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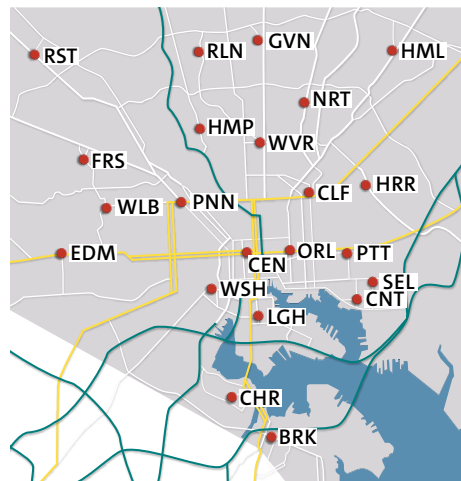
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## VISIT THE BOOKMOBILE WHILE THE FOREST PARK BRANCH IS UNDER RENOVATION!

**Tuesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Johnston Square | 700 E. Chase St.

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1401 Hollins St.

### The Bookmobile provides:

Free internet access on site with  
Community Wi-Fi.

Checking in/out Pratt Library materials.

Placing material holds.

Literature on Library events and programs.

Pratt Library card or eCard registration.

Library material lending and delivery,  
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audiobooks, and foreign language materials  
including Russian and Spanish.

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# BOOKLOVERS' BREAKFAST

## FEATURING JESMYN WARD

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Saturday, February 3, 2024  
Baltimore Marriott Waterfront | 700 Aliceanna St.

**TICKETS GO ON SALE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023, 12:00 P.M.**  
Visit [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org) or call 410-396-5494 for details.

## LETTER FROM THE CEO



“When you love a thing, you gotta love it with everything you got, my dad always says.”

Jacqueline Woodson  
*Before the Ever After*

The 2023 One Book Baltimore selection is a story about love, loss, uncertainty, and change. Jacqueline Woodson's *Before the Ever After* tells the story of a boy coping with the onset and progression of his father's traumatic brain injury. As part of the One Book Baltimore program, the book has been distributed to 7th and 8th graders across Baltimore City. The Pratt Library will be holding programs surrounding the themes of the book throughout the

winter. I hope the whole community checks out a copy of this novel in verse. Jacqueline Woodson's words truly resonate with all ages. We are thrilled to be welcoming her back to the Pratt.

The mission of the Pratt Library is to empower, enrich, and enhance the quality of life for all through equitable access to information, services, and opportunity. But, we can only commit to equity if we have a tool where we can measure progress. So, this fall we're launching the Pratt Advancing Equity Dashboard, developed by the Library's Office of Equity and Fair Practice. This dashboard, accessible on our website, will analyze both internal and external work of the library through the lens of equity and inclusion. This will provide a vital and transparent tool that will be used in the decision-making processes of the Library. We are excited to introduce the Advancing Equity Dashboard to the public.

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

## INTRODUCING THE ADVANCING EQUITY DASHBOARD

The Pratt Advancing Equity Dashboard measures current and future diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts made by Pratt, helping track the Library's efforts in a way that is intuitive, public, and accessible. At Pratt, we believe the cornerstone of equity is transparency, and the dashboard provides baseline information regarding staff composition and development, strategic partnerships, digital equity, community engagements and programs and outreach. The dashboard will be housed on the DEI section of [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).



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# BALTIMORE CITY CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION

In partnership with Baltimore City Information & Technology and the Maryland Office of Statewide Broadband, the Pratt Library will be distributing 30,000 HP Chromebooks to eligible Baltimore City households. Distribution events will be held at various Pratt locations and local community sites. Through the Maryland Connected Devices Program (MD-CDP), efforts will continue to decrease the digital divide and increase digital literacy in the Baltimore City community.



## ELIGIBILITY

Only Baltimore City residents 18 years or older may participate. One device is allowed per household.

In order to pick up your Chromebook, you must provide:

- Photo ID (driver's license, state ID, work or government ID, passport, etc.)
- Proof of Baltimore City residence
- Proof of one of the following qualifications listed below

## QUALIFICATIONS

Households with an income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines:

- \$27,180 for a household of 1
- \$36,620 for a household of 2
- \$46,060 for a household of 3
- \$55,500 for a household of 4
- Or \$9,440 more for each additional household member

Households enrolled in the federal Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

Households that participate in government assistance programs such as:

- Child receives free or reduced-price school lunch
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Medicaid
- Pell Grant (current award year)
- SNAP, formerly Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
- WIC

Examples of proof include (but are not limited to) a proof of benefit like your SNAP or Medicaid card, your internet bill showing the ACP discount, or the first page of your most recent tax return.

**If you are not eligible or do not meet the qualifications for this distribution, the Pratt still has you covered. Chromebooks may be borrowed from any location by customers 13 or older with a Pratt Library card.**



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make an appointment online



# CELEBRATING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN DEPARTMENT

November marks the 20th anniversary of the Eddie & Sylvia Brown African American Department and Juanita C. Burns Memorial Reading Room. Don't miss the celebrations happening throughout the month!



## ALL AGES

### Exhibit: Celebrating Excellence

Now on display, Central Library From Enoch Pratt's progressive vision for a public library in 1882, to Louise Kerr's instrumental 1943 lawsuit in upholding that vision, to the original support of Juanita C. Burns and an unforgettable November night in 2001 with Toni Morrison and a surprise announcement from Eddie and Sylvia Brown — the history of the African American

Department is a history of the Pratt Library itself. Now on display in the Annex at Central Library, come learn the history of one of the only departments of its kind in the entire country.

### The Singing Sensations Youth Choir

Saturday, November 4, 2:30 p.m.

Central Library

Join us in a musical celebration to celebrate the African American Department's 20th Anniversary with musical selections by the Singing Sensations Youth Choir of the Baltimore Metropolitan area. The choir will sing about the evolution of Black music from Africa to America. Dr. Holly Hood-Mincey is the Director/Founder of the Singing Sensations Youth Choir.

### Culture Queen's Dance Party

Saturday, November 11, 10:30 a.m.

Central Library

Join Culture Queen on an interactive journey through the Swinging 60s as she teaches your royal children the hottest dances of the era like "The Twist," "The Mashed Potato," "The Bird," "The Swim," and "The Funky Chicken." Listen to the music of Rock & Roll kings and queens like Chubby Checker, Little Eva, Dee Dee Sharp, and many more!

### Hip Hop Lyricist Finale

Saturday, November 18, 2:00 p.m.

Central Library

As we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the African American Department and the 50th Anniversary of hip hop, it is only fitting that we celebrate young Baltimore lyricists! Join us as we celebrate the winners of the Pratt Library Teen Lyricist contest, who will showcase their winning submissions.

## ADULTS

### Libraries, Art, and Community: An Artist Panel

Thursday, November 30, 6:30 p.m.

Central Library

Art is fundamental to our society. Join us in this panel discussion with renowned artists Derrick Adams and Shinique Smith as they discuss the impact of libraries, art, and community within their works and life. This program is moderated by Tonya R. Miller Hall, Senior Advisor of Arts and Culture for Baltimore City.



## CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN DEPARTMENT

Friday, November 3, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library

We welcome you to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Eddie and Sylvia Brown African American Department. The evening will feature a conversation between Dr. Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress and former CEO of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and Heidi Daniel, the current President and CEO. We will unveil new artwork by Chris Wilson in Central Hall and host a ribbon-cutting for the newly updated African American Department.



## WRITERS LIVE!



WALTER MOSLEY

### *Touched*

Wednesday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

Bestselling author Walter Mosley returns to the Pratt to discuss his new novel *Touched*. He will

be joined in conversation by Black Classic Press founder W. Paul Coates. To attend in person you must register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org). 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!



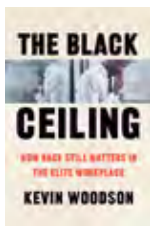
COURTNEY B. VANCE  
& DR. ROBIN L. SMITH

### *The Invisible Ache*

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

Early in his career, actor Courtney B. Vance lost his father to suicide. Recently, he lost his godson to the same fate. Still, as mental health discourse hits the mainstream, it leaves the most vulnerable out of the conversation: Black men. In this book, Courtney B. Vance seeks to change this trajectory. Along with professional expertise from famed psychologist Dr. Robin Smith, Courtney B. Vance explores issues of grief, relationships, identity, and race through the telling of his own most formative experiences. Together, Courtney and Dr. Robin provide a guide for Black men navigating life's ups and downs, reclaiming mental well-being, and examining broken pieces to find whole, full-hearted living. Self-care is an act of revolution. It's time to revolutionize mental health in the Black community. To attend in person you must register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org). 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!



