

Peabody Institute Library
Supporting Your Story

November 2026 Services & Events

Main Library
82 Main Street

South Branch Library
78 Lynn Street

West Branch Library
603 Lowell Street



www.peabodylibrary.org

November 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

All three libraries will be closed on Wednesday, November 11 in honor of Veterans' Day. We will reopen for our regular hours on Thursday, November 12.

Thanksgiving Hours:

Wednesday, November 25, Main: 9am - 5pm

West and South Branches: 9am - 1pm

Thursday, November 26: CLOSED

Friday, November 27: CLOSED

Saturday, November 28, Main: 9am - 5pm

West and South Branches: 9am - 1pm

Musical Movie Night (for teens and adults):

"Into The Woods"



Perfect for fall, "Into the Woods" is spooky yet cozy, and hilarious yet poignant. Come hang out and watch (or sing along to) this iconic Sondheim musical about what happens when well-known fairy tale characters go off-script.

Monday, November 23
6 PM, Tech Lab

Guided Meditation

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



Tuesday, November 17
6:30 PM, Tech Lab

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



Áine Minogue

PIL favorite Áine Minogue returns, featuring seasonally fitting harp compositions as well as old Celtic favorites. Come relax with some harp tunes in the beautiful Sutton Room!

Monday, November 9, 7 PM
Sutton Room, Main Library

Brought to you by the Peabody Institute Library Foundation & The McCarthy Family Foundation

Peabody Institute Library Fall Concert Series

Susan & Roy Hagen

Join Peabody residents double bassist Susan Hagen and her father guitarist Roy Hagen on a musical journey this fall!

Monday, November 16, 7 PM
Sutton Room, Main Library



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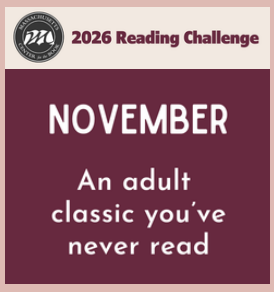
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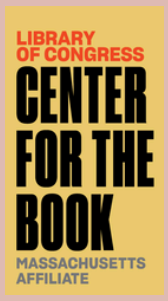


November's theme is crafter's choice - bring your own, finish a project from a previous month, or choose from our stash.

Monday, November 30
6:30 PM, Tech Lab

The Massachusetts Center for the Book Reading Challenge





- **Choose an adult classic you've never read before**
- 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 WWII epic starring Humphrey Bogart!



Sahara (1943)

Sunday, November 15 2:00 pm in the Tech Lab

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

TECH HELP

By appointment



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

Main Reading Room
Appointments available on:
Tuesdays at 10 & 11
Wednesdays at 1 & 2

Bring your own equipment and account/login information!
Library laptops are available if you do not have or 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

Avalyn Reed Trio
Monday, October 5 at 7 PM

Áine Minogue
Monday, November 9 at 7 PM

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

Emil Altschuler
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

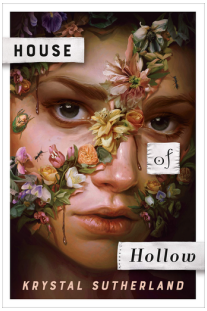
Earn community service hours by participating in TACO! Help out at the library by performing chores, crafts or tasks with us to better your community. Registration is REQUIRED for each meeting. TACO at the Main Library is on hiatus until the Teen Room is finished with construction.



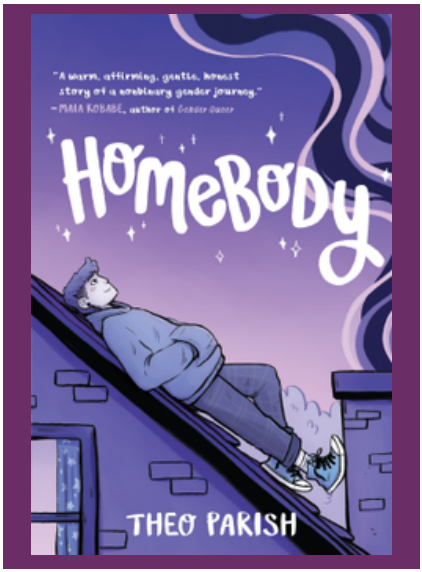
Thursdays at the West Branch Library, 4-5PM

Teen Book Club

Please join us to discuss "House of Hollow" by Crystal Sutherland for our November meeting. Participants receive one hour of Community Service. Registration required.



Wednesday, Nov. 25 , 4-5PM, Teen Room



Graphic Novel Teen Book Club

Saturday, Nov. 21, 1-2PM, 2nd Floor Tech Lab

"Homebody" by Theo Parish

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 Institute Library
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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 November 12, 2nd floor Tech Lab, 4–5PM

Middle School Math
Algebra 1 & 2
Geometry
Precalculus
Trigonometry
Calculus

TEEN ZINE CLUB



Monday Nov. 23
4:30pm-5:30pm
Creativity Lab

What's a zine? Come find out at the first ever Teen Zine Club event!

