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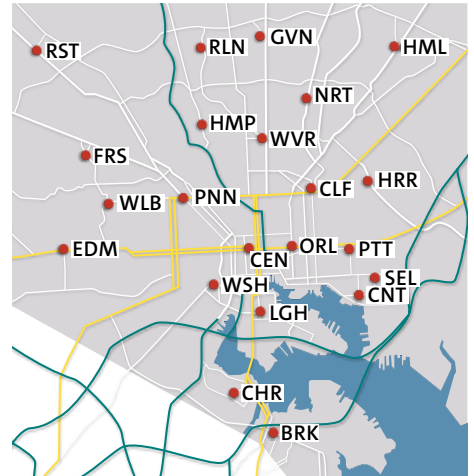
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**— Jonathan G.**

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## LETTER FROM THE CEO



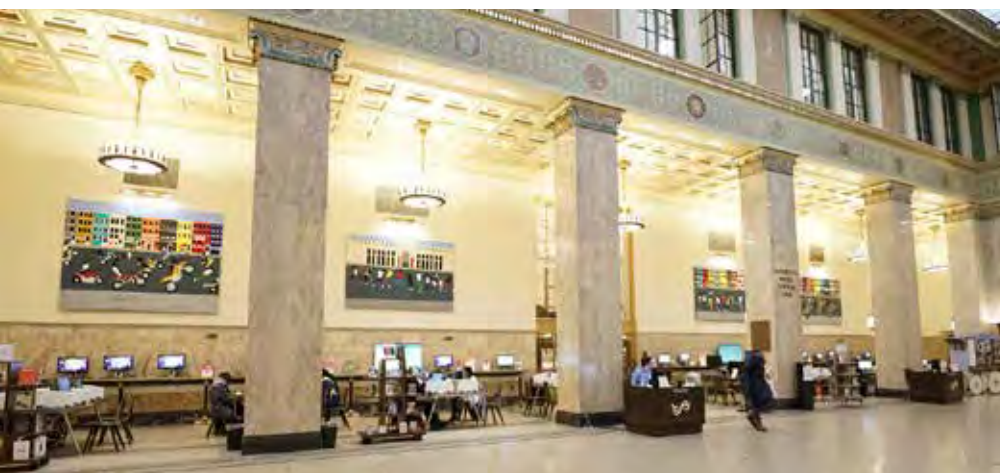
If you stopped by Central Library recently, you may have noticed a new look when you came in the doors. Four beautiful, vibrant paintings are now one of the first things you'll see when you walk into the iconic Central Hall. The paintings are custom pieces by Baltimore artist Chris Wilson. They breathe new life into Central Hall, depicting joy in Baltimore.

Chris Wilson is not only an artist, he is an author and entrepreneur and his story is an inspiration. His book *The Master Plan: My Journey from Life in Prison to a Life of Purpose* is available for check-out here at the Pratt. In it, he shares his journey of being sentenced to life in prison at just 17 years old. From his jail cell, he wrote goals for his life in what he came to call his "master plan." While imprisoned, he earned his high school diploma, learned

vocational skills, got a degree in sociology, and helped start both a career center and a book club. Eventually he shared his master plan with a judge, who gave him a second chance at life. As he got out of prison in his 30s, he turned to the Pratt Central Library for help. He came here regularly to use computers and resources. Today, Chris is a successful entrepreneur, businessman, artist, author, and social justice advocate. His work hangs right over the same computer area that he sat in so many years ago as he rebuilt his life.

I want to thank the Reid family for donating the funds for these beautiful paintings that are sure to inspire generations to come.

Heidi Daniel, *President & CEO, Enoch Pratt Free Library*



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The next Meeting of the Boards of Trustees and Directors will be held Wednesday, March 6 at 5:15 p.m. Visit [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org) for details.

# BUILDING UPDATES



## WALBROOK

The Walbrook Branch closed for renovation at the end of October. The HVAC system is being replaced to provide reliable heat and air conditioning in the future. The Pratt will also be updating the computer spaces in this branch, moving more towards a co-working space model rather than computer banks. The closure is expected to last several months.

## WASHINGTON VILLAGE

Redevelopment plans are underway at the Washington Village Branch. Plans include doubling the size of the Library at that site, as a developer builds apartments on the upper levels. As funding continues to come together for that project, temporary library services are available at nearby Paul's Place (1118 Ward St.).



## REISTERSTOWN RD.

The Reisterstown Rd. Branch has reopened following the replacement of the ramp at the front of the building. We thank customers for their patience during this closure.

## UPCOMING PROJECTS

Additional building closures are expected throughout 2024. The Pratt Library has received American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to replace the HVAC systems at a number of locations. In addition, the Library will also use ARP funding to update indoor computer spaces and create comfortable outdoor spaces at several branches.



# NEW YEAR, NEW YOU

## ADULT

### Northwood Al-Anon Support Group

Tuesdays, January 2 – February 27

11:00 a.m. | Northwood

*If you or someone you know has been affected by someone else's drinking, you are welcome to join the Northwood Al-Anon Support Group. By sharing common experiences and applying the Al-Anon principles, families and friends of alcoholics can bring positive changes to their individual situations, whether or not the alcoholic admits the existence of a drinking problem or seeks help.*

### Drop-in Job Seeker Assistance

Mondays & Thursdays, January 4 – 29

10:00 a.m. | Central Library

*Members of the Maryland Department of Labor can help you refresh your resume, make a career change, or apply for a job online.*

### "New Year, New You" Vision Board Party

Thursday, January 4, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly

*Join us for an exhilarating evening of intention-setting and creative vision-boarding that promises to ignite your passions! Bring your dreams, goals, and vision for the year ahead as we embark on a journey of transformation and purpose. Get ready to make 2024 the most thrilling and successful year of your life. We can't wait to celebrate with you at this empowering event! Registration is required. Call 410-396-6089 or register at Waverly's Adult Information Desk.*

### Mocktail Mixer

Thursday, January 4, 6:30 p.m. | Light St.

*An opportunity to meet and mix with others. It's a new year and a new you! Explore recipes for winter mocktails during this fun and interactive event. Taste and vote for your favorite recipe.*

### New Year Sound Bath with Golden Road Healing

Saturday, January 6, 2:00 p.m.

Central Library

*Need a refresh or a reset for the New Year? Come experience the healing powers of a Sound Bath. Colin and Madison of Golden Road Healing will be playing crystal singing bowls, gongs, melodic tongue drums, and other instruments; this music is great for those who are looking for relaxation and restoration. Please bring a cushion or mat if you would like to sit or lie down on the ground.*

### Re-Entry Job Seeker Assistance

Tuesdays, January 9 & 23, February 13 & 27

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Central Library

*If you've been arrested, are currently on probation or parole, AND are struggling to find or keep a job, connect with the MD Dept. of Labor's Reentry Navigator every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month to learn about resources available to justice-involved citizens.*

### Workforce Wednesday Career Clinics with MOED (Mayor's Office of Employment Development)

Wednesdays, January 10 & 24,

February 7 & 24, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Central Library

*Need to refresh your resume, make a career change, or apply for a job online? Let us help! Drop-in assistance for job seekers.*

### Mindfulness Boxes

Thursday, January 18, 5:00 p.m. | Hampden

*Start the new year with mindful intentions.*

*Decorate a box using collage to visualize your goals and affirmations, then fill it with items to help you practice mindfulness. Email [hmp@prattlibrary.org](mailto:hmp@prattlibrary.org) or call 410-396-6043 to register.*

### Build Your Own Journal/Planner with Drama MaMa Bookshop

Saturday, January 20, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly

Monday, February 5, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

Saturday, February 10, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.

