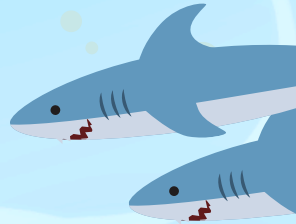




PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY
SUPPORTING YOUR STORY

AUGUST 2026 SERVICES & EVENTS

MAIN LIBRARY
82 MAIN STREET



SOUTH BRANCH
LIBRARY
78 LYNN STREET

WEST BRANCH
LIBRARY
603 LOWELL STREET

WWW.PEABODYLIBRARY.ORG



AUGUST 2026 LIBRARY HOURS

MAIN LIBRARY

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 9pm

Friday: 9am - 1pm

Saturday: 9am - 5pm

Sunday: Closed

SOUTH & WEST BRANCH LIBRARIES

NEW HOURS

Monday: 9am - 5pm

Tuesday: 9am - 5pm

Wednesday: 9am - 1pm

Thursday: 1pm - 9pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm

SOUTH & WEST BRANCH HOURS UPDATE:

Beginning Monday, July 6, service hours at the South and West Branch Libraries are reduced due to budget constraints. While we are disappointed that these changes are necessary, we remain committed to providing quality library services for our community.



Main Library hours remain unchanged.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support of the Peabody Institute Library.

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, August 18
6:30 PM, Tech Lab

Adult Craft and Chat



Bring your own handicraft to work on or get help with,
or use our supplies to see what you come up with!

Monday, August 31
6:30 PM, Tech Lab



Musical Movie Night:

MAMMA MIA!

Enjoy this silly, summery, and a little bit sappy musical set to the music of ABBA!

Monday, August 17
6 PM, Tech Lab

Houseplant Repotting Party

Refresh your tired houseplants for the fall!

Bring in 2 or 3 of your plants; we'll provide the soil, tools, and a selection of pots.

Saturday, August 29
2:00 - 3:00 pm
Library Courtyard



Registration is required: visit peabodylibrary.org/calendar

An Epic Western Film:

The Big Country (1958)

Weds, August 19
5:30 - 8:00 pm in the Tech Lab



All films are free! Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

Scan here:



For details and to register, scan the QR code, or visit peabodylibrary.org/calendar

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.

The Massachusetts Center for the Book Reading Challenge for August 2026

AUGUST

A book that
could be
considered taboo

- **Choose a book that could be considered taboo**

LIBRARY
OF CONGRESS

**CENTER
FOR THE
BOOK**

MASSACHUSETTS
AFFILIATE

- Read a book, then fill out a form on the MCB Reading Challenge website;
- There will be monthly drawings by the MCB for free books;
- Complete all 12 months and you could win a tote bag full of books from the MCB!

AMERICAN REVOLUTION 250 BINGO

June 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026

Complete 5 activities in a row to win a prize. Turn in at any Public Service Desk. Must be 18+, limit 3 entries.

Scan QR codes for Online Resources A to F.



Read a history book on the Revolution	Check out a Cookbook	Read a book that you found on any display	Check out your items at the MeeScan station	<u>Read & Reflect:</u> The Bill of Rights (A)
Work on the Community Puzzle	<u>Read & Reflect:</u> Declaration of Independence (B)	Check out 2 music CDs	Visit the Peabody Historical Society (C)	Check out a book from the Speed Reads
Explore a free database on the Library's website	Read the biography of a Revolutionary participant		Read a book just because you liked the cover	Check out 2 DVDs
Visit Peabody's Lexington Monument on Washington St. (D)	Read a book a librarian recommends to you	Sign up for the Library's Weekly Newsletter	Learn about the Battle of Menotomy 4-19-1775 (E)	Listen to an Audiobook
Read an e-book using the Libby app	Check out 2 magazines	Check out a book from an America250 display	Check out a Travel book	Learn about Leslie's Retreat Feb 26, 1775 in Salem (F)



PEABODY
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Name: _____

Phone: _____

A



B



C



D



E



F



DEMETER'S FEAST

**Monday,
August 10th,
3-4:30PM,
Teen Room**

A Celebration of Agriculture

Demeter is the ancient Greek goddess of the harvest and agriculture - come celebrate our Summer Reading theme, "Plant a Seed, Read", with a feast in honor of Demeter! Bring Your Own vegetable dish, or try an assortment of fresh farm foods.

