



PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY

SUPPORTING YOUR STORY



MAIN LIBRARY
82 MAIN STREET

SOUTH BRANCH
LIBRARY
78 LYNN STREET

WEST BRANCH
LIBRARY
603 LOWELL STREET

WWW.PEABODYLIBRARY.ORG

SEPTEMBER 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.

OLD SOUTH BURIAL GROUNDS TOUR



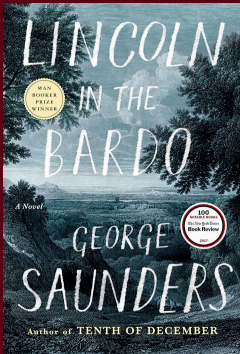
Join us on a walking tour of Old South Burial Grounds. Library Aide Tyler will walk us through the cemetery and tell us stories about notable and notorious people from Peabody’s history.

Saturday, Sept 26 at 11:30 AM

We will meet at the cemetery gates at 173 Boston St.
Tour will begin promptly at 11:30 am.
Please allow time to find street parking.

“LINCOLN IN THE BARDO” with Professor Theo Theoharis

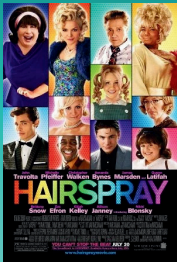
Join Professor Theo Theoharis to discuss the 2017 book
“Lincoln in the Bardo” by George Saunders



Wednesdays in October at 11 AM, starting on October 7
Registrations open on September 8

Musical Movie Night:
HAIRSPRAY

Spend back to school season with Tracy Turnblad, the spunky teenager who sets out to change the world, one hairstyle at a time. We'll be watching the 2007 film adaptation of the stage musical.



Monday, September 14
6 PM, Tech Lab

Adult Craft and Chat:
Paper Quilling

Learn how to make tiny paper flowers for use on greeting cards or decor using a technique called “quilling.”



Monday, September 28
6:30 PM, Tech Lab

**CLASSIC FILMS,
TIMELESS STARS**

**Don't miss our free fall movies
featuring Humphrey Bogart!**



Key Largo (1948)
Sunday, September 13
2:00 - 4:00 pm
in the Tech Lab

ONLINE DEATH CAFÉ

A safe space (online) to discuss death with other adults. Bring your own tea or pastries!



Tuesday, September 15
12 PM on Zoom

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
By appointment

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



2026 Reading Challenge

SEPTEMBER

**A book about
a journey**



- **Choose a book about a journey**
- 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 MCB!

Adult Yoga

Beginner friendly Yoga
for adults with
instructor Kirsty Yetter.



Mondays at 11:30
2nd floor Tech Lab

PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY FALL CONCERT SERIES

More info at peabodylibrary.org/concerts

Gvalyn Reed Trio
Monday, October 5 at 7 PM

Éine Minoque
Monday, November 9 at 7 PM

Susan Hagen & Roy Hagen
Monday, November 16 at 7 PM

Emil Glttschuler
Monday, December 21 at 7 PM



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THE MCCARTHY FAMILY FOUNDATION

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

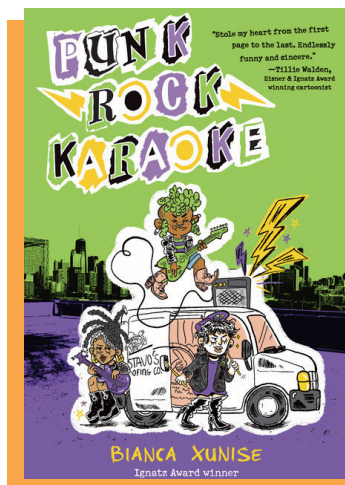
**Wed., Sept. 23rd,
4-5PM, Teen Room**



Graphic Novel

Teen Book Club

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



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

Nina Wilson Tutoring

ninawilson.math@gmail.com

IG: @ninawilson.math

Math Tutoring

pop up event!

at the  **PEABODY
INSTITUTE
LIBRARY**
SUPPORTING YOUR STORY

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

expert in these subjects



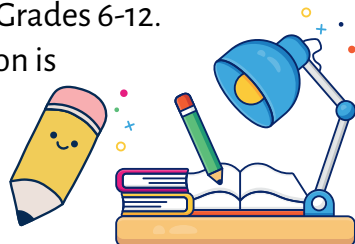
**Tuesday
September
1st,
2-3PM
Teen Room**

Middle School Math
Algebra 1 & 2
Geometry
Precalculus
Trigonometry
Calculus

Teen Study Group

Wed., Sept. 16th, 4-5PM, 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.