Learn how to make and distribute your own zines.

For teens in grades 6-12

Registration required

Peabody Institute Library TEENS

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 until further notice, the Teen Room will be CLOSED for renovations.

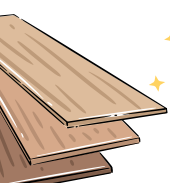
What work will be getting done, exactly?

- **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**







Peabody Institute Library
TEENS

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 November 5
"The Sentence" by Louise Erdrich

Nonfiction Book Group

Last Thursday of the month, 4PM
Meets at West Branch Library
Meeting November 19
"The Brothers Bulger: How They Terrorized and Corrupted Boston for a Quarter Century" by Howie Carr

Peabody Council on Aging Book Group

Second Wednesday of the month, 10:30 AM
Meets at Torigian Center
Meeting November 18 (date change due to Veterans Day Holiday):
"The First Ladies" by Marie Benedict

The Readers

Third Tuesday of the month 1:30PM
Meets at the South Branch Library
Meeting November 17th
"Monogamy" by Sue Miller

Super Sleuths

Second Tuesday of the month, 1:30PM
Meets at the South Branch Library
Meeting November 10th
"Perfect Assassin" by James Patterson

Teen Book Club

Last Wednesday of the month, 4PM
Participants receive community service. For Teens Grades 6-12.
Meets at Main Branch, Teen Room
Meeting November 25
"House of Hollow by Krystal Sutherland

Teen Graphic Novel Book Club

Second to last Saturday of the month*, 1PM
Participants receive community service. For Teens Grades 6-12.
Meets at Main Branch, 2nd Floor Tech Lab
Meeting November 21
"Homebody" by Theo Parish



Sutton Room Open Hours

Stop by the historic Sutton Room to browse current issues of genealogy magazines, see the Audubon prints now on display, learn how to use the archives, and more.
Registration required.

Thursdays
2-4 pm





LOCAL HISTORY AT ANY TIME

View historic Peabody documents, photographs, newspapers, and genealogical records online at peabodylibrary.org/localhistory

English Conversation Circles and English Language Tutoring

Day and evening groups available

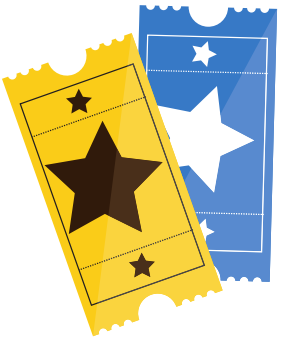


Practice speaking and understanding English with other learners. Small groups meet for free one hour per week.



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

Scan the QR code or send an email to peabodyELL@noblenet.org



Museum Passes

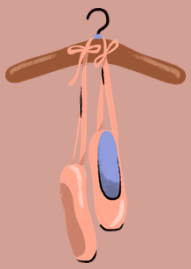
The Library offers coupons for discounted or free admission to the following cultural, educational, and recreational institutions.

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

Greater Salem Ballet Company Presents "The Magic of the Nutcracker"





Greater Salem Ballet Company
Bringing Ballet to our Community

Saturday, November 14
3PM - 4PM
In the Tech Lab
For all ages
Registration is required

Homeschool Hangout



Mon., November 16
1PM - 2PM
In the Tech Lab
For ages 12 and under
Registration is required

Mythical Creature Collages



Tues., November 17
Drop in from 6PM - 7PM
In the Children's Library
Join us for a night of mystical collage creation!
For ages 8 - 12 years old

Movie Night





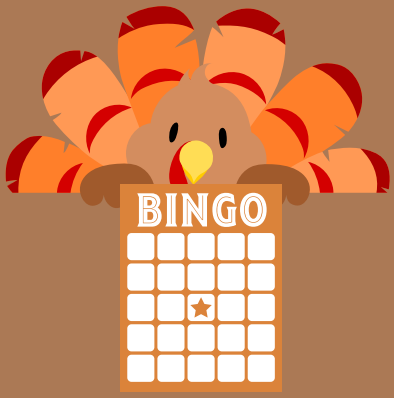
Wed., November 18
6PM - 7:45PM
In the Tech Lab
For All Ages
Registration is Required
Snacks & Water Provided

Mini Cake Decorating



Sat., Nov. 21
2:30PM - 3:15PM
In the Tech Lab
For Ages 6+
Registration is Required

Thanksgiving Bingo



Mon., November 23
3:30PM - 4:30PM
In the Tech Lab
For Ages 4+
Registration is required

Monthly Events
at the Main Library

FAMILY LEGO FUN
Saturday, November 7 and 21
@10AM - 11AM
in the Children's Library