For Teens AND their Families! Registration is required.



TEEN BIRDHOUSE PAINTING

Teens are welcome to come to the Teen Room to paint a bird house!
Registration Required. for Teens entering Grades 6-12.

**Tuesday,
August 11th,
3-4PM,
Teen Room**



Food for Thought : Peabody Library Food Drive

Help us stock our Little Free Pantry!
Drop off shelf stable food within the Teen Room on Wednesday, August 12th from 1-4PM

Teens who drop off FIVE or more food items to our Little Free Pantry from 1-4PM will receive ONE community service hour.

Teens who want to stay at the library from 1-4PM and help organize food, sign hold, or help contact businesses will earn three hours!

Teen Volunteer Registration is required.



**Wednesday,
August 12th
1-4PM
Teen Room**

Teen Lo-Fi Library



Thursday, August 13th, 1-3pm, Teen Room

Come to the Teen Room to give yourself a relaxing environment to read - lights will be turned off, blankets available, soothing music playing, and soda bar available for refreshments. Pick up some last minute reads, and double check your work assignments for school. Registration is required.



Join Our Teen Summer Reading Program!

Sign up online at Beanstack.com - Log your minutes read, and earn tickets to enter prize raffles! This year, YOU can enter to win:



LEGO
Botanicals
Hibiscus
Flower Set



Eggplant Light /
Phone Stand



Gravity Falls'
"The Book of Bill"
Collector's
Edition Book by
Alex Hirsch



Cow
Weighted
stuffed
animal

Fidget
Spinner
Bluetooth
Earbuds



Portable
speaker and
phone power
bank



ALL participants who log more than 5 hours get a drawstring bag!

CRAFT AND YAP



SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

1PM-3PM, TEEN ROOM, GRADES 6-12

Pick up a new craft or bring a craft with you! Chat with other crafty teens, and our crafty (and very chatty) Teen Librarian!



Nina Wilson Tutoring

ninawilson.math@gmail.com
IG: @ninawilson.math

Math Tutoring pop up event!

at the  PEABODY
INSTITUTE
LIBRARY
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Bring your summer math to the library and work for FREE with a professional Math Tutor!

expert in these subjects

Thursday August
20th, 2-3PM
and

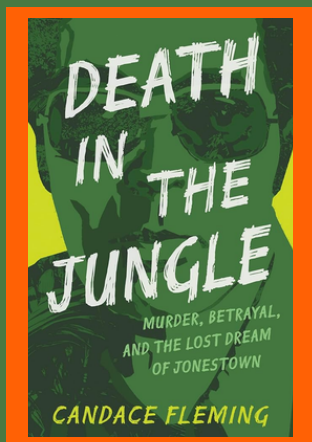
Tuesday September
1st, 2-3PM



Middle School Math
Algebra 1 & 2
Geometry
Precalculus
Trigonometry
Calculus

Teen Book Club

Wed., August 26th,
4-5PM, Teen Room



Join us our
monthly picks.
Participants
receive one hour
of Community
Service.
Registration
required.

Wed., Sept. 23rd,
4-5PM, Teen Room



August



Graphic Novel Teen Book Club

Join us once a month
to discuss a Graphic
Novel! Participants
receive one hour of
community service.
For Teens Grades 6-12.

September



Sat., August 29th,
1-2PM, Teen Room

Sat., September 26th,
1-2PM, Teen Room

PEABODY SUMMER EATS

FREE MEALS FOR KIDS & TEENS

July 6th -
August 13th
2026



MON. - THURS.
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
**MAIN LIBRARY
COURTYARD**

Fun & Food for All Kids & Teens, Ages 0-18!



