



PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY
SUPPORTING YOUR STORY

OCTOBER 2026 SERVICES & EVENTS

MAIN LIBRARY
82 MAIN STREET

SOUTH BRANCH
LIBRARY
78 LYNN STREET

WEST BRANCH
LIBRARY
603 LOWELL STREET

WWW.PEABODYLIBRARY.ORG



OCTOBER 2026 LIBRARY HOURS

MAIN LIBRARY

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 9pm

Friday: 9am - 1pm

Saturday: 9am - 5pm

Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

SOUTH & WEST BRANCH LIBRARIES

NEW HOURS

Monday: 9am - 5pm

Tuesday: 9am - 5pm

Wednesday: 9am - 1pm

Thursday: 1pm - 9pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm

Sunday hours are back as of September! The Main Library is open 1pm - 5 pm from Labor Day to Memorial Day.

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.

October Craft & Chat: Embroidered Sweater Decor

Join us on the last Monday of every month for Craft & Chat! This month, we'll be making cozy embroidered decor reminiscent of your favorite sweater.



*Monday, October 19
6:30 PM, Tech Lab*

Guided Meditation

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



**Tuesday, Oct 20
6:30 PM, Tech Lab**



Henna Workshop



with Diviya Rani

Learn the basics and history of Indian Henna body art with Diviya Rani, or practice your skills!

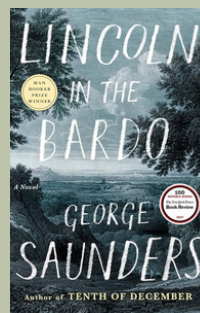
**Thursday, October 15
6:30 PM, Tech Lab**



“LINCOLN IN THE BARDO”

with Professor Theo Theoharis

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



**4 Wednesdays in October at 11 AM
Starting on October 7**

Presented by the Peabody Institute Library Foundation and the McCarthy Family Foundation

Adult Yoga

Beginner friendly Yoga
for adults with
instructor Kirsty Yetter.



Mondays at 11:30
2nd floor Tech Lab

collage and history
workshop with Queer
History Boston

Saturday,
November 7 at
11 AM
Main Library

In honor of LGBTQ+ History
Month, get inspired by photos,
ephemera, and other archival
materials as you create your own
collage drawing on the people,
places, and stories of LGBTQ+
Boston and beyond, and learn
about the history in the
process.

A collage featuring a background of old newspaper clippings. Overlaid on the collage are several text elements: a large black banner with white text at the top, a white banner with black text in the middle, and a smaller black banner with white text at the bottom. A pink fist icon is visible on the right side of the collage.

THE PEABODY LIBRARY PRESENTS:

WILDLIFE OUT YOUR WINDOW

Join the Peabody Library and nature author Brad Timm for an
engaging presentation that reveals the remarkable lives of the
animals we encounter every day here in Peabody.

Thursday, October 8
6:30 PM, Main Library Tech Lab



Avalyn Reed Trio

Monday, October 5
7 PM, Sutton Room

Peabody Institute Library
82 Main Street, Peabody



Notes From America

In this year celebrating 250 years of American democracy, the Avalyn Reed Trio is pleased to offer music by the creative and expressive voices that have sustained and buoyed us through the years.

From folk songs to classical works; and Gershwin to Joplin, the trio will share some of America's delightful legacy in musical notes!

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The Massachusetts Center for the Book Reading Challenge



OCTOBER

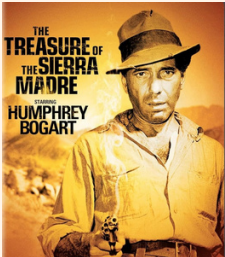
A mystery, thriller, or ghost story



- Choose a mystery, thriller, or ghost story
- 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!

CLASSIC FILMS, TIMELESS STARS

Don't miss this Oscar winner featuring Humphrey Bogart!



The Treasure of the Sierra Madre (1948)

Sunday, October 25
2:00 pm, in the Tech Lab

Scan the QR code, or visit
peabodylibrary.org/calendar
to register



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 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!



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 Gltzschuler
Monday, December 21 at 7 PM



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Volunteer Opportunities

T.A.C.O.

