



PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY
SUPPORTING YOUR STORY

MAY 2026 SERVICES & EVENTS

MAIN LIBRARY
82 MAIN STREET

SOUTH BRANCH
LIBRARY
78 LYNN STREET

WEST BRANCH
LIBRARY
603 LOWELL STREET

WWW.PEABODYLIBRARY.ORG

978-531-0100

MAY 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 from Saturday, May 23 through Monday, May 25 for the Memorial Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 26.

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.



PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY
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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.**

AMERICA 250: OLD SOUTH BURIAL GROUNDS TOUR

Join us on a walking tour of Old South Burial Grounds led by the Peabody Historical Society. PHS volunteer/library aide Tyler will walk us through the headstones and the stories of Peabody's Revolutionary War soldiers.

Saturday, May 9 at 11 AM

We will meet at the cemetery gates at 173 Boston Street. **Tour will begin promptly at 11:00.** Please allow time to find street parking.

Learn more and register at peabodylibrary.org/calendar

PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY SPRING CONCERT SERIES

Susan & Roy Hagen



Double bassist Susan Hagen and her father guitarist Roy Hagen take you on a journey of beautiful music throughout the ages.

**MONDAY, MAY 18, 7 PM
SUTTON ROOM**

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, May 19
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, May 11
7 PM, Zoom

America 250

Calligraphy Workshop:

Learn to write like the
founders

Learn the calligraphy
style used in America's
founding documents in
this interactive workshop!

Monday, May 11, 6:30 PM
Creativity Lab

PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY SPRING CONCERT SERIES

Áine Minogue

Irish harpist and singer Áine Minogue returns to the Sutton Room for a contemplative evening of Irish harp and song, fit for the quiet beauty of early May.

MONDAY, MAY 4, 7 PM
SUTTON ROOM, MAIN LIBRARY



BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY
FOUNDATION & THE MCCARTHY FAMILY FOUNDATION

IN DANGER IN THE ARCTIC

Sunday, May 17th
2:00 to 4:00 pm
in the Tech Lab
at the Main Library

NEVER CRY WOLF (1983)

A biologist travels to the remote Arctic to study wolves. He finds life there is more complicated than he imagined, and has to make impossible choices.

LEARN TO USE ANCESTRY.COM



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

Tuesdays, Feb 3 - May 19
2:00 - 3:00 pm
Main Library

By appointment only:
peabodylibrary.org/calendar/

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

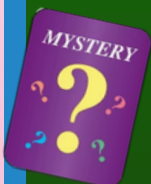
Tuesdays at
the Main Library, 4-5PM



Thursdays at the
West Branch Library, 4-5PM

Teen Book Club

Wednesday, May 27th, 4-5PM,
Teen Room

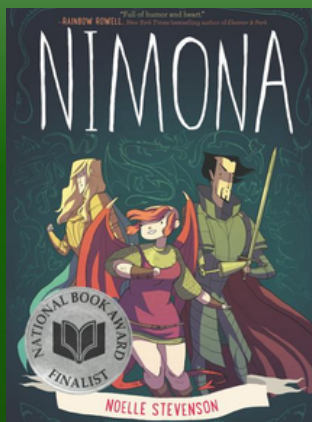


Join us to discuss our January book, "Persephone's Curse" by Katrina Leno. Participants receive one hour of Community Service. Registration required.

Graphic Novel



Teen Book Club



Saturday,
May 9th
1-2PM,
Teen Room

Join us once a month to discuss a Graphic Novel pick! For our May meeting, we'll be discussing "Nimona" by N.D. Stevenson, and picking up our reads for June.

For Teens Grades 6-12

“Is it AI?” Spot the AI

Thurs, May 7th, 4-5PM

Come to the Teen Room to play a guessing game about AI and how to spot it. Registration is preferred.

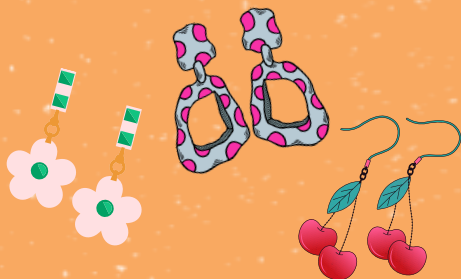
Teen Movie Night

Thurs. May 14th,
5:30PM-7:30PM
2nd Floor Tech Lab



POLYMER CLAY EARRINGS

Tues, May 12th, 3:30-4:30PM, Teen Room



Come to the Teen Room to make your own earrings out of polymer clay! we'll bake them and you'll be ready to rock a new pair of dangles by the end of this program. For Teens Grads 6-12. Registration is required.