KEVIN WOODSON

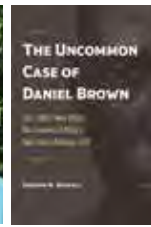
### *The Black Ceiling*

Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

Law professor, sociologist, and former attorney Kevin Woodson will provide his thoughts on workplace

inequality and the many obstacles that Black professionals face throughout their careers.

## LET'S TALK ABOUT MARYLAND



GORDON SHUFELT

### *The Uncommon Case of Daniel Brown*

Thursday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

Historian Gordon Shufelt will discuss race and policing in late-

19th-century Baltimore. In 1875, an Irish-born Baltimore policeman, Patrick McDonald, entered the home of Daniel Brown, an African American laborer, and clubbed and shot Brown, who died within an hour of the attack. In similar cases at the time, authorities routinely exonerated Maryland law enforcement officers who killed African Americans, usually without serious inquiries into the underlying facts. But in this case, Baltimore's white community chose a different path.

## WRITERS LIVE!



RAQUEL WILLIS

### *The Risk It Takes to Bloom*

Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

Raquel Willis will discuss her memoir that traces her life of transformation and her work

towards collective liberation. She will be joined in conversation by Londyn Smith de Richelieu, director of the Baltimore Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs. In *The Risk It Takes to Bloom*, Raquel Willis recounts with passion and candor her experiences straddling the Obama and Trump eras, the possibility of transformation after tragedy, and how complex moments can push us all to take necessary risks and bloom toward collective liberation.

## KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



RENÉE WATSON

### *Ways to Build Dreams*

Thursday, November 2, 10:30 a.m.  
Central Library

Meet author Renée Watson and celebrate the release of *Ways to Build Dreams*, the next book in her

middle grade series about Ryan Hart, a girl who is pure spirit and sunshine. Participants will receive a FREE copy of the book, while supplies last.

"I have been going to Enoch Pratt Libraries for 28 years they hold such a special place in my heart!"

— Elena C.

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.

Writers LIVE! programs are supported in part by a bequest from The Miss Howard Hubbard Adult Programming Fund and the William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund, creator of the Baker Artist Portfolios, [www.BakerArtist.org](http://www.BakerArtist.org).

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### WRITERS LIVE! LIZA MUNDY

*The Sisterhood: The Secret History of the Women of the CIA*

Thursday, November 9, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library & Virtual

Liza Mundy, the acclaimed author of *Code Girls*, returns to the Pratt Library with a revelatory history of three generations at the CIA — the women who fought to become operatives, transformed spy craft, and tracked down Osama Bin Laden. Propelled by the same meticulous reporting and vivid storytelling that infused *Code Girls*, *The Sisterhood* offers a riveting new perspective on history, revealing how women at the CIA ushered in the modern intelligence age, and how their silencing made the world more dangerous.

### WRITERS LIVE!



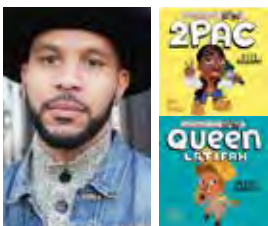
LINDA RABBen

*Through a Glass Darkly: A Social History of Stained Glass in Baltimore*

Saturday, November 4, 11:00 a.m.  
Light St.

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.

### KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



PEN KEN

*Legends of Hip-Hop*

Thursday, November 9, 12:00 p.m.  
Patterson Park

Join us at the Patterson Park Branch to listen to Pen Ken talk about his two board books for young children:

*Legends of Hip-Hop: 2Pac A 1-2-3 Biography* and *Legends of Hip-Hop: Queen Latifah An A-B-C Biography*. Participants will receive FREE copies of these books, while supplies last.

### WRITERS LIVE!



MARK CHALKLEY

*Hampden-Woodberry*

Thursday, November 9, 5:00 p.m. | Hampden

Local author Mark Chalkley will discuss his book *Hampden-Woodberry* and share the history of the Baltimore neighborhood. To register, email [hmp@prattlibrary.org](mailto:hmp@prattlibrary.org) or call 410-396-6043.

### WRITERS LIVE!



KIM KELLY

*Fight Like Hell*

Wednesday, November 29, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

Labor columnist and reporter Kim Kelly will provide a history of the American labor movement with a

focus on the marginalized workers who fought for better pay and working conditions. Their efforts, which included the institution of the 40-hour work week, workplace safety standards, and protection from harassment and discrimination on the job, have impacted generations of workers. Kim Kelly will be joined in conversation by The Real News Network editor-in-chief Maximillian Alvarez.

### WRITERS LIVE!



MADISON SMARTT BELL, SHERI BOOKER, AND D. WATKINS

*City of Artists: Baltimore*

Tuesday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

Authors Madison Smartt Bell, Sheri Booker, and D. Watkins will be joined in conversation by *BmoreArt* publisher Cara Ober to celebrate the release of *City of Artist: Baltimore*. The book weaves together stories and artwork, a mosaic of words and images from the streets, neighborhoods, waterways, bars, corners, and studios of an historic American city. Harmoniously, it tells a story about living and creating in Baltimore and how the city influences and informs the creative process.

### WRITERS LIVE!



REGINALD WILLIAMS

*A Marginalized Voice*

Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

Author and behavioral specialist Reginald Williams will offer his thoughts on how to best support

the emotional needs of young Black men.

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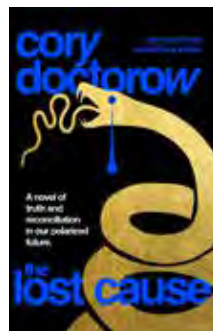
## WHAT'S NEW

Here are the most anticipated books of November and December coming soon to the Pratt Library.



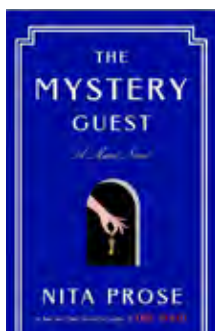
### ***Iron Flame* by Rebecca Yarros**

Defying even her own expectations, Violet Sorrengail survived her first year at Basgiath War College and is one step closer to becoming a dragon rider. Now the real training begins, and Violet's determination to survive won't be enough. She knows the real secret hidden at Basgiath — and not even dragon fire may be enough to save them in the end.



### ***The Lost Cause* by Cory Doctorow**

For young Americans a generation from now, climate change isn't controversial. It's a fact of life, along with the great global efforts to mitigate it. But there are still Americans who cling to their belief that "climate change" is a giant scam. They're your grandfather, your uncle, your great-aunt. They're not going anywhere, and they're armed to the teeth.



### ***The Mystery Guest* by Nita Prose**

With her flair for cleaning and proper etiquette, Molly Gray has risen through the ranks of the glorious five-star Regency Grand Hotel to become the esteemed Head Maid. But just as her life reaches a pinnacle state of perfection, her world is turned upside down when J. D. Grimthorpe, the world-renowned mystery author, drops dead on the hotel's tearoom floor.



### ***The Vulnerables* by Sigrid Nunez**

A solitary female narrator asks what it means to be alive at this complex moment in history and considers how our present reality affects the way a person looks back on her past. Humor, to be sure, is a priceless refuge. Equally vital is connection with others, who here include an adrift member of Gen Z and a spirited parrot named Eureka.



### ***My Name is Barbra* by Barbra Streisand**

Barbra Streisand is by any account a living legend, excelling in every area of entertainment during her six-decade career. The EGOT winner (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony) tells her own story about her life and extraordinary career, from growing up in Brooklyn to her first star-making appearances in New York nightclubs to her breakout performance in *Funny Girl*.



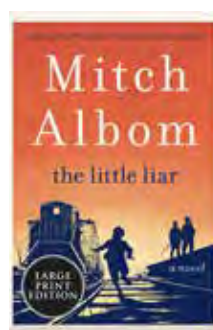
### ***Class* by Stephanie Land**

*Maid* was a story about a woman with a dream. In *Class*, Land takes us with her as she finishes college and pursues her writing career. An intimate portrait of motherhood as it converges and often conflicts with personal desire and professional ambition. A searing indictment of America's educational system and an inspiring testimony of a mother's triumph against all odds.



