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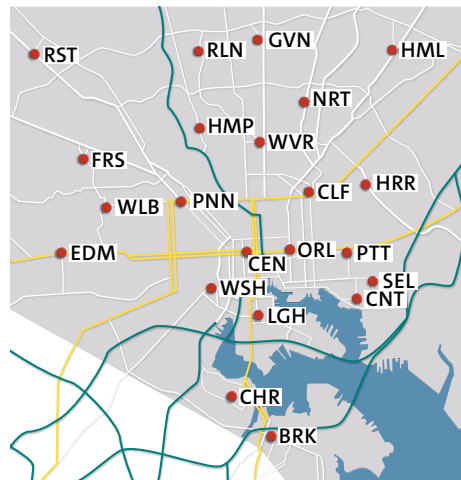
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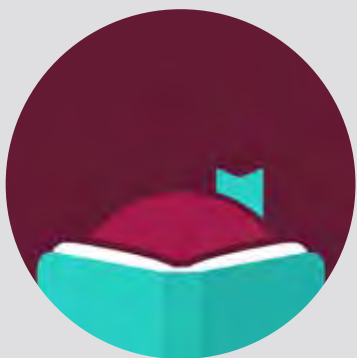


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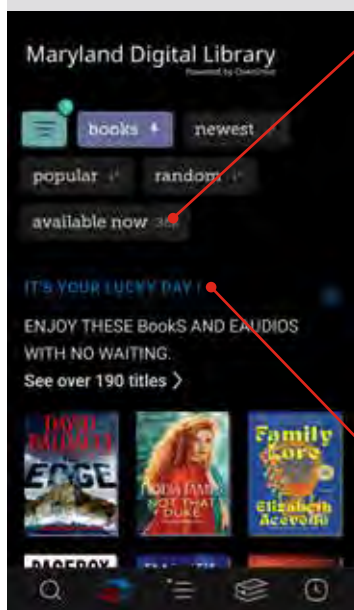
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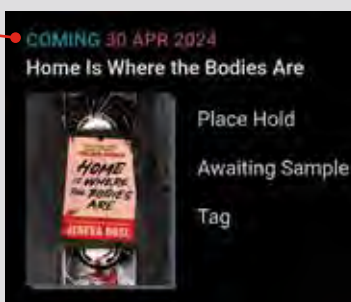
The “Available Now” button on the Libby home screen lets you know what you snap up right now, no hassle. Even better? The “available now” filter in the search. This removes anything with a hold and shows only what can be checked out right now.

SKIP THE LINE

We have almost 300 titles in our Lucky Day Collection — and none of them have a wait time!

EAGLE EYES

If you're on the hunt for the newest titles, check if it's a “coming soon” title. It can be a little easy to miss even though it's just above the title. You can place a hold before the book is officially available!



NO-HOLDS HOOPLA

Last but not least, be sure to check Hoopla, especially for new or hot titles. These are the titles most likely to have holds in Overdrive because they're popular. But if it's on Hoopla, it will be available because everything on Hoopla is available!



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“A phenomenal place of study, and learning. I love reading and so many books to choose from.”

— Bonita P.

“I really appreciate the ability to use the virtual library card for research. I cant thank you enough. As a Maryland resident, I will say this gives me top-notch access to resources.”

— Susan M.

LETTER FROM THE CEO



I want to take this opportunity to thank the entire Baltimore community for seven wonderful years. I am stepping down to become the CEO of the King County Public Library in Washington state, one of the largest circulating libraries in the country. Leading the Pratt Library has been one of the most humbling, fulfilling, and joyful experiences of my life. Each one of you made me feel at home in Baltimore and I'm proud of all that we've accomplished. Darcell Graham, the Pratt's Vice President of Public Services, will serve as Interim Chief Executive Officer and I will work with her over the coming months to ensure a seamless transition. Darcell has been with the Pratt for more than 25 years and I know she will be a strong and visionary leader as the Pratt undertakes a nationwide search for a permanent CEO in the new year.

During my tenure at the Pratt, we've achieved many important milestones together. The Central Library reopened after an historic renovation. We will break ground this year on the Pratt's first new library building in 15 years in Park Heights. The Pratt created new, innovative services through the COVID-19 pandemic that enabled ongoing access for our community. A new Master Facilities Plan is in its final stages to ensure the Pratt's ability to serve generations to come. With so much to celebrate, last year, the Pratt had the highest circulation in 12 years, a record number of active cardholders, and the highest number of new cardholders in seven years. I want to thank you for all you've done to help the Pratt reach new heights and be a leader for libraries nationwide.

I'm confident that the Pratt will continue to reach new goals with the leadership of Interim CEO Darcell Graham. She has worked across nearly all of the public service divisions at the Pratt and has a keen understanding of our shared vision and commitments. She and the experienced Pratt team will continue to move the Library forward in 2024. That work includes an historic American Rescue Plan investment in many Pratt buildings, productive collective bargaining negotiations with Pratt staff, and a new five-year strategic plan that will be rolled out in the new year.

The Pratt Library is a national jewel and it's been an honor and privilege to serve you. Thank you, again, for all that you've done to support the Pratt and our community.

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

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Now – April 13 | Central Library

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

To make an appointment, visit bmorefreetaxes.org or call 410-234-8008 Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Call 410-732-7777 for assistance in Spanish. Appointments must be made in advance.



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MEET DARCELL GRAHAM



MEET DARCELL GRAHAM, THE PRATT'S INTERIM CEO

Darcell Graham may be new to the interim CEO role, but she has spent 25 years of her career with the Pratt! Graham serves as the Vice President of Public Services overseeing nearly 300 public service employees. Graham's career at the Pratt has taken her through nearly every public service division, including Neighborhood Library Services, the State Library Resource Center, and Collection & Access Services. She has worked closely with Heidi Daniel in senior administration over the past several years.

"The Pratt Library has been my home for more than 25 years, and it's an honor to be selected to serve in this new role," Graham said. "Heidi leaves this historic library system in a strong and stable position. I am confident that our Executive

Administrative team will be able to seamlessly continue the Pratt's important work."

Graham holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Baltimore and a Masters in Library & Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh. This year she was named to The Leadership Baltimore class of 2024. In 2022, Graham was honored with Family Champion of the Year by the Baltimore Family Alliance for her work in Baltimore City communities.

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DON'T MISS OUT ON THE LATEST EPISODES!



JANUARY 2024



LIVE BALTIMORE

Growing Baltimore's population — that's the mission of Live Baltimore. Annie Milli is the Executive Director of the organization. This episode, we'll talk about why it's so vital to grow Charm City and the innovative ways Live Baltimore is working towards that.

FEBRUARY 2024



WATERFRONT PARTNERSHIP OF BALTIMORE

It's a time of transition for Baltimore's Inner Harbor. We go one-on-one with Waterfront Partnership's visionary leader, Laurie Schwartz, to talk about what's changed on the waterfront and the critical period we are in now in deciding what's next for the future.

Listen now at prattlibrary.org/bmorepodcast

BUILDING PROJECTS



POP-UP AT PAUL'S PLACE

As renovation plans continue for the Washington Village Branch, the Pratt is serving the Pigtown community at nearby Paul's Place (1118 Ward Ave.) Customers can place book holds and pick them up at Paul's Place and get assistance from library staff on Mondays and Wednesday, from 10:00 a.m. – noon and 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Staff can be reached during these hours at 443-788-5486.



WALBROOK COMPUTER SPACES

New furniture and paint colors have been selected for a makeover at the Walbrook Branch. The Pratt is converting the computer spaces in the branch into state-of-the-art coworking spaces. That will include furniture that allows for more privacy as people use devices and refreshed areas for social impact programs. This project is funded by American Rescue Plan funding, and is the first of several branch refreshes. Walbrook is expected to reopen to the public in Spring/Early Summer 2024.

BOOKLOVERS' BREAKFAST

More than 700 attendees gathered at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront for the 36th annual Booklovers' Breakfast featuring two-time National Book Award-winner Jesmyn Ward. More than 75 book clubs celebrated this year's event.



WELLNESS AT THE PRATT

In partnership with the University of Maryland School of Nursing, the Pratt Library is hosting nursing students, supervised by RNs, in four Pratt Library locations to provide free drop-in health assessments to Library customers.

The students can assist with:

- General health assessments
- Blood pressure checks
- Medicine education
- Finding healthcare providers
- Referrals for care
- Health education and promotion

The students **cannot** assist with first aid, wound care, emergency services, diagnosis of illness, or vaccinations.