Monday, February 19, 6:00 p.m.

Reisterstown Rd.

*Join local artist, bookbinder, and shop owner, Alisa Brock of Drama MaMa Bookshop for a Build Your Own Book workshop. Participants select everything from their book cover to page inserts, adding decorative elements to further customize their creations, concluding the practice with the satisfaction of personally binding their own book. All supplies included.*

### Career Clinic

Tuesday, February 6, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden

*Need help applying for a job or updating a resume? Drop by the Hampden Branch for advice and assistance. To register, email [hmp@prattlibrary.org](mailto:hmp@prattlibrary.org) or call 410-396-6043.*

## TEEN

### New Year, New Me: Introduction to Planners

Wednesday, January 3, 3:30 p.m.

Southeast Anchor Library

*Start your new year off right with an introduction to planning and organization. We will go over the basics of planners and learn strategies to help you succeed at home and professionally! This program has limited spaces and pre-registration is recommended. To register, please call 410-396-1580.*

### New Year, New You DIY Journal

Monday, January 8, 3:30 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

*Create your own paper journal using a Japanese binding technique.*

### Air Plant Terrariums

Wednesday, January 10, 3:00 p.m.

Roland Park

*It's a new year, so why not take a new hobby and become a plant parent? Learn about houseplants and how to care for them while create your own air plant terrarium.*

### What's Your Job?

Thursday, January 11, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.

*Thinking about your future and a career track? Join us and take a lap around the library to speak with a group of individuals in a variety of professions about their jobs and backgrounds.*

### Uncover Your Dream Career: Teen Career Quiz Extravaganza!

Wednesdays, January 17 & February 28

3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.

*Get ready to shape your future today! Discover the career of your dreams through our fun and insightful quiz challenge. Join us at the event to embark on a journey of self-discovery, where you'll uncover your unique strengths and interests, and explore how your personality traits align with various career options. Take the career quiz challenge to reveal your ideal job. Access our resource zone filled with books and tools for comprehensive career exploration. Refreshments will be served.*

### Vision Boards for High School and Beyond!

Friday, January 19, 1:00 p.m.

Southeast Anchor Library

*Have you thought about your future after graduation? Let's brainstorm together and make vision boards for the future; from college to trade schools and more!*



### Teen Resume Assistance

Saturday, January 20, 1:30 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.

*You might have the skills, but how do you tell employers that? It can be tough to figure out what to include in your resume or how to format it, especially when you don't have that much job experience under your belt yet. Swing by this program to learn how to highlight your strengths and snag that first job or amazing internship. If you can't make it to this program at the time listed, reach out to our librarian or call 410-396-0946 to set up an appointment and get one-on-one assistance with your resume.*

### Career Day

Wednesday, January 24, 2:00 p.m. | Hamilton  
*Career Day is an opportunity for teens to meet people from a variety of jobs, and learn about their workplace, their responsibilities, and the education needed to enter that career.*

### Money Making Monday

Monday, January 29, 2:00 p.m. | Hamilton  
*Money Making Monday will explain financial goal-setting, saving, and budgeting which includes wishes, wants, and needs in both the short term and the long term. Having conversations about needs and wants with teens not only helps them differentiate between the two but also teaches them to evaluate and make better financial decisions.*

### Teen Resume Help

Wednesday, February 14, 3:30 p.m.  
Cherry Hill

*Get help building your first resume, or have a second pair of eyes to look over your current one! Have general questions about resumes or job applications? Bring them with you to us and we will help you out! Please register by calling 410-396-1168.*

## — CHILDREN & FAMILIES —

### New Year's Storytime!

Wednesday, January 3, 11:00 a.m.  
Herring Run

*Celebrate the new year with an exciting storytime at the Herring Run Branch! After reading Freedom Soup by Tami Charles, we will craft our own freedom soup.*



### New Year, New Me Vision Board

Saturday, January 6, 2:00 p.m.  
Central Library

*Dream about the year ahead and make an art project that shows what you'd like to do in 2024!*

### Imagine a New Year: Diorama Box

Monday, January 8, 4:00 p.m.  
Reisterstown Rd.

*Hurray for a new year! Create a diorama that reflects your perfect 2024. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0948.*

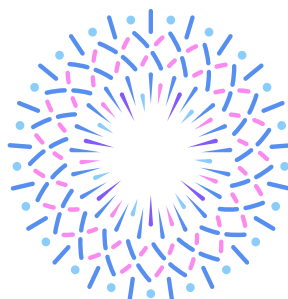
### New Year, New Window

Tuesday, January 9, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.  
*Sunlight can be hard to find in winter, so catch those rays from your window by making your own heart-shaped suncatcher charm. The smallest joys are what can make the biggest difference with self-care: add some extra light and joy into your new year, each time you gaze through the glass!*

### Crafternoon: Shrinky Dinks!

Wednesday, January 17, 3:30 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.

*Turn your art into a keychain, charm, jewelry, game piece, and more! Draw your masterpiece on our special shrinky dink paper and then watch it shrink and harden in the oven. Use this opportunity to create physical reminders of your New Year's resolutions or your desires and wishes for your future!*



## LUNAR NEW YEAR

### TEENS

#### LUNAR NEW YEAR ANIME CLUB

Monday, February 5, 3:30 p.m.

Southeast Anchor Library

*Kick off the Year of the Dragon with special anime activities and shows.*

## — CHILDREN & FAMILIES —

#### MOVIE & CRAFT:

##### RAYA AND THE LAST DRAGON

Friday, January 19, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly

*Join us for an after-school movie and craft! Enjoy Raya and the Last Dragon, then make a dragon-themed craft.*

2021 | Rated PG | 1 hr. 54 min.

#### CRAFTERNOON:

##### LUNAR NEW YEAR DRAGON

Monday, February 5, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly

*We'll make paper dragons using cupcake liners to celebrate the Year of the Dragon.*

##### LUNAR NEW YEAR DRAGON PUPPETS

Tuesday, February 6, 3:30 p.m.

Patterson Park

*Make a dragon puppet to celebrate the Year of the Dragon.*

##### LUNAR NEW YEAR LANTERNS

Thursday, February 8, 6:00 p.m.

Hampden

Saturday, February 10, 2:00 p.m.

Central Library

*Create your very own lantern in celebration of the Lunar New Year! Instructor Rosa Chang will show you how to make your New Year wishes come true with this special craft. Registration required. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org)*

##### LUNAR NEW YEAR STORYTIME & DRAGON DESIGN

Saturday, February 10, 11:00 a.m.

