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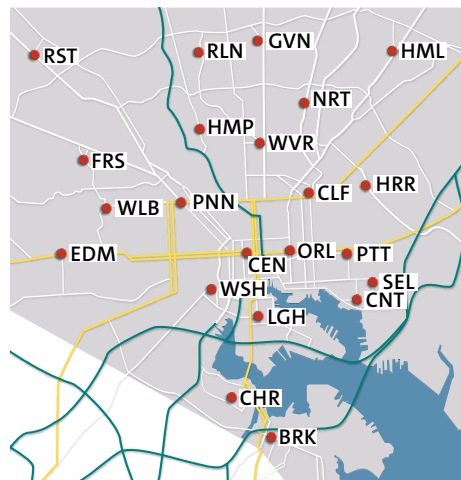
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LETTER FROM THE INTERIM CEO



It's a season of transition at the Pratt Library. Back in March, our former CEO Heidi Daniel left to lead a library system in Washington state. I've been honored to step into the Interim CEO role. The Pratt Library has been my home for the past 25 years. I've worked across every public service division in this library system. I know how important this library is to both Baltimore and the state of Maryland. The Pratt Library Boards of Trustees and Directors have formed an Executive Search Committee and engaged a national search firm. I am confident that our Executive Administrative team will be able to seamlessly continue the work of the Pratt as decisions are made about future leadership.

While the Pratt is recognized throughout Baltimore and Maryland for the work we do in our community, the Library is also receiving national recognition. The Institute of Museum and Library Services has named the Enoch Pratt Free Library a finalist for the National Medal, the nation's highest honor. The Pratt is among 30 finalists and the only institution in Maryland to receive this recognition. The Medal is awarded to outstanding institutions for their ability to respond to community needs, preserve diverse history and culture, and create a sense of belonging for all Americans. The winners of the National Medal will be announced in late May, with an awards ceremony in June. This honor is a testament to all of the nearly 500 employees who work across the Pratt's 22 locations. Each day they work to open the doors of access to thousands of Marylanders through innovative programs and services that are empowering and transforming our community.

I am so proud that our dedicated and talented staff is being recognized across the country for work they are doing to make a difference here in Baltimore.

Darcell Graham, *Interim CEO, Enoch Pratt Free Library*



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The next Meeting of the Boards of Trustees and Directors will be held Wednesday, June 5 at 5:15 p.m. Visit prattlibrary.org for details.

CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION



WALBROOK BRANCH TO REOPEN JUNE 1

We are excited to reopen the Walbrook Branch this summer. This will be our first branch where we debut the new interior computer spaces that we are working on across the Pratt system. The paint and layout of the building have been refreshed, along with new furniture. The HVAC system was also replaced thanks to the generosity of private donors.

Join us on June 1 for a grand reopening celebration. Visit prattlibrary.org for details.

THE LIBRARY HAS DISTRIBUTED 20,000 CHROMEBOOKS TO DATE.

"Just what I really needed, but couldn't afford. So this program has been truly a Blessing. Thanks."

"I am a 75-year-old man with epilepsy and other disabilities that limit my mobility and access to public events. With this Chromebook, I can access the resources of my public library system, interact on social media, and indulge my passion for creative writing. It has opened worlds to me that were otherwise denied."

"I have been able to take care of personal things and my son is able to do his homework at home and turn it in on time!"

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.

For more information, including details on where to apply and receive your own laptop, visit prattlibrary.org/getadevice.

"The staff was hands on and friendly they give me information about things I didn't know about the library and more"

— Shawmenika O.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE LATEST EPISODES!



Visit Baltimore CEO **AI Hutchinson** talks about the impact the CIAA tournament has on the region and why tourism is vital for the whole city.

Secretary of Housing & Community Development Jake Day talks about how he is working with the Governor to develop strong communities.

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for themselves and 3 others to Port Discovery Children's Museum by participating in the **Ticket to Discovery Book Club**. Sign up at any Pratt location May 1 – 31.



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Learn more at prattlibrary.org/discovery

JOB & CAREER

ADULTS

Drop-in Job Seeker Assistance

Mondays & Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.
Central Library

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

Computer & Internet for Beginners

Thursdays, May 2, 23 & June 27, 10:30 a.m.
Reisterstown Rd.

Learn the basics of using a computer, how to save documents, search the Internet, access the library website, and more. Registration is required. Call 410-396-0948 to register.

Re-entry Pathways:

Empowering Futures Resource Fair

Wednesday, May 8, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Central Library

Support individuals who are transitioning back into society after incarceration. Open to all, the fair will include a resource hub, employment opportunities, personal and educational development workshops, legal guidance, and support services. For more info contact projectencore@prattlibrary.org.

Project ENCORE Compassion Clothing Closet

Thursdays, May 9 & June 13

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Central Library

A FREE shopping experience for the formerly incarcerated. Come and shop for items that will assist with your personal and professional needs. For more info or to donate, please contact swalker@prattlibrary.org.

Authentic Style Group: A Shopping Experience Clothing Giveaway

Saturday, May 18, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Central Library

A FREE shopping experience. Come shop in a nonjudgmental atmosphere. Authentic Style group will provide a boutique shopping experience. New and gently used business clothing, shoes and accessories are offered for those in the market for items to wear on their pathway towards success. This event will also include personal styling guidance, a workforce presentation, resume building assistance (by appointment only), and one-on-one life coaching (by appointment only). Register at prattlibrary.org.

Basic Life Skills

Tuesdays, May 21 & June 18, 11:00 a.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.

These lessons will teach adults life skills that help them better understand themselves, get along with others, and learn tools that can help with day to day activities. Space is limited, please register in person at the Pennsylvania Ave. Branch or by phone at 410-396-0399.

TEENS

The Business of Thinking about a Business

Wednesday, May 15, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.

Calling all future entrepreneurs! Join us for an exciting event where teens will unleash their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit! Get ready to brainstorm innovative ideas and create a plan for a new business that will address a community need.



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JOB NOW

JobNow, powered by BrainFuse, is designed to support every step of the job search process. Your Pratt library card gives you access to online coaches, interview prep, resume help, adult learning materials, and other career resources.

Accessible in all Pratt Library locations, or from home with your library card.

REUP: REENTRY REDEFINED CONFERENCE

June 11 – 13 | Central Library

Join us for our ReUP: Reentry Redefined Conference, highlighting the development and execution of innovative and effective programming and resources for the formerly incarcerated. This is a free, two day conference that will bridge the gap between agencies and returning citizens. Listen to phenomenal speakers, participate in workshops, experience a reentry simulation, hear from those impacted by reintegration services, and so much more.

SCHEDULE:

June 11, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.: Evening reception, music, networking; dinner provided

June 12, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Conference Day One; breakfast and lunch provided

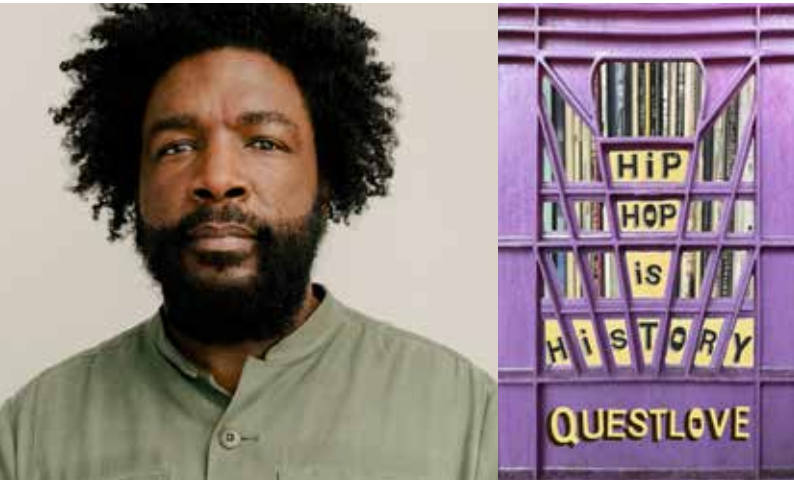
June 13, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Conference Day Two; breakfast provided

Contact swalker@prattlibrary.org for more information. Register today at prattlibrary.org or scan the QR code.