Anyone experiencing a medical emergency should call 911.

SCHEDULE:

Orleans St.

Thursdays, February 1 – March 28
(except March 21)
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Waverly

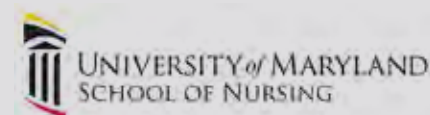
Thursdays, February 1 – March 28
(except March 21)
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Brooklyn

Fridays, February 2 – April 5
(except March 22)
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Southeast Anchor Library

Saturdays, February 3 – March 23
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



ARTS @ THE PRATT

ADULTS

Artist Material "Petting Zoo:"

Craft Exploration

Saturday, March 2, 2:00 p.m. | Central Library
Artist Rosa Chang will join us for a Sustainable Mending workshop that explores various hand-stitching techniques and collage creations using denim.

Agustin Muriago, Piano

Wednesday, March 13, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library

Join us for a special performance by Peabody faculty member Agustin Muriago, featuring piano music from all across Latin America!

Mosaic Art with Luann Carra

Monday, March 25, 5:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.

Create a work of mosaic art under the guidance of local artist, Luann Carra. Space is limited. To register, please call 410-396-0946.

Sew a Tote Bag!

Saturday, April 13, 1:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.

Baltimore Threads will talk about the art of sewing and to guide participants through a simple activity. Space is limited. Please call 410-396-0946 to register.

TEENS

Mosaic Workshop

Tuesday, March 26, 2:00 p.m. | Light St.
Create a one-of-a-kind mosaic piece of art in a workshop presented by Sarah McCann. Space is limited. Call 410-396-1096 or email lgh@prattlibrary.org to register.

Journey Records Talent Showcase

Thursday, March 28, 5:00 p.m.
Central Library
The culmination of our 8-week teen music and entertainment program. Witness the diverse talents that have flourished during the program, from soulful melodies to groundbreaking beats.

Guitar String Jewelry

Wednesday, April 10, 3:30 p.m.
Central Library
Teens ages 11 – 19 are invited to join local guitar designers, Nick and Jamie, to learn the basics of soldering, as well as create bracelets or other jewelry from recycled guitar strings.

Painting with Ms. Cheri

Tuesday, April 16, 3:00 p.m. | Govans
Explore painting with Ms. Cheri at the Govans Branch.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Mount Vernon Virtuosi "Cello Gang"

Friday, March 8, 12:00 p.m. | Central Library
Renowned cellist Amit Peled, artistic director of the Mount Vernon Virtuosi, leads the orchestra's "Cello Gang" into the Pratt to present "Around the World in Six Cellos."

Opera Baltimore: Voice Your Story

Thursday, March 14, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.

Thursday, March 21, 3:00 p.m.
Central Library

Thursday, March 21, 4:00 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.

Tuesday, April 30, 3:30 p.m. | Light St.
Join us as Opera Baltimore leads youth into mindfulness and collaboration through opera-based storytelling. Participants will also engage in breathing and team-building exercises. Call the branch to register.

Opera for Children: The Billy Goats Gruff

Saturday, March 16, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.
Music students from Towson University perform this timeless fairy tale with vibrant costumes and fanciful scenery. The performance is 35 minutes long and perfect for ages 3 – 10, but fun for all ages!

Backyard Fairy Houses

Saturday, March 30, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden
We'll read Phoebe Wahl's Backyard Fairies, then decorate a tiny magical home for your fairy friends! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6043.

Live Music: Sac au Lait

Saturday, April 6, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
Celebrate National Library Week! Weather permitting, the band will lead a parade outside to celebrate libraries. Sponsored by the Friends of the Light Street Branch.

Peabody at the Library

Monday, April 8, 4:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Monday, April 15, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly
Thursday, April 25, 4:30 p.m. | Hampden
An informal classical music performance for all ages presented by student musicians from Peabody Conservatory.

Mini Masterpieces:

Celebrate National Library Week!

Saturday, April 13, 11:30 a.m. | Central Library
Join us as we read Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré by Anika Aldamuy Denise and Paola Escobar, then explore and create different types of art that bring the story to life.



PROGRAMS WITH ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE HOESY CORONA

CREATE YOUR OWN MINI CLIMATE PONCHO!

Thursday, March 28, 5:00 p.m.
Central Library

Unleash your creativity at this all-ages workshop led by artist-in-residence Hoesy Corona. Participants will have the opportunity to craft their very own mini Climate Ponchos, drawing inspiration from Hoesy's artwork. As we work together to envision a brighter future for our planet, let your imagination run wild and create a unique Climate Poncho that tells your story.

CROSSROADS:

AN EVENING WITH HOESY CORONA

Thursday, April 25, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library

Step into the world of Hoesy Corona at the 2024 Artist-in-Residence exhibit opening, titled CROSSROADS. Here, Hoesy unveils his latest creations: Climate Ponchos crafted from durable alloy materials, a powerful continuation of his Climate Immigrants performance series. Join us for an intimate artist talk where Hoesy will delve into the inspiration, process, and the message embedded in his art, shedding light on the profound impact of climate change on communities worldwide.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: 2025 ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROPOSALS

The application process for the 2025 Artist in Residence program is now open. To apply, please visit prattlibrary.org/artists-in-residence/proposals.

AUTHOR EVENTS

All events require registration; visit 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.



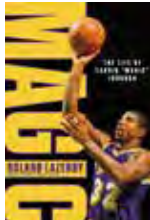
WRITERS LIVE! TAMRON HALL

Watch Where They Hide

Saturday, March 16, 3:00 p.m. | Central Library

From Emmy Award-winner Tamron Hall comes an edge-of-your-seat thriller featuring journalist Jordan Manning as she delves into the case of a mother in danger and uncovers a dangerous web of secrets that could lead right to the missing woman — or put Jordan in the crosshairs of her abductors. Tamron Hall will be joined in conversation by Karsonya Wise Whitehead, host of *Today with Dr. Kaye* on WEAA 88.9 FM. All registered in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book. There will not be a book signing following the program. **Registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org**

WRITERS LIVE!



ROLAND LAZENBY

Magic

Monday, March 4, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Through hundreds of interviews with Johnson's coaches,

representatives past and present, teammates, opponents, friends, and loved ones, as well as key conversations with Johnson himself over the years, Lazenby has produced the first truly definitive study, both dark and light, of Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Jr. — the revolutionary player, the icon, the man.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



ALI TERESE

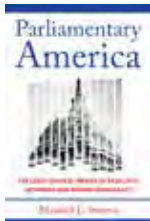
Free Period

Tuesday, March 5, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.

Celebrate the release of Ali Terese's debut novel *Free Period*, a middle-

grade book that calls attention to period equity, activism, and friendship. Participants will receive a FREE copy of the book while supplies last.

WRITERS LIVE!



MAXWELL STEARNS

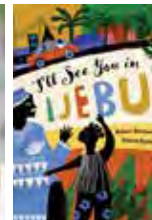
Parliamentary America

Monday, March 11, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Americans face increasingly stark choices each presidential election

and a growing sense that our government can't solve the nation's most urgent challenges. Our eighteenth-century system is ill suited to our twenty-first-century world. In *Parliamentary America*, Maxwell Stearns argues that the solution to these complex problems is a parliamentary democracy. Maxwell Stearns will be joined in conversation by political science professor Emily Zackin.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



BUNMI EMENANJO

I'll See You in Ijebu

Thursday, March 14, 4:00 p.m.
Herring Run

Bunmi Emenanjo's debut novel *I'll See You in Ijebu*, tells the story

of a young Catholic girl growing up in Nigeria, who visits her Muslim extended family in the countryside to celebrate Eid al-Adha. Participants will receive a FREE copy of the book while supplies last.

WRITERS LIVE!



DAVID SMALL

The Werewolf at Dusk

Thursday, March 14, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Long celebrated as a modern master of graphic literature, David

Small's work has elicited comparisons to Stan Lee and even Alfred Hitchcock. His internationally acclaimed graphic memoir, *Stitches*, told the story of a childhood in disarray. *The Werewolf at Dusk*, appearing nearly 15 years later, turned its attention to the twilight of life and to aging, gracefully or otherwise. All registered in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book.

WRITERS LIVE!



LINDA RABBEN

Through a Glass Darkly

Saturday, March 16, 2:00 p.m.
Govans

Saturday, April 20, 11:00 a.m.
Canton

Exploring her new neighborhood after moving to Baltimore in 2021, anthropologist Linda Rabben noticed numerous stained-glass windows in houses, churches, and public buildings. On-the-ground and archival research in the city and suburbs inspired her to write about the connections between decorative art elements in the built environment and Baltimore's long history of racial, ethnic, and religious segregation.

