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NEW YEAR, NEW YOU

It's that time of year when many of you are making resolutions. Either to lose weight, boost your career, or improve your financial stability. The Pratt Library has the free resources and programs to help improve the "new you."

As many Baltimoreans are struggling to look for a job or ways to enhance their marketability, the library has now partnered with State agencies to keep Marylanders informed. Resources and classes will be available statewide in areas of workforce development, adult education, and employment.

The Pratt Library is also your "go to" place for free health and social programs. From the Virtual Supermarket program to e-readers, we are committed to improving your well-being and strengthening your mind. So this 2012 make it your year! Take the first step, and we'll lead the way. Remember, your journey starts here.

Carla D. Hayden *Chief Executive Officer*

Black History Month

From Fortune To Henrietta Lacks and Beyond *A panel discussion on medical ethics*

Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
Monday, February 6, 7:30 p.m.

When Fortune, a slave, died in 1798, his owner, Dr. Porter, dissected his body and preserved the skeleton. Fortune's bones remained in the doctor's family until they were given to the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, Connecticut in 1930. In the 1950s, tissues from an African American cancer patient, Henrietta Lacks, were taken by researchers at Johns Hopkins Hospital. These cells, later named HeLa cells, had extraordinary growth abilities and have been used in countless experiments since.

Panelists include: **Professor Taunya Lovell-Banks**, University of Maryland School of Law; **Dr. Curt Civin**, University of Maryland School of Medicine; **David Lacks**, son of Henrietta Lacks; **Ysaye Barnwell**, composer and curator of the *Fortunes Bones* Project; **Kojo Nnamdi**, WAMU-FM, moderator. (claricesmithcenter.umd.edu/fortune)

MEET THE AUTHORS:



Tyson D. King-Meadows, author of *When the Letter Betrays the Spirit: Voting Rights Enforcement and African American Participation from Lyndon Johnson to Barack Obama*

Thursday, January 26, 6:30 p.m.,
Central Library, Poe Room

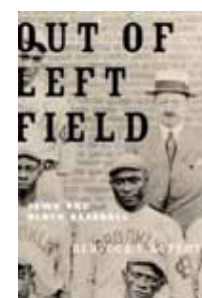
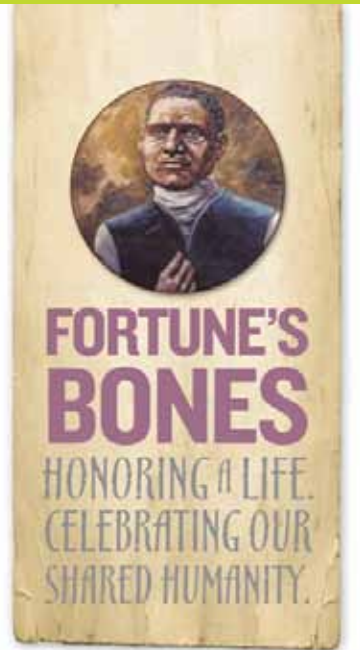
In his new book, Dr. King-Meadows finds that the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is much weaker than previously thought and that it often enables rather than prevents the disenfranchisement of minorities. The book challenges the executive-centered model of leadership and proffers a Congress-centered approach to protecting voting rights. Dr. King-Meadows is associate professor of political science at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.



Vincent Carretta, author of *Phillis Wheatley: Biography of a Genius in Bondage*

Sunday, February 26, 2:30 p.m.,
Central Library, Poe Room

With *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral* (1773), Phillis Wheatley became the first English-speaking person of African descent to publish a book and only the second woman, of any race or background, to do so in America. In *Phillis Wheatley*, Vincent Carretta, professor of English at the University of Maryland, offers the first full-length biography of a figure whose origins and later life have remained shadowy despite her iconic status.



Rebecca T. Alpert, author of *Out of Left Field: Jews and Black Baseball*

Tuesday, February 28, 7 p.m.,
Central Library, Poe Room

Rebecca Alpert tells the stories of the Jewish businessmen who owned and promoted teams in the Negro Leagues, including the Belleville Grays, a team of black Jews from Belleville, Virginia. *Out of Left Field* offers a unique perspective on the economic and social negotiations between blacks and Jews in the first half of the 20th century, shedding new light on the intersection of race, religion, and sports in America. Rebecca Alpert is associate professor of religion and women's studies at Temple University.