### ***Day* by Michael Cunningham**

As the world changes around them, a family weathers the storms of growing up, growing older, falling in and out of love, losing the things that are most precious — and learning to go on. *Day* is a searing, exquisitely crafted meditation on love and loss and the struggles and limitations of family life — how to live together and apart.



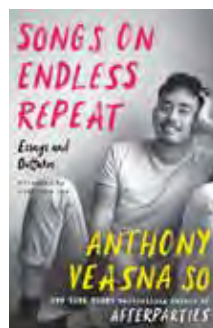
### ***The Little Liar* by Mitch Albom**

Eleven-year-old Nico Krispis has never lied. When the Nazi's invade, Nico is tricked into convincing his fellow Jewish residents to board trains heading to "new homes." Discovering what he's done, Nico never tells the truth again. Narrated by Truth itself, a story about the harm we inflict with our deceptions, and the power of love to redeem us.



### ***The Future* by Naomi Alderman**

When Martha Einkorn and Lai Zhen's worlds collide, it sets off an explosive chain of events. While a few billionaires assured of their own safety lead the world to destruction, Martha's relentless drive and Zhen's insatiable curiosity could lead to something beautiful or the cataclysmic end of civilization.



### ***Songs on Endless Repeat* by Anthony Veasna So**

A collection of essays and previously unpublished fiction. The essays examine So's youth, the lives of his refugee parents, his intimate friendships, loss, pop culture, and more. With his inimitable style, So's fiction follows three Cambodian American cousins who stand to inherit their late aunt's illegitimate loan-sharking business.



## ARTS & LIVE MUSIC

### ALL AGES

#### **Mt. Vernon Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra**

Friday, December 15, 12:00 p.m.

Central Library

*The orchestra returns to the Central Library presenting "Mozart in Jeans!" On the program are an overture written by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart at age 12, along with his Symphony No. 24, and a violin concerto he wrote at 17, with prize-winning Swedish violinist, Ulf Wallin, as the soloist.*

#### **Live Music: Flute Duet Chamber Recital**

Saturday, November 18, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.

*Flutists Troy Paolantonio and Nicholas Fitton present a program of spectacular duets for two flutes. The music will represent a range of career favorites, composers and music from their various home areas, expression and virtuosity to satisfy the soul and personally to connect with everyone.*

#### **New World Outreach Jazz Orchestra Winter Concert**

Monday, December 18, 6:30 p.m.

Northwood

*The New World Outreach Jazz Orchestra is a grassroots organization dedicated to bringing big band jazz to a number of communities in and surrounding*

### ADULTS

#### **Sewing Machine Orientation**

November 1 – December 21 | Govans

*Learn to use a sewing machine at the Govans Branch! You can bring your own or learn on one of the sewing machines available. After the orientation you will be eligible to reserve a time on the sewing machines to work on your own project. By appointment only, please call 410-396-6098 to make an appointment.*

#### **Mod Podge Coasters**

Saturday, November 11, 2:00 p.m. | Orleans St.

*Come make mod podge coasters. We will have all the supplies you need to decorate your coaster but if you have printed photos that you would like to turn into coasters feel free to bring them. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0970.*

#### **Adult Painting with Acrylics**

Monday, November 13, 2:00 p.m.

Cherry Hill

*Create a beautiful piece with local artist Esta Baker's help every step of the way! All supplies will be provided. This program has limited spaces. To register, call 410-396-1168.*

#### **Afternoon Knit & Crochet Circle**

Tuesdays, November 14 & December 12

3:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

*Join our knitting and crochet circle and get inspired or just hang out with other crafters.*

#### **Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music Interlude**

Tuesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m.

Central Library

*Join the Pratt Library in welcoming the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music Interlude for a thematically curated chamber music performance by BSO musicians. Enjoy a free performance in gorgeous Central Hall with like-minded music lovers across cultural institutions.*

#### **Basic Watercolor Techniques**

Thursdays, November 16 & December 21

6:00 p.m. | Govans

*Learn basic watercolor techniques! Reserve your place by calling 410-396-6098.*

#### **In Stitches Club**

Saturdays, November 25 & December 23

10:30 a.m. | Canton

*Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, needlepoint, bring your work in progress to join us for a morning of crafting, conversation, and camaraderie.*

#### **Photo Book Meet-Up**

Thursday, November 30, 5:30 p.m.

Central Library

*Come get an introduction to the library's photo book collection and meet other photo/art book enthusiasts. Feel free to bring your own photo books to share. This casual get together will be facilitated by one of our Fine Art librarians.*

#### **Photography: Making Art, Making a Living**

Saturday, December 9, 1:00 p.m.

Central Library

*Join us for a presentation and discussion with three Baltimore-based photographers. Elena Volkova, Andrew Mangum, and Shae McCoy will present their work and answer questions on what it means to be a working artist. Registration is encouraged. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).*

#### **Papercutting Workshop**

Thursday, December 14, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly

*Papercut artist Annie Howe teaches the basic technique of papercutting in this hands-on workshop. Registration is required.*

*Call 410-396-6089 or stop by the Adult Information Desk to register.*

## TEENS

### Teen Sewing Clinic

Thursdays, November 2 & December 7  
3:00 p.m. | Govans  
*Do your clothes have holes? Do you need to hem a shirt? Come in to learn how to get your sewing problems fixed at the Teen Sewing Clinic. Materials provided. Space is limited, registration is required: call 410-396-6098 to register.*

### Sublimation & Paint Workshop for Teens

Thursdays, November 2 & 9, 3:45 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 14, 3:45 p.m.  
Central Library  
*Teens ages 12 – 19 are invited to join India and Sharae of Sip and Paper for a series of free sublimation and painting activities with t-shirts, totebags, and canvas.*

### Manga Drawing Lessons

Online: Tuesdays, November 14 & 28,  
December 12, 3:00 p.m.  
In-person: Tuesdays, November 21 &  
December 5, 3:00 p.m.  
Govans & Virtual  
*Learn how to draw anime and manga characters step-by-step! No prior drawing experience is needed. Supplies and resources for the program will be available at the Govans Branch and online at <http://tinyurl.com/mangadrawinglessonsweekly>.*

### Pixel Art Craft

Mondays, November 27 & December 18  
3:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
*Join us to make Pixel Art using Perler beads, parchment paper, and an iron!*

### Button Making Bonanza

Friday, December 1, 3:30 p.m.  
Patterson Park  
*Design your own button and add some flair to your backpack.*

### Canva for Tweens & Teens

Wednesday, December 13, 3:30 p.m.  
Cherry Hill  
*Join us to learn how to use Canva, a graphic design platform, to create your own flyer or greetings card.*

### Tween STEAM: Binary Code Bracelet / Backpack Pull

Wednesday, December 13, 3:30 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
*Tweens can create a bracelet or backpack pull using binary code to create their own coded secret message. Snacks will be provided.*

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### Musical Storytelling

Wednesday, November 8, 10:30 a.m.  
Orleans St.  
Wednesday, December 6, 10:30 a.m.  
Herring Run  
Wednesday, December 20, 10:30 a.m.  
Light St.  
*Join the Mount Vernon Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra for a musical story and an introduction to the world of classical music.*

### Crankie Contraptions

Monday, November 13, 4:00 p.m.  
Central Library  
*Tell an illustrated story with a screen-based machine! Assemble a folding frame, illustrate a story, and roll out the sequence or narrative on a paper scroll "screen."*

### "Crankie" Storytelling with Katherine Fahey and Dan Van Allen

Saturday, December 2, 11:00 a.m.  
Herring Run  
Saturday, December 16, 1:00 p.m.  
Central Library  
*Welcome artists Katherine Fahey and Dan Van Allen for a unique performance of shadow puppet "crankies." Drawing on folk songs and oral histories, the performance will be accompanied by storytelling, recorded music, and a cappella singing.*

### The Llamas Are Coming

Thursday, December 7, 2:00 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
*Join us for stories and crafts all featuring llamas!*

### Button Charms

Tuesday, December 19, 3:30 p.m.  
Patterson Park  
*Use beads and buttons to make decorative charms that you can hang on your backpack or in your house.*



## PROGRAMS WITH ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE HOESY CORONA

### KIDS & TEENS

#### CREATE YOUR OWN MINI CLIMATE PONCHO!

Monday, November 6, 2:30 p.m.  
Hamilton

Calling all young artists and creators! This workshop is tailored for children, students, and teens, inviting them to immerse themselves in the world of art and creativity. Guided by the expertise of Hoesy Corona, participants will have the opportunity to craft their very own mini Climate Ponchos, drawing inspiration from Hoesy's artwork. Explore themes of travel, displacement, and the remarkable resilience found in Mother Nature's many facets. 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. All materials provided. Don't miss this chance to create, learn, and envision a brighter future together.

