFTERNOONS
2:00 PM TO 3:30 PM
AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Prepare for the U.S. Citizenship interview
and exam. Participation is free, and you can
begin anytime. Basic English is required.

Call: 978-531-0100, x119
or email: peabodyELL@noblenet.org

COMING THIS SUMMER TO THE PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY

ADULT BEGINNER ESOL CLASS

An in-person, eight week session at the Main Library for adult English language learners, with instructor Monica Contreras. Starts June 9, 2026.

Email peabodyELL@noblenet.org for more information or to sign up.

Aulas de Inglês na Biblioteca de Peabody por 8 semanas consecutivas, para adultos que estão a aprender Inglês. A aula começa em 9 de junho de 2026.

Envie um email para: peabody@noblenet.org para obter mais informações e para se inscrever.

Sesión presencial de ocho semanas en la Biblioteca Principal dirigida a adultos que están aprendiendo inglés, con la instructora Monica Contreras. La clase comienza el 9 de junio de 2026.

Para más información o para inscribirse, envíe un correo electrónico a peabodyELL@noblenet.org.



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DISCOVER THE HISTORY OF OUR PRINTS, SEE SELECT PRINTS ON DISPLAY,
ENJOY HORS D'OEUVRES, DESSERTS, WINE, BEER & BUBBLY

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST, 6-8PM

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