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! QUESTLOVE

Hip-Hop is History

Sunday, June 9, 3:00 p.m. | Central Library

When hip-hop first emerged in the 1970s, it wasn't expected to become the cultural force it is today. But for a young Black kid growing up in a musical family in Philadelphia, it was everything. That kid was Questlove. This is a book only Questlove could have written: a perceptive and personal reflection on the first half-century of hip-hop. 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.

WRITERS LIVE!



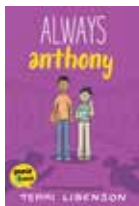
ERIK LARSON

The Demon of Unrest

Thursday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library

Master storyteller Erik Larson offers a gripping account of the chaotic months between Lincoln's election and the Confederacy's shelling of Sumter. Larson will be joined in conversation by Tom Hall, host of WYPR's *Midday*. All registered in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book. There will not be a book signing following the program.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



TERRI LIBENSON

Always Anthony

Tuesday, May 7, 4:00 p.m. | Govans

The eighth book in the Emmie & Friends series, told from the alternating POVs of popular Anthony and timid Leah as they grapple with a bullying incident at school. All registered in person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book while supplies last.

WRITERS LIVE!



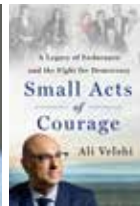
GEORGE PELECANOS

Buster

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

Ever wonder what goes on in the mind of a dog? *Buster: A Dog* is the story of one dog's lifelong journey, as told by Buster himself. George Pelecanos will be joined in conversation by author D. Watkins.

WRITERS LIVE!



ALI VELSHI

Small Acts of Courage

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

Award-winning journalist Ali Velshi taps into 125 years of family history to advocate for social justice as a living, breathing experience. Velshi will be joined in conversation by Karsonya Wise Whitehead, host of *Today with Dr. Kaye* on WEEA 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.

WRITERS LIVE!



WILLOW SMITH

Black Shield Maiden

Friday, May 10, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library

From Willow Smith and Jess Hendel comes a powerful and groundbreaking historical saga about an African warrior in the world of the Vikings. Smith will be joined in conversation by author and Well-Read Black Girl founder Glory Edim. 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!



MORGAN K. MARTIN

God Went to Art School

Saturday, May 11, 1:00 p.m. | Northwood

Morgan K. Martin will read from her first book, *God Went to Art School*. This collection of poetry about evolving, love, self, being black, being a girl/woman and the pain and the joy that comes with it.

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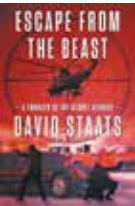
JULIETTE WELLS

A New Jane Austen

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

Completing Juliette Wells' trio of books on Austen's readers, this latest volume revolutionizes our understanding of how Jane Austen came to be viewed as the world's greatest novelist.

WRITERS LIVE!



DAVID STAATS

Escape From the Beast

Saturday, May 11, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.

Full of realistic danger and sly humor, a thriller taking off from John Hinckley's attempt to assassinate President Reagan.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



JAMILAH THOMPkins-BIGELOW

Sister, Friend

Monday, May 13, 4:30 p.m. | Light St.

Ameena wants to be friends with the new girl, but can't seem to find the right words. All registered in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book while supplies last.

WRITERS LIVE!



SHANNON ROBINSON

The Ill-Fitting Skin

Monday, May 13, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

A collection of surreal yet realistic short stories. Shannon Robinson will

be joined in conversation by author Kate Keleher.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



MINDY THOMAS

Wow in the World: What in the WOW?! 2

Wednesday, May 15, 5:30 p.m.
Central Library

A jaw-dropping survey of the most astounding, gross, and weird scientific facts. All registered in person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book while supplies last.

WRITERS LIVE!



RENÉE WATSON

skin & bones

Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

A novel exploring what gets passed down from one generation to the next.

Renée Watson will be joined in conversation by author and Well-Read Black Girl founder Glory Edim.

WRITERS LIVE!



JON GRINSPAN

Wide Awake

Thursday, May 23, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

A propulsive account of the Wide Awake anti-slavery youth movement that marched America from the 1860 election to the Civil War.

WRITERS LIVE!



JUDITH KRUMMECK

The Deceived Ones

Saturday, May 25, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

A modern take on *Twelfth Night*. Judith Krummeck will be joined in conversation by Lesley Malin, Chief Executive of The Chesapeake Shakespeare Company.

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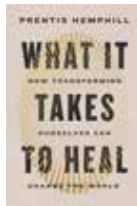
OMAR TYREE

Control

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

Six personalities push their psychologist to her limit. Omar Tyree will be joined in conversation by talk show host Marsha Reeves-Jews.

WRITERS LIVE!



PRENTIS HEMPHILL

What It Takes to Heal

Thursday, June 6, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Now more than ever, we must learn to heal ourselves, connect with one another, and embody our values. Prentis Hemphill shows us how.

WRITERS LIVE!



PATRICIA MEISOL

A Heart Afire

Monday, June 24, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

A biography of the life of pioneering children's heart doctor Helen Taussig, who lived and worked in Baltimore.

WRITERS LIVE!



RACHEL SLADE

Making It In America

Wednesday, June 26, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

An eye-opening look at manufacturing in America. Rachel Slade will be joined

in conversation by Recast City founder and CEO Ilana Preuss.

WHAT'S NEW

Here are the most anticipated books of May and June coming soon to the Pratt Library.



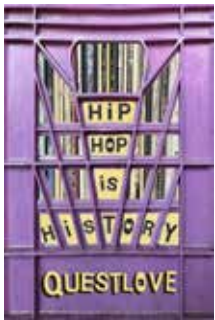
One Perfect Couple by Ruth Ware

Five couples are whisked off to a tropical paradise to compete for a cash prize on the reality TV show *One Perfect Couple*. But not long after they arrive on the deserted island, things start to go wrong. Cut off from the mainland and unable to contact the crew that brought them there, the group must band together for survival.



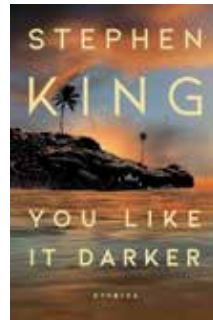
skin & bones by Renée Watson

After a confession on her wedding day shifts her world, Lena Baker finds herself unmoored and grieving a major loss. Lena questions everything she's learned about dating, friendship, and motherhood, and through it all, she works tirelessly to bring the Black history of Oregon to the masses.



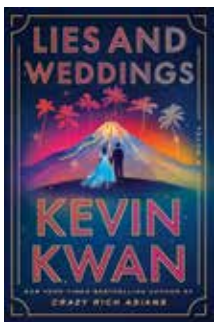
Hip-Hop is History by Questlove

Questlove skillfully traces the creative and cultural forces that made and shaped hip-hop, weaving it all together with the stories no one else knows. It is at once an intimate, sharply observed story of a cultural revolution and a sweeping, grand theory of the evolution of the great artistic movement of our time.