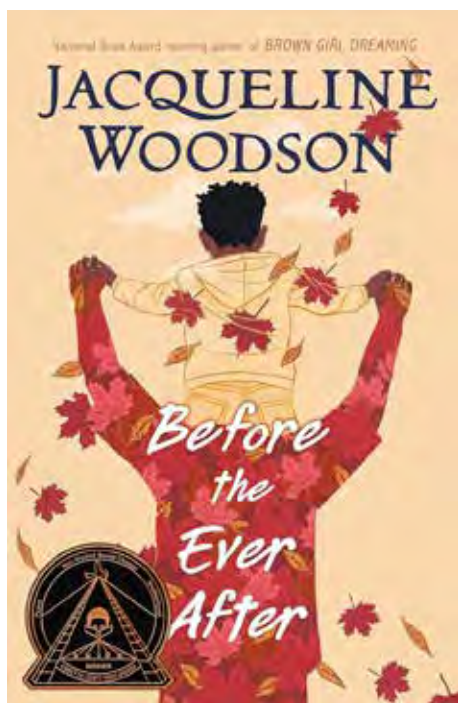
### ADULTS

#### CRAFT YOUR OWN COLORFUL CUT-OUTS BAG!

Thursday, December 7, 5:00 p.m.  
Central Library

Immerse yourself in the art of "drawing with scissors" in a workshop guided by Artist-in-Residence Hoesy Corona. Experience a creative evening, as you turn an ordinary book tote into an extraordinary masterpiece using heat transfer materials. Draw inspiration from the iconic silhouettes seen in Henri Matisse's art and Hoesy's vibrant Climate Ponchos. All materials provided.





## THIS YEAR'S SELECTION FOR ONE BOOK BALTIMORE IS *BEFORE THE EVER AFTER* BY JACQUELINE WOODSON

### Q&A WITH THE AUTHOR

**What's your reaction to your book being named 2023's One Book Baltimore?**

It made me feel really good to see that OBB had chosen *Before the Ever After*. It's a book that's close to my heart.

**You found your love of writing at a young age. What's your advice to young people out there who have that same passion?**

Be fearless. Write everyday and know that your stories are stories the world is waiting for and won't be able to read until you write them... and write them well. Writing them well means rewriting them, reading them out loud, then more rewriting. Find other folks who love words and write together, share your work, read and talk about writers you love who have gotten to the place you want to get to. Writing is a muscle — the more you use it, the stronger it gets.

**This book deals with a 12-year-old boy's confusion and worry as his father goes through a health crisis. How do you hope this book speaks to middle schoolers?**

It's a story every young person knows some part of — be it the friendship that gives ZJ strength, the mother that continues to love and nurture him through the crisis, the town that remains beautiful and constant no matter what happens, the music that allows for conversation, bonding, love. I hope every reader who comes to the book finds a part of themselves inside of it and feels seen.

**During the story, particularly early on, ZJ grapples with living in his father's shadow. What lessons do you hope teen readers take from the story about becoming their own person?**

I never write to try to teach. I write because I myself want to learn and in writing *Before the Ever After*, I learned a lot about the power of legacy and what it means to lose a person piece by piece. I learned the importance of being in the moment, of telling the people you love that you love them while they're still able to hear/understand what you're saying. I learned that at the end of the day, you are who you are and in that person, something amazing has already begun to live.

**ZJ loves to tell stories, both about his friends and retelling stories his father has told him. What role do you think storytelling plays in our everyday lives? Do you see it playing special roles for people undergoing trauma like ZJ's family?**

In my TED talk, I talk about the power of story — how we have had it since the beginning of time and even the story of the beginning of time is... a story that we share. Story helps us remember. It helps us understand who we are and how we've become so. This is why the stories of Black and Brown people are being challenged, silenced, snatched from classrooms and libraries — because if we know our history, if we know what we've gone through and survived, we are stronger. Better. More clear about where we're going.

And so much of history for folks of the Global Majority has trauma laced through it so yes, story does place a special role. Being able to laugh about something that happened. Being able to talk about a person who has moved on to the next place with love. Being able to remember a moment from our past and feel grateful that we've gotten through it. All of that is story. And having story in our lives... well, it just helps us breathe better.



## 2023 ONE BOOK BALTIMORE LAUNCH EVENT!

Tuesday, November 7, 11:00 a.m.  
Central Library

One Book Baltimore returns! One Book Baltimore, now in its sixth year, is a collaboration among several local organizations to provide opportunities for Baltimore City 7th and 8th graders, their families, and community members to connect through literature by reading the same book.

Area schools will be transported to the Central Library to view the live 2023 selection and author in person. The author will be in conversation about their writing and the selected title, with a Q&A to take place afterward.

Discussions and programming will be held across the city this fall to spark conversations focused on themes from the book.

*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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# ONE BOOK BALTIMORE

Check out these programs for teens related to this year's selection for One Book Baltimore.

## BMore Mindful

Wednesdays, November 1 & December 13  
3:00 p.m. | Light St.

Join us to discuss themes reflected in this year's One Book Baltimore selection. Topics will be centered around self care, feelings, self-esteem, brain trauma, and mental health while having fun with art, poetry, movement, and relaxation. Facilitated in partnership with Margaret Welling, LMSW and Lexi Marks, Counseling Intern: UMD MSW Candidate 24 of The Therapy Stop.

## Anime Club 90s Edition

Thursday, November 2, 5:00 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.

Join us at the Edmondson Avenue Branch for Anime Club! This month, we'll be celebrating some of the best series from the 90s. Come by to watch some classic anime, work on a craft, and grab a snack.

## Reviving the 90s

Friday, November 3, 12:00 p.m. | Hampden

Join us at the Library for a totally tubular "Throwback to the 90s" event that's all about celebrating the iconic era that gave birth to some of the coolest pop culture moments. Discover TV shows that rocked the world before smartphones and streaming took over, and get ready to tantalize your taste buds with a buffet of snacks that were all the rage during the 90s.

## Memory Jars

Wednesday, November 8, 3:30 p.m.  
Cherry Hill

Create a glowing memory jar to store a precious memory that is dear to your heart. Did any of the poems in Jacqueline Woodson's *Before the Ever After* remind you of your own memories? You can treasure them inside a memory jar that you personally decorate using artificial leaves, glitter, and LED tea lights. Register at the branch, or by calling 410-396-1168.

## Teen Poetry & Book Talk Session

Wednesday, November 8, 4:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.

Teens will discuss *Before the Ever After* by Jacqueline Woodson and "free verse poems" while free-styling their own poems.

## Teen Open Mic

Mondays, November 13 & December 11  
4:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

Calling all teen creators and performers! Come to our Teen Open Mic! Creators of all kinds are welcome, but you must be between 12 and 18 years old to perform. Performance time slots are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. If you have any questions, please call the Brooklyn Branch at 410-396-1120 and ask for the teen librarian.

## Totally Teens 90s Trivia

Monday, November 13, 3:30 p.m.

Patterson Park

How much do you know about the 90s? From boy bands to the World Wide Web, find out what you know (and don't know) about this rad decade. Snacks provided.

## Open Mic Night

Wednesday, November 15, 3:30 p.m.

Herring Run

Calling all poets, singers, and spoken word artists. Express yourself with original poems/ lyrics. Participants can also read one of their beloved poems or sing a portion of a song. For more info please contact the Herring Run Branch at 410-396-0996

## Teen Madden Party

Thursday, November 16, 4:00 p.m.

Central Library, Earl Teen Center

Join us in celebrating our One Book Baltimore pick, *Before the Ever After* by Jacqueline Woodson. We will play video game football via our PS5. Stop by and play some Madden!

## Nature Journals

Friday, November 17, 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 One Book Baltimore selection together. Each participant will receive their own sketchbook and resources to identify future wildlife observations!

## Film: Concussion

Tuesday, November 21, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park

Monday, November 27, 3:00 p.m. | Govans

A Pittsburgh-based neuropathologist discovers a degenerative brain disease now known as CTE in the autopsies of several deceased pro-football players. After presenting his research, the doctor finds himself under fire from the NFL.  
2015 | Rated PG-13 | 2 hr. 3 min.