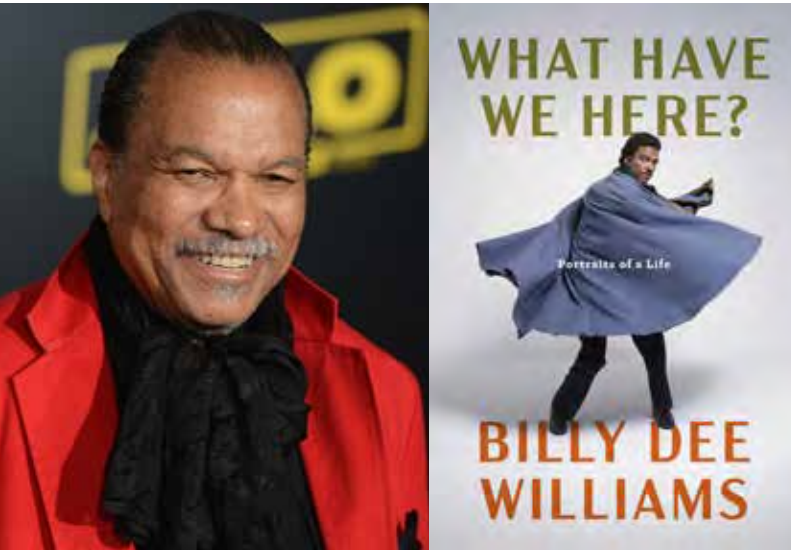
Orleans St.

*2024 is the Year of the Dragon! Join us for a special storytime and crafternoon! We will read together, learn about the twelve animals in the Chinese Zodiac cycle, discover the nine attributes of Chinese Dragons, and each design a dragon to honor the New Year.*



## AUTHOR EVENTS

Some events require registration; visit [calendar.prattlibrary.org](http://calendar.prattlibrary.org) to register. ASL interpretation will be available to attendees. Free parking vouchers are available to program attendees who park at the Franklin Street Garage (15 W. Franklin Street) after 4:00 p.m. for programs located at the Central Library.



### BROWN LECTURE SERIES: BILLY DEE WILLIAMS

#### *What Have We Here*

Friday, February 16, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library  
**Registration required. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).**

A film legend recalls his remarkable life of nearly eight decades — a heralded actor who's played the roles he wanted, from *Brian's Song* to Lando in the Star Wars universe — unchecked by the racism and typecasting so rife in the mostly all-white industry in which he triumphed.

His first film role was in *The Last Angry Man*, the great Paul Muni's final film. It was Muni who gave Billy the advice that sent him soaring as an actor, "You can play any character you want to play no matter who you are, no matter the way you look or the color of your skin." And Williams writes, "I wanted to be anyone I wanted to be."

He writes of landing the role of a lifetime: co-starring alongside James Caan in *Brian's Song*, the made-for-television movie that was watched by an audience of more than 50 million people. Williams says it was "the kind of interracial love story America needed."

And when, as the first Black character in the Star Wars universe, he became a true pop culture icon, playing Lando Calrissian in George Lucas's *The Empire Strikes Back* ("What I presented on the screen people didn't expect to see"). It was a role he reprised in the final film of the original trilogy, *The Return of the Jedi*, and in the recent sequel *The Rise of Skywalker*.

A legendary actor, in his own words, on all that has sustained and carried him through a lifetime of dreams and adventure.

*All registered in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book. There will not be a book signing following the program.*

### WRITERS LIVE!



#### MATTILDA BERNSTEIN SYCAMORE

##### *Touching the Art*

Tuesday, January 9, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

A mixture of memoir, biography, criticism, and social history, *Touching the Art* is queer icon and activist

Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore's interrogation of the possibilities of artistic striving, the limits of the middle-class mindset, the legacy of familial abandonment, and what art can and cannot do.

### WRITERS LIVE!



#### CLAIRE TAYLOR AND ANNIE POWELL STONE

##### *One Good Thing and Hampden Wildlife*

Thursday, January 11, 6:30 p.m.  
Hampden

Local authors Claire Taylor and

Annie Powell Stone share poetry created and inspired by their walks through the Hampden neighborhood. Blending self-reflection and observation, these collections of poems offer a meditation on how our lives are shaped and changed by the places and people we call home. Email [hmp@prattlibrary.org](mailto:hmp@prattlibrary.org) or call 410-396-6043 to register.

### WRITERS LIVE!



#### JOHN EISENBERG

##### *Rocket Men*

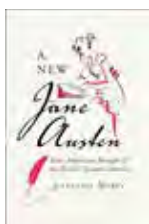
Wednesday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.  
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John Eisenberg offers the definitive history of Black quarterbacks in the NFL — men who shaped not

only the history of football but the cause of civil rights in America. Drawing on deep historical research and exclusive interviews with Black quarterbacks and players, coaches, and talent evaluators who have worked alongside them, *Rocket Men* is a celebration of the athletes and activists who transformed the game. John Eisenberg will be joined in conversation by author and African American history professor Theresa Runstedtler.



## WRITERS LIVE!



**JULIETTE WELLS**

***A New Jane Austen***

Saturday, January 20, 2:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

The latest volume on Austen's readers revolutionizes our understanding of how Jane Austen

came to be viewed as the world's greatest novelist. Wells shows that Austen's global reputation was established not by British scholars, as is commonly believed, but by visionary American writers and collectors, working largely outside academia.

## WRITERS LIVE!



**ANTONIA HYLTON**

***Madness***

Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

*Madness* tells the 93-year-old history of Crownsville Hospital, one of the last segregated asylums with

surviving records and a campus that still stands to this day in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Hylton traces the legacy of slavery to the treatment of Black people's bodies and minds in our current mental healthcare system. It is a captivating and heartbreaking meditation on how America decides who is sick or criminal, and who is worthy of our care or irredeemable. Antonia Hylton will be joined in conversation by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Wesley Lowery.

## WRITERS LIVE!



**AYESHA RASCOE**

***HBCU Made***

Wednesday, January 31, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library

Ayesha Rascoe, host of NPR's *Weekend Edition Sunday*, will discuss a collection of essays she's

edited about historically Black colleges and universities. Alumni both famous and up-and-coming write testimonials about the schools and experiences that shaped their lives and made them who they are today. Ayesha Rascoe will be joined in conversation by Juana Summers, co-host of NPR's *All Things Considered*. All registered in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book.

## WRITERS LIVE!



**MARTIN MCNAIR**

***Can My Child Play?: The Questions We Should Have Asked***

Saturday, February 3, 11:00 a.m.  
Light St.

Martin McNair questions the culture

behind college football and the safety precautions taken to protect their players. In the spring of 2018, his son Jordan, a sophomore on the University of Maryland football team, collapsed during preseason conditioning and later died. McNair details his journey of raising a child in the world of youth sports, and the harrowing trauma he suffered when his son lost his life.

## WRITERS LIVE!



**MICHELE NORRIS**

***Our Hidden Conversations***

Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

Peabody Award-winning journalist Michele Norris offers a transformative dialogue on

race and identity in America, unearthed through her decade-long work at The Race Card Project. *Our Hidden Conversations* is a unique compilation of stories, richly reported essays, and photographs providing a window into America during a tumultuous era.