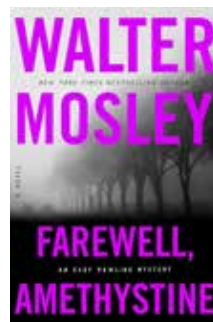
You Like it Darker by Stephen King

From legendary storyteller and master of short fiction Stephen King comes an extraordinary new collection of 12 short stories that delve into the darker part of life — both metaphorical and literal. Each of these stories holds its own thrills, joys, and mysteries; each feels iconic. You like it darker? You got it.



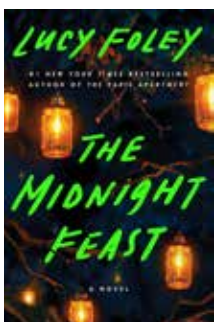
Lies and Weddings by Kevin Kwan

Rufus Leung Gresham has a problem: his once-wealthy family is in a mountain of debt. The solution, put forth by his scheming mother, is for Rufus to seduce a woman with money. But a hot mic moment causes the Gresham family's reputation to go up in flames. Can they rise from the ashes? Or will a secret tragedy reveal a shocking twist?



Farewell Amythestine by Walter Mosely

1970 finds Ezekiel "Easy" Rawlins at 50 years of age with a loving family and a thriving investigation agency. All is right with the world... and then Amethystine Stoller (his own personal Helen of Troy) arrives, and Easy has to make a choice that might sunder his soul.



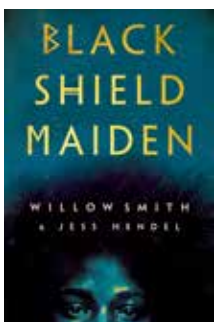
The Midnight Feast by Lucy Foley

Welcome to the opening weekend of The Manor, a luxury resort built on top of old secrets in an ancient wood. The Founder, The Lover, The Mystery Guest, The Kitchen Help, The Detective: All have an agenda. All have a past. But not everyone will survive...



Bits and Pieces by Whoopi Goldberg

If it weren't for Emma Johnson, Caryn Johnson would have never become Whoopi Goldberg. Emma raised her children not just to survive, but to thrive. In this intimate and heartfelt memoir, Whoopi shares many of the deeply personal stories of their lives together revealing a beautiful portrait of three people who loved each other deeply.



Black Shield Maiden by Willow Smith

Yafeu is stolen from her home in the Ghānaian empire and taken to a distant kingdom where she comes to serve princess Freydis. As Yafeu learns to navigate this new world she grows increasingly determined to become one of the legendary shield maidens — to fight not only for her freedom but for the freedom of others.



Not In Love by Ali Hazelwood

Rue Siebert and Eli Killgore are on opposite sides of a hostile corporate takeover. Torn between loyalty and an undeniable attraction, they throw caution to the wind. Their affair is secret, no-strings-attached, and has a built-in deadline: the day one of their companies will prevail. But the heart is a risky business — one that plays for keeps.

ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

ADULTS

Origami!

Monday, May 6, 6:00 p.m. | Light St.
An introduction to the world of origami.

Hula Hō'ike at the Library

Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m. | Central Library
Join Hula Maryland for a participatory performance showcasing the musical and dance traditions of Hawai'i. Audience members will have an opportunity to learn a hula. Please register at prattlibrary.org.

Asian Pacific American Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 14, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual
Discuss your favorite Asian American or Pacific Islander authors and books. You don't need to have read a book to join us.

Crafty Creations: Creating Origami Bookmark Covers

Thursdays, May 16 & June 6
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 22, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.
Learn how to make origami bookmark covers.

Book Discussion: Hula

Monday, May 20, 6:00 p.m. | Hampden
Discuss Hula by Jasmin 'Iolani Hakes.

TEENS

Teen Crafts: Calligraphy

Wednesday, May 1, 3:00 p.m.
Monday, May 13, 3:00 p.m.
Govans
Learn basic calligraphy techniques.

The K-POP Experience

Wednesday, May 1, 3:30 p.m. | Central Library
Interested in learning dances from K-POP groups like BTS, TWICE, or BLACKPINK? Join us as Johns Hopkins University's award-winning dance team, Korean Pop Motion (KPM), leads a dance workshop for all skill levels.

Tiki Mask Craft

Wednesday, May 1, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Unleash your creativity at our exclusive Tiki Mask Craft event!

Licking Lanterns and Eyeball Butts

Thursday, May 2, 5:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Monday, May 13, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
Wednesday, May 15, 4:00 p.m.
Central Library
This talk focuses on the wild, wacky, and above all WEIRD things that populate Japanese folk tales.

Mythological Roots of Pokémon

Tuesday, May 7, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
Come take a look at the origins behind some of the weirder pocket monsters that have taken the world by storm for over 20 years.

Origami Hanboks & Kimonos

Friday, May 17, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Come learn about traditional dress in Korea and Japan while trying out some beginner-friendly origami folding activities.

Live Music: Phraseology Trio

Saturday, May 18, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
The trio features Sambarta Rakshit on sitar, Sid Lahiri on guitar, and Vivek Gore on tabla. Join us as we explore the music of India.

Teen Book Discussion

Saturday, May 25, 1:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Monsters Born and Made by Tanvi Berway

Dyeing an Indigo Dragon

Tuesday, May 28, 4:30 p.m. | Hamilton
Thursday, May 23, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Thursday, May 30, 4:30 p.m. | Roland Park
Craft your own dragon image on a cotton bandana using a traditional method that involves indigo dye and soy paste resistance.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Who's Who: Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Edition

May 1 – 15, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Learn about people who have achieved great things through an interactive fact find.

Origami Hour

Thursday, May 2, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Explore the ancient art of paper folding.

Fun with Haiku

Thursday, May 2, 3:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Learn about Haiku, then write your own!

Crafternoons: Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Tuesdays, May 7, 21, & 28, 3:30 p.m. | Canton
Join us for crafts inspired by the Philippines!

Cardamom & Clove Henna: Henna Around the World

Thursday, May 16, 3:00 p.m. | Northwood
Wednesday, May 22, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Learn about the different uses of henna. Leave with your very own henna design while supplies last.



KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!

JOANNA HO AND AMANDA PHINGBODHIPAKKIYA

We Who Produce Pearls

Wednesday, May 8, 4:00 p.m.
Roland Park

From the *New York Times*-bestselling and award-winning author Joanna Ho comes an uplifting call to action that highlights Asian American history, paired with vibrant and colorful illustrations by artist and activist Amanda Phingbodhipakkiya. *We Who Produce Pearls* is a rich celebration of Asian American identity and a reminder of self-worth, of legacy, and, most of all, of destiny.

To attend in person please register at prattlibrary.org. All registered in person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book while supplies last.

Crafternoon: Origami

Thursday, May 16, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Practice the Japanese art of paper folding.

Kirigami:

Japanese Paper Folding & Cutting

Saturday, June 1, 2:00 p.m. | Central Library
Kirigami is a captivating craft that combines the elegance of paper folding with the intricate art of cutting. All abilities and ages are welcome!

Cardamom & Clove Henna: The Science of Henna

Saturday, June 15, 1:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Join us for this science-centered program, and leave with a new understanding of henna and your very own henna design while supplies last.



**SUMMER
BREAK
BALTIMORE**

June 1 – August 31

WHAT IS SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE?

Summer Break Baltimore is a fun program for all ages that encourages literacy and learning in our community. The fun starts June 1, 2024, at every Pratt location!

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Stop by your nearest Pratt Library location to register.

WHAT WILL I GET?

You'll receive a Summer Break Baltimore t-shirt when you register, while supplies and sizes last. Visit the Library every month in June, July, and August to pick up a free book to keep! Read books and attend Library programs to be entered into monthly prize drawings for gift cards, tickets to local experiences, prize packs, and more. *T-shirts and books are available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.*

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Pratt will have fun in-person activities, monthly raffle prizes, and events all summer long! Register for the program with a staff member at any of our locations. Visit the Library every month in June, July, and August to pick up your free book. Books must be collected within their respective months (June book in June; July book in July; August book in August). Read books and attend Library programs to be entered into monthly prize drawings for gift cards, tickets to local experiences, prize packs, and more. Stop by your nearest Pratt Library location to redeem your raffle tickets each time you read a book or attend a program.