CRAFT AND YAP



YAP

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
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!



Teen Folk Art Tin Embossing

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

Come and learn how to make unique, embossed tin artwork!

All materials and stencils will be provided.

Registration required.



Teen Take Home Craft Collage Kits

During September, stop by the Teen Room to pick up a hand-curated paper collage kit! Each kit will have enough supplies to make ONE 4x6 inch collage

Supplies are limited and available on a first come, first served basis.



Main Library Teen Room Update

From late September through mid November, our Senior Teen Librarian, Amory, will be on parental leave (translation: having a baby). In the meantime, please email our Assistant Teen / Children's Librarian, Emily, if you have any questions: EBouffard@noblenet.org

Additionally, the Teen Room will be getting a renovation during October, so the Teen Room will be closed September 18th through November 7th. Follow us on social media to stay up to date!



CFCE MUSIC & MOVEMENT



MON., SEPTEMBER 14 AND 28

10AM - 11AM

IN THE TECH LAB

**Registration is required for
each session.**

MOVIE NIGHT

For all ages.

Snacks and water provided

Registration is required



WED., SEPTEMBER 16

6PM - 7:45PM

IN THE TECH LAB

APPLEPALOOZA!



For Ages 4+

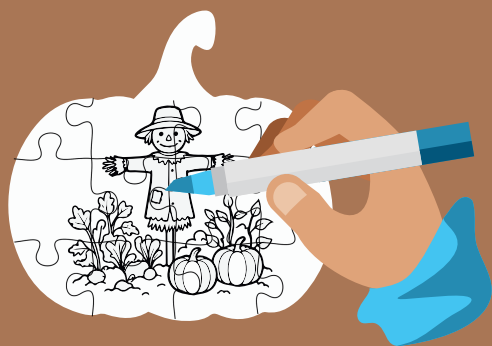
**Registration is Required
Sweets, Treats, Drinks, and
Crafts!**

THURS., SEPTEMBER 24

3:45PM - 4:45PM

IN THE TECH LAB

PUMPKIN PUZZLE CRAFT & STORYTIME



TUES., SEPTEMBER 29

3:45PM - 4:30PM

IN THE TECH LAB

**For ages 4+
Registration is required.**

SEPTEMBER DROP IN CRAFTS

PIPE CLEANER PEOPLE

Thursday, September 3



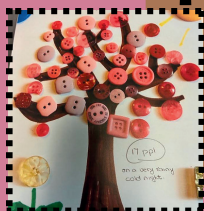
EGG CARTON CRITTERS

Thursday, September 10



FALL BUTTON TREE

Thursday, September 17



FALL POM POM CRITTERS

Thursday, September 24



5:30PM - 7PM

**IN THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

MONTHLY EVENTS

at the Main Library



YOGA



Tuesday, September 29 @ 10AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab

PAJAMA STORYTIME



Wednesday, September 2
@ 5:30PM - 6PM
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

Botanical Gelli Prints



at the
South Branch Library

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 10
6 - 8 PM

For ages 18+
Registration required

BOOK BUDDIES

AFTER SCHOOL BOOK CLUB

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

FOR 5TH GRADERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
3:30-4:30PM

FOR 4TH GRADERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
3:30-4:30PM



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
SEPTEMBER 21
10:30-11:30AM**

TODDLER STORYTIME!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

EVERY TUESDAY



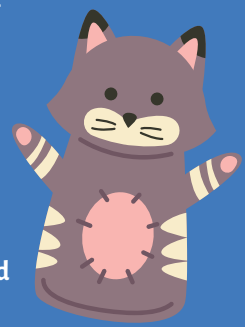
10 AM



FOR KIDS AGES 2 - 4
YEARS AND THEIR
CAREGIVERS

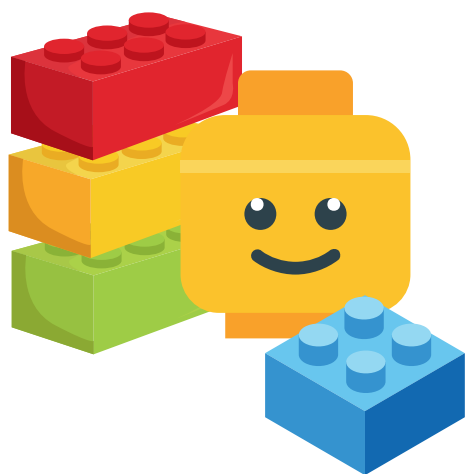


Registration required
as space is limited.