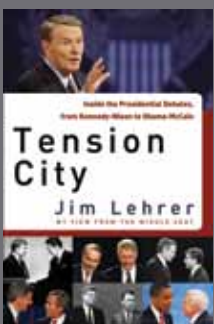
Sharifa Rhodes-Pitts, author of *Harlem is Nowhere: A Journey to the Mecca of Black America*

Wednesday, February 29, 6:30 p.m.,
Northwood Branch

For a century Harlem has been celebrated as the capital of black America. At a crucial moment in Harlem's history, as gentrification encroaches, Sharifa Rhodes-Pitts untangles the myth and meaning of Harlem's legacy. She compares her own experience of moving to Harlem with accounts from literature of the Harlem Renaissance. A graduate of Harvard University, Rhodes-Pitts received the Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers' Award and was a Fulbright Scholar for 2006-07.

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Jim Lehrer

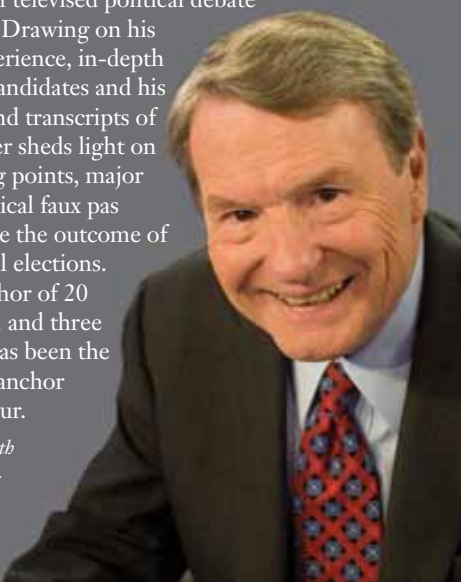


Tension City: Inside the Presidential Debates from Kennedy-Nixon to Obama-McCain

Thursday, January 12, 7 p.m.
Central Library,
Wheeler Auditorium

The man widely hailed as "the dean of moderators" looks at more than 40 years of televised political debate in the United States. Drawing on his own moderating experience, in-depth interviews with the candidates and his fellow moderators, and transcripts of key exchanges, Lehrer sheds light on all the critical turning points, major moments, and rhetorical faux pas that helped determine the outcome of America's presidential elections. Jim Lehrer is the author of 20 novels, two memoirs, and three plays, and for years has been the executive editor and anchor of the PBS News Hour.

Presented in partnership with
Maryland Public Television.



Programs for Families

BROOKLYN BRANCH

TALENT SHOWCASE

Monday, January 23, 6 p.m.

Featuring students from the communities of Brooklyn, Curtis Bay and Baybrook.

FOREST PARK BRANCH

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH

Tuesday, February 7, 3:30 p.m.

Write a special note on one of our heart shaped cards.

GOVANS BRANCH

GEOCACHING FOR FUN AND ADVENTURE

Saturday, January 14, 11 a.m.

Geocaching, the world-wide GPS treasure hunting game, is all around you. Geocacher Ben Hosford shows how you can get involved.

HERRING RUN BRANCH

MAD TEA PARTY

Saturday, January 7, 2 p.m.

Tea, stories and crafts.

GIFTS FROM THE GARDEN: THE GARDEN IN WINTER

Monday, January 9, 6 p.m.

Explore ways of enjoying winter gardening and ordering seed catalogs for the coming growing season.

BECOME A MAD SCIENTIST

Monday, January 23 - Saturday, January 28 (except January 27), 4 p.m.

Mad science experiments using household materials.

GIFTS FROM THE GARDEN: GARDEN JOURNALS

Monday, February 13, 6 p.m.

Learn easy ways to record useful tips and keep photos of your garden.

VALENTINE'S DAY FAMILY CRAFT

Tuesday, February 14, 4 p.m.

Stories and a craft.

ORLEANS STREET BRANCH

WINTER DELIGHT

Thursday, January 26, 3:45 p.m.

Winter stories, a treat, and a cup of hot chocolate.

BINGO, BINGO, BINGO

Thursday, February 23, 6 p.m.

Play bingo and win prizes.

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH

CHESS KINGS

Mondays (except January 2 & 16; February 20), 3 p.m.

Learn to play chess. For beginners and experts alike.

REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH

FESTIVAL OF THE GROUNDHOG

Thursday, February 2, 4 p.m.