## Read Outloud!

Thursdays, November 30 & December 7  
3:00 p.m. | Hamilton

Pick up your free copy of Jacqueline Woodson's *Before the Ever After* and join us for two read aloud sessions. Participants will have the chance to read verses from the book aloud to each other or simply choose to come, listen, and discuss afterwards.

## Book Discussion

Tuesday, December 12, 3:30 p.m.

Herring Run

Join us for a discussion of *Before the Ever After* by Jacqueline Woodson. Light refreshments will be served.

## 90s Trivia Challenge

Tuesday, December 19, 3:00 p.m.

Roland Park

What up "home skillet?" How well do you know 90s pop culture? Test your knowledge with our 90s trivia challenge. All participants will receive a "wicked" prize. Don't miss out, it's gonna be "off the chain!"

## Poetry Open Mic Night

Wednesday, December 20, 5:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

Teens are invited to recite poetry they have written inspired by *Before the Ever After* by Jacqueline Woodson. Poetry is not limited to One Book Baltimore themes and can be about any subject teens have been inspired to write. Snacks will be provided.

## Teen Self-Care Kit:

### Your Path to Wellness Begins Here!

Wednesday, December 20, 3:00 p.m.  
Orleans St.

Immerse yourself in 90s music while designing your personalized self-care kit. Explore self-reflection, relaxation, and personal growth with our handpicked tools and resources. Join us on this transformative journey towards well-being. Your path to wellness begins here! Available while supplies last.

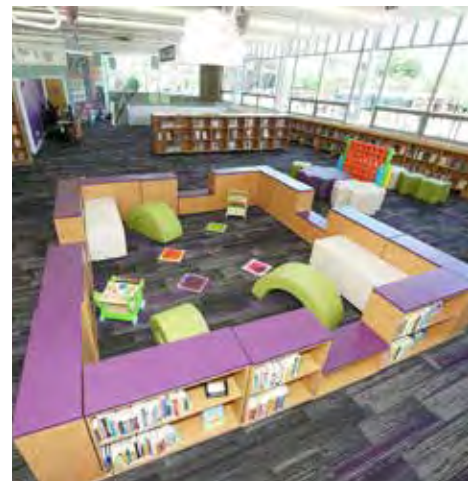
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# PENNSYLVANIA AVE. BRANCH RENOVATION

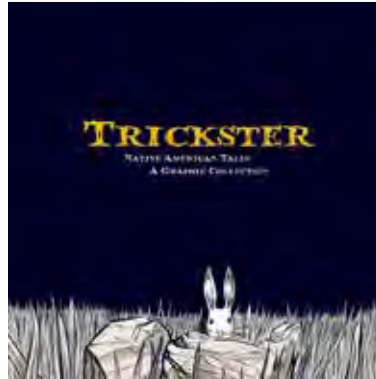
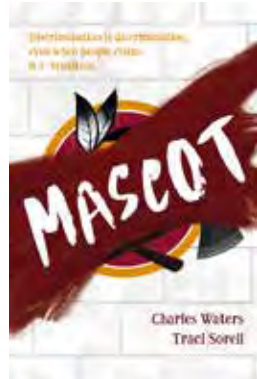
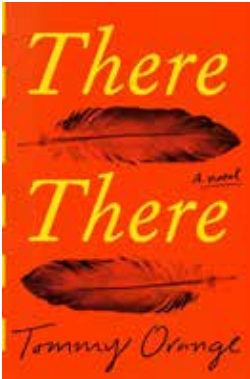
On September 30, the ribbon was cut for a refresh of the Pennsylvania Avenue branch. Thanks to private support, the Pratt was able to create an interactive, colorful new space for children and teens on the upper floor. A new adult space downstairs includes privacy pods and technology bars.

Renovation made possible with the support of Library donors including a generous gift from The Richman Foundation.





# NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



## ADULTS

### Book Discussion: *There There* (One Maryland, One Book)

Thursday, November 2  
1:30 p.m. | Patterson Park  
Thursday, November 9  
5:30 p.m. | Waverly



Monday, November 13, 6:00 p.m. | Orleans St.  
Thursday, November 16, 6:00 p.m. | Hamilton  
*A wondrous and shattering award-winning novel that follows 12 characters from Native communities: all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow, all connected to one another in ways they may not yet realize. Join the Pratt Library and Maryland Humanities for a discussion of the book There There by Tommy Orange. FREE copies of the book are available at branches on a first come, first served basis as sponsored by Maryland Humanities.*

"The library has always been a great resource for many things."

— Nicole L.

## TEENS



### Writers LIVE!

#### Charles Waters & Traci Sorell: *Mascot*

Wednesday, November 15, 11:00 a.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
*What if a school's mascot is seen as racist, but not by everyone? In this compelling middle-grade novel in verse, two best-selling BIPOC authors tackle this hot-button issue. Told from several perspectives, Mascot readers see how each student comes to new understandings about identity, tradition, and what it means to stand up for real change.*

### Graphic Novel Book Club:

#### *Trickster: Native American Tales*

Thursday, November 16, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton  
*Join us for a different kind of book club! In November, we'll talk about Trickster: Native American Tales, A Graphic Collection. Didn't read the book? Join us anyway!*



## EARN YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

"I wanted to show my kids that anything is possible if you work towards it. I currently have a full time job, but I plan to look into my next chapter as an electrician."

— Jonathan G.

You can now earn your high school diploma entirely online with Career Online High School and Excel High School, two exciting new scholarship-based programs available through the Pratt Library.

This self-paced, flexible format is designed for adults 18 years of age and older to continue their academic career by earning their accredited high school diploma (not GED) in 6 – 24 months. Students who meet the enrollment criteria will receive a scholarship to cover the cost of the program. If selected for the program, students can expect to dedicate 8 – 10 hours per week to their coursework.

**Learn more at [prattlibrary.org/graduate](http://prattlibrary.org/graduate)**

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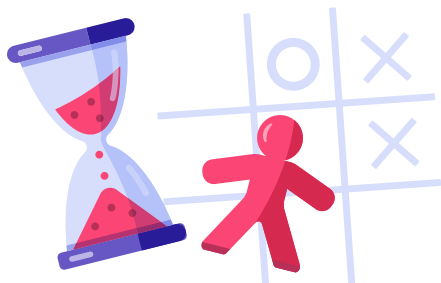
## WILD TALES WITH WILDLIFE ADVENTURES

Thursday, November 16, 11:00 a.m. | Brooklyn  
Saturday, November 18, 1:00 p.m. | Central Library  
Tuesday, December 12, 4:00 p.m. | Patterson Park

This event is designed to spark children's love for reading through the enchanting combination of live animals and unique stories. With exciting opportunities for audience interaction, kids can actively participate in the storytelling process. There will be chances for up-close encounters with the animals during and at the conclusion of the program.

# GET YOUR GAME ON

Check out these programs for International Games Month!



## ADULTS

### Doo Wop Dance with Death: A 1950s Murder Mystery Party

Thursday, November 2, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

*This 1950s prom is a doo wop disaster! When a death on the dance floor turns this prom night into a party foul, it is up to you to figure out whodunit and get this dance back on track. Trade clues with your fellow dancers, gather information about the crime, and reveal the punk that made this prom nowheresville. This night of laughter and dancing is now too heavy to razz anyone's berries, so it's up to you to find the murderer! Word from the bird is this is one show you will not want to miss. Space for this program is limited and registration is required. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).*

### Your Turn: Board Game Group

Mondays, November 13 & December 11  
6:00 p.m. | Hamilton

*It's an evening of tabletop gaming! This monthly meetup may include card, board, or party-style games. Come one, come all!*

### Adult Bingo

Tuesdays, November 14 & December 12  
2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill

*A fun way to discover your Library! Join us for an afternoon of fun and prizes. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.*

### Believe in Yourself! Library Trivia for Adults

Thursday, November 16, 6:00 p.m.

Peabody Heights Brewery  
401 E. 30th St.

*Come to our first ever offsite trivia series, written by YOUR very own Pratt Library librarians at Peabody Heights Brewery! Not to fear — while some trivia will be book based, the trivia content will be on varied topics. Space is limited, and registration is required. Please register for the number of people in your team. (I.e., if you have a team of five people, please register for five tickets) Teams are capped at 8 people. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).*

### Get On Board!

Thursdays, November 30 & December 28  
6:30 p.m. | Light St.