CRAFT AND YAP

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH, 1-3PM

TEEN ROOM

Pick up a new craft (such as sewing, crochet, button making, painting, etc.) or bring a craft with you! Chat with other crafty teens, and our crafty (and very chatty) Teen Librarian!



Teen Study Group

Thursday, May
20th, 3:30-4:30PM, Teen Room

Need help with homework? Want some space to get organized? Meet with our Senior Teen Librarian, Amory, and get some help! Amory has experience working in Middle and High schools, and is able to help you through any subject, such as Algebra, English, and French. For Teens Grades 6-12. Registration is preferred. Participants receive ONE hour of community service.



Thursday, May 28th
4-6PM, Teen Room
Registration Required



COSPLAY TEA PARTY

Dress up in your finest armor, gowns, school uniform, or wear your favorite character T-shirt to a tea party at the Peabody Institute Library! Munch on mini quiches, cupcakes and more while you have a delightful cup of tea, and discuss your favorite media. For Teens, Grades 6-12. Registration is required, so we know how much food to get!

Best cosplay wins a PRIZE!



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 7

“Strangers in Time”

by David Baldacci

Nonfiction Book Group

Last Thursday of the month, 4PM

Meets at West Branch Library

Meeting May 28

“The Warmth of Other Suns” by Isabel Wilkerson

Peabody Council on Aging Book Group

Second Wednesday of every month,

10:30 AM

Meets at Torigian Center

Meeting May 13:

“The Astral Library” by Kate Quinn

The Readers

Third Wednesday of the month

1:30PM

Meets at the South Branch Library

Meeting May 20th

“I See You Everywhere” by Julia Glass

Super Sleuths

Second Tuesday of the month, 1:30PM

Meets at the South Branch Library

Meeting May 12th

“I’ve Got My Eyes on You” by

Mary Higgins Clark

Teen Book Club

Last Wednesday of the month, 4PM

Participants receive community service.

For Teens Grades 6-12.

Meeting May 27th

“Beth is Dead” by Katie Bernet

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 May 9th 1-2PM

“Nimona” by Noelle Stevenson

for Teens Grades 6-12.



New!