- **Movie Mondays** - Join us INSIDE for a Movie with your food.



- **Take or Make Tuesdays** - Take and Make a Craft while you eat!



- **Water Play Wednesdays** - Play with water toys and outdoor games



- **Theater Thursdays** - participate in activities centered around theater! Watching musicals, playing improv game and more.



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PEABODY
Public Schools
"Every Student, Every Day"

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MUSICAL AFTERNOONS

TUE., AUGUST 4 & 18

2PM - 2:45PM

IN THE TECH LAB



For Children Aged 0-5
Registration is required
for each session.

ROCK ART



MON., AUGUST 10

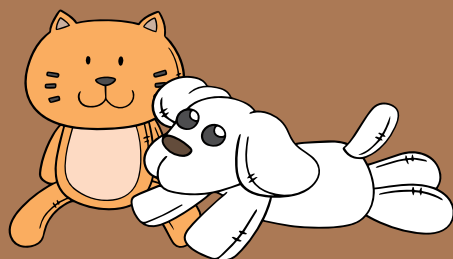
2PM - 3PM

IN THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

For ages 6+.

Registration is required.

CATS & DOGS MINI STUFFIES & STORYTIMES



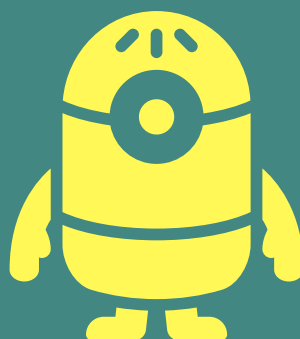
Make your own cat or dog mini
stuffie and listen to stories! For
ages 5+. Registration is required.

SAT., AUGUST 8

3PM - 4PM

IN THE TECH LAB

MOVIE NIGHT



For All Ages

Registration is Required
Snacks and Water Provided

WED., AUGUST 12

6PM - 7:45PM

IN THE TECH LAB

READ WITH RABBITS!
Ages 4+
Registration is Required



WED., AUGUST 19
3PM - 4PM
IN THE TECH LAB

BACK-TO-SCHOOL
BINGO



THUR., AUGUST 27
3PM - 4PM
IN THE TECH LAB

For Ages 4+
Registration is Required

LITTLE FELT PEOPLE
CRAFT



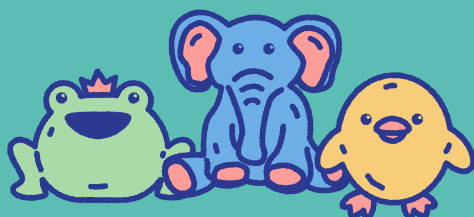
Ages 5+
Registration is Required
MON., AUGUST 24
3PM - 4PM
IN THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

6TH ANNUAL
STUFFY SLEEPOVER
For All Ages
Registration is Required

DROP OFF: THURSDAY,
AUGUST 27 BETWEEN
4:30PM - 5PM

PICK-UP: FRIDAY, AUGUST
28 BETWEEN 9AM - 1PM

IN THE CHILDREN'S
LIBRARY



MONTHLY EVENTS

at the Main Library

FAMILY LEGO FUN

Saturday, August 15 and 29
@ 10AM - 11AM
in the Children's Library



BABY GROUP

Saturday, August 8 and 22
Drop In from 11AM - 12PM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

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



YOGA

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



PAJAMA STORYTIME

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



BABY STORYTIME

Thursday, August 6, and 20 @
10AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



TODDLER STORYTIME

Thursday, August 6 and 20 @
11AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



DROP IN CRAFTS

Thursday, August 13 and 20
@ 5:30PM - 7PM
in the Children's Library



Make Stuffies on the 20th!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGES

Want to learn about our Beanstack and
Topsfield Fair Summer Reading
Challenges? Pick up a Summer Reading
brochure in the Children's Library today!