WRITERS LIVE!



SALIMA MARRIOTT GIBBS

Bringing Into Being Our Legacy

Monday, March 25, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Bringing Into Being Our Legacy is the story of Salima Siler Marriott

Gibbs's life and the legacies of the 16 women who were the primary influencers of her evolving adult life. Salima Marriott Gibbs will be joined in conversation by the book's contributors Georgia Goslee, Honorable Verna Jones-Rodwell, Rev. Dr. Barbara Sands, and Terrez Thompson. All in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book.

WRITERS LIVE!



JONNA MENDEZ

In True Face

Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

In True Face recounts not only the drama of Mendez's high-stakes work

in the CIA — how this savvy operator parlayed her “everywoman” appeal into incredible subterfuge — but also the grit and good fortune it took for her to navigate a misogynistic world. This is the story of an incredible spy career and what it took to achieve it.

KIDS' WRITER LIVE!



RONALD SMITH

Where the Black Flowers Bloom

Thursday, April 11, 3:30 p.m.
Govans

Author Ronald Smith will talk about his latest book. Participants will

receive a FREE copy of the book, while supplies last. Presented in partnership with Friends of the Govans Library in honor of retired children's librarian Gloria Bartas.

WRITERS LIVE!



DR. SHARON MALONE

Grown Woman Talk

Thursday, April 11, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Grown Woman Talk is for every woman who has felt marginalized

or overwhelmed by a healthcare system that has become more impersonal, complex, and difficult to navigate than ever. It's also for any woman who is simply standing at the intersection of aging and health, anxious and wanting solutions. All registered in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book.

WRITERS LIVE!



ANDREW KAHL

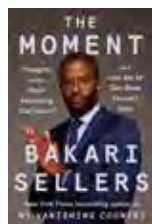
The Black Tax

Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Revealing a history that is deep, broad, and infuriating, *The Black*

Tax casts a bold light on the racist practices long hidden in the shadows of America's tax regimes. Andrew Kahl will be joined in conversation by author and equity scientist Lawrence Brown.

WRITERS LIVE!



BAKARI SELLERS

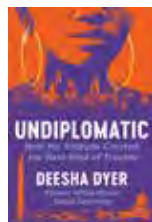
The Moment

Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Sellers examines national politics and policies that deeply impact

not only Black people in his home state of South Carolina but the lives of millions of African Americans in communities across the nation. Bakari Sellers will be joined in conversation by White House correspondent April Ryan.

WRITERS LIVE!



DEESHA DYER

Undiplomatic

Thursday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Moved by the election of the country's first Black president,

Deesha Dyer applied for a White House internship in 2009 as a 31-year-old part-time community student, taking a leap that carried her to the epicenter of politics.

WRITERS LIVE!



NICOLE CHUNG

A Living Remedy

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

A Living Remedy examines what it takes to reconcile the distance

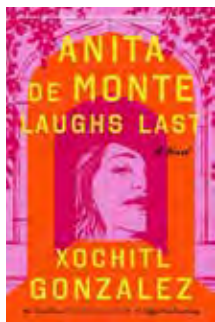
between one life, one home, and another — and sheds needed light on some of the most persistent and grievous inequalities in American society. Nicole Chung will be joined in conversation by award-winning author Danielle Evans.

“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 March and April coming soon to the Pratt Library.



Anita De Monte Laughs Last by Xochitl Gonzalez

1985. Anita de Monte, a rising star in the art world, is found dead in New York City. 1998. Raquel, a third-year art history student, stumbles upon Anita's story, which eerily mirrors her own. A witty examination of power, love, and art, daring to ask who gets to be remembered in the rarefied world of the elite.



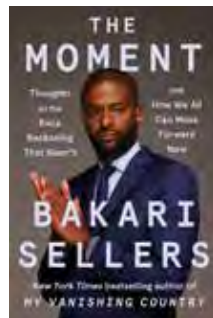
Still See You Everywhere by Lisa Gardner

Frankie Elkin is an expert at finding missing persons, but even she couldn't have anticipated this latest request — to locate the long-lost sister of a female serial killer facing execution in three weeks' time. In order to learn the truth and possibly save a young woman's life, Frankie must go undercover with zero means of calling for help.



The Demon of Unrest by Erik Larson

An account of the chaotic months between Lincoln's election and the Confederacy's shelling of Fort Sumter — a period marked by tragic errors and miscommunications, enflamed egos and craven ambitions, personal tragedies and betrayals. Lincoln wrote that the trials were "so great that, could I have anticipated them, I would not have believed it possible to survive them."



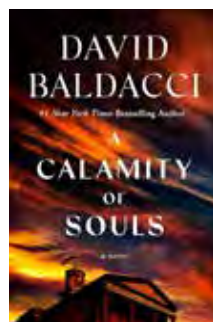
The Moment by Bakari Sellers

In this powerful and persuasive book, Sellers expands on the issues he addressed in his *New York Times*-bestseller *My Vanishing Country*, examining national politics and policies that deeply impact not only Black people in his home state of South Carolina but the lives of millions of African Americans in communities across the nation.



Funny Story by Emily Henry

When Peter dumps Daphne for his best friend, Petra, Daphne moves in with the only non-Peter-related person she knows: Petra's heartbroken ex, Miles. Just until she can get a new job anywhere else. But Miles decides to convince Daphne to give life here a real shot. And if they happen to post deliberately misleading photos of their adventures together, who could blame them?



A Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci

Set in the tumultuous year of 1968 in Virginia, a racially-charged murder case sets a duo of white and Black lawyers against a deeply unfair system as they work to defend their wrongfully-accused Black defendants. *A Calamity of Souls* breathes richly imagined and detailed life into a bygone era, taking the reader through a world that will seem both foreign and familiar.



Table for Two by Amor Towles

Amor Towles fans are in for a treat as he shares some of his shorter fiction: six stories based in New York City and a novella set in Golden Age Hollywood. Written with his signature wit, humor, and sophistication, *Table for Two* is another glittering addition to Towles's canon of stylish and transporting fiction.



James by Percival Everett

When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold, he hides on nearby Jackson Island. Meanwhile, Huck Finn has faked his own death to escape his violent father. Thus begins the journey by raft down the Mississippi River. A brilliant reimagining of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, both harrowing and ferociously funny, told from Jim's point of view.



Knife by Salman Rushdie

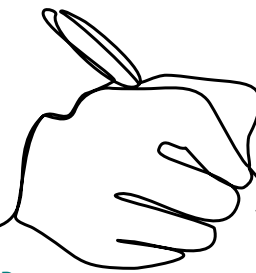
A searing, deeply personal account of enduring — and surviving — an attempt on his life 30 years after the fatwa that was ordered against him. Speaking out for the first time about the traumatic events of August 12, 2022, Salman Rushdie answers violence with art, and reminds us of the power of words to make sense of the unthinkable.



Maktub by Paulo Coelho

A collection of stories and parables unlocking the mysteries of the human condition. Gathered from Paulo Coelho's daily column of the same name, *Maktub* (meaning "it is written") invites seekers on a journey of faith, self-reflection, and transformation. As Paulo Coelho explains, "*Maktub* is not a book of advice—but an exchange of experiences."

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH



ADULTS

Virtual Lunchtime Shut Up & Write

Thursdays, March 7 – April 25, 12:00 p.m.

Virtual

Write an hour each week at the same time and place. RSVP and please log in a few minutes early to get settled. Our organizer will lead introductions, set a timer and everyone will begin writing. Our virtual meetup is a safe space for writers to work on their projects.

Poetry Online Discussion of Louise Glück

Saturday, March 9, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual

For more information, email poetry@prattlibrary.org.

Poetry: Read & Create

Wednesday, April 3, 12:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

Read poetry and create some of your own. Poetry is a form of literature that often uses rhythmic qualities of language.

Adult Book Discussion

Saturday, April 13, 11:00 a.m. | Herring Run

A Good Cry by Nikki Giovanni

One of America's most celebrated poets looks inward in this powerful rumination on her life and the people who have shaped her.

Poetry Online Discussion of E.E. Cummings

Saturday, April 13, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual

For more information, please email poetry@prattlibrary.org.

Book Discussion: Dreaming Of You

Monday, April 15, 6:00 p.m. | Hampden

Read and discuss Dreaming Of You: A Novel In Verse by Melissa Lozada-Oliva

Pratt Page-Turners Book Club

Saturday, April 20, 11:00 a.m.