Teen Advisory and Community Organization

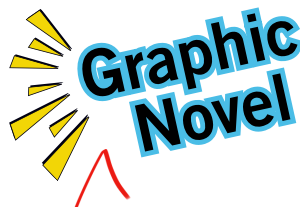
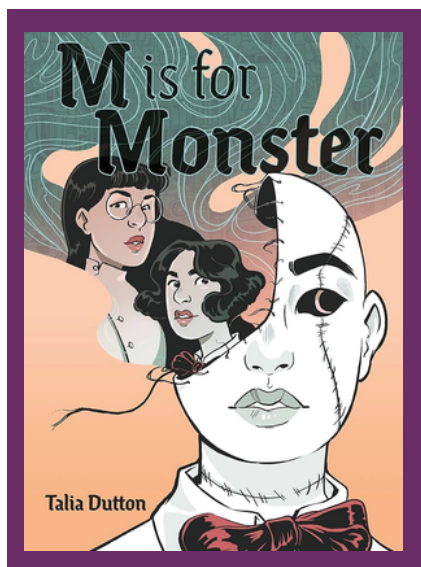
Earn community service hours by participating in TACO! Help out at the library by performing chores, crafts or tasks with us to better your community. Registration is **REQUIRED** for each meeting. TACO at the Main Library is on hiatus until the Teen Room is finished with construction.



Thursdays at the West Branch Library, 4-5PM

Teen Book Club

Teen Book Club is on hiatus until November while our Senior Teen Librarian is on leave. Please join us to discuss “House of Hollow” by Crystal Sutherland for our November meeting. Participants receive one hour of Community Service. Registration required.



Teen Book Club

**Saturday, Oct. 24th, 1-2PM,
2nd Floor Tech Lab**

**“M is for Monster” by
Talia Dutton**

Participants receive one hour of
Community Service. Registration
required.

Join us for monthly picks!

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Nina Wilson Tutoring

Math Tutoring

at the

PEABODY
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expert in
these
subjects

Bring your math
homework to the
library and work for
FREE with a
professional math
tutor!

Thursday
October 8th,
2nd floor Tech Lab,
4-5PM

Middle School Math
Algebra 1 & 2
Geometry
Precalculus
Trigonometry
Calculus

TEEN MASK DECORATING PARTY



Monday Oct. 26
4:30pm-5:30pm
Creativity Lab

All materials provided
For teens in grades 6-12
Registration required



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



THE TEEN ROOM IS GETTING AN UPGRADE!

From Friday, September 18th through Saturday, November 7th,
the **Teen Room** will be **CLOSED** for renovations.

What work will be getting done, exactly?

- New Vinyl Floors
- Chalkboard Wall Refresh
- Walls painted with new colors
- Computer Table Upgrade
- New Gaming Computers
- New Ceiling Lights

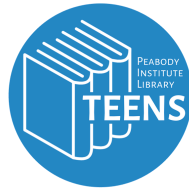
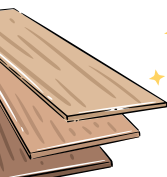
Follow us on Instagram
and Facebook for
updates, and follow along
on construction progress!



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- <https://www.facebook.com/peabodyinstitutelibrary>
- @peabodyinstitutelibrary



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 October 1

"The Jackal's Mistress" by Chris Bohjalian

Nonfiction Book Group

Last Thursday of the month, 4PM

Meets at West Branch Library

Meeting October 29

Witchcraft: A History in Thirteen Trials by Marion Gibson

Peabody Council on Aging Book Group

Second Wednesday of every month,
10:30 AM

Meets at Torigian Center

Meeting October 14:

"Run, Rose, Run" by Dolly Parton & James Patterson

The Readers

Third Tuesday of the month

1:30PM

Meets at the South Branch Library

Meeting October 20th

"My Antonia" by Willa Cather

Super Sleuths

Second Tuesday of the month, 1:30PM

Meets at the South Branch Library

Meeting October 13th

"The Paris Apartment" by Lucy Foley

Teen Book Club

Last Wednesday of the month, 4PM

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

Due to the Teen Room Renovations, the October event has been cancelled. The Teen Book Club will return on November 25th.