## WRITERS LIVE!



**EDDA FIELDS-BLACK**

***Combee***

Monday, February 26, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

Most Americans know of Harriet Tubman's legendary life: escaping enslavement and helping other

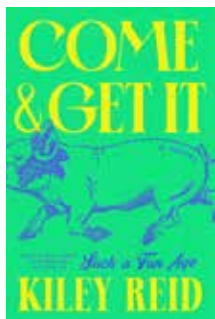
to do the same via the Underground Railroad. Yet the many biographies, children's books, and films about Tubman omit a crucial chapter: during the Civil War, hired by the Union Army, she ventured into the heart of slave territory to live, work, and gather intelligence for a daring raid up the Combahee River to attack the major plantations of Rice Country, the breadbasket of the Confederacy.

"Tons of options to choose from, and when I request from another location it arrives VERY quickly! Staff is always so kind."

— Kylie S.

## WHAT'S NEW

Here are the most anticipated books of January and February coming soon to the Pratt Library.



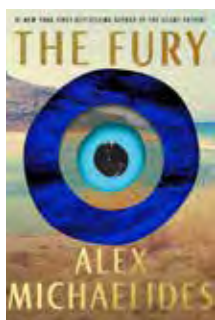
### ***Come & Get It* by Kiley Reid**

Millie Cousins, a senior resident assistant at the University of Arkansas, wants to graduate, get a job, and buy a house. So when Agatha Paul, a visiting professor and writer, offers Millie an easy yet unusual opportunity, she jumps at the chance. But Millie's starry-eyed hustle becomes jeopardized by odd new friends, vengeful dorm pranks, and illicit intrigue.



### ***The Women* by Kristin Hannah**

When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath's brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she impulsively joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. Green and inexperienced, Frankie is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of war, as well as the unexpected trauma of coming home to a changed and politically divided America.



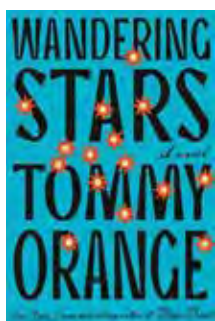
### ***The Fury* by Alex Michaelides**

This is a tale of murder. Or maybe that's not quite true. At its heart, it's a love story, isn't it? My name is Elliot Chase, and I'm going to tell you a story unlike any you've ever heard. A game of cat and mouse — a battle of wits, full of twists and turns, building to an unforgettable climax.



### ***What Have We Here?* by Billy Dee Williams**

Film legend recalls his remarkable life of nearly eight decades — a heralded actor who played the roles he wanted, unchecked by the racism and typecasting so rife in the mostly all-white industry in which he triumphed. A legendary actor, in his own words, on all that has sustained and carried him through a lifetime of dreams and adventure.



### ***Wandering Stars* by Tommy Orange**

Tommy Orange traces the legacies of the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864 and the Carlisle Indian Industrial School through three generations of a family in a story that is by turns shattering and wondrous. A book that is piercing in its poetry, sorrow, and rage and is a devastating indictment of America's war on its own people.



### ***A Love Song for Ricki Wilde* by Tia Williams**

One evening in February, Ricki Wilde encounters a handsome, deeply mysterious stranger who knocks her world off balance. Set against the backdrop of modern Harlem and Renaissance glamor is a love story of two passionate artists drawn to the magic, romance, and opportunity of New York, and whose lives are irreversibly linked.



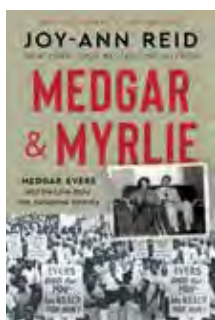
### ***House of Flame and Shadow* by Sarah J. Maas**

The latest installation of the Crescent City series. All Bryce Quinlan wants is to get back to Midgard. Stranded in a strange new world, she's going to need all her wits about her to get home again. Meanwhile, Hunt Athalar is in the Asteri's dungeons again, stripped of his freedom and without a clue as to Bryce's fate.



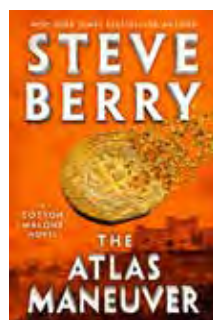
### ***Fourteen Days* edited by Margaret Atwood**

Set during the early days of the COVID-19 lockdowns, this is an irresistibly propulsive collaborative novel from the Authors Guild, with an unusual twist: each character in this eccentric cast of New York neighbors has been written by a different, major literary voice — from Margaret Atwood and Celeste Ng to Tommy Orange and John Grisham.



### ***Medgar and Myrlie* by Joy-Ann Reid**

Myrlie Louise Beasley and Medgar Evers fell in love at first sight. In this groundbreaking and thrilling account of two heroes of the Civil Rights Movement, Joy-Ann Reid uses Medgar and Myrlie's relationship as a lens through which to explore the on-the-ground work that went into winning basic rights for Black Americans, and the repercussions that still resonate today.

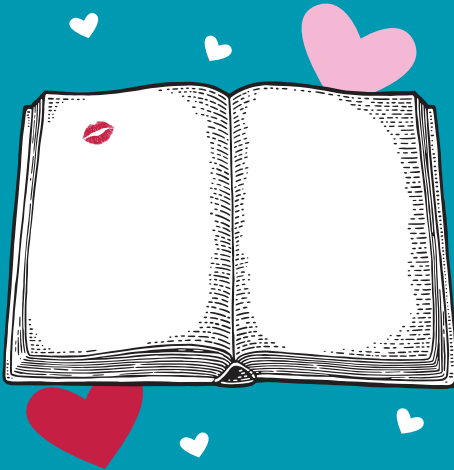


### ***The Atlas Maneuver* by Steve Berry**

Retired Justice Department operative, Cotton Malone, is in Switzerland doing a favor for a friend when he is thrust into a war between the world's oldest bank and the CIA. At the center are explosive secrets centering around Bitcoin. The cryptocurrency is being weaponized, readied for an assault on the world's financial systems, a move that will have devastating consequences.



I've got a Blank  
Page baby, and I'll  
write your name.



You can check me  
out anytime!



You're good for my  
circulation.



You're the cutest  
card in the catalog.



I want you all to  
my shelf!









My love for you  
isn't fiction.

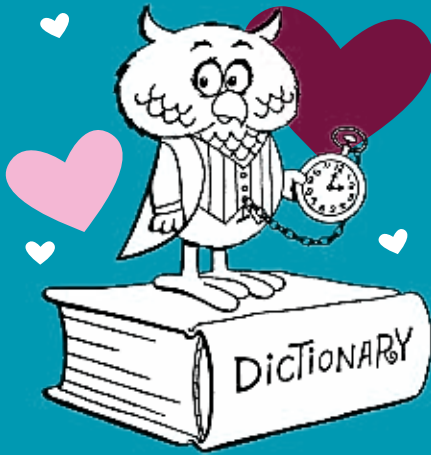


Cut out these library-inspired cards to share with  
your favorite reader!



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I'd rewrite the  
dictionary, to put  
U and I together.



No one stacks up  
to you!



Let's find love  
between the covers!