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

## TEENS

### Teen Video Game Night

Thursdays, November 2 – December 28  
5:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

*Come hang out and play video games with your friends on the big screen!*

### Gaming Mondays

Mondays, November 6 – December 18  
3:30 p.m. | Northwood

*Stop by the Library on Mondays and play PS4 with your friends and a librarian after school.*

### Dungeons & Dragons at the Library

Mondays, November 6 & 20, 4:00 p.m.

Cherry Hill

Wednesday, November 8, 5:30 p.m.

Central Library

*Ever read a story and wished you could be part of the action? Now's your chance! Join us at the library and play some D&D. All supplies will be provided. This program is for both new players and experienced players, all are welcome!*

### Games at Govans

Wednesdays, November 8 & December 6  
3:00 p.m. | Govans

*Start a D&D or TTRPG adventure, play your favorite games, or make a new favorite with a wide selection of board, dice, and card games available at the Govans Branch!*



### Pokémon Trading Card Game: Become a Pokémon Master!

Wednesday, November 8, 3:00 p.m.  
Orleans St.

*Embark on a Pokémon quest at your Library! Join us for an electrifying adventure as we kickstart our exciting Pokémon event designed exclusively for teens. Begin on your journey to become a Pokémon master as you delve into the world of the classic trading card game, and claim your free starter deck to kickstart your adventure. Free starter decks will be provided, while supplies last! Snacks will be provided!*

### Gender & the Indie Gaming Industry: A Female Insider's Perspective

Saturday, November 11, 1:00 p.m.

Central Library

*From the joy of receiving notes from players across the globe about their excitement to support your mission to the discouragement of local studios in pursuing expanding the local gaming scene, Boba Studios co-founders Ashley Guchhait and Kyrstin Cooksey will share the highs and lows of creating and launching a minority-owned game studio.*

### Game Design Workshop with Boba Studios

Wednesday, November 15, 3:00 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

*What is game design? And how is it different from gameplay? Or even coding? Let's look at the ins and outs of making games! Together, we'll learn to define the major terminology in game-making and then apply the concepts to designing a tabletop game! Participants will receive the skills to expand on and create new games outside of this workshop, no hardware or software needed!*

## CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY OF THINGS!

Check out learning kits, games, technology, musical instruments, and more with the Library of Things collection, available to Pratt cardholders. Place a hold and pick up your items at any Pratt location. The **Children's Library of Things** offers toys, games, and educational materials that promote early learning skills in children ages zero to 8. Customers aged 10 to 19 can check out equipment from coding robots to sewing machines with the **Teen Library of Things** collection.

Learn more at [prattlibrary.org/library-of-things](http://prattlibrary.org/library-of-things)



### Video Game Club

Wednesday, November 15, 3:30 p.m.  
Cherry Hill

*You are invited to play PS4 and Nintendo Switch video games on the big screen. We will have a selection of games for tweens and teens to choose from.*

### UNO Challenge Extravaganza

Wednesday, November 29, 3:00 p.m.  
Orleans St.

*Are you ready for an epic gaming experience that combines strategy, fun challenges, and a dash of friendly competition? Get ready to embark on the ultimate UNO Challenge Extravaganza!*

### Model & Miniature Painting

Saturday, December 9, 1:30 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.

*Come try your hand at painting miniature figures and models like those used in board games and roleplaying games. Paints and brushes are provided, and there are enough models for patrons to paint and take one from our collection.*

### 2000s Teen Game Night

Monday, December 11, 5:00 p.m.  
Reisterstown Rd.

*Come join us for a relaxed and fun re-wind to the 2000s. Throw on your best 2000s outfit, play trivia and an MTV game, and listen to retro music. Snacks provided.*

### Drama & Dice Gaming

Thursday, December 21, 5:00 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.

*Ready your dice for a tabletop roleplaying game adventure in the vein of Dungeons & Dragons or try out a card or board game. Character sheets and dice provided. Teens and adults are welcome.*

## — CHILDREN & FAMILIES —

### Family Game Afternoon:

#### Building Blocks & Building Connections

Saturday, November 4, 1:30 p.m. | Orleans St.  
*Join us for a family game afternoon with block-themed games for all ages, from baby building blocks to Jenga®.*

### Ready, Set, Game!

Saturday, November 4, 3:00 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.

*Spend an afternoon laughing and exercising your brain by playing games! Snacks will be provided.*

### All Ages Bingo!

Monday, November 6, 6:00 p.m. | Orleans St.  
*Join us for an all ages Bingo!*

### Family Book Bingo

Thursdays, November 9 & December 14  
6:00 p.m. | Govans

*Join us for an evening of fun playing Bingo! Every win lets you pick a free book. Ages 5 & up. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6098. Presented in partnership with Tomorrow's Promise Foundation, Inc.*

### Super Coding Club

Saturdays, November 18 & December 16  
3:00 p.m. | Central Library

*Play with code to make simple games and cool visual effects using the PICO-8 fantasy console.*

### Checkmate! Chess at the Library

Mondays, November 27 & December 11  
5:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.

*Whether you are new to the game, or you love chess and are looking for a fun competitive match, come join us for an enjoyable evening! All ages are welcome.*

### STEM Mazes

Wednesday, December 6, 3:30 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.

*Move a magnetic dot through a reconfigurable maze; build ramps and pathways to make a ball roll to its goal.*

### Library BINGO

Wednesday, December 20, 3:30 p.m.  
Cherry Hill

*Come play Library BINGO for an afternoon filled with fun and prizes! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.*



**"Libraries are fantastic, and I've always been happy with the service at any of the Pratt libraries I've visited."**

— William H.



## THE FREE TO BMORE PODCAST IS BACK!

Check out our episode with Mark Anthony Thomas, President and CEO

of the Greater Baltimore Committee where he talks about the opportunities and challenges the city... and how we move into the future.

**Listen at [prattlibrary.org/bmorepodcast](http://prattlibrary.org/bmorepodcast)**



## JUVENILE CODE OF CONDUCT

The library welcomes customers of all ages to enjoy our public spaces. In an effort to support and foster learning and exploration for youth 8 – 18 years old who may be visiting the library without an adult, the library is proud to share the newly implemented Juvenile Code of Conduct.

The Juvenile Code of Conduct is a mirror of the Library's general Code of Conduct but is specifically written for youth to support the modeling of their best behaviors at Pratt. Youth are requested to exhibit courteous, respectful and inclusive actions to support the empowerment, enrichment and enhancement of all at all times.

The Juvenile Code of Conduct supports the demonstration by youth through their words, actions and attitudes and respect for themselves and others.

Learn more at [prattlibrary.org/about-us/policies/juvenile-code-of-conduct](http://prattlibrary.org/about-us/policies/juvenile-code-of-conduct).



## PROJECT ENCORE



### ENCOURAGING NEW COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH RE-ENTRY AND EMPOWERMENT

Project ENCORE is a transformative restorative justice initiative dedicated to breaking down institutional obstacles and societal reintegration hurdles that contribute to reoffending. Our mission is to empower formerly incarcerated individuals by equipping them with the essential tools to thrive as productive members of society. We adopt a comprehensive approach by seamlessly connecting participants with Pratt's existing wrap-around services, including housing, substance abuse rehabilitation, social work, and more, addressing their mental, emotional, financial, and physical well-being. Our multi-tiered approach is designed to:

- Foster generational wealth and leave a lasting legacy.
- Provide a stable source of income for participants.
- Offer support for housing and transportation needs.
- Create safe, inclusive spaces for open dialogue about barriers and mental health challenges.
- Enhance self-esteem and boost participants' sense of pride and self-worth.

#### SERVICES:

##### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Career Connection Program (CCP) will provide employment opportunities through two pathways. The internal pathway will conduct a 6 month apprentice program for women employment beginning within 30 days of release in partnership with DLLR and Maryland Correctional Institute for Women. Upon successful completion, participants will become permanent Pratt employees. The external pathway will provide employment opportunities through partnerships with local businesses and organizations for those released within 3 – 9 months.

##### DIGITAL EQUITY

Our digital equity program will provide laptops and hotspots to reentry partner organizations and the formerly incarcerated in need of technologically assistance.