Central Library & Virtual

Join us for a discussion of Emily Wilson's translation of Homer's Iliad. This program has a hybrid format. For help obtaining the book or to learn about passages we may discuss, please email fic@prattlibrary.org.

Caribbean Lit Book Club: Poetry Edition

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m. | Light St.

Celebrate National Poetry Month with Cherrie Woods aka Cherrie Amour.

Participants are also encouraged to share their Caribbean-influenced poetry or their favorite Caribbean poet.

Creating Powerful Poems

Saturday, April 27, 1:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

Come unleash your creativity as you explore some of the building blocks of poetry in a safe and supportive environment. This workshop is suitable for all levels. Engage all your senses, take time for some self-reflection, and explore the lyrical prose of Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson.

TEENS

Spoken Word Performance: My Hoprah

Thursday, March 28, 3:30 p.m. | Brooklyn

Join spoken word artist Regie Cabico for a performance followed by a writer's workshop for teens.

Rapping with Mr. Root

Tuesday, April 2, 3:30 p.m. | Northwood

Friday, April 5, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Jamaal "Mr. Root" Collier leads an engaging hip hop-based performance, followed by a creative workshop for teen artists!

The Power of Poetry

Wednesday, April 3, 4:00 p.m. | Central Library

Get ready to dive into the Power of Poetry with DewMore Baltimore. Explore personal and social issues through poetry. Learn how to express yourself and understand the world. Join a writing workshop and an open mic session to connect with poets of all ages.

Empowerment Through Music

Monday, April 15, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton

Author, two-time TEDx Speaker, singer/songwriter, and Coach, Emma G uses music to empower, uplift, and motivate audiences worldwide. Join her for a performance followed by a writer's workshop for teens.

Art to Poetry: An Ekphrastic Experience

Tuesday, April 23, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.

Join us for a collaborative poetry program. Ekphrastic poetry refers to a poem written about a visual work of art and the emotional and intellectual response it evokes in the viewer.

My Favorite Poem

Monday, April 29, 6:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.

Join us for the Favorite Poem Project. Come share your favorite poem with others, and listen to them share theirs. For this event, we ask that you share a poem written by someone other than yourself. To register, call 410-396-0946.



NATIONAL POETRY MONTH: OPEN MIC READINGS

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

Central Library & Virtual

Join us for a reading by local poets Shirley Brewer, Edward Doyle-Gillespie, and Joseph Ross followed by a poetry open mic. Each featured poet will read from their latest collection. The reading limit for the open mic is 3 minutes per person. All are welcome to share original poems. Sign up for the open mic as you arrive or email poetry@prattlibrary.org.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Gather Your Words

Tuesday, April 16, 3:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.

Learn about Found Poetry and create your own mixed-media poem! Participants can write a poem using blackout and found poetry techniques or create illustrations for an existing poem.

A Giraffe and a Half:

A 60th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, April 18, 4:00 p.m. | Hampden

"If you had a giraffe and he stretched another half, you would have a giraffe and a half..." But what happens if you glue a rose to the tip of his nose? Or if you used a chair to comb his hair? Find out at the Hampden Branch as we celebrate National Poetry Month and the 60th anniversary of Shel Silverstein's A Giraffe and a Half.

Draw a Poem

Thursday, April 18, 4:30 p.m. | Pennsylvania Ave.

Celebrate National Poetry Month! Listen to some poetry and draw your favorite poem.



Imagination celebration

IMAGINATION CELEBRATION KICK OFF: FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL

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

Are you ready for a family-friendly, fun-filled day complete with stories, animals, puppets, and more? Join us on Saturday, April 6 at the Central Library for our Imagination Celebration Kick Off event!

Meet Tammi Sauer and Vanessa Brantley-Newton, author and illustrator of our featured title, *Mary Had a Little Plan*! Watch Meadow Perry perform bubble magic, meet animals with Wildlife Adventures, enjoy a puppet show from Danny Joe's Tree House, and more.

Spring Crafternoon: Spring Flower Bouquet

Mondays, March 11 & April 8, 3:00 p.m.
Northwood

Create a spring flower bouquet to take home and share as a reminder of the happiness that spring brings!

Sing & Play with Baltimore Choral Arts

Tuesday, March 19, 12:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library

It's never too early to introduce your little ones to the joy of making music! 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.

Crafternoon: DIY Seed Bombs

Tuesday, March 26, 3:30 p.m. | Canton
Create wildflower seed bombs with your favorite adult! Bring them home and beautify your neighborhood.

Music & Movement Storytime:

Mary Had a Little Plan

Monday, April 1, 4:00 p.m.

Canton Church on the Square,
1025 S. Potomac St.

Join us for a special storytime! Shimmy, shake, wiggle, and giggle as we read Mary Had a Little Plan, written by Tammi Sauer and illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton. We will have interactive songs and fun activities to get kids (and adults) up and moving! For families with children ages 0 – 5. This program will be held at the Church on the Square, located behind the library on 1025 S. Potomac Street.

Crafternoon: Fuse Beads

Monday, April 1, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Join us for a crafty afternoon with fuse beads! Use your imagination to create something you might find in a community garden.

Wildlife in Our World: Urban Oasis Edition

Tuesday, April 2, 10:30 a.m. | Roland Park
Tuesday, April 23, 10:30 a.m. | Edmondson Ave.
Thursday, April 25, 10:30 a.m. | Hamilton
Join us for an exciting peek into the world of urban wildlife. Encounter live animals like toads, turtles, rabbits, and more, showcasing the diverse creatures that thrive in these green spaces. Naturalists will share insights into their habitats and behaviors, and give ideas for ways to attract wildlife to your home. Don't miss this chance to explore the hidden wonders of our backyard parks!

Crafternoon: Plant Pot Decoration

Tuesday, April 2, 3:30 p.m. | Canton
Decorate and plant a seed in a paper pot with the Canton Branch. Bring it home and watch it grow!

Tuesday Crafternoons:

Imagination Celebration

Tuesdays, April 2, 16, 23, & 30, 3:30 p.m.
Orleans St.

Enjoy Imagination Celebration at the Orleans Street Branch by joining our Tuesday Crafternoons, during the month of April! The first and final Crafternoons will be kicked off with a quick reading of our selected book for this year's celebration, Mary Had a Little Plan by Tammi Sauer and Vanessa Brantley-Newton.

Musical Storytelling

Wednesday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.
Reisterstown Rd.

Wednesday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.
Northwood

Join the Mount Vernon Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra for a musical story and an introduction to the world of classical music.

Nursery Rhyme Window Decoration

Wednesday, April 3, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.

Take inspiration from the characters in Mary Had a Little Plan by Tammi Sauer and Vanessa Brantley-Newton to create a faux stained glass window decoration.



MEET THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR: TAMMI SAUER AND VANESSA BRANTLEY-NEWTON

Thursday, April 4, 11:00 a.m. | Brooklyn
Thursday, April 4, 4:00 p.m. | Hampden
Friday, April 5, 3:00 p.m.
Canton Church on the Square
1025 S. Potomac St.

Meet the creators of this year's Imagination Celebration book!

Tammi Sauer is the author of more than 30 picture books, including *Mary Had a Little Glam*, *Your Alien*, and *Lovebird Lou*. She is a former teacher and library media specialist who now celebrates reading and writing with thousands of kids each year through her author visits. Tammi and her family live in Edmond, Oklahoma, where they make and carry out all kinds of plans.

Vanessa Brantley-Newton is a self-taught illustrator, doll maker, and crafter who studied fashion illustration at FIT and children's book illustration at the School of Visual Arts in New York. She is the author and illustrator of *Grandma's Purse*, *Just Like Me*, and *Becoming Vanessa*, and has illustrated numerous children's books. Vanessa lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, with her husband, daughter, and a very rambunctious cat named Stripes.

IMAGINATION KIT

April 6 – 30, while supplies last | All Pratt Locations

Explore and create with the crafts in your Imagination Kit based on the book *Mary Had a Little Plan* by Tammi Sauer and Vanessa Brantley-Newton. Imagination Kits are filled with activities and crafts for preschoolers that encourage creativity and imagination. For ages 3 – 5 with adult supervision. Available beginning April 6 on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.





Mary Had a Little Plan... For You!

Monday, April 8, 11:30 a.m. | Reisterstown Rd.
Find out how Mary created a garden out of an abandoned lot by listening to Mary Had a Little Plan. Then, create your own garden sensory bottle! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0948.