Teen Graphic Novel Book Club

Last Saturday of the month, 1PM

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

Meets at Main Branch, 2nd Floor Tech Lab

Meeting October 24th

"M is for Monster" by Talia Dutton





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

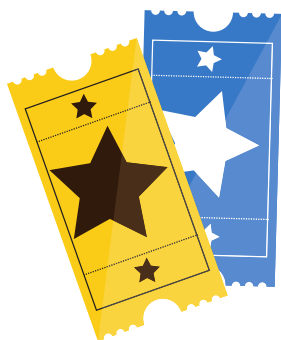
**Opportunities are available days or evenings,
and require just 2 hours per week.
Email peabodyELL@noblenet.org for information.**

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**





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



MONTHLY EVENTS

at the Main Library

FAMILY LEGO FUN

Saturday, October 10 and 24
@ 10AM - 11AM
in the Children's Library



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Monday, October 5 and 19
@ 10:30AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



PAJAMA STORYTIME

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



YOGA

Every Tuesday @ 10AM
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



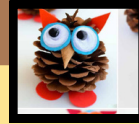
SUNCATCHER MAPLE LEAVES

Drop - In Thursday, October 1 @ 5:30PM - 7PM
in the Children's Library



PINECONE OWLS

Drop - In Thursday, October 8 @ 5:30PM - 7PM
in the Children's Library



ACORN MOBILES

Drop - In Thursday, October 15 @ 5:30PM - 7PM
in the Children's Library



CHEESE CLOTH GHOSTS

Drop - In Thursday, October 22 @ 5:30PM - 7PM
in the Children's Library



TOILET PAPER & FABRIC PUMPKINS

Drop - In Thursday, October 29 @ 5:30PM - 7PM
in the Children's Library



MOVIE NIGHT



WED., OCTOBER 14

6PM - 7:40PM

IN THE TECH LAB

For all ages

**Registration is required
Snacks and water provided**



HALLOWEEN BINGO



THURS., OCTOBER 22

3:45PM - 4:45PM

IN THE TECH LAB

For Ages 4+

Registration is Required

CFCE MUSIC AND MOVEMENT



MON., OCTOBER 26

10AM - 11AM

IN THE TECH LAB

Registration is required

HALLOWEEN STORYTIME AND TRICK OR TREAT BAGS



TUES., OCTOBER 27
3:45PM - 4:45PM
IN THE TECH LAB



Hear stories and decorate your own bag!

For ages 4+

Registration is required

BOOK OR TREAT!

WED., OCTOBER 28
4PM - 6PM

LIBRARY ENTRANCE



Children aged 0-12 can Trick or Treat at the Main Library to get a free book or a little treat! Come in costume if you wish and walk up and down Main Street getting candy from different businesses during Peabody's annual Nightmare on Main Street!

CHEESECLOTH GHOSTS

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY



THURSDAY
OCTOBER 1
6PM - 8PM

Registration required
All materials provided
For ages 18+

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Appliqué Workshop

at the South Branch Library



Saturday
October 17
10 - 11:30 AM

For ages 18+
Registration
Required



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PUMPKIN PAINTING!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 13
3:30PM - 4:30PM



Registration required
All materials provided
For kids ages 5-12 and their
caregivers

AFTER SCHOOL LEGOS!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 27

3:30PM - 4:30PM

FOR KIDS AGES 5-12 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
OCTOBER 19

3:30-4:30PM

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.



ART CLUB FOR KIDS!

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

THURSDAY, OCT 1
3:30 - 4:30 PM

(first Thursday of every month)