##### RESOURCE HUB

**ReCOUP Business Accelerator:** An 8-week, entrepreneurship program for the formerly incarcerated.

**Empowered Journeys Reentry Support Group:** A compassionate and empowering support group designed to provide a safe space, create a community of belonging, and facilitate a strong support network for formerly incarcerated women as they navigate the challenges of reintegration into society.

**Saturdays, beginning November 4, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Central Library**

**Compassion Clothing Closet:** A donation-based, no-cost shopping experience for reentry to those impacted back into the community and the workforce.

**2nd Thursday of the month beginning November 9, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Central Library**

If you're interested in volunteering, partnering, or becoming a participant in any of our initiatives, please reach out to Reconnection Navigators Sierra Walker ([swalker@prattlibrary.org](mailto:swalker@prattlibrary.org)) or Kara Bailey ([kbailey@prattlibrary.org](mailto:kbailey@prattlibrary.org)).



### PRATT FREE MARKET COMMUNITY FRIDGE

The Pratt Free Market initiative is launching with three community fridge programs this fall! Fridges will be located at:

- Pennsylvania Ave. Branch
- Orleans St. Branch
- Brooklyn Branch

#### How it Works

The Community Fridge is a tool designed to reduce food waste, increase food access, and build a stronger community through food sharing.

Take what you can carry and leave what you can't.

Due to high demand, we cannot guarantee that the fridges will be stocked at all times.

#### Interested in donating?

#### Have a suggestion?

Please email the Pratt Free Market Team at [prattfreemarket@prattlibrary.org](mailto:prattfreemarket@prattlibrary.org)

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— Amy S.

# HISTORIC MARYLAND



## The Power of Belonging

Thursday, November 2, 6:30 p.m. | Light St.  
Join us for a community conversation on what it means to belong in South Baltimore in 2023. You are invited to attend, connect, and share your perspectives. This dialogue will be facilitated by Dr. Keisha Siriboe.

## The Red Scare in Baltimore

Saturday, November 4, 1:00 p.m. | Hamilton  
This program will discuss political activities and repression in Maryland during the Red Scare, with special attention to the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) hearings at Bethlehem Steel. The program will include the personal experiences of people in Baltimore. Presented by Bill Barry.

## Lunch & Learn: The Washerwomen of Baltimore, 1800 – 1864

Thursday, November 9, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual  
Join former Maryland State Archivist Dr. Edward C. Papenfuss as he shares his research on the under-appreciated and unknown washerwomen of Baltimore during the period of 1800 – 1864 and explores what the archival sources reveal. Presented in partnership with the Maryland State Archives and the Maryland Four Centuries Project. ASL interpretation will be available for attendees.

## Tombstone Treasures: TikTok's Gravestone Baker Rosie Grant

Saturday, November 18, 11:00 a.m.  
Central Library  
Rosie Grant, a #gravetok Tiktoker, will delve into the research of finding and cooking gravestone recipes. Her work highlights the fascinating practice of inscribing gravestones with recipes from the past, shedding light on the historical significance of food and legacy. At the intersection of food and death, attendees will be shown how these culinary engravings offer a unique glimpse into the lives and memories of those who've come before us.

## From Twilight into Sunshine: LGBTQ+ History in Maryland

Monday, December 4, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

Join Pratt librarians and Baltimore Heritage LGBTQ+ History Walking Tour guides as we present the fascinating and fabulous history of our community going all the way back to the early 1800s. From trans sailors to lesbian philanthropists, from the West Baltimore drag balls of the Jazz era to the repression and bar raids of the 1950s and 1960s, and ultimately to the beginnings of the current movement toward LGBTQ+ visibility and rights, see how past generations of LGBTQ+ people have shaped the Maryland we live in today.

## Save a Story! DIY Oral History Interviewing

Saturday, December 9, 1:00 p.m.

Central Library

Save 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. The program will introduce you to the skills you'll need for high-quality interviews.

## Lunch & Learn: Maryland's Longest Intrastate River: The Patuxent

Thursday, December 14, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual  
This illustrated talk highlights some of the lesser-known facts about Maryland's longest intrastate river, the Patuxent. The Patuxent River is an underappreciated Maryland natural and cultural resource. This presentation will tell you why. Presented in partnership with The Maryland State Archives and The Maryland Four Centuries Project. ASL interpretation will be available for attendees.

## @historichomesofbaltimore with Jason Freeman

Thursday, December 14, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

The Pratt Library is teaming up with Baltimore Banner's Jason Freeman (@historichomesofbaltimore) to talk about all things historic homes! Come learn about historic Baltimore architecture, the relationship between historic properties and the current real estate market, how to identify and photograph historic homes, and more. Light refreshments will be served.



## DINOVEMBER

### DINOSAUR GAMES

Thursday, November 2, 4:00 p.m.

Hampden

Embark on a prehistoric adventure with our selection of dinosaur-themed board games.

### CODING & ROBOTICS INTERACTIVE DEMONSTRATION & WORKSHOP

Thursday, November 2, 4:00 p.m.

Waverly

Youth from the Waverly School-Age Child Care Center invite you to a fun, interactive demonstration and workshop on coding and robotics. Waverly 4-H STEM Club members will help other youth in grades K to 3 learn how to use the Daisy the Dinosaur app to write code and how to navigate and code the Dash robot. This program is held in collaboration with University of Maryland Extension, Baltimore Housing, and the Maryland STEM Festival.

### CRAFTERNOON:

#### DINO MOUTH STEAM KIT

Monday, November 6, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly

Join us for an afternoon of engineering and arts, while celebrating Dinovember! Design and build a dinosaur that can move its giant mouth with air pressure!

### DINO STORYTIME

Thursday, November 9

3:00 p.m.

Southeast Anchor Library

Come to the library for a roaring good time with a dinosaur-themed storytime and craft!

### CRAFTERNOON:

#### DOT PAINTING DINOSAURS

Monday, November 27, 4:00 p.m.

Waverly

Drop by and give our dot markers a try! Use one of our dinosaur patterns or make your own design.





## FALL EVENTS

The Pratt held many exciting programs this fall. Take a look at photos from Final Fridays with the *No Pix After Dark* Podcast and Brandon Woody, a hands-on “Cerealism” workshop with Michael Albert, and Brown Lecture Series events with Aaron Neville and Leslie Jones.





## SPOTLIGHT ON HAMPDEN



### ADULTS

#### Dynamic Resumes & Cover Letters

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

Learn tools and strategies to create polished resumes and cover letters that are tailored to each job you apply for. To register, email [hmp@prattlibrary.org](mailto:hmp@prattlibrary.org) or call 410-396-6043.

#### Pressed Flower Candles

Saturday, November 18, 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a creative workshop and learn how to upgrade basic taper candles using pressed flowers and a little wax. To register, email [hmp@prattlibrary.org](mailto:hmp@prattlibrary.org) or call 410-396-6043.

#### Career Clinic

Tuesday, December 5, 3:00 p.m.

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.

#### Reverse Coloring

Thursday, December 14, 6:00 p.m.

Feeling stressed? Join us for an evening of creativity in reverse, where the objective is to unwind rather than fill in. Choose from a selection of colorful prints and add doodles, outlines, swirls, and dots to create your own images. Email [hmp@prattlibrary.org](mailto:hmp@prattlibrary.org) or call 410-396-6043 to register.

### TEENS

#### Teen Recreation Room

Fridays, November 17, December 1 & 22  
12:00 p.m.

Don't miss out on the fun! Join us in the Hampden Branch's meeting room for snacks, games, and other activities on select afternoons throughout the school year. Relax, recharge, and connect with friends who share your interests.

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### Baby & Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays & Saturdays

November 1 – December 30, 11:00 a.m.

Stories, movement, play, and songs for babies and toddlers. For little ones under two with a favorite adult. All abilities welcome. Playtime to follow.

#### Family Storytime

Wednesdays, November 1 – December 27  
3:30 p.m.

Come ready to move, laugh, and learn together. For families with children ages 2 – 5. All abilities welcome. Playtime to follow.

#### STEAM Saturdays:

##### Coding with KUBO the Robot

Saturday, November 4, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for an introduction to coding and computational thinking for children ages four years & up. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6043.

##### Indoor Preschool Playtime

Saturday, November 25, 2:00 p.m.

Friday, December 8, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of play! For families with children ages 3 – 5. Siblings welcome. All abilities welcome.