Crafternoon: Paint a Ceramic Bug

Monday, April 8, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Join us for a crafternoon where you will get to paint your own ceramic bug or butterfly.

Flower Pot Gardening & Decorating

Wednesday, April 10, 4:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Paint your own flower pot and learn all about seed bombs from our friends at Masonville Cove! Use your imagination and creativity to make a beautiful flower pot, plant a seed inside, and bring it home to watch your plant grow!

Fast & Fun Wednesdays: Sidewalk Chalk Art

Wednesday, April 10, 4:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Only have 15 mins to spare? Stop by the Southeast Anchor Library for some fast fun with sidewalk chalk art.

Rock & Rhyme with Mr. Jon

Thursday, April 11, 10:30 a.m. | Orleans St.
Wednesday, April 17, 10:30 a.m.
Patterson Park
Saturday, April 20, 10:30 a.m. | Govans
Join Parents' Choice Award winner Mr. Jon for a concert for the whole family! This musical comedy show will have everyone dancing and laughing along. Using songs, rhymes, books, and puppets, Mr. Jon and his silly friend George the Monkey will entertain you with a show for the young and young at heart.

Mary Had a Little Garden Party

Saturday, April 13, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden
Welcome to our enchanting Garden Party! Calling all young artists to join us in a creative celebration where nature meets imagination. Children will have a blooming good time as they gather to decorate mini terracotta pots using their favorite temporary tattoos. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6043.

Crafternoon: Upcycled Craft

Monday, April 15, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Create a bouquet of flowers using upcycled egg cartons!

Spring Crafternoon

Tuesdays, April 16 – 30, 3:30 p.m. | Canton
Join us on Tuesdays for an afternoon of spring-related arts and crafts. We'll explore various art techniques, materials, and styles. Projects will be designed for a variety of ages and skill levels.

Crafternoon: Glam Flower Pots

Tuesday, April 16, 3:30 p.m. | Light St.
Add some glam to your garden by creating a fabulous flower pot!

Plant Your Own Seeds

Tuesday, April 16, 3:30 p.m. | Patterson Park
Decorate a pot and plant seeds to grow at home.

Family Storytime & Craft:

Mary Had a Little Plan

Wednesday, April 17, 10:30 a.m. | Cherry Hill
Join us as we read Mary Had a Little Plan by Tammi Sauer and Vanessa Brantley-Newton. A craft will follow storytime. For additional information, please call the Cherry Hill Branch at 410-396-1168.

Family Storytime & Flower Printing

Wednesday, April 17, 10:30 a.m.
Edmondson Ave.
A storytime featuring Mary Had a Little Plan followed by nature art! We'll print and paint with materials found in nature.

DIY GIANT FLOWERS

Wednesday, April 3, 3:30 p.m.
Orleans St. | **FOR TEENS**

Teens, your support is key to creating a magical experience for the little ones in our Library community. Be part of the Imagination Celebration — an event that sparks children's creativity and adds a sprinkle of enchantment to our beloved community library! Join us for a fun afternoon creating DIY Giant Flowers to spruce up the Library! Teens, add your creative touch to make the children's section a lively and inspiring space!

Imagination Celebration Storytime

Wednesday, April 17, 10:30 a.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Join us for a special storytime featuring Mary Had a Little Plan by Tammi Sauer and Vanessa Brantley-Newton.

Mary Had a Little Plan Craft

Thursday, April 18, 11:00 a.m. | Roland Park
Mary had a little lamb, and now you can create your own little lamb made out of cotton balls as part of a storytime craft!



My Mini Garden

Thursday, April 18, 3:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join us to celebrate Mary Had a Little Plan by Tammi Sauer and Vanessa Brantley-Newton! Be inspired by Mary's journey by creating your own mini garden to keep and play with.

Mary Had a Little Plant Head

Saturday, April 20, 1:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Join us as we exercise our imaginations and create our very own plant heads! We will read aloud from Mary Had a Little Plan by Tammi Sauer and then construct our very own plant heads with "a little flair."

Crafternoon: Seed Bombs

Monday, April 22, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Join us for a crafternoon. Make seed bombs to spread wildflower seeds in your community!

Animal Adventures with Masonville Cove

Tuesday, April 23, 11:00 a.m. | Brooklyn
Join the Brooklyn Branch and our friends at Masonville Cove! Learn about local animals and wildlife and meet some amazing animal friends.

Community Clean Up Day!

Tuesday, April 23, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Cherry Hill
In honor of Imagination Celebration and Earth Day, join us as we clean up our community at the Cherry Hill Town Center. Individuals, families, and community partners are welcome. Supplies will be provided as well as snacks for all participants. The clean up starts at 3:00 p.m. For additional information on how to volunteer for this community event, please call 410-396-1168.

3D Garden Craft

Tuesday, April 23, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Join us for an afternoon of fun! Create a colorful 3D flower bed. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

Crafternoon: Sun Printing

Tuesday, April 23, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Make beautiful pictures using dried flowers and the sun through a process called Cyanotype printing!

Earth Day Planters

Saturday, April 27, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Govans
Paint a planter in honor of Imagination Celebration and Earth Day! Participants will have an opportunity to add a plant to their planter to take home.

A Splash of Flowers

Saturday, April 27, 2:00 p.m. | Central Library
Make seed balls to create a splash of colorful flowers this spring! Seed balls are made out of clay, soil, and seeds mixed together. For children ages 4 & up with an adult. All abilities welcome.

SPRING BREAK

TEENS

CONQUER THE PSAT/SAT:

JEOPARDY HOUR

Wednesday, March 27, 3:30 p.m.
Orleans St.
Jump into the realm of SAT and PSAT questions with our cool Jeopardy-style game. Snacks will be provided!

SPRING BREAK COMICS HANGOUT

Thursday, March 28, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Come share your favorite comics and webtoons with us over Spring Break!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

KIDS GAME NIGHT

Monday, March 25, 4:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Play some fun video games and new board games! Snacks will be provided.

KIDS BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, March 27, 1:00 p.m.
Brooklyn
For our older elementary schoolers and tweens, here is the book club for you! No need to bring a book, a copy will be provided with a chance to volunteer to read aloud or to listen to the read-aloud.

STRAW CHALLENGES

Wednesday, March 27, 3:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Put your engineering skills to the test as you complete building challenges with a team.

SPRING INTO STEAM: FLUFFY SLIME

Wednesday, March 27, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Shake off the winter blues and spring into this fluffy slime activity.

INDOOR PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME

Thursday, March 28, 2:00 p.m. | Hampden
Join us for an afternoon of play! For families with children ages 3 – 5. Siblings welcome. All abilities welcome.

KIDS PAINT NIGHT

Thursday, March 28, 4:00 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.
Show off your creativity and have fun exploring paint styles! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0948.



ONE BOOK BALTIMORE



On February 7, to celebrate another year of One Book Baltimore the Library hosted a discussion between this year's One Book Baltimore author, Jacqueline Woodson, and previous One Book author Tami Charles. This year there were 12,800 books given away, more than 600 program attendees, and six school visits.



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One Book Baltimore is a collaboration between the T. Rowe Price Foundation, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore City Public Schools, and other community partners.



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EXPLORING IRELAND AND IRISH HERITAGE

Thursday, March 14, 5:30 p.m. | Hampden

Join photographer Denny Lynch on a visual tour of Ireland, presented with photographs of the beautiful castles, towns, and landscapes across the country. In addition, Denny will share his insights into researching Irish genealogy.

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

ADULTS

COMMUNITY IFTAR WITH MERA KITCHEN COLLECTIVE

Thursday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.

Central Library

Ramadan Mubarak! Ramadan, the month in the Islamic calendar when Muslims fast from dawn to sunset, is a time for sharing, giving, and being in community with others. Join Mera Kitchen Collective for a community Iftar, the main meal of the fasting day when neighbors, friends and families gather to break fast together. Dinner will be provided, and guests from the Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies will join us to share their stories of Ramadan and insights from their studies. Advanced registration is required for this program to reserve your meal. Please reserve your spot at prattlibrary.org.

MIDDLE EASTERN FLAVORS: HUMMUS!

Thursday, April 11, 5:30 p.m. | Brooklyn
Take a journey to the Middle East through food! We will try a variety of spices and discuss their origin. Watch a live tutorial on how to make hummus easily at home.

TEENS

AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE: BLACK ADAM

Wednesday, April 24, 3:30 p.m.

Orleans St.