AFTER SCHOOL LEGOS!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY



**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 15
SEPTEMBER 29**

3:30PM

FOR KIDS AGES 5-12 AND
THEIR CAREGIVERS

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



DECOUPAGE PUMPKINS

AT THE WEST BRANCH

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

10:30AM - 11:30AM

COMMUNITY ROOM

AGES 18+

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED



MARBLE- DECORATED MASON JARS

AT THE WEST BRANCH LIBRARY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:30PM - 7:30PM

COMMUNITY ROOM

AGES 18+



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

PAPER SCHOOL PICTURES



West Branch Library

Saturday, Sept. 19

11AM-12PM



Children ages 6 and up (and their caregivers) are invited to make a paper self-portrait.

Registration is required

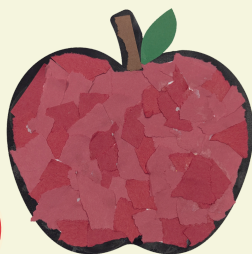


Toddler Art: Torn Paper Apples

at the West Branch Library

Monday, Sept. 28
11AM-12PM

Children ages 18 months and up (and their caregivers) are invited to the West Branch Library to make a torn-paper apple in our ongoing toddler art series. Registration is required.

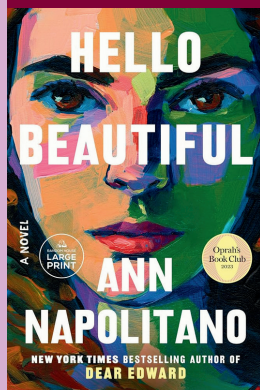


WEST BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

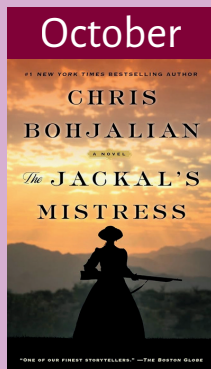
FICTION BOOK CLUB

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

September



October



Thurs., Sept. 3

Thurs., Oct. 1

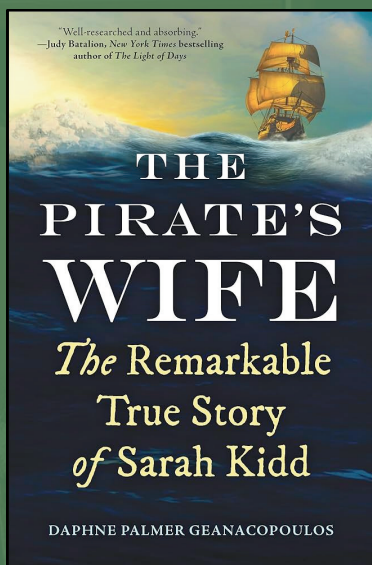
2PM in the
Community Room

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, Sept. 24
4PM in the Alcove
reading area



The Pirate's Wife: The Remarkable True Story of Sarah Kidd by
Daphne Palmer Geanakopoulou

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 September 3

"Hello Beautiful"

by Ann Napolitano

Nonfiction Book Group

Last Thursday of the month, 4PM

Meets at West Branch Library

Meeting September 24

"The Pirate's Wife: The Remarkable True Story of Sarah Kidd" by Daphne Palmer Geanakopoulou

Peabody Council on Aging Book Group

Second Wednesday of every month,
10:30 AM

Meets at Torigian Center

Meeting September 9:

"Atmosphere" by Taylor Jenkins Reid

The Readers

Third Tuesday of the month

1:30PM

Meets at the South Branch Library

Meeting September 15th

"Our Souls at Night" by Kent Haruf

Super Sleuths

Second Tuesday of the month, 1:30PM

Meets at the South Branch Library

Meeting September 8th

"All the Devils are Here" by Louise Penny

Teen Book Club

Last Wednesday of the month, 4PM

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

Meeting Wed. September 30th

"Elatsoe" by Darcy Little Badger. for Teens entering Grades 6-12. Meets in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab.

Teen Graphic Novel Book Club

Last Saturday of the month, 1PM

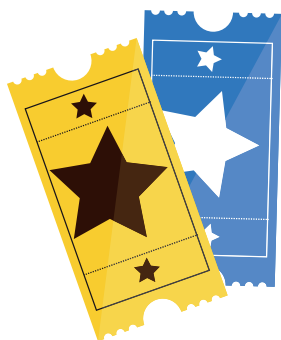
Participants receive community service. For Teens Grades 6-12.