You've got FINE  
written all over you









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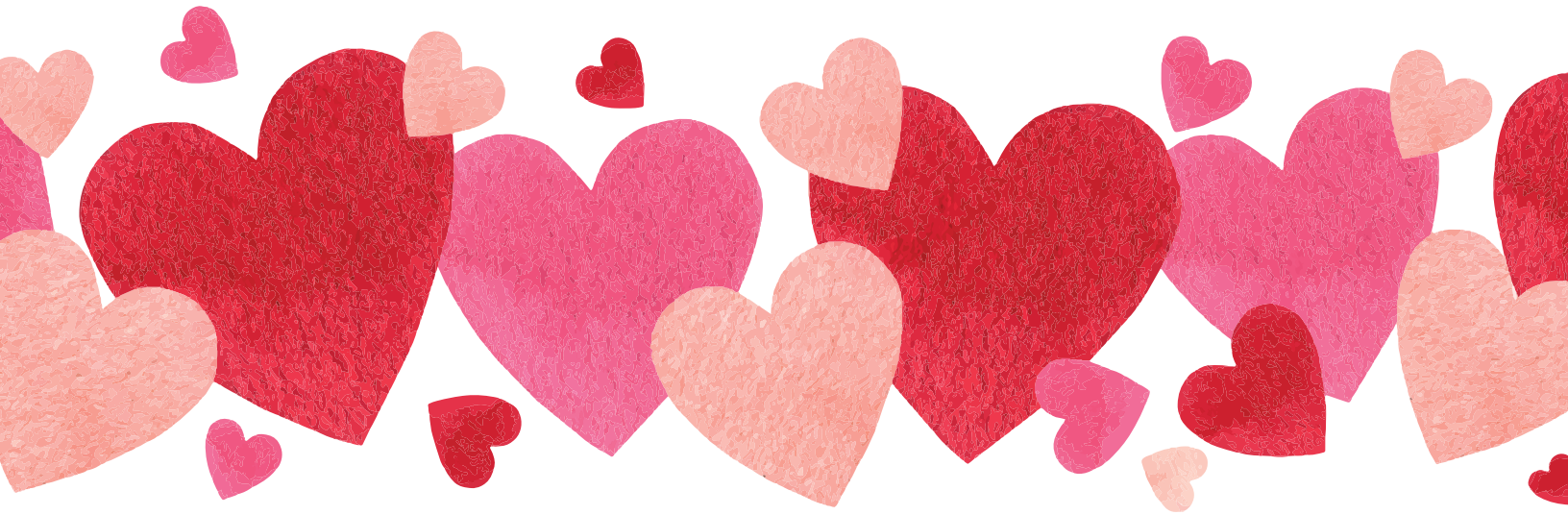


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# SHARE THE LOVE



## ADULTS

### Sweetheart Paint Night

Thursday, February 8, 4:00 p.m.  
Reisterstown Rd.

*No paint brushes needed! We will be using unconventional painting tools to decorate our canvas. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0948.*

### Love & Light: Valentine's Day Candles

Thursday, February 8, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly  
*Create beautiful candles with a personal touch, perfect for gifting or keeping. Let your creativity shine as you celebrate love and light in a cozy, DIY atmosphere. Registration is required. Call 410-396-6089 or register at Waverly's Adult Information Desk.*

### Adult Craft: Step-by-step Painting

Saturday, February 10, 1:00 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.

*Create a fun Valentine-themed painting, step by step. Space is limited. Please call 410-396-0946 to register.*

### Painting at Hamilton

Saturday, February 10, 2:00 p.m. | Hamilton  
*An artist teaches adults to paint step by step! Our February theme will be "Love." Come create a beautiful picture based on this theme, with step by step instruction. Sign up by calling 410-396-6088.*

### Self Love & Self Care

Saturday, February 10, 2:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.

*Join us for guided mindfulness, games, the benefits of saying "NO," and discussing methods of self-care, joy, and happiness. Call 410-396-0399 to register.*

### String Art Valentine

Saturday, February 10, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden  
*Need a Valentine's Day Card? Make your own heartfelt valentine out of needle and thread. To register, email [hmp@prattlibrary.org](mailto:hmp@prattlibrary.org) or call 410-396-6043.*

### Adult String Art Craft

Wednesday, February 14, 4:00 p.m.  
Patterson Park  
*Come make a string art valentine. All materials included.*

### Feng Shui for Self-Love

Saturday, February 17, 2:00 p.m.  
Central Library  
*Join us for a workshop all about how feng shui can help you fall in love with the most important person in your life – YOU! We'll spend 90 minutes together exploring what matters most to you and how making changes to your environment can help you bring your goals and dreams to life.*

## TEENS

### Share the Love: DIY Splatter Bears

Wednesday, February 14, 3:30 p.m.  
Orleans St.  
*Roses are red, and violets are blue, at "Share the Love Bear Art Bash," we're waiting for you! In the fusion of art and bear-themed joy, you decide who this "Splatter Bear" is for.*

### Love, Peace, & Happiness Vision Boards

Thursday, February 15, 2:00 p.m. | Hamilton  
*What is your vision of love, peace, and happiness? We will be making vision boards of cut out pictures from your choice of magazines. These pictures will show your vision of love, peace, and happiness.*

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### Family Crafts:

#### "Share the Love" Greeting Cards

Wednesday, February 7, 3:00 p.m. | Govans  
*Create a greeting card for your loved one using various art supplies!*

#### Share the Love: Community Card Making

Friday, February 9, 11:00 a.m. | Central Library  
*Join us to share the love and make loving and happy cards for our senior neighbors.*

#### Crafternoon: Heart Art Symmetry Painting

Monday, February 12, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly  
*Share the love this Crafternoon! Experiment with symmetry painting to paint a heart.*

#### Share the Love Craft

Tuesday, February 13, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
*Join us as we create a special craft to celebrate family, friendship, kindness, and thoughtfulness. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.*

#### Embossed Palentines

Wednesday, February 14, 2:00 p.m.  
Central Library  
*Have a pal that you are grateful for? Want to show some gratitude? Come learn to emboss your own card! Good for all ages.*

#### Pixel Art Cards

Thursday, February 22, 10:30 a.m.  
Reisterstown Rd.  
*Show your love for someone special by making them a pixel art card!*



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## ADULTS

### MLK Jr. Trivia Contest

Monday, January 8, 6:00 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.

*Come test your knowledge of MLK Jr. — his life and his accomplishments — in a friendly trivia competition. Compete as an individual or in teams of two or three to win a prize.*

### Let's Heal Together: Finding New Meaning Through Historical Memory & How We View The Past

Thursday, January 18, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library & Virtual

*Marcus "Sankofa" Nicks, a local educator, historian, and researcher, brings a dynamic presentation about how we define, understand, and conceptualize history. This presentation will explore and unpack how histories affect identity, mental health, and intergenerational trauma. Within this complex topic, attendees will learn about the erasure/banning of African American experiences and culture within the scope of American and Maryland history, as well as explore how history can be utilized as a tool for community connection, empowerment, and wellness.*

### Anthony Coates: Safeguarding History, Establishing Memories, & Inspiring Minds

Thursday, February 1, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

*Join us in celebrating local artist, Anthony Coates, founder of Reflections on Human Development, a non-profit for Artistic Therapy and Community Services. Work by Mr. Coates has been displayed at the Maryland State Lottery at Montgomery Plaza, Maryland Arts Council, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, and the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts.*

### Black History Month Bingo

Monday, February 5, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill

*Join in the enrichment of expanding your knowledge and win prizes with the fun of BINGO. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.*

### James Baldwin:

#### An Influential Voice for Racial Justice

Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library

*Learn about the life and works of James Baldwin. He was an internationally acclaimed fiction writer, essayist, dramatist, and poet who is known for eloquently taking on the subjects of sexual identity and race relations in the United States.*

### Afro-Caribbean Music Appreciation

Friday, February 9, 3:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

*Learn about the music and amazing instruments of the Afro-Caribbean Diaspora.*

### Poetry Online Discussion of Danez Smith

Saturday, February 10, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual

*Join us online for a discussion of the poetry of Danez Smith. For more information, email [poetry@prattlibrary.org](mailto:poetry@prattlibrary.org).*

### Baltimore in the 1960s: An Unsettled Time

Saturday, February 10, 2:00 p.m.