In honor of Arab American Heritage Month we will watch Black Adam and have a discussion about Arab American representation in comic books following the film. 2022 | Rated PG-13 | 2 hr. 5 min.

TEEN MOSAIC COASTER CRAFT

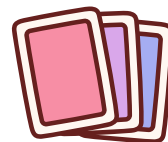
Monday, April 29, 4:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Learn about Moroccan tile mosaics and making your own unique glass mosaic coaster!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

CRAFTERNOON: LANTERN SUNCATCHER

Monday, March 11, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Celebrate the start of Ramadan by making a lantern suncatcher.

GAME ON!



ADULTS

Your Turn: Board Game Group

Mondays, March 11 & April 8, 6:00 p.m.
Hamilton

This monthly meetup includes card, board, or party-style games.

Adult Video Game Night

Tuesdays, March 12 & 26, April 2, 16, & 30
4:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

Come play some of your favorite video games on PS4, Nintendo Switch, and Xbox one!

Adult Game Night: Classic Board Games

Thursday, April 18, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly
Join us for timeless fun! Registration is required. Call 410-396-6089 or stop by the Adult Information Desk to register.

Chess Moves: Master the Game with The Board Room Chess

Saturday, April 20, 11:00 a.m. | Brooklyn
Learn how to master the game of chess! Hosted by The Board Room Chess.

Get on Board!

Thursday, April 25, 6:30 p.m. | Light St.
Board and card game fun for adults. Feel free to bring a game from your own collection.

TEENS

Games at Govans

Mondays, March 4 & April 1, 3:00 p.m.
Govans

Start a D&D or TTRPG adventure, play your favorite games, or make a new favorite!

Game Taste Test

Mondays, March 4 – 25, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
We'll explore new games each week.
March 4: Munchkin
March 11: Fluxx
March 18: Zombies!!!
March 25: Uno

Teen Video Game Night

Thursdays, March 7 & April 25, 5:00 p.m.
Brooklyn
Come hang out and play video games!

Model & Mini Painting

Friday, March 8, 3:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.
Join us to paint miniature figures and models used in board games and roleplaying games.

Teen Game Night

Tuesdays, March 12 & April 9, 3:30 p.m.
Herring Run
Enjoy video game favorites on the Nintendo Switch and PlayStation 4!

Board Game Night

Tuesday, March 12, 3:30 p.m. | Northwood
Teens and tweens come out and have fun playing board games with your friends.

Chess with the Librarian

Wednesdays, March 13 & April 10, 3:30 p.m.
Waverly
Play a casual game with your neighborhood librarian.

Drama & Dice: Roleplaying Games

Thursdays, March 14 & April 18, 4:30 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Ready sword and spell in a roleplaying game adventure similar to Dungeons & Dragons!

Dungeons & Dragons: My First Campaign

Mondays, April 1 – 15, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Learn the basics of 5th-edition Dungeons & Dragons with this entry-level campaign.

After School Board Games

Monday, April 15, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden
Unwind with board games and snacks.

Choose Your Own Adventure Financial Literacy Game

Wednesday, April 17, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Have you ever wanted to produce a movie? Learn how to handle celebrity meltdowns, location nightmares, and media mishaps, all while keeping your finances in check. If you have your own device (tablet, laptop, etc.) feel free to bring it along.

Learn Computer Coding From Board Games

Wednesday, April 17, 4:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Want to learn coding in a fun way? Come to our board game night, and team up with friends to solve problems using basic coding principles — all without needing a computer!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

All Ages Bingo!

Monday, March 4, 6:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Join us at for an all ages Bingo!

Fast & Fun Wednesdays: Buzzword Junior

Wednesday, April 3, 4:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Only have 15 mins to spare? Stop by for some fast fun with Buzzword Junior.



BECOMING A COLLEGIATE STUDENT-ATHLETE

Tuesday, March 26, 3:00 p.m. | Govans
Thursday, April 18, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park

Join us for an engaging student-athlete panel showcasing talented individuals from nearby colleges and universities in the DMV area. Discover their inspiring journeys and gain insights into the unique challenges faced by collegiate student-athletes, as they share the delicate balance between sports, academics, and personal life.

"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.

EARTH DAY

ADULTS

Paper Flowers

Monday, March 11, 12:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.

Come create some flowers we can keep as long as we would like to admire them.

Gifts From the Garden

Mondays, March 11 & April 8, 6:00 p.m.
Herring Run

March: Early Spring Vegetables

April: Getting the Garden Plot Ready

Lets Create! Teapot Flower Planters

Thursday, March 14, 2:30 p.m. | Patterson Park
*Come and decorate a teapot planter.
Registration is required, call 410-396-0983.*

Adult Pressed Flower Craft

Thursday, March 21, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
*Join us as we create a pressed flower lantern.
This program has limited spaces. To register,
please call Cherry Hill at 410-396-1168.*

Celebrate Spring: Planter Painting

Monday, April 8, 6:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Come join us as we decorate planters to take home. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0970.

Spring Foraging for Wild Edibles

Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library
Foraging can offer a variety of health benefits and add unique flavors and textures to your meals. Join retired Entomologist and Natural History Society of Maryland teacher Nick Spero for a presentation about springtime wild edibles in Maryland. Advanced registration is required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Gardening for Birds & Baltimore

Thursday, April 11, 6:00 p.m. | Govans
Presented by Audubon. Learn how to transform your home, school, work, or community space into a native urban oasis! Audubon experts will share practical tips and scientific support for gardening with native plants, which also make our communities more resilient to climate change. Register online at md.audubon.org/events/gardening-birds-and-baltimore-workshop.

Fairy Garden Workshop

Saturday, April 13, 10:30 a.m. | Govans
Create your own miniature fairy garden with supplies provided. Registration required, call 410-396-6098 to register.

Mosquito Bucket of Doom!

Saturday, April 20, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.
Come learn how to make and maintain a mosquito dunk bucket, a non-toxic, pollinator friendly method of mosquito control. Call 410-396-1096 or email lgh@prattlibrary.org to register. Presented by neighborhood resident Megan Boddy-Pickard.

Exploring 19th Century Wildlife in Print!

Monday, April 22, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Central Library
Celebrate Earth Day by exploring a selection of 19th-century nature prints from rare books and personal papers in the Special Collections Department. Hand colored lithographs, modern reproductions, and original photographs of birds and wildlife from the pages of our collection will be on display. Attendees will receive a souvenir poster.

TEENS

Planter Makeover

Monday, March 11, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Young adults can get ready for spring by decorating their own terracotta planter pots. Teens will be encouraged to use their planters to grow their own plant.

Teen Plant-It! Succulents

Monday, March 25, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Teens come and plant a succulent. You will be able to use your decorated planters from the "Planter Makeover" As part of the program learn how to plant and care for your plants.

Earth Day: Herb Planters

Monday, April 22, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Brighten up your kitchen with some sustainable herbs for Earth Day. Each participant will receive an herb planter to take home after the program.

Earth Day Terrariums

Monday, April 22, 4:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.
Join us on Earth Day to build your own terrarium. Every participant will walk away with their own terrarium and the ability to keep it healthy.



SKYLINES & SONGBIRDS: AN INTRODUCTION TO URBAN BIRD WATCHING

Join us for this Beginner's Urban Birding Walk led by experts from the Baltimore Bird Club. Participants will learn the basics of urban bird watching, tips and tricks for spotting the wonderful species that are all around us, and enjoy communing with the natural settings local to our neighborhood branches. Sighting beautiful and colorful spring migrants is possible. After the walk, patrons will enjoy light refreshments while debriefing about their experiences and learning from experts how to prepare for their next adventures in birding.

Attendees should prepare for walking for the first half of this program, as well as being out in the elements — birds love all kinds of weather, so this event will be rain or shine. **Register at prattlibrary.org**

GARRETT PARK AND REED BIRD ISLAND

Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m. | Brooklyn
During this two-hour program, participants will partake in an easy walk of 1/2 to 2 miles on level ground. Note: Garrett Park is ADA-accessible.

WYMAN PARK

Saturday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. | Hampden
During this two-hour program, participants will partake in a walk along woodland trails. Due to the type of terrain on this walk, sturdy shoes are recommended.

Earth Day: Succulent Teapot Planters

Wednesday, April 24, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Join fellow teens in making a teapot planter and take home your own succulent.

Paint-A-Pot

Monday, April 29, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Paint a ceramic pot and planting a baby succulent to take home! Space is limited.
To register, call 410-396-1168.