TODDLER STORYTIME!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

 JULY + AUGUST:
TUESDAYS + WEDNESDAYS
10 AM

FOR KIDS AGES 2 - 4
YEARS AND THEIR
CAREGIVERS


Registration required
as space is limited.



Flower Pot Painting!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

MONDAY
AUGUST 3

11AM

FOR KIDS AGES 5-12
REGISTRATION REQUIRED



MAKE A FIREFLY CRAFT!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 19
11:30AM

FOR KIDS AGES 6 - 12
AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

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
AUGUST 17

10:30-11:30AM

FAMILY LEGOS!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

TUESDAY
AUGUST 4

1:30PM

FOR KIDS AGES 5-12 AND
THEIR CAREGIVERS

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

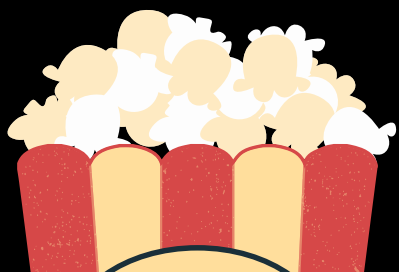
Thursday, August 20

6:30-8:30PM

All Ages Welcome!

Popcorn Provided!

Registration Required



**STEM LAB:
Marble Maze**

Thursday
August 20
2PM - 3PM
at the South Branch Library

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

FALL FORAGING PRESENTATION

AT THE WEST BRANCH LIBRARY

Thursday, August 20

7PM - 8PM

Community Room

For Ages 18+

Registration is Required

F-WORD FARM



Farming • Foraging • Fermenting

*Presented by
Emily Makrez
from F-Word Farm*



CARDBOARD LOOM BRACELET

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

1PM - 2PM

WEST BRANCH

COMMUNITY ROOM

CHILDREN AGES 5+

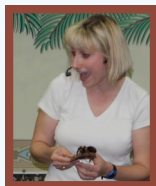
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED



The Joys of Nature
Presents:
Animals of the Desert
~at the West Branch Library

Saturday August 8th

10AM-11AM

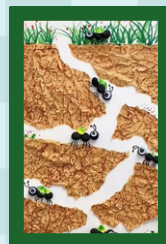


Children, ages 6 and up (and their caregivers) are invited to learn about desert animals from the US and around the world. Come meet some desert animals up close, and learn more about their wild relatives.

Registration is required



ANTS! ANTS! ANTS!
West Branch Library



Saturday, August 22nd
11AM-12PM

Children ages 4 and up
(and their caregivers) are
invited to make a fun ant
hill craft. Registration is
required

WEST BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

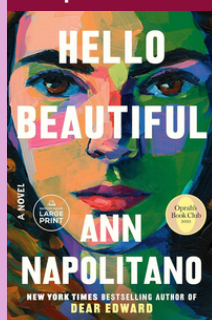
FICTION BOOK CLUB

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

August



September



Thurs., Aug. 6

Thurs., Sept. 3

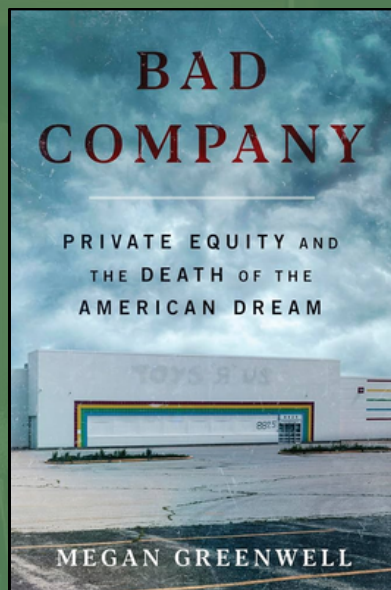
2PM in the
Community Room

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, August 27
4PM in the Alcove
reading area



"Bad Company: Private Equity and the Death of the American Dream"
by Megan Greenwell

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 August 6

“Sandwich”

by Catherine Newman

Nonfiction Book Group

Last Thursday of the month, 4PM

Meets at West Branch Library

Meeting August 27

“Bad Company: Private Equity and the Death of the American Dream” by Megan Greenwell