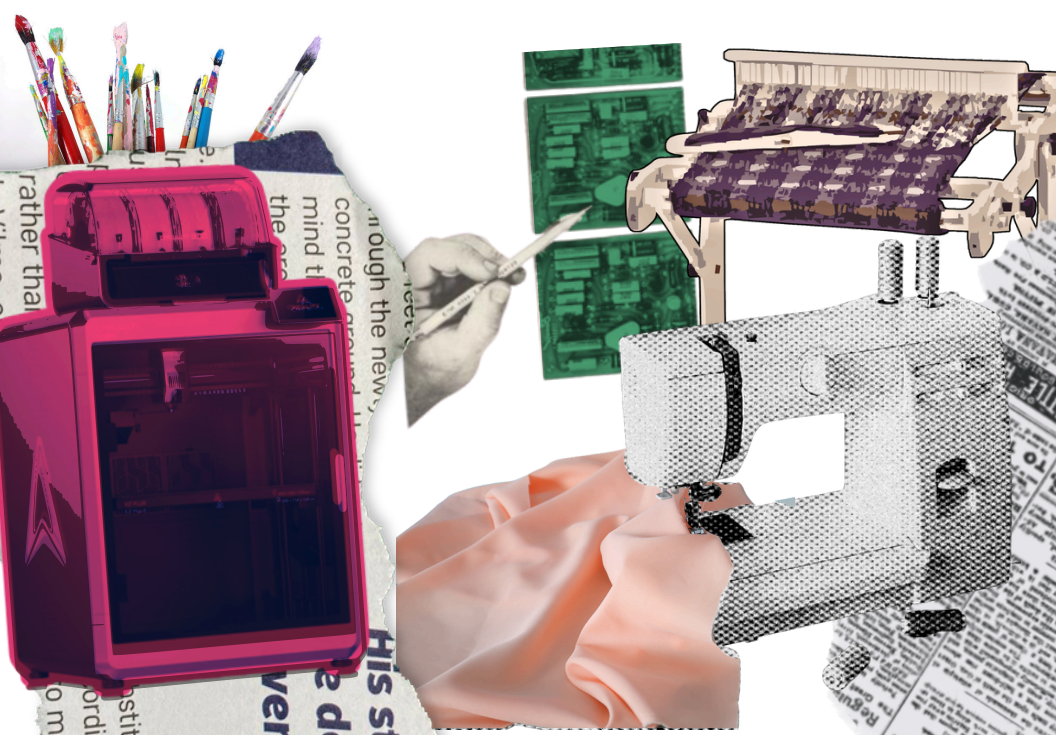
CREATIVITYLAB OPEN LABS

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



UPGRADE YOUR TACKLE BOX

LURE MAKING SERIES



Getting the itch to fish?
Visit the Creativity Lab to learn
how to make fishing lures for the
first bites of the season.

First Session: Small Iridescent Minnow
Thursday May 21st
6PM -7PM

**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.

CFCE MUSIC AND MOVEMENT



MON., MAY 11

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.

MARIGOLD PLANTING



Kids ages 7 - 12 are invited to plant marigolds with Miss Katia! Decorate your marigold pot and plant the flowers. This event will be held in the Courtyard, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, it will move to the Tech Lab.

Registration is required.

MON., MAY 11

3:30PM - 4:30PM

IN THE COURTYARD OR TECH LAB

MOVIE NIGHT

Children of all ages are invited to watch a new movie! Visit our bunny and fox friends again as they work with a snake and a beaver to solve another mystery. Snacks and water will be provided. Registration is required.



WED., MAY 13

6PM - 8PM

IN THE TECH LAB



FORGED TINY TITANS



Children aged 2-5 and their caregivers are invited to join us for this exciting class with Forged Tiny Titans! Supporting developmental milestones through the martial arts.

Registration is required.

THUR., MAY 14

11AM - 12PM

IN THE TECH LAB

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. Registration is now **REQUIRED**.

MON., MAY 18

1PM - 2PM

IN THE TECH LAB

INTERNATIONAL TEA DAY PARTY



THURS., MAY 21

3:45PM - 4:45PM

IN THE TECH LAB

Children aged 4 and up can join Miss Meeghan for a tea party. Listen to tea-themed stories, paint a small wooden box you can use to hold tea bags or other trinkets, and take some tea bags home to enjoy! All teas will be decaffeinated. Registration is required.

MONTHLY EVENTS

at the Main Library

BABY GROUP

Saturday, May 2, 16, and 30
Drop In from 11AM - 12PM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



FAMILY LEGO FUN

Saturday, May 9
@ 10AM - 11AM
in the Children's Library



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Monday, May 4 and 18
@ 10AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



YOGA

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



PAJAMA STORYTIME

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



BABY STORYTIME

Thursday, May 7, 21, and 28
@ 10AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



TODDLER STORYTIME

Thursday, May 7, 21, and 28
@ 11AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



DROP IN CRAFTS

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



FELTED BEE

WITH POP UP ART SCHOOL AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY



THURSDAY, MAY 7
6:30 - 8PM

FOR ADULTS AND TEENS AGES 13+
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 23RD

SUSTAINABLE LIVING (THAT IS ACTUALLY DOABLE!)

PRESENTED BY UNPACKED LIVING



Learn how to adopt eco-friendly
practices that contribute to a
healthier planet!

THURSDAY, MAY 28; 6:30 - 7:30PM
FOR ADULTS 18 AND UP

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 18

3:30 - 4:30PM



ART CLUB FOR KIDS!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

TUESDAY, MAY 26
3:30 - 4:30 PM

(last Tuesday of every month)

FOR KIDS AGES 8 TO 12

Registration required
All materials provided



TEDDY BEAR PICNIC!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

**SATURDAY
MAY 16**

10:30 - 11:30AM

**For Kids Ages 3 - 7 and
their caretakers**

Registration Required!