Hear a story and make a groundhog-inspired craft.

SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY

SATURDAY STORYTIME

Saturdays, 3 p.m.

LEGO STORYTIME

Saturdays, January 21 & February 18, 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy book and story activities, then spend an hour building with LEGOs.

WAVERLY BRANCH

NO NAME-CALLING WEEK

Monday, January 23, 4:30 p.m.

Open discussion, resources and raising awareness of bullying.

INTERGENERATIONAL READING CIRCLE

Wednesday, February 22, 4:15 p.m.

Enjoy reading aloud award-winning books by African American writers and illustrators. For children ages 8-12 and their parents, grandparents or other adult relatives. Light refreshments.

Programs For Children



PAWS TO READ

Ages 6-12. Sign up to read with dog friends. Dog volunteers from Pets on Wheels will be on hand to hear stories.

Central Library Saturdays, January 21 & February 18, 2 p.m. Call 410-396-5402 to register.

Govans Branch Saturdays, January 28 & February 25, 10:30 a.m. Call 410-396-6098 to register.

Light Street Branch Saturdays, January 7 & February 4, 2 p.m. Call 410-396-1096 to register.

Patterson Park Branch Saturdays, January 14 & February 11, 2 p.m. Call 410-396-0983 to register.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

PRESCHOOL LEAPS

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. & Saturdays, 11 a.m.

Call 410-396-5402 to register groups of 5 or more.

TODDLER JUMPS

Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.

Call 410-396-5402 to register groups of 5 or more.

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS

Fridays, 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.; Saturdays, 10:15 a.m.

BROOKLYN BRANCH

CRAFTY TUESDAYS

Tuesdays, January 10 to February 28, 3 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Bring new life to recyclable materials.

PRESCHOOL LEAPS

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

BUENA CASA, BUENA BRASA (MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS PROGRAM IN SPANISH)

Todos los jueves (Thursdays), 11 a.m.

Canciones, rimas, cuentos y juegos para los niños (0-3 años) y los padres o cuidadores.

CANTON BRANCH

PRESCHOOL LEAPS

Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

TODDLER JUMPS

Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.

CHERRY HILL BRANCH

PRESCHOOL LEAPS

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS

Fridays, 11:30 a.m.

HOLA FRIENDS = HELLO AMIGOS

Wednesdays, January 4 & 18; February 1, 15, & 29, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5. Songs, rhymes, stories, and puppetry in Spanish and English.

CROCHETING FOR KIDS

Tuesdays, January 10 & 24; February 7 & 21, 3:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Learn to crochet a wearable winter item such as a scarf, belt, or purse. Materials provided.

NUTRITIOUS SNACK MAKING

Fridays, January 13 & 27; February 10 & 24, 3 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Make an easy, nutritious no-cook snack. Ingredients provided.

SKILLBUILDER

Tuesdays, January 17 & 31; February 14 & 28, 3:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Improve your schoolwork by learning some basic skills.

VALENTINE'S DAY GREETING CARDS

Thursday, February 9, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Stories and a craft.

CLIFTON BRANCH

WINTER TALES

Tuesday, January 17, 3 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Crafts, games, and stories celebrating winter.

SNOW CHILD

Wednesday, January 25, 3 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Decorate your own snowflake.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Wednesday, February 8, 3 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Stories, games and crafts celebrating Valentine's Day.

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO THE DINOSAURS?

Tuesday, February 28, 3 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Stories and crafts about dinosaurs.

EDMONDSON AVENUE BRANCH

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS

Thursdays, 11 a.m.

PRESCHOOL LEAPS

Tuesdays, 11 a.m.

WHO'S SNORING?

Wednesday, January 18, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Stories and crafts featuring hibernating animals.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Wednesday, January 25, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Stories and crafts celebrating the winter season.

HEARTS AND CRAFTS

Wednesday, February 8, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Make simple crafts to give family and friends.

IT'S PRESIDENTIAL

Wednesday, February 22, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Stories and activities featuring U.S. presidents.

FOREST PARK BRANCH

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

PRESCHOOL LEAPS

Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Thursday, January 26, 2 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Stories, games, puzzles, popcorn and hot chocolate.

TO YOU, WITH LOVE

Tuesday, February 14, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Stories, crafts, and candy.

GOVANS BRANCH

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

PRESCHOOL LEAPS

Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.

VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFTS

Thursday, February 9, 3:30 p.m.