Peabody Council on Aging Book Group

Second Wednesday of every month,

10:30 AM

Meets at Torigian Center

Meeting August 12:

“The View From Lake Como: A Novel”

by Adriana Trigiani

The Readers

Third Tuesday of the month

1:30PM

Meets at the South Branch Library

Meeting August 18th

“The Stone Diaries” by Carol Shields

Super Sleuths

Second Tuesday of the month, 1:30PM

Meets at the South Branch Library

Meeting August 11th

“And Then There Were None” by Agatha Christie

Teen Book Club

Last Wednesday of the month, 4PM

Participants receive community service. For Teens Grades 6-12.

Meeting Wed. August 26th

“Death in the Jungle” by Candace Fleming. for Teens entering Grades 6-12.

Teen Graphic Novel Book Club

Last Saturday of the month, 1PM

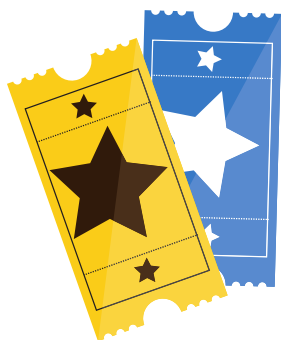
Participants receive community service. For Teens Grades 6-12.

Meeting Saturday, August 29th

“Komi Can’t Communicate” vol. 1 by Tomohito Oda.

for Teens entering Grades 6-12.





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



BECOME A VOLUNTEER IN OUR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING PROGRAMS



Conversation Circle
Leaders help non-
native speakers to
practice basic English
conversation in small,
informal groups.



Tutors work one-on-
one with English
language learners.

Opportunities are available days or
evenings, starting in mid-September
and require just 2 hours per week.

Email peabodyELL@noblenet.org
for information.

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. Registration 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.