##### STEAM Saturdays: Marshmallow Catapults

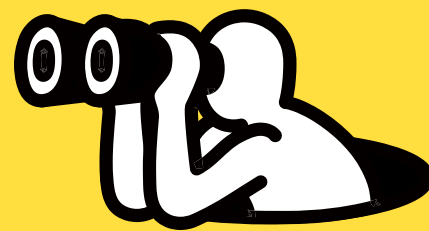
Saturday, December 2, 2:00 p.m.

Participants will embark on a journey to construct their very own catapults and explore the fascinating world of projectile motion. This program has limited spaces. To register, call 410-396-6043.

##### Crafternoon: Create a New Year's Crown

Saturday, December 16, 2:30 p.m.

Create a New Year's crown to cherish and take home as a delightful reminder of this joyous occasion! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6043.



## SNEAK PEEK AT JANUARY & FEBRUARY

### WRITERS LIVE!

#### MATTILDA BERNSTEIN SYCAMORE

Tuesday, January 9, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library

Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore will discuss her book, *Touching the Art*, a mixture of memoir, biography, criticism, and social history.

### CULTURE QUEEN'S

#### BLACK HISTORY LIVE!

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

Thursday, February 1, 4:30 p.m.

Pennsylvania Avenue

Join us for 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.

### WRITERS LIVE! JULIETTE WELLS

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

Central Library

A New Jane Austen completes Juliette Wells' groundbreaking trio of books on Austen's readers.

### TRIVIA TIME!

Monday, January 22, 5:00 p.m.

Central Library, Central Hall

Come enjoy Trivia at the Pratt! Trivia by Lehn Boy of Fadensonnen's Trivia is always a surprise, come ready to think outside the box. Hors d'oeuvres, beer, and wine included with your FREE ticket. Space for this program is limited and registration is required. ID REQUIRED for alcohol consumption. Alcohol provided by Angels Ate Lemons and Lane Harlan Group. Register at [prattlibrary.org](mailto:prattlibrary.org).

### WRITERS LIVE! AYESHA RASCOE

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

Central Library

Ayesha Rascoe will discuss *HCBU Made*, a collection of essays she's edited about historically Black colleges and universities.

# WINTER IS COMING

## ADULTS

### Hot Cocoa Gift Box

Thursday, November 16, 3:00 p.m. | Govans  
Customize and create your own hot cocoa gift box for yourself or for a loved one this holiday season. Available while supplies last, see librarians for details.

### Wine Pairing for the Holidays: Being the Host with the Most

Thursday, November 30, 6:00 p.m.  
Central Library  
Need a perfect aperitif for the in-laws? Confused about what to pair with your holiday roast or cheeses? Taught by a certified wine professional, this Wine Pairing for the Holidays class will teach you all about how to buy wine to slay the holidays! From how to read a wine bottle label, to opening sparkling wine like a pro, this course will cover all of the ABCs of purchasing wine for the winter months at all price points. There will be wine tasting at this event for educational purposes. Cheers! This event is 21+. Registration for this program is required as space is limited. ID REQUIRED for alcohol consumption. IDs will be checked. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).

### Grief & the Holidays: Learning to Cope

Saturday, December 2, 10:30 a.m.  
Central Library  
Are the holidays a hard time of year due to loss and grief? Dr. Drew Pate, area psychiatrist and mental health advocate, will lead a discussion based workshop to explore how to start working through difficult feelings during holiday festivities and celebrations.

### Self Care Hour: DIY Bath Sachets

Monday, December 4, 6:00 p.m. | Orleans St.  
Got the Winter Blues? Holidays got you stressed? Love to pamper yourself? Come join us at the Orleans Street Branch as we make bath sachets filled with epsom salt, flowers, and more. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0970.

### Adult Craft: Ornament Wreaths

Saturday, December 9, 11:00 a.m.  
Edmondson Ave.  
Come create a festive wreath out of a wire frame and sparkly ornaments. All instructions and supplies are provided, but space is limited. Please call 410-396-0964 to register.

### Adult Book Discussion

Saturday, December 9, 11:00 a.m.  
Herring Run  
A Christmas Resolution by Anne Perry.  
A smitten woman is about to marry a dangerous man — unless Detective Hooper and his new wife, Celia, can prevent it — in this wickedly tangled holiday mystery

### Tea Light Snowflake Mason Jar Craft

Saturday, December 9, 1:30 p.m.  
Northwood  
Create a beautiful winter themed tea light mason jar craft to make all your occasions warm and bright. Teens and adults are welcome. All supplies are included. Space is limited. Please call 410-396-6076 to register.

### Winterscape Luminaries

Saturday, December 9, 2:00 p.m. | Orleans St.  
Come join us as we turn mason jars into winterscape luminaries. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0970.

### Holiday Wrap Session

Monday, December 11, 3:00 p.m. | Govans  
Bring your gifts to this season's wrap session to get them ready for the holidays! Materials for wrapping presents will be provided, while supplies last.

### 3D Paper Snowflakes

Monday, December 11, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly  
Use paper to create 3D snowflakes to decorate. Space is limited. Please call 410-396-6089 to register.

### Gifts From the Garden: Holiday Plants

Monday, December 11, 6:00 p.m.  
Herring Run  
The most popular holiday plants, such as poinsettias, Christmas cactus, and amaryllis, add a festive air to any home. This program will give tips about how to care for these plants to keep them blooming and looking their best through the holidays.

### Wrap 'n Roll

Monday, December 18, 5:30 p.m.  
Hamilton  
Sneaky present peekers at home? Pack up your gifts and wrapping supplies, and utilize our space to wrap your presents in tranquility!

## TEENS

### Winter Paper Crafts

Thursday, December 7, 3:00 p.m.  
Hamilton  
Join us as we turn books into works of art!

### Harness the Winter Sun: Solar-Powered S'mores Ovens for Teens!

Wednesday, December 13, 3:00 p.m.  
Orleans St.  
Embrace the magic of winter while learning about science, sustainability, and indulging in delicious treats in our Solar-Powered S'mores Ovens teen program.



## — CHILDREN & FAMILIES —

### Winter Warmth

Monday, December 4, 3:00 p.m. | Brooklyn  
*Children and families are welcome to join us for a fun and cozy storytime and craft event! Wear your coziest PJs and bring your favorite teddy bear or other stuffed animal friend to hear winter stories. Little ones and families are then invited to make crafts to bring home, to give as gifts for the holiday season or just for fun! Gift bags, wrapping paper, and refreshments will be provided while supplies last.*

### Create a Polar Bear Cup!

Monday, December 4, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park  
*Brr! Can you feel winter on its way? Welcome winter by creating a polar bear cup with us!*

### DIY Winter Lanterns

Tuesday, December 5, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
*Create a winter lantern! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.*

### Culture Queen's Kwanzaa Party

Tuesday, December 5, 3:30 p.m. | Northwood  
*Join Culture Queen as she teaches your royal children super fun and festive ways to celebrate the seven principles of Kwanzaa through interactive music, crafts, storytelling, and games.*

### Mason Jar Snowglobes

Tuesday, December 5, 3:30 p.m.  
Patterson Park  
*Create a winter scene in a mason jar.*

### Winter Craft: Gingerbread Slime

Saturday, December 9, 2:00 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
*Create your own winter-spiced slime!*

### Crafternoon: Make a Snowman

Monday, December 11, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly  
*Join us for a crafty afternoon to make and decorate your own snowman.*

### Snowflake Painting

Wednesday, December 13, 3:30 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.  
*Create your own unique snowflake painting using crayon-resist and watercolors!*

### Winter Crafternoon

Monday, December 18, 3:00 p.m.  
Roland Park  
*Join us for a winter-themed craft at the Roland Park branch! We will make snowmen out of cotton balls and create our own winter scenes!*

### Crafternoon: Crayon Resist Snowflakes

Monday, December 18, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly  
*Make snowflakes using crayons and watercolor paints.*

### Winter Solstice Lanterns

Tuesday, December 19, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton  
*Get ready for the Winter Solstice by creating your very own paper lantern! Join us for a read aloud of Winter is the Warmest Season by Lauren Stringer and create a shadow lantern using a paper bag, construction paper, and a battery-operated tea light, while supplies last.*

### Winter Craft: Dotted Winter

Thursday, December 21, 3:30 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
*Pointillism is a painting technique in which dots of different colors blend to make a picture. Use the art of Pointillism to create a snowy winter scene.*

### Kwanzaa Mat

Saturday, December 30, 11:00 a.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
*Celebrate Kwanzaa by crafting your own mat.*



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