Meeting Saturday, September 29th

"Punk Rock Karaoke" by Bianca Xunize.

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



BECOME A VOLUNTEER IN OUR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING PROGRAMS



Conversation Circle Leaders help learners practice basic English in small, informal groups.



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

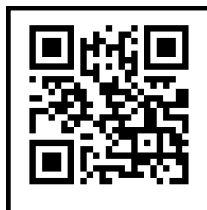
**Opportunities are available days or evenings,
and require just 2 hours per week.
Email peabodyELL@noblenet.org for information.**

JOIN OUR ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLES DAY AND EVENING GROUPS AVAILABLE START IN LATE SEPTEMBER 2026

Practice speaking and understanding English with other English language learners. Small informal groups meet for free one hour per week. You can begin anytime!



**Scan the QR code to email us for
information, or send an email to
peabodyELL@noblenet.org**



REVOLUTIONARY ARTIFACTS AT THE PEABODY INSTITUTE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:00—7:00 PM

Join the Local History Librarian on a short tour of
Revolutionary War artifacts collected by the
Peabody Institute Library.

We will meet at the Public Services Desk on the first floor.



THIS PROGRAM IS A PART OF TRAILS & SAILS 2026 BY
ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.
FOR MORE EVENTS, VISIT [TRAILSANDSAILS.ORG](https://trailsandsails.org)



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.

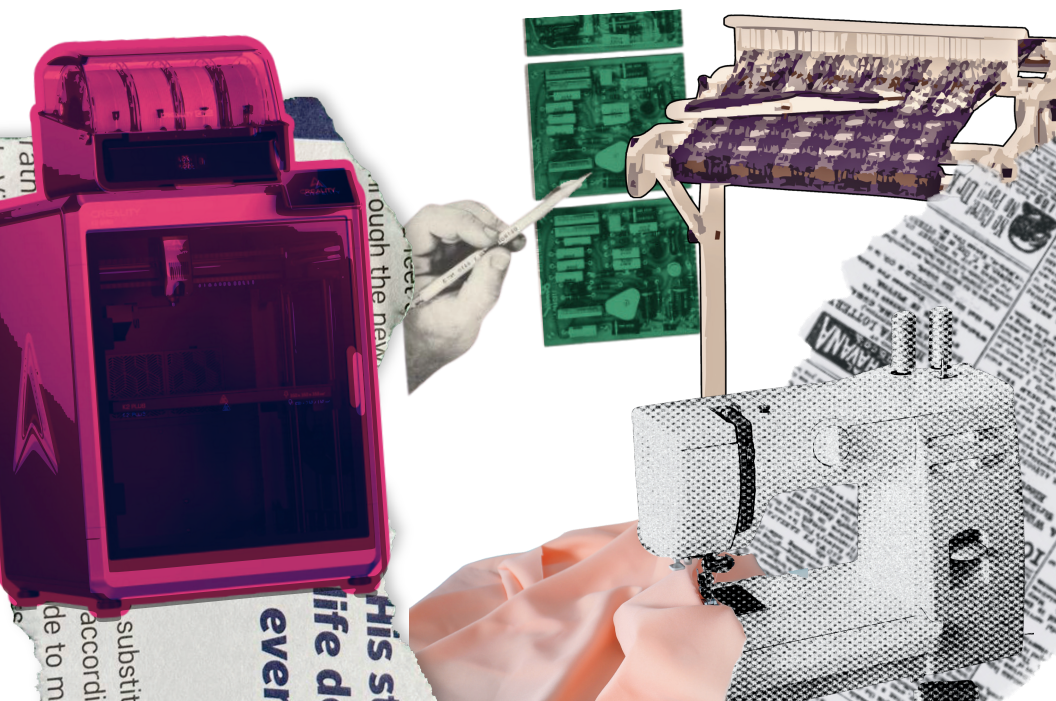
CREATIVITY LAB OPEN LABS

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 machines
and get inspired!**

**CREATIVITY LAB
Art Collective**

Bring a project to work on!

18+

THURSDAY

SEPT 3

SEPT 17

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



**Starting September 13, 2026,
the Main Library will be open
Sundays from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.**



**Come in
and
see us!**



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!**



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

FREE MEALS FOR KIDS & TEENS

*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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