CFCE MUSIC & MOVEMENT
Monday, November 9 and 23 @10AM
in the Tech Lab



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
Monday, November 16
@10:30AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



YOGA



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

PAJAMA STORYTIME


Wednesday, November 4
@ 5:30PM - 6PM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab

BABY STORYTIME
Every Thursday EXCEPT November 26
@10AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab



TODDLER STORYTIME


Every Thursday EXCEPT
November 26
@11AM
in the 2nd Floor Tech Lab

FALL LUMINARY JARS
Drop - In Thursday, November 5
@ 5:30PM - 7PM
In the Children's Library



THANKSGIVING WREATHS
Drop - In Thursday, November 12
@ 5:30PM - 7PM
In the Children's Library



HERSHEY'S KISSES TURKEYS
Drop - In Thursday, November 19
@ 5:30PM - 7PM
In the Children's Library



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CHILDREN'S LIBRARY
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Connecting the Dots: Pointillism Paint Night

Thursday, November 19
from 6-8pm
South Branch Library

For ages 18+
Registration required

Painted Candles

at the South Branch Library

Thursday, November 5
6PM - 7:30PM

Registration required
All materials provided
For ages 18+



Community Puzzle Share

at the South Branch Library

Saturday
November 7
9:30AM - 12

Unwanted puzzles in good condition can be brought in to trade for other puzzles 1-for-1!

After School LEGOS!

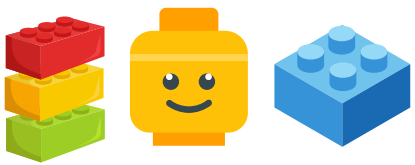
at the South Branch Library

Monday
November 16

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.



Tuesday
November 10
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, Nov 5
3:30 - 4:30 PM

(first Thursday of every month)

For Kids Ages 7 to 12

Registration required
All materials provided



Book Buddies

After School Book Club

At the South Branch Library

For 5th Graders
Thursday, November 12
3:30-4:30PM

For 4th Graders
Thursday, November 19
3:30-4:30PM



Adult Yoga

with Jacqui Orphanos

Every Monday
2pm - 3pm
Community Room
Ages 18+
Registration is Required

MINI MOSS MIRRORS

Thursday, Nov. 19
2PM - 3PM
Community Room
Ages 18+
Registration is Required

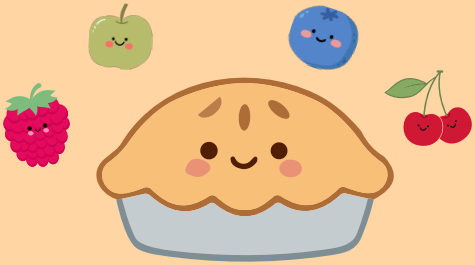


CHILDREN'S PIE-MAKING

at the West Branch

Saturday, Nov. 14
11AM - 12PM
Community Room
For kids ages 5+

Registration is Required



TODDLER CRAFT SERIES - Fall Leaf Watercolor Resist

Monday, Nov. 23
11AM - 12PM
Community Room
For kids ages 18 months +

Registration is Required

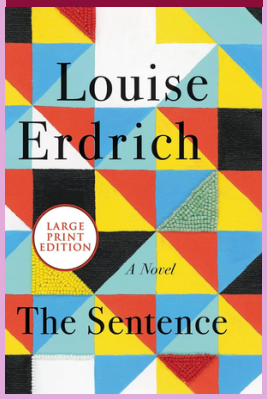


West Branch Library Book Clubs

Fiction Book Club

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

November



December



Thurs., Nov. 5

Thurs., Dec. 3

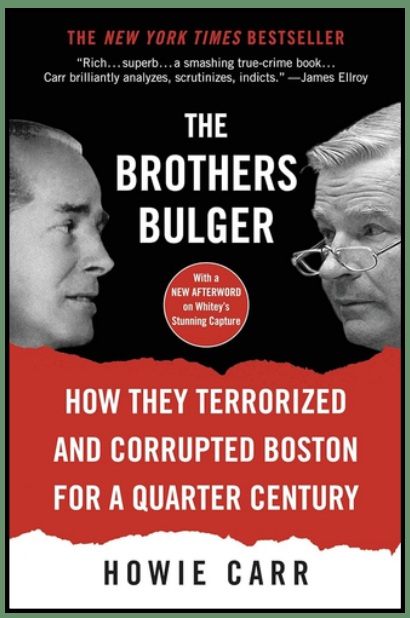
2PM in the Community Room

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, Nov. 19
4PM in the Alcove reading area