FOR KIDS AGES 8 TO 12

Registration required

All materials provided



BOOK BUDDIES

AFTER SCHOOL BOOK CLUB

AT THE SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

FOR 5TH GRADERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

3:30-4:30PM

FOR 4TH GRADERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

3:30-4:30PM



SPIDER WEB EMBROIDERY

AT THE WEST BRANCH

THURSDAY, OCT. 8

2:30PM - 3:30PM

COMMUNITY ROOM

AGES 18+

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

**GHOST IN A MINI BOTTLE**

AT THE WEST BRANCH LIBRARY

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

6:30PM - 7:30PM

COMMUNITY ROOM

AGES 18+



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

**CREATURES OF THE NIGHT**

at the West Branch

Thursday, Oct. 15

6:30PM - 7:30PM

Community Room

For kids ages 6+



Registration is Required

**Halloween Costumes for Stuffies**

at the West Branch



Saturday, Oct. 17

11AM - 12PM

Community Room

For kids ages 6+



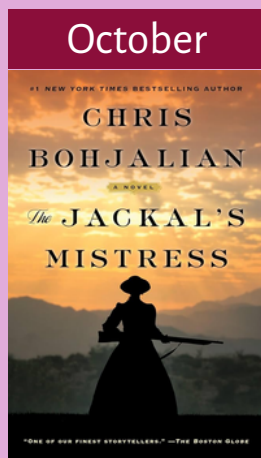
Presented by The Joys of Nature

WEST BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

FICTION BOOK CLUB

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

October



November

**Thurs., Oct. 1****Thurs., Nov. 5**

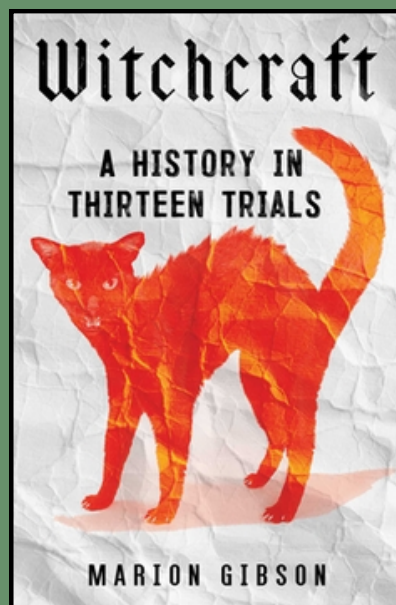
2PM in the
Community Room

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, Oct. 29
4PM in the Alcove
reading area



Witchcraft: A History in Thirteen Trials by Marion Gibson

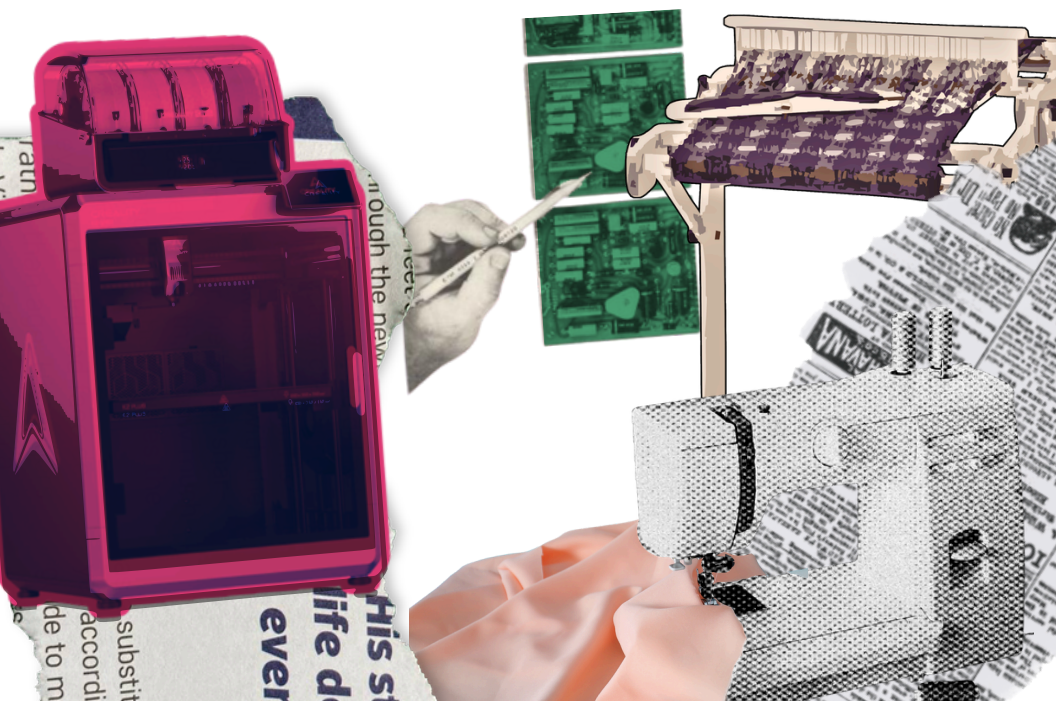
CREATIVITY LAB OPEN LABS

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!**

Pop Up Creativity Labs

This program is free and open to the public. Registration is preferred.



Check out the Creativity Lab on the go! Use 3D printers, sewing machines, laser engravers and more...

West Branch

Oct 14th 10 am-12 pm

South Branch

Oct 15th 6 pm-8 pm

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.

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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