Dnipro Ukrainian Club | 3101 O'Donnell St.  
(Across the street from the Canton Branch)

*The 1960s were remarkable for the change, both positive and negative. This program offers stories of the era: personal, communal, commercial, and industrial. This is how Baltimore and its people reacted to change and met many of the challenges of this, the decade of the 1960s. Presented by local historian and author Jack Burkert. This program was made possible by the support of the Friends of the Canton Library.*

### Black History Trivia

Thursday, February 15, 4:00 p.m.

Reisterstown Rd.

*Test your knowledge of Black history and culture.*

### Save a Story! DIY Oral History Interviewing

Thursday, February 15, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

*Celebrate Black History Month by saving a story of someone you love or a history you would love to know. Learn how to capture an oral history interview from start to finish, with hands-on practice.*

### Pratt Page-Turners Book Club

Saturday, February 17, 11:00 a.m.

Central Library & Virtual

*Join us for a discussion of The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride. This program has a hybrid format. Participate either in person or on Zoom. For help obtaining a copy of the book or more information about the book club, please email [fic@prattlibrary.org](mailto:fic@prattlibrary.org).*

### Adult Game Night: Black History Bingo

Thursday, February 22, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly

*Join us for a lively evening of Black History Bingo with a special spotlight on Black authors. Challenge your knowledge, compete for fabulous prizes, and immerse yourself in the remarkable legacy of these literary giants! Registration is required. Call 410-396-6089 or register at Waverly's Adult Information Desk.*

## TEENS

### Graphic Novel Book Club

Mondays, January 8 & February 5, 3:00 p.m.  
Hamilton

*Join us for a different kind of book club! In January, we'll read any of the books from the Hilda series by Luke Pearson, and in February, we'll talk about Black Heroes of the Wild West by James Otis Smith. Didn't read the book? Join us anyway!*

### Remembering Dr. King through Art and Poetry

Wednesday, January 10, 3:30 p.m. | Waverly  
*Join us for an afternoon of art and poetry as we take time to remember the work Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. did to create a more peaceful world.*

### Black History Trivia

Thursdays, February 1 – 29, 3:00 p.m.  
Hamilton

*Test your knowledge of Black History, and come in first place to win a prize!*

### Painting Through History: Celebrating Black Artists

Saturday, February 3, 2:30 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.

*Join us to look at a variety of work by Black visual artists, then get inspired and paint a piece of your own.*

### Black Out Loud Storytelling with Bunjo Butler

Tuesday, February 6, 4:00 p.m.

Central Library

*Middle-schoolers, join us for a captivating journey through history and culture that will leave you inspired and enlightened. Be inspired by the stories of strength and resilience that have shaped our world.*

### Music on Canvas

Monday, February 12, 3:30 p.m.

Southeast Anchor Library

*Celebrate Black History Month with us as we paint portraits of famous Jazz, Blues, and Funk musicians who inspire us.*

### History of Hip Hop Discussion

Tuesday, February 20, 3:30 p.m. | Herring Run  
*Join us for a trip down memory lane with a discussion on the history of Hip Hop. Light refreshments will be served. For more info call 410-396-0996.*

### African Pillows

Wednesday, February 21, 3:00 p.m.

Roland Park

*Create a personal pillow from a variety of African prints.*

### Black History Across the Harbor

Wednesday, February 21, 3:30 p.m.

Cherry Hill

*Did you know that Frederick Douglass worked as a chandler and a ship caulker in the Fells Point neighborhood before moving onto his illustrious career? Join us to look through a telescope across the harbor to get a close-up view of what Fells Point looks like today, and hear more about the history of Frederick Douglass's time in Baltimore.*

### Colors of Expression: Celebrating Black History Month & Jean-Michel Basquiat

Wednesday, February 28, 3:30 p.m.

Orleans St.

*Join us to pay homage to the iconic artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. Basquiat was not just an artist; he was a voice for self-expression, creativity, and social change. In the spirit of Basquiat's work, we're inviting all teens to come together and create a community art project that celebrates self-expression and the vibrant heritage of Black culture.*

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### "I Have a Dream" Craft

Tuesday, January 9, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
*Join us as we celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. by creating your own "I Have a Dream" craft project. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.*



## BOOKLOVERS' BREAKFAST FEATURING JESMYN WARD

Saturday, February 3

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Baltimore Marriott Waterfront  
700 Aliceanna Street

We're honored to welcome two-time National Book Award-winning author Jesmyn Ward as the speaker for this year's Booklovers' Breakfast.

Jesmyn Ward received her MFA from the University of Michigan and has received the MacArthur Genius Grant, a Stegner Fellowship, a John and Renee Grisham Writers Residency, the Strauss Living Prize, and the 2022 Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction. She is the historic winner — first woman and first Black American — of two National Book Awards for Fiction for *Sing, Unburied, Sing* (2017) and *Salvage the Bones* (2011). She is also the author of the novel *Where the Line Bleeds* and the memoir *Men We Reaped*, which was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award and won the Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize and the Media for a Just Society Award. She is currently a professor of creative writing at Tulane University.

**Advanced registration required. Register at [prattlibrary.org](https://prattlibrary.org)**

Admission: \$50 per person  
\$450 for a Table of 10

**Deadline for registration:**

**Monday, January 29, at 12:00 p.m.**

For more information, call 410-396-5494.

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### Happy Birthday Dr. King Party with Culture Queen

Saturday, January 13, 11:00 a.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.

Culture Queen hosts "Happy Birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.!", a family-friendly party celebrating his life and legacy with a fun and interactive civil rights-themed show and hands-on crafts. Your royal children also celebrate the legacies of the kings and queens of social justice.

### I Have A Dream: DIY Album Covers

Friday, January 19, 1:00 p.m. | Orleans St.  
Design your own album cover art inspired by Dr. King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech. On the back of the cardboard sleeve, create an "A-side" list of songs inspired by dreams for yourself and a "B-side" list of songs inspired by dreams for the world around you.

### Black History Month Fact Find

February 1 – 10, 3:30 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
Test your knowledge of Black history and your sleuthing skills with a Black History Month fact find.

### A Party for Langston

Thursday, February 1, 4:00 p.m. | Hampden  
Celebrate the first day of Black History Month and Langston Hughes' birthday with us! Enjoy a special reading of *There Was a Party for Langston* written by Jason Reynolds and illustrated by Jerome and Jarrett Pumphrey, followed by a game of bingo. Refreshments will be provided. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6043.