Flower Pot Painting!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 27**

3:30PM - 4:30PM

**FOR KIDS AGES 5-12
REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



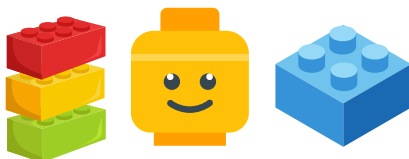
AFTER SCHOOL LEGOS!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 6**

3:30PM - 4:30PM

**FOR KIDS AGES 5-12
REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



WATERCOLOR PAINTING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6
3PM - 4PM

WEST BRANCH COMMUNITY ROOM
AGES 18+

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED



Old Movies & Mocktails

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27
2PM - 4PM

WEST BRANCH COMMUNITY ROOM
AGES 18+

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED



CHICKEN PARTY!

Saturday, May 10
10AM - 12PM

West Branch Community Room
For children and families

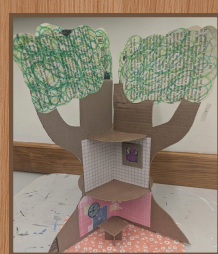


Cardboard Treehouse

Thursday, May 21
6:30PM - 7:30PM

West Branch Community Room
For children ages 8+

Registration is Required



WEST BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

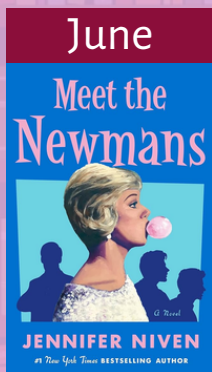
FICTION BOOK CLUB

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

May



June



Thurs., May 5

Thurs., June 4

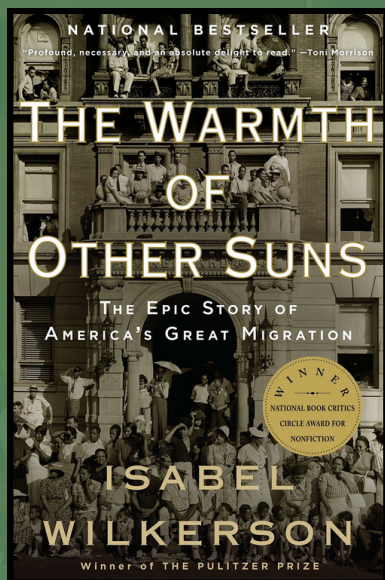
2PM in the
Community Room

NONFICTION BOOK CLUB

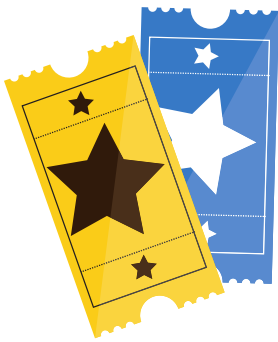
Want to learn more
about world events?

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

Thursday, May 28
4PM in the Alcove
reading area



The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson



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



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 11TH
MONDAY AFTERNOONS
2:00 PM TO 3:00 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

ADULT BEGINNER ESOL CLASS

June 9th - August 1st at the Main Library,
82 Main St., Peabody, MA 01960

An in-person, 8-week program at the Main Library for adults learning English. Class meets Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Class starts Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

Scan the QR code below or email peabodyELL@noblenet.org for information or to sign up.

Aulas de inglês na Biblioteca Peabody, com duração de oito semanas consecutivas, para adultos que estão aprendendo inglês. As aulas acontecem às terças-feiras à noite e aos sábados de manhã.

A aula começa na terça-feira, 9 de junho de 2026.

Escaneie o código QR ou envie um e-mail para peabodyELL@noblenet.org para obter informações ou para se inscrever.

Clases de inglés en la Biblioteca Peabody, con una duración de ocho semanas consecutivas, para adultos que están aprendiendo inglés. Las clases se imparten los martes por la tarde y los sábados por la mañana.

Las clases comienzan el martes 9 de junio de 2026.

Escanee el código QR o envíe un correo electrónico a peabodyELL@noblenet.org para obtener información o para inscribirse.



Scan here to send an email:

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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

Historic newspapers are now searchable online at peabodyma.historyarchives.online

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!



Please donate unexpired, unopened items in original packaging. If you wouldn't share it with your family, please do not donate it