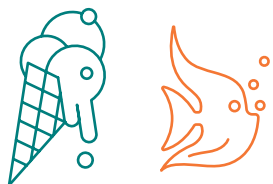
- 1 book read = 1 entry into the monthly prize drawings
- 1 program attended = 1 entry into the monthly prize drawings

You must be registered for Summer Break Baltimore to win a drawing prize.

SUMMER BREAK KICK OFFS

Summer Break Baltimore Kick Off at Brooklyn

Saturday, June 1, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. | Brooklyn
Join us for an afternoon of games and refreshments! Register for the Summer Break Baltimore to receive a free book and t-shirt, while supplies last. There will also be informational presentations from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Baltimore (Brooklyn O'Malley Club) and Masonville Cove.



Summer Break Baltimore Kick Off Event: Ice Cream & Animals!

Saturday, June 1, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Canton Church on the Square
1025 S. Potomac St.
Kick off the summer by joining us at the Canton Branch for ice cream, an animal craft, and a fun presentation with live animals from Wildlife Adventures with the support of The Friends of the Library of Canton Branch.

Summer Break Baltimore Kick Off at the Central Library

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Central Library
Families with kids ages birth to 12, join us in the Children's Dept. at 11:00 a.m. for a special storytime followed by a visit from the Oriole Bird. Visit the Fiction & Humanities Dept. or the Children's Dept. for a tote bag to decorate so that you can carry your books all summer. Tote bags are available on a first come, first serve basis, while supplies last.



Summer Break Baltimore Kick Off at Cherry Hill

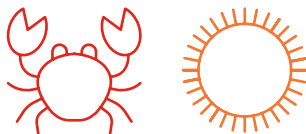
Saturday, June 1, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Cherry Hill
Join us for a fun afternoon of crafts, books, and light refreshments as we officially kick off Summer Break Baltimore. Don't forget to sign up!

Summer Break Baltimore Kick Off at Edmondson Ave.

Saturday, June 1, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Register for Summer Break Baltimore, participate in a crafting activity, get an airbrushed temporary tattoo and enjoy an ice cream treat. All ages are welcome!

Summer Break Baltimore Kick Off at Govans

Saturday, June 1, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Govans
Stop by to register and celebrate with arts and crafts, a scavenger hunt, and snack bags.



Summer Break Baltimore Kick Off at Hamilton

Saturday, June 1, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Hamilton
Join us for carnival games, sidewalk chalking, and stories!

Summer Break Baltimore Kick Off at Hampden

Saturday, June 1, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Hampden
An afternoon of games, music, and refreshments! Register for Summer Break Baltimore to receive a free book and t-shirt, while supplies last.



Summer Break Baltimore Kick Off Event: Little Builders Workshop

Saturday, June 1
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Light St.
Join the Light St. Branch and Little Builders in a hands-on enrichment program to build napkin holders.

Summer Break Baltimore Kick Off: Rainbow City Reading Party

Saturday, June 1, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Stop by and make a bright tie-dyed bag or a bookmark as you wait for your turn to try out our Escape Room.

Summer Break Baltimore Kick Off at Patterson Park

Saturday, June 1, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Patterson Park
Sign up for Summer Break Baltimore and celebrate with snacks and activities!

Summer Break Baltimore Pizza Party

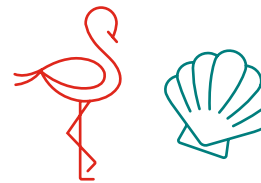
Saturday, June 1, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Celebrate at the Library with a pizza party! Pizza & drinks will be provided by the library and are available on a first come, first serve basis, while supplies last.

Summer Break Baltimore Kick Off: Indoor Camping

Saturday, June 1, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.
Join us for an indoor camping experience! Try out fishing, pretend inside a tent, paint rocks, and more. Fun for the whole family!

Summer Break Baltimore Kick Off Party: Ice Cream Social

Saturday, June 1, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Roland Park
Join us for an ice cream social! All participants have a choice between a henna and an airbrush tattoo. Ice cream will be provided!



Summer Break Baltimore Kick Off at Southeast Anchor Library

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Join us in kicking off Summer Break Baltimore with an awesome day of crafts, snacks and fun!

Summer Break Baltimore Kick Off at Waverly

Saturday, June 1, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sign up for Summer Break Baltimore and pick up your book for June! Enjoy delicious goodies and simple crafts for children.

Summer Break Baltimore Kick Off with the Bookmobile

Wednesday, June 12, 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Forest Park
Don't miss out on Summer Break Baltimore! Sign up and celebrate with the Bookmobile.

"It's a great resource! I love I can check out both digital and paper books."

— Susan K.

SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE



Check out some of the Summer Break Baltimore raffle prizes!

ADULTS

Poetry Online Discussion of Favorite Poems

Saturday, June 8, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual
Bring a poem you love — written by a poet you admire — to share with the group. Or just bring yourself and enjoy listening! Please limit your remarks to three minutes. Please email the title and author of the poem you want to share to poetry@prattlibrary.org beforehand.

Pratt Page-Turners Book Club

Saturday, June 15, 11:00 a.m.
Central Library & Virtual
*Join us for a discussion of *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Participate either in person or on Zoom. For help obtaining a copy of the book or more information about the book club, please email fic@prattlibrary.org.*

Pressed Flower Hanging Frames

Saturday, June 15, 11:00 a.m. | Roland Park
Saturday, June 15, 3:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join Hailey of Wildry in learning the process of pressing flowers to preserve them for years to come. Then, construct a piece of pressed flower artwork in a glass hanging frame to take home with you. Registration for this event is required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Rambling Readers

Thursday, June 20, 10:00 a.m. | Central Library
Join a novel walking book club that covers more than novels! Rendezvous outside Central Library. From there, we will take various routes. Expect to be back at the library in one hour. This event recurs every third Thursday of the month. For questions, connection, or optional registration, contact bst@prattlibrary.org or 410-396-5317.

TEENS

Doughnut Decorating

Thursday, June 6, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Celebrate National Donut Day by creating a custom made donut, munching on munchkins, and putting a twist on the “old classic” recipe.

Model & Mini Painting

Saturday, June 8, 2:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.
Join us to paint miniature figures and models like those used in board games and roleplaying games. There are enough models for patrons to paint and take one home.

Air Brush Tattoos

Monday, June 10, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Summer is almost here! Create a lasting memory by getting a FREE air brushed tattoo from the Airbrush Unlimited Group.



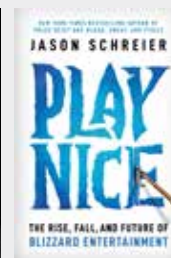
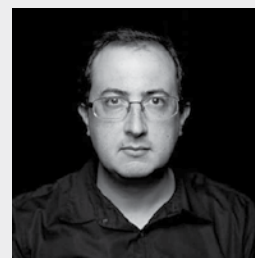
INDIE GAME FEST

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

Welcome to a creative exhibition of Independent Games from the DMV area. Come explore, demo, and play games from grassroots community game developers who need YOU to play their games!

As part of the event enjoy a FREE author talk by video game journalist Jason Schreier, a leading voice in the field.

Kona Ice will be on hand for refreshment free of charge, while supplies last.