### Culture Queen's Black History Live!

Thursday, February 1, 4:30 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
Black History Live with Culture Queen is a modern-day Josephine Baker inspired performance for your royal children that uses live, original, and interactive music, movement, and storytelling to teach them to celebrate their history and love themselves. With a spoonful of magic and ancient wisdom, the queen's soulful alto's voice dances across a fusion of festive calypso, afrobeat, jazz, and hip-hop rhythms that celebrate the Kings and Queens of African-American History.

### Who Am I? Black History Bingo

Tuesday, February 6, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
Join us for a fun, interactive way to celebrate and discuss Black History Month. Prizes will be provided. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

### Black History Break

Tuesdays, February 6 – 27, 3:30 p.m. | Light St.  
Take a break after school and learn about famous African Americans through book discussions, music, art, poetry, and other activities.

### Black History Month Trivia

Wednesdays, February 7 – 28, 3:30 p.m.  
Herring Run  
Test your knowledge of Black History! Compete with your friends, learn new facts, and have the chance to win cool prizes.

### Family Movie Night

Thursday, February 8, 5:30 p.m.  
Patterson Park  
Join us for a viewing of *The Butler* in honor of Black History Month.

### Black History Month Artpiece

Saturday, February 10, 12:00 p.m.  
Central Library  
Use fabric and paper to create a community artpiece to celebrate Black History Month. Snacks will be provided. Recommended for children ages 4 – 12.

### Black History Game-a-thon

February 12 – 24, 3:00 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
Challenge your skill and knowledge with games that highlight Black history and culture!

### The Art of Storytelling:

#### The Importance of Griots in History & Today

Saturday, February 17, 2:00 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.  
Griots are storytellers, historians, poets, and musicians. Originating in West Africa, griots have played an important role in history; a role that continues to this day! Come to the library to learn more about this amazing profession and tradition and make your own set of story stones! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0946.



## WRITERS LIVE! JOY-ANN REID

### Medgar & Myrlie

Saturday, February 24, 3:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

The host of MSNBC's *The ReidOut* and New York Times-bestselling author of *The Man Who Sold America* traces the extraordinary lives and legacy of civil rights icons Medgar and Myrlie Evers, situating Medgar Evers's assassination as a catalyzing moment in American history.

In this groundbreaking and thrilling account of two heroes of the civil rights movement, Joy-Ann Reid uses Medgar and Myrlie's relationship as a lens through which to explore the on-the-ground work that went into winning basic rights for Black Americans, and the repercussions that still resonate today.

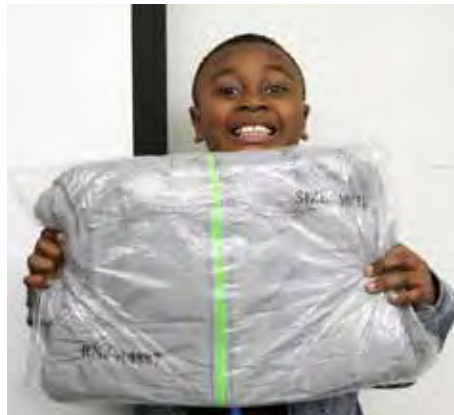
All registered in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book. There will not be a book signing following the program.

"I can't overstate how important the library system has been to my growth and well being over the last five decades. A wealth of resources available without needing to be rich."

— John B.

## OPERATION WARM

This winter, the Pratt has once again partnered with Operation Warm to give out hundreds of new warm winter coats to children across Baltimore City for free. Giveaway events were held at the Central Library, Cherry Hill, Brooklyn, Edmondson Avenue, Herring Run, Northwood, Pennsylvania Avenue, and Southeast Anchor locations.



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CASH Campaign of Maryland tax assistance is available at Central Library for individuals or families who made less than \$64,000 may qualify for free tax preparation.

Appointments must be made in advance.

To make an appointment, visit [bmorefreetaxes.org](http://bmorefreetaxes.org) or call 410-234-8008

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Call 410-732-7777 for assistance in Spanish.



# SOCIAL WORKER IN THE LIBRARY

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—Social Worker in the Library customer



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- Senior resources
- Health care and insurance
- Utility assistance and water bill assistance
- Other services, just ask!

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## DROP-IN HOURS

### Brooklyn

Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Mariel Sass: 443-418-3873**

### Central Library

Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Thursday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Sam Chan: 443-983-0824**

### Edmondson Avenue

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Sheila Miller: 667-392-9785**

### Pennsylvania Avenue

Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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### Southeast Anchor Library

Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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—Social Worker in the Library customer

## FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE SOCIAL WORKER IN YOUR GEOGRAPHIC AREA:

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# ONE BOOK BALTIMORE



## Perler Bead Keychain & Earbud Case

Tuesday, January 2, 2:45 p.m.

Thursday, January 11, 2:45 p.m.

Reisterstown Rd.

*Make your own keychain or earbud case with Perler beads. Limited to 10 participants. All supplies and a free set of earbuds included.*

## New Year Poetry Jam

Saturday, January 6, 2:30 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

*Join us to share some of your favorite poetry and workshop some of your own.*

## Nature Journals

Monday, January 8, 3:30 p.m.

Southeast Anchor Library

*Step inside the story of Before the Ever After as we sketch and identify local wildlife while discussing this year's selection.*

## Make Your Own Vision Journals!

Monday, January 8, 4:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

*In this craft, decorate a blank journal with pictures that represent your dreams, hopes, and vision for a better future.*

## Astrology 101

Tuesday, January 9, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park

Wednesday, January 10, 3:00 p.m. | Orleans St.

Saturday, January 20, 2:00 p.m. | Hampden

*Guest Astrologist Noel Swain will walk you through astrology basics and how to read your signs.*

## 90s Throwback Karaoke Party

Wednesday, January 10, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill

*Come join us for a 90s Throwback Karaoke Party where we will serve snacks, party favors, and our best boy band dance moves.*

## Writing Workshop with Author Lexie Bean

Wednesday, January 10, 3:00 p.m.

Reisterstown Rd.

Thursday, January 11, 3:30 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

*This workshop, hosted by author Lexie Bean, will provide participants the chance to write and connect with others using the novel The Ship We Built as a guide. There will also be time at the end of the workshop for a Q+A with the author.*

## Disability Awareness with Mike Henley

Thursday, January 18, 2:30 p.m. | Hamilton

*Join Mike Henley while he teaches the importance of empathy and acceptance towards others with varying abilities.*

## Teen Open Mic

Mondays, January 22 & February 12

4:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

*Come to our Teen Open Mic! You must be 12 – 18 years old to perform. Performance time slots are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-registration is encouraged. If you have any questions, please call 410-396-1120 and ask for the teen librarian.*

## Community Mending: Obangsaek & Kkojipgi (Pinching Technique) Hand-Stitching Workshop

Tuesday, January 23, 4:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill

*Join Rosa Chang to create fall foliage-shaped organic patchworks using “Kkojipgi,” a traditional Korean hand stitching technique. Explore Korean color theory (Obangsaek) with the dye and fabrics provided.*

## Book Discussion

Thursday, January 25, 6:30 p.m. | Govans

*Read and discuss Before the Ever After.*

## 2000s Teen Party & Retro Teen Movie

Monday, January 29, 5:00 p.m.