— CHILDREN & FAMILIES —

Sea Turtle Art

Saturday, March 2, 2:00 p.m. | Central Library
Celebrate Read to Reef Book Club! Make a sea turtle craft and learn about these amazing creatures. For children ages 5 & up with their favorite adult. All abilities welcome.

Crafternoon: Paint a Puffer Fish

Monday, March 4, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Celebrate the spring season of Read to Reef and join us for a crafty afternoon! Paint a puffer fish using a fork for a creative texture.

Puzzle Fun: Under the Sea

Tuesday, March 5, 3:30 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.
Celebrate Read to Reef by designing your own under-the-sea-themed jigsaw puzzles!

Read to Reef Crafternoon:

Weekly Jellyfish Jamboree!

Tuesdays, March 5 – 26, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Every Tuesday in March, create your own Read to Reef-themed jellyfish craft:
March 5: Jellyfish Paper Lanterns
March 12: Jellyfish Jewelry-Making
March 19: Deep-Sea Jellyfish Nightlights
March 26: Tiny Jarred Jellyfish Tank

Cupcake Liner Crabs

Wednesday, March 6, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Come make a fun crab craft in honor of Read to Reef Book Club!

Sea Window Painting

Thursday, March 7, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Join us for a read aloud and help create an ocean on the windows of the Library! We will read Hooray for Fish! by Lucy Cousins.

Under the Sea Paper Weaving

Thursday, March 7, 4:30 p.m.
Create an ocean-tastic sea creature using the art of paper weaving.

Mr. Trash Wheel Presents:

A Storytime and Sing-along Event



Saturday, March 9, 11:00 a.m. | Central Library
Join the Pratt Library, the Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, and the National Aquarium to celebrate the release of Green Machines and Other Amazing Eco-Inventions, a new book in Dr. Seuss's The Lorax Books series featuring Baltimore's own Mr. Trash Wheel.

Sunflower Paper Craft

Wednesday, March 20, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Bring in the spring season by making a sunflower paper craft. All supplies provided.

Grow a Crystal Coral Reef

Tuesday, March 26, 3:30 p.m. | Patterson Park
Celebrate another season of Read to Reef Book Club! Grow a crystal coral reef in a jar.

Earth Month Kickoff with The Lorax!

Monday, April 1, 1:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Join us for a screening of Dr. Seuss' The Lorax as we launch our "101 Ways to Help the Earth with Dr. Seuss' Lorax Challenge." Learn how you and your family can contribute to helping the earth stay a safe and happy place for all to live in, take home some eco-friendly swag, and enter for a chance to win a Zero Waste Kit at the end of the month. The Lorax will be screened in English with Spanish subtitles. 2012 | Rated PG | 1 hr. 34 min.

Toilet Paper Roll Bumblebees

Monday, April 8, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
What's the buzz? Come make your own toilet paper bumblebee.

Make Your Own Bird Feeder

Tuesday, April 16, 4:00 p.m. | Reisterstown Rd.
Make a bird feeder! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0948.

Earth Day Experiments & Oobleck

Monday, April 22, 3:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.
Learn about Earth's weather with science experiments, and make your own Oobleck!



FIX-IT FAIR WITH STATION NORTH TOOL LIBRARY

Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Central Library

Fix-It Fair is a free event hosted by the Station North Tool Library. At Fix-It Fair, you'll find tools and materials to help you make common repairs on clothes, furniture, electronics, bikes, etc. Experienced volunteers, with repair skills in all kinds of fields, will be on-site to assist people with their repairs. Register at prattlibrary.org

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Visitors bring their broken items from home and work with volunteer "fixers" to diagnose and make repairs. Working together to fix broken items becomes an interactive and ongoing learning process!

WHAT CAN I BRING?

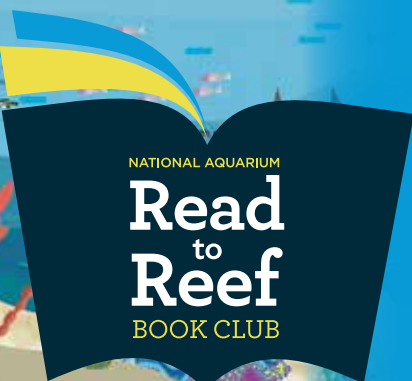
Bicycles, clothing/textiles, computers and devices, small pieces of furniture, small household appliances, small electrical fixes, dull knives and tools, jewelry, toys.

WILL YOU FIX IT FOR ME?

Visitors will work with our fixers to learn how to repair their items. We provide most materials for common fixes and hands-on instruction. We make no guarantee of repairs and longer, more in-depth repairs may be referred to a local repair service. We can guarantee we will try our best to help with your fixes!

Earn free admission to the National Aquarium by joining the Read to Reef Book Club, for Baltimore-area students in fifth grade or younger. Bookmarks available March 1 – 31, while supplies last.

prattlibrary.org/read-to-reef



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

ADULTS

Portraits of Incredible Women

Tuesday, March 5, 1:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Create a step-by-step mixed media portrait of a significant woman in history.

Adult Women's History Month Bingo

Tuesday, March 5, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

The Shoulders We Stand On: Maryland Fighters for 20th-Century Women's Suffrage

Monday, March 11, 6:30 p.m. | Central Library
Featuring unique artifacts and photographs from the Library's Woman's Suffrage Collection.

Memories of the Baltimore Woman's Industrial Exchange with Amy Rosenkrans, PhD

Tuesday, March 12, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join Dr. Amy Rosenkrans in a discussion of the history of the Women's Industrial Exchange.

A Recipe for Suffrage

Thursday, March 14, 6:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Explore the recipes created by the women who fought for the vote, taste historic offerings both delicious and questionable, and create your own recipe for a better world.

Car Care for Women with AAA Mid-Atlantic

Saturday, March 16, 11:00 a.m.
Central Library
Shana Jordan, Senior Technician for AAA Roadside Assistance, will talk about car maintenance and upkeep.

Women's History Through a Literary Lens

Monday, March 18, 5:30 p.m. | Central Library
This presentation will provide glimpses into and a deeper understanding of various historical periods through the feelings, trials, and tribulations of fictional characters in select works of literature.

The Ladylike Language of Letters

Tuesday, March 19, 1:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Create your own handmade stationery while you learn about how women used letters to connect, to reflect, and to subvert.

Trivia Night:

African American HER-story Edition

Tuesday, March 26, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
A lively trivia night filled with music, refreshments, and prizes.

Raise Your Hand If You've Never Read Toni Morrison

Thursday, March 28, 6:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Join us as we explore a diverse range of resources, from podcasts to music to poetry (and yes, maybe even The Bluest Eye) for anyone who wants to explore Black feminist thought.

Save a Story! DIY Oral History Interviewing

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.
Central Library
Save a story of someone you love or a history you would love to know. This program will introduce you to the skills you'll need for high-quality interviews.

TEENS

Curate Her:

Notable Women in the Modern Art World

Tuesday, March 5, 4:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join us for this three-part series on remarkable women in the modern art world. We will highlight Amy Sherald, Nina Chanel Abney, and Murjoni Merriweather.

Faces of Women in History

Wednesday, March 6, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Dive into the captivating stories of historical women as you rebuild torn prints using watercolors, collage, pens, gel pens, pencils, crayons, and stencils.

Women's History Month Bingo for Teens

Monday, March 11, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

3D Printing for Teens:

Sculpt like Augusta Savage

Monday, March 11, 4:00 p.m. | Central Library
Teens ages 11 – 19 are invited to design and 3D print a sculptural work inspired by Augusta Savage (1892 – 1962). Follow along to recreate a version of her famous sculpture "The Harp" using Tinkercad, or try an entirely different idea. The Teen Center will 3D print your design for free! Beginners are welcome, and no registration is needed.

Paint Night for Teens

Thursday, March 21, 4:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Our March theme will be "Women in History." Sign up by calling 410-396-6088.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Who Am I? Women's History Month Bingo

Wednesday, March 6, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
This program has limited spaces. To register, call 410-396-1168.

Mini Masterpieces:

Celebrate Women's History Month!

Saturday, March 9, 11:30 a.m. | Central Library
Join us as we read Mae Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed and Stasia Burrington, then explore and create different types of art that bring the story to life.

Ada Lovelace & Coding

Thursday, March 14, 4:00 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.
Ada Lovelace lived in the 1800s — and she's considered the first computer programmer! Find out more about her and get an introduction to algorithms by listening to a story and taking part in a coding activity.

Women's History Month Trivia

Monday, March 25, 3:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
See how much you know about the role women have played throughout American history.