AUTHOR TALK: JASON SCHREIER

Saturday, June 22, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library

Join the Enoch Pratt Free Library in welcoming journalist and author Jason Schreier for a discussion about gaming, the video game industry, and how video games get made. He will also discuss his upcoming book, *Play Nice: The Rise, Fall, and Future of Blizzard Entertainment*.



— CHILDREN & FAMILIES —

Crafternoon: Summer Fun

Saturday, June 1, 12:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.

Celebrate the start of Summer Break Baltimore with summer-themed crafts!

Tuesday Crafternoon:

Batter Up with The Oriole Bird!

Tuesday, June 4, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Fly over and join us for our weekly crafternoon. Paint a bird-shaped wooden wind chime with your librarian and then meet the Oriole Bird beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Crafternoon: Sunscreen Painting

Monday, June 10, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Join us for a STEAM Crafternoon! We'll make paintings using sunscreen and learn a little bit about how sunscreen works to protect our skin.

End of School Year Party

Tuesday, June 11, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly
SCHOOL'S OUT! Celebrate the end of the school year. Meet the Orioles Bird and enjoy snacks, music, and bubbles. See you there!



Bubble Bonanza!

Thursdays, June 13 – 27, 12:30 p.m.
Hamilton
Let's get outside and explore! We will mix our own bubble mix and try different tools for blowing bubbles.

Tie-Dye Tote Bag

Monday, June 17, 11:00 a.m.
Reisterstown Rd.
Create a unique tote bag — perfect for carrying your books to and from the Library! This program has limited spaces To register, please call 410-396-0948.

Crafternoon: Spin Art

Monday, June 17, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Make spin art using a salad spinner and some paint!

Let's Explore: 3D Printing

Tuesday, June 18, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Let's explore 3D printing! Learn how to take an idea from design to final print using your imagination for inspiration. Join us for a Summer Break Baltimore challenge.

Crafternoon: Lightning Bugs

Monday, June 24, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Celebrate summer this Crafternoon! We'll make our own light-up lightning bugs!

Kids' Library Club

Wednesday, June 26, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Elementary-aged kids are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun activities, games, and catch up with friends. The Kids' Library Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month. This program has limited spaces and a onetime registration is recommended. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

FINAL FRIDAYS: 8TH ANNUAL BALTIMORE COMEDY FEST

Friday, June 28, 6:30 p.m. | Central Library

The Baltimore Comedy Festival brings professional comedians to Baltimore for LIVE showcases around the city. This year, the Pratt Library is thrilled to be hosting a lineup of local and national comedians, FREE of charge! Join us for a night of laughs and libations. Beer and wine will be served.

This program is 18+. Space is limited and registration is required. ID REQUIRED for alcohol consumption. IDs will be checked. Registration opens on May 3. **Register at prattlibrary.org.**



YA WRITERS LIVE!

ASHLEY WOODFOLK & LEXI UNDERWOOD

Louder Than Words

Wednesday, June 5, 4:00 p.m. | Orleans St.

New York Times-bestselling author Ashley Woodfolk and acclaimed actress Lexi Underwood balance an insightful depiction of the power of art as protest with asking some of the biggest questions facing teenagers today — in an era where mistakes can be picked over endlessly online, who is worthy of forgiveness? Can someone ever really change?

All registered in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book while supplies last. To attend in person, please register at prattlibrary.org

PRIDE MONTH

ADULTS

Rainbow Disco Balls

Thursday, June 6, 6:00 p.m. | Hampden
Create a painted rainbow disco ball that will light up any space.

LGBTQIA+ Book Discussion

Tuesday, June 11, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual
A discussion your favorite LGBTQIA+ authors and books. Please join us for this hybrid book discussion

Drag Queen BINGO!

Thursday, June 20, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join Baltimore's favorite queens for a night of bingo and nonstop fun! Dress code is: FABULOUS! Registration is required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

From Twilight into Sunshine: LGBTQ+ History in Maryland

Thursday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. | Central Library
Join the Pratt Library 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 1830s.

TEENS

Pride Crafts

Tuesday, June 4, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Unleash your boundless creativity while crafting colorful gifts filled with love and acceptance for all our friends!

Poppin Pride Pop Art Badges

Wednesday, June 5, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Join us in crafting comic book-style badges that resonate with the unique colors of your identity and the spirit of Pride.

Teen Book Discussion

Saturday, June 22, 1:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Just Your Local Bisexual Disaster by Andrea Mosqueda. This coming-of-age tale delves into themes of love, friendship, and family.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Drag Queen Story Hour

Saturday, May 18, 3:00 p.m.
Canton Church on the Square
1025 S. Potomac St.
Join Evon Dior Michelle and Sapphire Dupree for Drag Queen Story Hour. This program is limited to children and their caregivers. Spaces are limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. This program will be held at the Church on the Square, located behind the library at 1025 S. Potomac St.

Rainbow Cloud Fun

Monday, June 3, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Decorate and create your own rainbow that hangs from a cloud!

Pride Week at Hamilton

June 3 – 7, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Join us at the for fun Pride activities!

Crafternoon: Popsicle Stick Rainbow

Monday, June 3, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Join us to make popsicle-stick rainbows.

Rainbow Art

Wednesday, June 5, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Create works of art with many colors!

Build a Pride Float!

Wednesday, June 5, 4:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Help the Brooklyn Branch build our Pride float! Have fun decorating our bus, learning about Pride, and expressing yourself while we build a beautiful, unique float to help us celebrate Pride all month long!

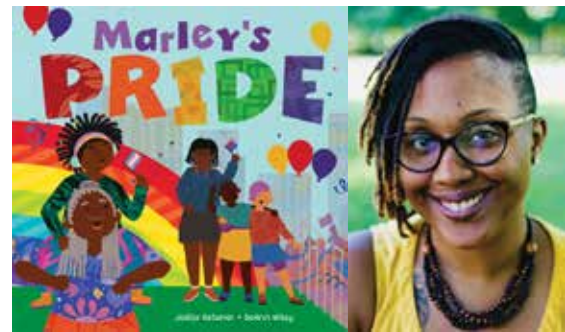
Pride Crafternoon

Saturday, June 8, 2:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join us to make crafts for Pride Month! Great for kids age 6 & up with their favorite adult.

Pride Month Crafternoon:

Rainbow Flower Crowns

Tuesday, June 11, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Design and create your own rainbow flower crown. Your floral creation can be an excellent accessory for a Pride Parade or any outdoor summer adventure!



KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!

JOËLLE RETENER

Marley's Pride

Saturday, June 8, 11:00 a.m. | Waverly

Marley is a little nonbinary kid with big anxieties. Crowds? Pass. Loud noises? No, thanks. When their Zaza is up for an award at Pride, they want to go to the parade for the first time with their beloved grandparent. But can Marley overcome their fears?

Highlighting the joyful experiences of a queer Black family finding community at Pride, this story features endmatter about the history of Pride, a glossary of LGBTQ+ terms, and a list of resources.

All registered in person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book while supplies last. To attend in person, please register at prattlibrary.org

Movie & Craft: *Strange World*

Thursday, June 27, 4:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Create a Pride-themed tie-dye craft while watching Disney's Strange World. 2022 | Rated PG | 1 hr. 42 min.

Drag Family Sing Along

Saturday, June 29, 3:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join Evon Dior Michelle and friends for a magical, family-friendly drag sing along! We'll all get our chance to shine as we let it go and sing along to some of today's biggest hits for kids. This program is limited to children and their caregivers. Spaces are limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis.



OUR TIME KITCHEN WORKSHOPS



Enoch Pratt Free Library is thrilled to partner with Our Time Kitchen to bring you a summer series of hands-on culinary workshops. The second Monday of the month, a featured chef from Our Time Kitchen will share their food journey and a favorite dish they love to cook. You will have the opportunity to see first hand the step-by-step process they take in making one of their favorite recipes. There will be opportunities to help prepare and taste the final dish, and everyone will take a complete recipe home.