Reisterstown Rd.

*It's time to party! Join us for a 2000s-themed teen party and a retro teen movie.*

## Discussion on Grief & Compassion

Monday, February 5, 3:00 p.m. | Govans

*Join special guest Tyrone Georgia as we discuss the themes of grief and compassion in the context of Before the Ever After.*

## Opera Baltimore: What is Opera

Tuesday, February 13, 10:30 a.m. | Herring Run

*Join Opera Baltimore on a behind-the-scenes look at how opera productions are created and explore its different components. Participants will be treated to a few classic opera selections and join the performers on stage as well. To sign up for this event please contact us at 410-396-0996.*

## The Safety of Student Athletes

Friday, February 23, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.

*Martin McNair, author of Can My Child Play? The Questions We Should Have Asked, will share his message promoting player safety to student athletes and their parents.*



## ONE BOOK BALTIMORE FINALE: JACQUELINE WOODSON & TAMI CHARLES

Wednesday, February 7, 6:00 p.m.  
Central Library

To celebrate another year of success for the One Book Baltimore program, join us for a discussion between this year's One Book Baltimore author Jacqueline Woodson, and previous One Book author Tami Charles. One Book Baltimore provides opportunities for Baltimore City 7th and 8th graders, their families, and community members to connect through literature by reading the same book.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON LIGHT ST.



### ADULTS

#### Light Street Writers Exchange

In person:

Monday, January 1 & February 5, 6:00 p.m.

Virtual:

Monday, January 22 & February 26, 6:00 p.m.

A read-and-critique group for writers with interest in all forms of writing: poetry, novel, short story, creative nonfiction. Writers of any ability are welcome, as long as there is a desire to accept critique graciously and improve your craft.

#### Acrylics Pour Painting

Thursday, January 11, 6:00 p.m.

Join local artist Esta Baker to create one-of-a-kind art using free-flowing and various techniques. All skill levels are welcome. All materials will be provided. Space is limited. To register, call 410-396-1096 or email [lgh@prattlibrary.org](mailto:lgh@prattlibrary.org).

#### Get on Board!

Thursday, January 18, 6:30 p.m.

Board and card game fun for adults. Feel free to bring a game from your personal collection to share with and challenge the group.

#### Film & Discussion: *Just Mercy*

Saturday, January 20, 1:00 p.m.

2019 | Rated PG-13 | 1 hr. 36 min.

#### Live Music: Daryl Davis & Seth Kibel

Saturday, January 20, 3:00 p.m.

In addition to being a pianist and vocalist, Daryl is also a professional actor, author, and lecturer, now residing in Maryland. Apart from leading The Daryl Davis Band, he has worked with Elvis Presley's Jordanaires, Chuck Berry, The Legendary Blues Band, Percy Sledge, Sam Moore, Nappy Brown and many others. Seth Kibel is one of the Mid-Atlantic's premier woodwind specialists, working with some of the best bands in jazz, swing, and more. Wowning audiences on saxophone, clarinet, and flute.

#### Live Music: Karter Jaymes

Saturday, February 17, 3:00 p.m.

Join us to celebrate Black History Month through music. Baltimore's own Karter Jaymes will take us on a musical journey with songs from the Civil Rights Movement, classics, and originals. Karter is a versatile singer/songwriter and spent 25 years as the drummer with the Teddy Pendergrass band.

### TEENS

#### Kitchen Science

Tuesday, January 9, 3:00 p.m.

Be scientists with common household items you can find in your kitchen! Conduct fun science experiments and explore concoctions!

#### Anime & Manga Cafe

Fridays, January 26 & February 9, 3:00 p.m.

Join us as we explore anime, manga, and all the worlds in between! Draw in anime style, learn about Japanese culture, discuss your favorite anime and manga, and other fun activities!

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### Light Street Lab

Tuesday, January 23, 3:30 p.m.

Join us in the Light Street Lab for hands-on STEAM activities for kids.

#### Playdate at the Library

Tuesdays, January 30 & February 27, 10:30 a.m.

Bubbles, toys, and enriching play time.

#### Film & Discussion: *Encanto*

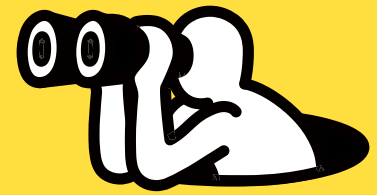
Saturday, February 17, 11:00 a.m.

2021 | Rated PG | 1 hr. 39 min.

#### Sing & Play with Baltimore Choral Arts

Wednesday, February 21, 10:30 a.m.

Children ages 0–5 and their caregivers are invited to join us for this free, 30-minute class, led by certified music teachers from Baltimore Choral Arts Society. Children will experience singing, creative movement, and listening to musical stories that spark their imagination.



## SNEAK PEEK AT MARCH & APRIL

### POE LIVE: THE MYSTERY OF MARIE ROGET WITH THE NATIONAL EDGAR ALLAN POE THEATRE

Saturday, March 9, 11:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Central Library

Be part of the LIVE studio audience for the National Edgar Allan Poe Theatre's radio drama adaptation of *The Mystery of Marie Roget* written by James Comtois and directed by Alex Zavistovich.



### IMAGINATION CELEBRATION KICK OFF

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Central Library

Join us for a day of fun to kick off Imagination Celebration! Celebrate children's creativity and imagination with exciting programs throughout the month of April.

### 2024 ANNUAL GENEALOGY LECTURE SERIES, TELLING YOUR FAMILY STORY, WITH ANNETTE BURKE LYTTLE

Saturday, April 20, 10:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Central Library

Annette Burke Lyttle is a professional genealogist, speaker, educator, and owner of Heritage Detective, LLC.

### CROSSROADS:

#### AN EVENING WITH HOESY CORONA

Thursday, April 25, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Central Library

Step into the world of Hoesy Corona at the 2024 Artist-in-Residence exhibit opening, titled "CROSSROADS," where Hoesy will unveil his latest creations.



## FALL EVENTS

This fall, the Pratt welcomed a star-studded lineup of speakers as part of the Brown Lecture Series, including actress Jada Pinkett Smith, ballerina Misty Copeland, and award-winning writer Walter Mosley. Each attendee received a free book to keep. We also celebrated the African American Department's 20th Anniversary!



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— Michele W.



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NOVEMBER 2023

### UPSURGE BALTIMORE

Baltimore was just named a tech hub by the Federal Government. UpSurge Baltimore has been working to transform Charm City into the first Equitech city. Kory Bailey is at the forefront of that work, driving change and equity through innovation. Join us as we dive deep into Kory's journey, his vision, and the transformative power of technology in Baltimore.



OCTOBER 2023

### DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP

Downtown Baltimore has been a neighborhood in transition. So what does the future hold? We'll talk to Downtown Partnership President Shelonda Stokes about her vision for what's next in the heart of the city.



SEPTEMBER 2023

### GREATER BALTIMORE COMMITTEE

Bringing more business to Baltimore. That's the goal for the new President and CEO of the Greater Baltimore Committee. This episode of the *Free to Bmore Podcast* we talk to Mark Anthony Thomas about the opportunities and challenges in the city... And how we move into the future.