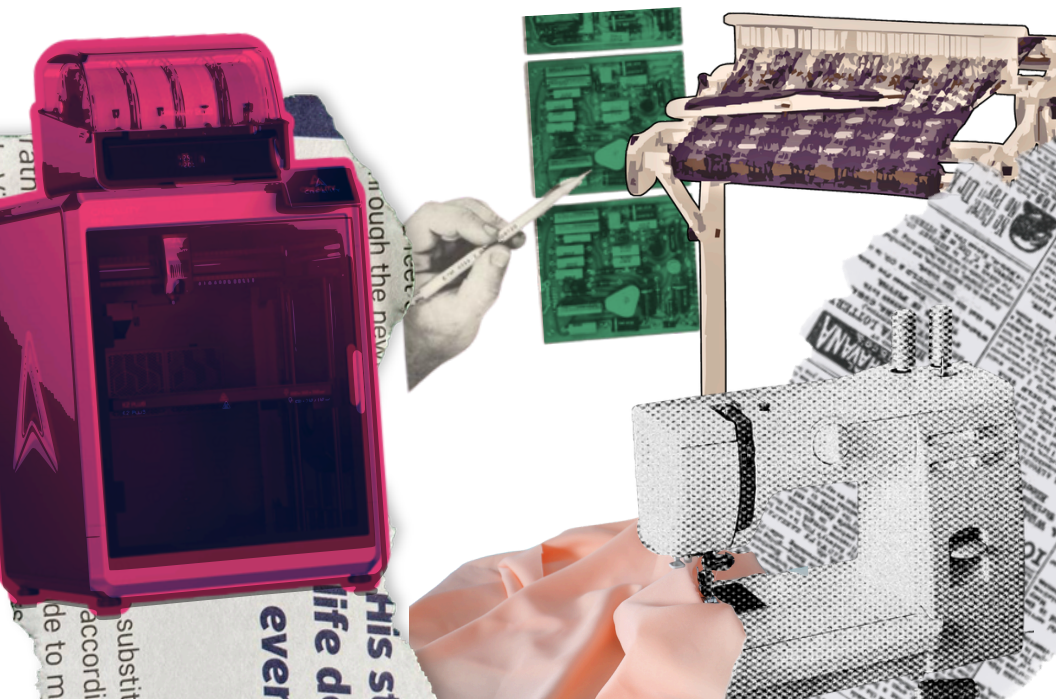
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CREATIVITY LAB OPEN LABS

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!

Pick up a Creativity Lab Gift Idea Catalog at any branch to make free gifts for the holidays!



Join us for the fourth annual

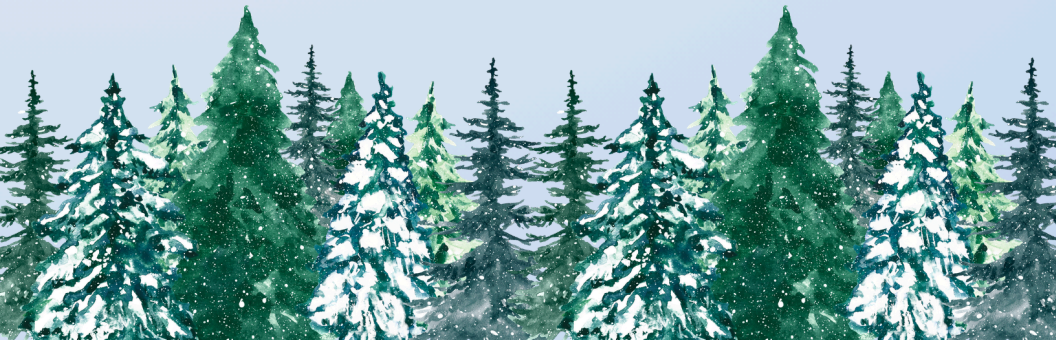
Peabody Institute Library Winter Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, November 28

12 - 3 PM

Main Library, 82 Main St

The Winter Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair offers unique arts and crafts that would make great holiday gifts! Stop by the Peabody Institute Library during the Peabody Main Streets Holiday Stroll to check out the local artists selling handmade creations. Located on the second floor of the Main Library.



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

*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 Summer Eats

Free Meals for Kids & Teens

737 Free Summer Lunches

Served during our Summer Lunch program, July-August 2025

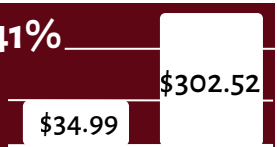
Peabody Institute Library FY2025 Statistics include:

- 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

Return on Investment

- 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

837.41%



Yearly taxes that go into the PIL calculated per person

Yearly value of PIL services calculated per person

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
- Accessability Devices
- Crochet Set
- DVD and VHS players
- Board Games

NOBLE
North of Boston Library Exchange

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.

WorldCat

Sources:

- ALA Library Value Calculator : https://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/makingthecase/calculator_new
- NOBLE Statistical servces: 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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