Wild Thyme

Monday, May 13, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Our Time Kitchen | 117 W. 24th St.

For the first session in our series, join Chef Kiah, co-founder of Our Time Kitchen and owner of the Wilde Thyme food truck. Kiah's passion for food started through farming, with seasonal ingredients shaping the way they prefer to cook. They love to forage and tap into ingredients that are in abundance in and around Baltimore. They have been a practicing Doula, or birth worker, for three years and this practice has influenced them to incorporate more herbalism and healing foods into their cooking.

Due to limited space and the hands-on nature of these workshops, advanced registration is required. Register at prattlibrary.org Please note: these events will take place offsite at Our Time Kitchen in Old Goucher located at 117 W. 24th St.

Nafasi Catering

Monday, June 10, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Our Time Kitchen | 117 W. 24th St.

Join Chef Maynard, founder of Nafasi Catering. Nafasi's mission is to offer healthy and innovative fare to the Baltimore/DMV area and influence global change by creating an inclusive environment centered around food and fellowship. Chef Maynard provides private catering as well as pop-up experiences at local markets and events. He teaches cooking classes at Our Time Kitchen that center around telling a cultural and historically relevant story of the foods he is preparing.



MONEY MAY

DR. CONSTANCE CRAIG-MASON MONEY TALK\$

Wednesday, May 1, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library

Join us for a dynamic panel discussion with the local co-authors of *Money Talk\$*. Learn valuable insights on how to grow, leverage, and protect your assets. The panelists will include Dr. Constance Craig-Mason, MRFC; Robin R. Haynes, MBA, ASBC, RFC; Ashlin Price, LMSW, CFSW; Lyndsaé Peele, MBA, PMEC; and Teddy The Tax Man Prioleau. All in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book and Paycheck Power Booster while supplies last.

THE MIND OF A MILLIONAIRE: JEWEL TANKARD

Monday, May 13, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library

Join us for an evening filled with motivation and practical tips on how to unlock your full potential and create the life of your dreams. Be inspired by the incredible success story of Jewel Tankard, a self-made millionaire who will share her insights and strategies for achieving financial freedom and abundance. Registration is required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

SPILLING THE TEA WITH ALEXIS ALIZE

Tuesday, May 21, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library

Join Alexis Alize, a two-time business owner of Mommy Wata & Alexis Alize, in a transformative 2-hour workshop where she shares her journey from being a nursing school dropout to organically scaling her feminine care brand to seven figures in under two years. Don't miss this opportunity to sip on all the tea that Alexis is spilling and master the art of online entrepreneurship. Register at prattlibrary.org.

UNDER THE BOARDWALK: SENIORS PROM

Monday, June 3, 5:30 p.m. | Central Library

Enoch Pratt Free Library cordially invites you to the Under the Boardwalk: Seniors Prom. Attendees are in for an evening of fun, dancing, and prom-themed activities. Prizes will be awarded for categories such as Cutest Couple, Sharpest Dresser, Most Creative Outfit, etc. so put your best foot forward! Light refreshments and fare will be served. This program is recommended for individuals 55+; however, couples and singles of all ages are welcome! Registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org



JUNETEENTH

ADULTS

Juneteenth Bingo

Thursday, June 6, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Expand your knowledge and win prizes with BINGO. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

Stand Up for Mental Health: Healing Through Humor

Saturday, June 8
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join the The Greater Baltimore Section National Council of Negro Women and the Enoch Pratt Free Library for a distinctive and engaging mental health seminar that cleverly blends the power of humor with crucial insights into mental health. Featuring comedians Huggy Lowdown, Chris Paul, and Stilletto; renowned psychologist, Dr. Jeffrey Gardere; and EMMY Nominated TV Host Tiffany “Lady T” Watson.

Trivia Night: Commemorating Juneteenth & Celebrating Progress Thereafter

Tuesday, June 18, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join us for a lively trivia night filled with music, refreshments, and prizes. Teams will be limited to 3 people — you can come with partners, team with people you meet here, or work alone if you prefer.

Reclaiming Time with Collage

Tuesday, June 18, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
Teri Henderson, curator of the @blackcollagists Instagram, will lead a workshop that explores how collage can be a vehicle for creative liberation. Registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

In Celebration of Juneteenth

Tuesday, June 18, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library
Discover the story of Juneteenth during a talk by Mr. Bradley Alston, Baltimore’s Black History maven. The presentation will focus on the advent of the Juneteenth Holiday.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Moving History: Baltimore Neighborhoods

Monday, June 3, 4:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Thursday, June 13, 2:00 p.m. | Pennsylvania Ave.

Join us as Moving History leads a tour through Baltimore’s neighborhoods through performance. Telling the story of African Diasporan history and culture along the way, from Lindy Hop and Jazz on Pennsylvania Avenue and African Drumming in Druid Hill Park, to Baltimore Club in Graffiti Alley, and more.

Moving History: African Culinary Arts

Saturday, June 15, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden
Experience African American cuisine! Moving History leads this workshop offering a look at Black heritage through the lens of the kitchen. Participants will learn traditional recipes and new takes on old favorites.

Paint & Snack

Tuesday, June 18, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Create a Juneteenth-themed painting. All supplies included.

Juneteenth Crafts for Kids

Tuesday, June 18, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Create unity bracelets, decorate flags and so much more. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

Juneteenth Crafternoon: Jewelry Making

Tuesday, June 18, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Make personalized jewelry out of wooden beads and charms.

Moving History: West African Dance

Friday, June 21, 1:30 p.m. | Brooklyn
West African Dance introduces participants to the history and culture of The Great Mali Empire through movement. This presentation will teach participants about world cultures and history through an engaging performance.



WRITERS LIVE!

REV. WILLIAM BARBER & JONATHAN WILSON-HARTGROVE

White Poverty

Tuesday, June 11, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

When most Americans think of poverty, they imagine Black faces. As a teenager, Reverend William J. Barber II recalls seeing Black mothers interviewed on television whenever there was a story on food stamps or unemployment; poverty, then as now, was depicted as an essentially Black problem. In a work that promises to have lasting repercussions, Barber — now a leading advocate for the rights of our nation’s poor and the “closest person we have to Dr. King” (Cornel West) — addresses white poverty as a hugely neglected subject that might just be the key to mitigating racism and bringing together the tens of millions working-class and impoverished whites with low-income Blacks. Recognizing that angry social media posts have replaced food, education, and housing as a “salve” for the white poor, Barber contends that the millions of America’s lowest-income earners have much in common, and together with Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, provides one of the most sympathetic and visionary approaches to endemic poverty in decades. To attend in person please register at prattlibrary.org.

KIDS’ WRITERS LIVE!

NATASHA TRIPPLETT

Juneteenth Is

Thursday, June 6, 4:00 p.m. | Hamilton

This story shares an intimate look at the Juneteenth holiday. With poignant text and vivid illustrations, *Juneteenth Is* offers a window and a mirror for readers, resonating with kids who will see themselves reflected in its pages and those who hope to understand experiences beyond their own. To attend in person please register at prattlibrary.org. All registered in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book while supplies last.



BLACK MUSIC MONTH

ADULTS

Exploring African American Sheet Music

Fridays, June 7 – 28, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Central Library

Celebrate Black Music Month in the Special Collections Dept. at Central Library. Visitors can walk in every Friday throughout June from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and explore over 130 original pieces of sheet music dating from 1835-1944, including songs from minstrelsy in the 1850s through the show tunes of the 1930s and 40s. Visitors are encouraged to bring a smart phone or usb drive to take home digital copies of pre-1929 public domain works.