ALL ABOUT MARYLAND

Free Weekly Public Tours of the Central Library

Wednesdays & Saturdays, 2:00 p.m.

Central Library

Take a peek behind the scenes, and learn about the history and architecture of our historic Central Library.

Lunch & Learn: A Maryland Mosaic for the U.S. 250th Anniversary: Finding the Historical Pieces to Create a Dynamic Picture of Maryland

Friday, March 8, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual

The Maryland Four Centuries Project has curated a collection of the state's firsts, creating the Maryland Mosaic, a picture capturing Maryland's role in the American experiment. ASL interpretation will be available for attendees. Presented in partnership with the Maryland State Archives and the Maryland Four Centuries Project.

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

You're invited to be part of the LIVE studio audience for the National Edgar Allan Poe Theatre's audio drama adaptation of The Mystery of Marie Roget, the second story in Edgar Allan Poe's Auguste Dupin mysteries. Written by James Comtois and directed by Alex Zavistovich. Registration is required as space in this program is limited.

Maryland in Miniature

Saturday, March 23

2:00 p.m. | Central Library

Inspired by the diverse structures of his hometown, Matt Hankins recreates rowhouses,

factories, and shops in HO (1:87) scale, imbuing them with detail and realism. In this talk, Matt will share an up-close look at his work. Registration is required. Please register at prattlibrary.org.



Researching the History of a House

Saturday, March 30, 11:00 a.m. | Canton

Just because a house isn't a famous landmark doesn't mean it doesn't have a rich history. In this program, we will talk about where to find government records related to a building or property, how to research historical archives for information, and what to look for on site for clues.

Lunch & Learn: Mayaisuwàk (They Speak in One Voice): The Oral History and History of Place

of Maryland's Eastern Shore Tribal Communities and Remnant Descendants

Thursday, April 11, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual
Meet Drew Shuptar-Rayvis (Pekatawas MakataWai'U/ Sëk Xàskwim – Black Corn) a Citizen and Cultural Ambassador of the Pocomoke Indian Nation. In this lecture, Drew will discuss his work with Mayis and The Oral History Project, and go into highlights from the oral history interviews, speaking of some of the joys and issues tribal communities still face, among them climate change and cultural erasure. ASL interpretation will be available for attendees. Presented in partnership with the Maryland State Archives and the Maryland Four Centuries Project.



Ghost Rivers Walking Tour

Sunday, April 21, 11:00 a.m.

Wyman Park Dell

Join artist Bruce Willen and Blue Water Baltimore for a guided walking tour of the Ghost Rivers public art project. Along the way the artist will discuss Baltimore history, and the past, present, and future of our buried waterways. The tour will last approximately 60 minutes. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. If you have accessibility needs, please email asmith@prattlibrary.org so that we can plot the best route around the Remington neighborhood. Registration is required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Maryland on Vacation:

Unwinding in the Free State, 1875 – 1952

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.

Central Library

Using postcards, steamboat/train schedules, resort brochures, and photographs, this program explores how Marylanders from diverse racial and social backgrounds began to take breaks from work routines.

Caring for Your Family Treasures

Saturday, April 27, 1:00 p.m. | Central Library

All treasures will age, from your ripped oral history cassette tapes, cloudy VHS tapes, and crumbling newspaper obits to yellowed photos, damaged books, and musty quilts. Learn six key components of the preservation of historical objects, and you will ensure their safety and access for future generations.

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 & Virtual

You've been researching your ancestors for years and have amassed an enormous amount of information, but what do you do with all of it? Join us for the Maryland State Library Resource Center's 2024 Annual Genealogy Lecture Series and learn to tell your family story! Annette Burke Lyttle, professional genealogist, speaker, educator and owner of Heritage Detective, LLC, will present four lectures:

- Write (and Document) as You Research
- Get Organized to Write Your Family Stories
- Write Family Stories Others Will Want to Read
- Enhancements and a Word About Publishing

Annette Burke Lyttle owns Heritage Detective, LLC, where she provides professional genealogical services in research, education, and writing. She speaks on a variety of genealogical topics at the national, state, and local levels and loves helping people uncover and share their family stories. She leads Best Practices Study Groups for a number of organizations, providing in-depth education on the genealogical research process in an interactive setting.

Registration is required. Please register at prattlibrary.org by April 10.

Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided to in-person attendees. The first lecture will start at approximately 10:30 a.m.



SPOTLIGHT ON PENNSYLVANIA AVE.



ADULTS

Lawyer in the Library

Tuesdays, March 5 & April 2, 12:00 p.m.
Lawyers from Maryland Legal Aid give one-on-one legal advice to financially eligible individuals. No appointments necessary.

Quilling

Wednesday, March 6, 12:00 p.m.
Quilling involves coiling, looping, and folding strips of paper to create 3D art.

Candle Making & Conversation

Wednesday, March 13, 12:00 p.m.
An instructor will guide you step-by-step on how to make the perfect candle and narrate a great conversation.

BGE Energy Assistance

Wednesdays, March 20 & April 17, 11:00 a.m.
Receive assistance with payment arrangements, financial assistance programs, energy saving tips, and more!

Butterfly Art

Wednesday, March 20, 12:00 p.m.
Come create your own original butterfly art!

Mindfulness

Saturday, March 23, 2:00 p.m.
Learn to practice mindfulness that will have a dramatic effect on your everyday life.

Book Bites

Thursdays, March 28 & April 25, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for a monthly book discussion.
March: A Gentleman In Moscow by Amor Towles
April: Cultish: The Language of Fanaticism by Amanda Montell

Game Day: Board Games

Wednesday, April 10, 12:00 p.m.
Playing games helps you unwind and relax.

Calligraphy

Wednesday, April 17, 12:00 p.m.
Come learn the art of calligraphy.

Vase Upcycling

Wednesday, April 24, 12:00 p.m.
Upcycling vases is a fun way to reduce waste, save money, and express creativity.

TEENS

Teen Theater Troupe

Mondays & Wednesdays
Part 1: March 4 – 27, 4:00 p.m.
Part 2: April 8 – 24, 4:00 p.m.
Under the guidance of local artist Wordsmith, teens are invited to create their own theater troupe. Over two months teens will learn acting techniques, set design, playwriting, performance, and stage management. In April, participants will work on writing poetry.

Teen Theater Troupe Performances

Saturdays, March 30 & April 27, 2:00 p.m.
The Teen Theater Troupe will present the culmination of their journey through the world of theater arts.

Origami Crafts

Friday, April 5, 2:00 p.m.
Teens and tweens can participate in the craft of paper folding and design.

Make-It! Macrame

Monday, April 15, 4:00 p.m.
Come and make your own macrame designs.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Baby & Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
For little ones under two with a favorite adult. All abilities welcome.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.
For families with children ages 2 – 5. All abilities welcome.

LEGO® Builders Club

Tuesdays, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16, 4:00 p.m.
Show off your creativity and try something new with unique LEGO® brick-building challenges.

Crafternoon

Tuesdays, March 12 & 26, 4:00 p.m.
Join us for a fun, book-based craft!

Paint Night for Kids!

Thursday, March 14, 4:00 p.m.
Wear clothes you can get paint on. Space is limited. To register, please call 410-396-0399.

Game Night Feature: Forbidden Island

Thursday, April 25, 4:00 p.m.
Learn how to play Forbidden Island. Space is limited. To register, please call 410-396-0399.



SNEAK PEEK AT MAY & JUNE



TICKET TO DISCOVERY

May 1 – 31 | All Pratt Locations
Baltimore City children in fifth grade and younger can pick up a Ticket to Discovery bookmark, to earn free admission to Port Discovery. While supplies last.

WORKSHOPS WITH FILBERT STREET GARDEN

May & June
Join Filbert Street Garden for a variety of workshops about gardening, composting, animal husbandry, and more! Visit prattlibrary.org for details.

WRITERS LIVE! ERIK LARSON

Thursday, May 7, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library

WRITERS LIVE! ALI VELSHI

Thursday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library

WRITERS LIVE! JULIETTE WELLS

Saturday, May 11, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library



SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE KICK OFF

Saturday, June 1 | All Pratt Locations
Sign up to get one FREE book in June, July, and August. You'll also get a FREE t-shirt upon registering! While supplies last.

INDY GAME FEST

Saturday, June 22, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Central Library

BLACK & WHITE PARTY

The Pratt Contemporaries' Black & White Party raised money for children and teen programs at the Pratt Library. Dubbed "Baltimore's Favorite Party" by *Bmore Art*, more than 750 people attended this year.



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