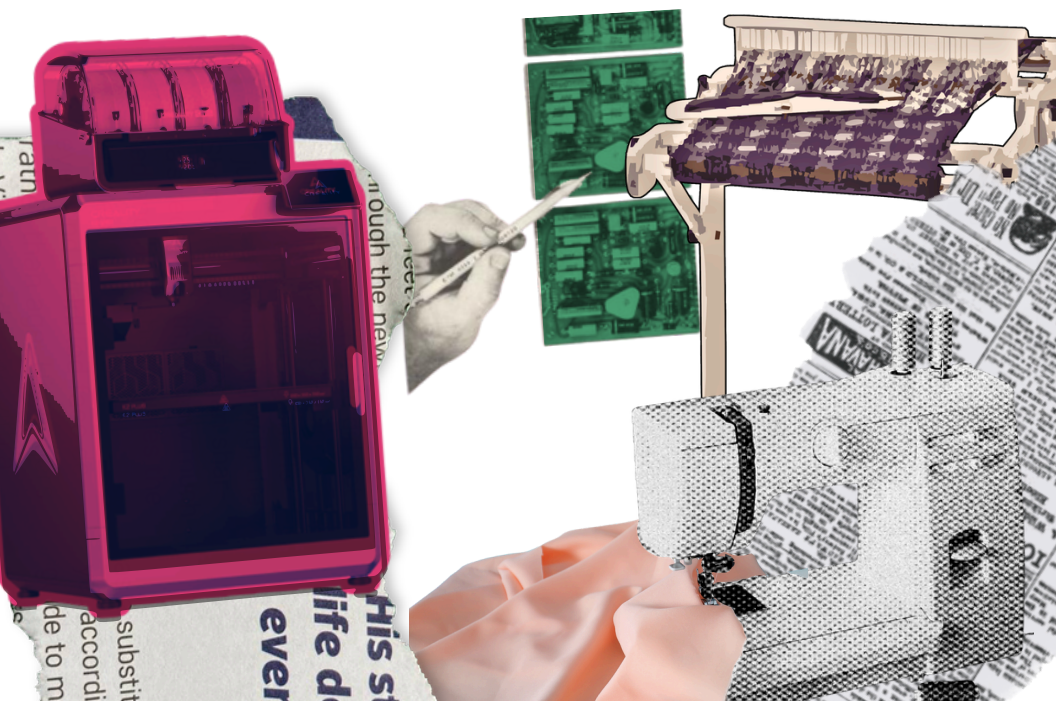
CREATIVITY LAB OPEN LABS

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 AVAILABLE



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



SIGN UP FOR A

Creativity Lab **TOUR**



**Check out all of our new CNC
machine and get inspired!**

CREATIVITY LAB Art Collective

Bring a project to work on!

18+

THURSDAY

AUG 6

AUG 20

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



What Does the Peabody Institute Library Do for You?

FISCAL YEAR 2025 IN REVIEW

FROM JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025 CHECKOUT NUMBERS AT PIL

- 135,259 Books
- 49,873 E-books + Audiobooks
- 18,220 Movies
- 632 Video Games
- 290 Hot Spots
- 162 Library of Things Items

393 Adult Programs

Such as

- Yoga
- Concerts
- Tech Help
- Craft Programs
- History Talks
- Ancestry help
- Literature Lectures
- Death Cafes
- Meditation Classes
- Tax Filing Assistance

189 Teen Programs

Such as

- Teen Movie Nights
- Writing Classes
- Resume Building Classes
- Weekly Teen Volunteer Hour
- Study Groups
- Craft Programs
- Reading Contests
- Tea Parties

434 Children's Programs

Such as

- Story Times
- New Parent Support Group
- Sensory Programs
- Crafting Events
- Kids Movie Nights
- Food Events
- Animal Visits
- BINGO and Trivia

PEABODY SUMMER EATS **737** FREE SUMMER LUNCHES

Served during our Summer Lunch program, July-August 2025

*MONEY YOU SAVE EACH YEAR

\$475 on books
\$350 on audiobooks
\$840 on movies / TV
\$325 on video games
\$1,440 on internet
\$450 on Library of Things
Total: \$3,880 / Year

*money saved is based on average purchases per year, per person

Peabody Institute Library FY2025 Statistics include:

- 15,218 patrons registered
- 139,702 people used our library
- 2,043 senior patrons used the library
- 54,481 people live in Peabody
- 39 library staff work across 3 buildings
- Of our staff, 11 have a Master in Library and Information Science
- The PIL makes up .95% of the City Budget

Some of the services offered to our community at no cost include:



HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF BOOKS, MOVIES AND MUSIC, AVAILABLE ONLINE TOO!



VIDEO GAMES



FREE WIFI AND HOT SPOTS



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRACTICE



CITIZENSHIP CLASSES



A LITTLE FREE PANTRY



ROBUST AND NEWLY UPDATED MAKER SPACE



RECOVERY RESOURCE SPACE



SOCIAL SERVICES DROP IN HOURS



LIBRARY OF THINGS Items to check out

include:

- Sewing Machines
- Accessibility Devices
- Crochet Set
- DVD and VHS players
- Board Games



With NOBLE, ComCAT, and WorldCat, you have access to 23 other libraries in the North Shore, over 1,600 libraries in MA, and access to every library in the world.



Return on Investment

837.41%

- For every \$1 the City invests in the PIL, our services return \$8.37 with an ROI of 837.41%
- The library spent \$1,968,141 of the proposed \$221,892,596 FY25 budget City Budget, which is .95% of the City's budget

Yearly taxes that go into the PIL calculated per person

\$34.99

Yearly value of PIL services calculated per person

\$302.52

Sources:

- ALA Library Value Calculator: https://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/makingthecase/calculator_new
- NOBLE Statistical services: <https://dashboard.noblenet.org/>
- City of Peabody Budget Book FY25: <https://www.peabody-ma.gov/archive-past-budgets.html>
- US Inflation Calculator
- (and many more)



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