The Life & Music of Nina Simone

Saturday, June 22, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.

Join us as Dr. Judah Adashi, a composer on the faculty of the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, will discuss the life and music of composer, pianist, singer and activist Nina Simone (1933 – 2003).

Dr. Adashi will discuss Ms. Simone's personal and musical journey, her significant role in the Civil Rights Movement and her influence on other artists.

Adult Game Night: Black Music Month Bingo

Thursday, June 27, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly

Embark on a musical journey with an exciting evening of bingo! Test your knowledge of legendary artists, iconic hits, and influential genres that have shaped the soulful sounds of Black music. Registration is required. Call the Waverly Branch at 410-396-6089 or stop by the Adult Information Desk to register.

TEENS

Celebrating Black Music Month:

J-Play Music Maker Event

Wednesday, May 8, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.

Get ready to dive into the world of beats using state-of-the-art J-Play Music Maker equipment. Join us for an immersive experience where teens can experiment, create, and celebrate Black Music Month by crafting their unique sounds. No prior expertise required! Our event provides hands-on access to cutting-edge J-Play Music Maker gear, guiding you through the process of producing your beats. Let's honor the legacy of Black music, learn together, and create something extraordinary!



CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Tuesday Crafternoon: Black Music Month

Tuesday, May 21, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.

May is Black Music Month! Celebrate by customizing your very own cardboard guitar, so you can practice rocking out to your favorite tunes! Guitar cut-outs, decorative supplies, and stickers will be provided.

Black Music Month Listening Party

Thursday, June 13, 4:00 p.m. | Walbrook

Listen and dance to songs created by Black musicians, and learn about the history of Black Music Month!

Djembe Orchestra

Monday, June 17, 2:00 p.m. | Reisterstown Rd.

Experience Moving History's Djembe Orchestra, a program delivering the performance "The Great Mali Empire," which exposes students to the culture and history, particularly relating to Mansa Musa and Sundiata, through the study and technical training on West African Drums.

"With all of the resources and book collections that the Library offers, I believe there is something for everyone, and it never hurts to stop by and look around."

— Karen N.

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



ADULTS

CARIBBEAN LIT BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays, May 22 & June 26

6:30 p.m. | Virtual

May: Hungry Ghosts by Kevin Hosein

June: How to Say Babylon by Safiya Sinclair

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH: MUSIC OF THE CARIBBEAN

Saturday, June 1, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.

Explore the rich music genres of the Caribbean and join in singing some of their most popular songs.

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH: GET ONBOARD

Monday, June 24, 6:00 p.m. | Light St.

Partner up and join a lively game of dominoes. Adults are invited to play dominoes while the little ones build and topple their creations.

CARIBBEAN PAINT NIGHT

Thursday, June 27, 6:00 p.m. | Light St.

Born in Trinidad, visual artist Dirk Joseph facilitates a special paint night. All supplies are provided. Space is limited. Call 410-396-1096 or email lgh@prattlibrary.org to register.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO BALTIMORE STEEL ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE

Wednesday, June 5, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

Thursday, June 6, 6:00 p.m.

Southeast Anchor Library

The Trinidad & Tobago Baltimore Steel Orchestra has been providing the finest authentic Caribbean steel drum music since its founding in 1971. Enjoy a demonstration and performance by members of the ensemble. Register at prattlibrary.org

EDIBLE STORYTIME: PLANTAINS & MANGOES

Friday, June 28, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.

Celebrate Caribbean American Heritage Month with stories about plantains and mangoes. Complete a fun craft and enjoy a taste of the Caribbean!

ARTS @ THE PRATT

ADULTS

Flying by Pluto, Astro-Animation Workshop

Monday, May 6, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join NASA astronomer Robin Corbet for an immersive exploration of Pluto, the fascinating Dwarf planet. Dive into the New Horizons flyby short film, and unleash your creativity as you augment stills from the film. Watch as your individual contributions transform into a collective animation, captured frame by frame.

Artist Material "Petting Zoo":

Clay Exploration

Saturday, May 11, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Central Library

We are thrilled to have Baltimore Clayworks join us to introduce simple handbuilding techniques, experiment with different clay bodies, and demonstrate how to throw pots on a pottery wheel! All abilities and ages are welcome!

Exploring Identity Through Collage Art

Thursday, May 16, 2:00 p.m. | Central Library

Explore who you are and what means the most to you with a mixed-media collage activity facilitated by Pratt Library Social Workers.

TEENS

Express Yourself: Teen Drama Club

Wednesdays, May 1 & June 5, 3:00 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.

Practice vocal and physical warm ups, read scripts, and perform improvisation, monologues, and dialogues.

Pressed Flower Rocks

Wednesday, May 1, 4:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

Pressed flower rocks are a delightful fusion of nature and creativity. Pressed flower rocks can be used as decorative pieces, paperweights, or even thoughtful gifts, adding a touch of whimsy and natural vibe to any space.

Black Comic Art Club for Kids

Thursday, May 2, 3:00 p.m. | Govans

Tuesday, May 28, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.

Celebrate the contributions of Black artists in the comic industry with a program designed by the R.I.S.E. Arts Center of Baltimore. Participants will engage in art creation, storytelling, and exploration.

Tween Songwriting Workshop

Fridays, May 3, 10, & 24, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Tuesday, June 25, 3:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

Join us as Unique Robinson, award-winning Baltimore poet, MC, and professor leads youth into storytelling through song. This workshop is open to future poets, MCs/rappers, singers/songwriters, and anyone who wants to explore their inner rhythm.

Astro-Animation for Teens

Wednesday, May 8, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14, 4:00 p.m.

Central Library

Calling teen artists! Ages 12 – 19 are invited to join MICA animators to modify and record a short film about Pluto, the best planet. Come learn the fundamentals of stop-motion animation from the experts and plan out your own animations!

Turn the Tables: Intro to DJing

Tuesday, May 14, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill

Ever wanted to become a DJ but don't know where to start? Good news! You can learn the basics of mixing tracks by using a free online program! Join us to explore what creative potential this program offers.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Sock Owls

Tuesday, May 7, 3:30 p.m. | Patterson Park

Make a toy owl using a sock and household supplies.

PreK Art: Edible Mosaic

Saturday, May 11, 1:30 p.m.

Southeast Anchor Library.

Learn how to make edible art!

Tutu Making Party - Dress Up

Monday, May 13, 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18, 12:00 p.m.

Reisterstown Rd.

Learning how to make a tutu skirt. Creating arts & crafts will empower you to think outside the box and appreciate your independence. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0948.

Opera Baltimore: Voice Your Story

Tuesday, May 21, 4:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill

Join us as Opera Baltimore leads youth into mindfulness and collaboration through opera-based storytelling. Children will create and perform "mini-operas" using a variety of picture books, excerpts, or poetry. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

In April, 23 teams from Baltimore City Public Schools competed in the first Battle of the Books at Morgan State University.

Following a talk from author Leslie Connor, students were divided into two groups and participated in their first battle, answering questions about 10 books. The top three teams from each group participated in the second battle to determine the winner.

The team from Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School came out on top this year. A special banner will be placed in their library to celebrate. Battle of the Books is a partnership between the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Morgan State University, and Baltimore City Public Schools.



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LIVE MUSIC

ALL AGES

Live Music: Peabody String Sinfonia

Thursday, May 2, 7:00 p.m. | Light St.
The Peabody String Sinfonia brings string ensemble music to communities around Baltimore, sharing live music with people who don't often get to experience it. Composed of students from the Peabody Conservatory of The Johns Hopkins University, Sinfonia plays tunes from many genres, including folk, jazz, rock, pop, and classical. Join us for an evening of lively, beautiful, and expressive music.

Mt. Vernon Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra

Friday, May 10, 12:00 p.m. | Central Library
For its season finale, the orchestra presents "Made in Maryland," a program of music created right here in the Old Line State, by natives, transplants, and esteemed visitors!

Mother's Day Jazz:

Greg Thompkins Quartet

Friday, May 10, 3:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Kick off Mother's Day weekend with the smooth sound of Greg's Jazz Band! Listen to the saxophone and celebrate all of the important women in your life.

Peabody at the Library

Monday, May 13, 2:00 p.m. | Reisterstown Rd.
An informal classical music performance for all ages presented by student musicians from Peabody Conservatory.

Kojo Astronaut

Thursday, May 23, 6:30 p.m. | Central Library
Join us for an intimate performance by Kojo Astronaut. In the great beyond of space resides Scott Patterson and his ensemble of cosmic misfits. Written through an Afrofuturistic lens for voice, keys, drums and a DJ, Patterson's music explores love, liberation and the ways in which we navigate our relationship to our planet, our solar system and beyond. Registration is required. Visit prattlibrary.org to register. ID required for alcohol consumption. IDs will be checked.

Vinyl Sessions

Thursday, June 13, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
Delve into the rich sounds of yesteryear as DJs take to the turntables, blending tracks from our extensive collection of vinyl records. From classics to hidden gems, our DJs curate an eclectic mix that spans genres and eras, creating an immersive hour-long journey through the world of music.

Live Music: Trio Sirènes

Saturday, June 15, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
Trio Sirènes (Marcia McHugh, flute; Karin Brown, viola; Jacqueline Pollauf, harp) presents a concert of varied classical music, including pieces by Claude Debussy, Maurice Ravel, and Lori Laitman.

Jazz in the Yard

Saturday, June 29, 2:00 p.m. | Govans
The Hunt Valley Jazz Ensemble will perform in our library's backyard. Bring your own blanket or chair and a picnic lunch! In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the library's auditorium. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Govans Library.

TEENS

Silent Party Listening Session

Thursdays, May 9, 30, & June 6, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, June 10, 5:00 p.m.
Central Library
Come together for a listening session, where our talented teens will share their beats and rhymes. Share feedback that will help artists prepare for their showcase performance! Email your songs to lhills@prattlibrary.org to be part of the action.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Musical Storytelling

Wednesday, June 12, 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.

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

ALL AGES

BARYNYA: RUSSIAN MUSIC, DANCE, AND SONG

Monday, May 20, 5:30 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.
World-renowned folk ensemble Barynya introduces the rich traditions and culture of pre-revolution Russia. Lively songs from Russian, Cossack, Ukrainian, Jewish, Roma Gypsy, Tatar, and Siberian traditions are sung and played on traditional instruments like the garmoshka (button accordion) and stringed balalaika. Vivid costumes, athletic dances, and lighthearted humor enhance this memorable performance.

LIVE MUSIC: MACHAYA KLEZMER BAND

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.
Central Library
Klezmer music is a product of Eastern European Yiddish Culture which Jewish immigrants brought to the United States in the 1880s. Come listen to some traditional Klezmer music, and dance traditional Jewish dances! This program is friendly for all ages.

TEENS

AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE: THE FABELMANS (2023)

Wednesday, May 22, 3:30 p.m.
Orleans St.
Celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month with some awesome traditional desserts like rugelach and babka while enjoying a movie that highlights Jewish culture. 2023 | 2 h. 31 min. | Rated PG-13



FINAL FRIDAYS: MIND ON FIRE

Friday, May 31, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Central Library

Mind on Fire is an ever-evolving musical arts organization presenting contemporary performance in Baltimore and beyond. The group will bring 27 artists will present simultaneous work across 20 Library spaces, allowing for new exploration of the Pratt's Central Library.

Space for this program is limited and registration is required. Register at prattlibrary.org

SPOTLIGHT ON ROLAND PARK



ADULTS

Build an Herbal Container Garden

Thursday, May 23, 6:00 p.m.

Join Courtney of Spore and Seed for a talk on different edible and/or medicinal herbs that work well in container gardens. Each participant will plant out a container to take home. Space is limited, and registration is required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Book Discussion: *Foster* by Claire Keegan

Monday, June 24, 6:00 p.m.

Read and discuss *Foster* by Claire Keegan. Claire Keegan's piercing contemporary classic *Foster* is a heartbreaking story of childhood, loss, and love, now released as a standalone book for the first time ever in the US.

TEENS

Sip & Paint

Wednesday, May 1, 3:00 p.m.

Come to the Roland Park branch to create a piece of abstract art.

Celebrate Star Wars Day!

Friday, May 3, 3:00 p.m.

Celebrate Star Wars™ Day and bonus day, *Revenge of the 5th!* May the 4th be with you as you create a one-of-a-kind Star Wars craft.

Five Nights at Freddy's Bingo

Monday, May 6, 3:00 p.m.

Try your luck at Five Nights at Freddy's Bingo.

Tween Poetry Workshop

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

Join us as Unique Robinson, award-winning Baltimore poet, MC, and professor leads youth into storytelling through poetry.

Anime Club: Sushi Plushies

Wednesday, June 5, 3:00 p.m.

Celebrate International Sushi Day and create your own sushi plushie.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Baby & Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

For little ones under two with a favorite adult. All abilities welcome. Groups of 5 or more must call 410-396-6099 to register.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

For families with children ages 2 – 5. All abilities welcome.

Springtime Crafternoon

Wednesday, May 8, 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a spring crafternoon!

Make a Puzzle!

Wednesday, May 22, 3:00 p.m.

Create a puzzle of your own to take home and put together!

Paper Popsicle Craft

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

Thinking of cold treats during a hot summer? Make a paper popsicle to cool off!



SNEAK PEEK AT JULY & AUGUST

WRITERS LIVE! K'WAN

Saturday, July 13, 3:00 p.m.

Central Library

K'wan will talk about his new book *False Idols*.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, July 20, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Central Library

The Library is pleased to host the American Red Cross to collect blood from our community. Potential donors will go through a screening process, donate a pint of blood, and receive a snack afterward.

BACKYARD GOATS 101

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

Filbert Street Garden

This class will cover goat ownership, city permitting around goats, space and environments for healthy goats, and more.

WRITERS LIVE! HYESEUNG SONG

Thursday, July 25, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library

Hyeseung Song will discuss her memoir *Docile*.

FRUIT TREES 101

Saturday, July 27, 11:00 a.m.

Filbert Street Garden

Join us at Filbert Street Garden for a workshop with Charles DeBarber and their Master Gardener to learn about growing fruit trees in Baltimore City.

WRITERS LIVE! LEONARD PITTS JR.

Tuesday, August 6, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library

Leonard Pitts Jr. will discuss his new book *54 Miles*.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO BALTIMORE STEEL ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE

Thursday, August 8, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.

Enjoy a demonstration and performance by members of the ensemble.

ROLAND PARK IS TURNING 100!

Wednesday, July 10, 1:00 p.m. | Roland Park

Come celebrate the Roland Park Branch's 100th birthday! We'll have musical performances, crafts, and of course: birthday cake! Participants are also invited to share memories of the branch.

IMAGINATION CELEBRATION

The Central Library was packed on Saturday, April 6 for the Imagination Celebration Kickoff. The Library's transformation was inspired by this year's book selection *Mary Had a Little Plan* by Tammi Sauer and Vanessa Brantley-Newton. Sauer and Brantley-Newton signed books for kids, who were treated to performances from magicians, storytellers, and more. *Imagination Celebration is made possible thanks to the generous support of Transamerica.*





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