Ages 3-12. Simple crafts and a story.

HAMILTON BRANCH

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

PRESCHOOL LEAPS

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

HAMPDEN BRANCH

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

PRESCHOOL LEAPS

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

HERRING RUN BRANCH

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

PRESCHOOL LEAPS

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

WINTER WONDERLAND

STORYTIME

Thursday, January 19, 3:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Winter stories and a craft.

CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S AUTHORS & ILLUSTRATORS

February 6 - 9, 4 p.m.

Ages 3-12. Make various crafts based on Mo Willems, Jon Scieszka, Jeff Kinney and J.K. Rowling.



OPEN MINDS ART CLUB

EXPLORE CAREERS IN THE ARTS

Learn about art-related careers ranging from fashion and textile design to digital animation and video game production. Fun games, engaging stories, and hands-on art projects. Presented in partnership with the Creative Alliance at the Patterson.

To register contact linda@creativealliance.org or 410-276-1651 extension 208.

PATTERSON PARK BRANCH

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31;

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS IN FEBRUARY, 4 P.M.

For grades 3 and up.

SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY

MONDAYS, FEBRUARY 6, 13, & 27;

WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 8, 15, 22, & 29, 4 P.M.

For middle and high school students.

FREE

FAMILY FLICKS

CENTRAL LIBRARY

KUNG FU PANDA 2: THE KABOOM OF DOOM (PG, 90 MIN.)
Saturday, January 21, 2 p.m.,
Wheeler Auditorium

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (G, 84 MIN.)
Saturday, February 11, 2 p.m.,
Wheeler Auditorium

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH

INKHEART (PG, 106 MIN.)
Tuesday, January 31, 3:30 p.m.

TANGLED (PG, 100 MIN.)
Tuesday, February 28, 3:30 p.m.

SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY

WINNIE THE POOH (G, 63 MIN.)
Saturday, January 7, 10:30 a.m.

THE SMURFS (PG, 103 MIN.)
Saturday, February 4, 10:30 a.m.



LIGHT STREET BRANCH

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS
Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

PRESCHOOL LEAPS
Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.

BOOK BUNCH
Tuesday, February 21, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Book discussions, activities, and an after school snack.

NORTHWOOD BRANCH

CHAPTER BY CHAPTER – COVER TO COVER
Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Join us for a read aloud; listen or take a turn reading aloud.

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

PRESCHOOL LEAPS
Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.

ORLEANS STREET BRANCH

PRESCHOOL LEAPS
Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

TODDLER JUMPS
Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

ORIGAMI FUN
Thursday, January 5, 3:45 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Learn the history and origins of origami with a story and craft.

KIDS CAN RECYCLE TOO
Thursday, February 9, 3:45 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Celebrate National Green Week with a story and a craft.

BOOKMARKS FROM THE HEART
Tuesday, February 14, 3:45 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Create a beaded bookmark for a loved one or a friend.

PATTERSON PARK BRANCH

PRESCHOOL LEAPS
Mondays (except January 2 & 16;
February 20), 11 a.m.

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS
Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.

LET IT SNOW
Wednesday, January 11, 3:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Stories and a craft.

PARTY WITH POOH AND FRIENDS
Wednesday, January 18, 11:30 a.m.

Ages Birth-5. Celebrate A.A. Milne's birthday with Winnie the Pooh and his friends.

VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS
Monday, February 13, 3:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Stories and a craft.

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH

PRESCHOOL LEAPS
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

SNOWFLAKE MAKING
Tuesday, January 3, 3:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Celebrate winter by making beautiful snowflakes.

SUPER BOWL BUBBLE GUM CONTEST
Thursday, February 2, 3:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12.

REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS
Mondays (except January 2 & 16; February
20), 10:30 a.m.

PRESCHOOL LEAPS
Mondays (except January 2 & 16; February
20), 11:30 a.m.

THIS LITTLE PIGGY IS RICH
Tuesday, January 17, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Bring a clean and empty bleach bottle and turn it into a piggy bank.

NOW THAT'S A HORSE OF ANOTHER COLOR
Wednesday, February 8, 5:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Celebrate Franz Marc's birthday by drawing your own blue horse.

MAKE A VALENTINE FOR YOUR VALENTINE
Tuesday, February 14, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12.

IT'S LEAP DAY
Wednesday, February 29, 5:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Bring special things to include in your own time capsule to be opened next Leap Day. Containers provided.

ROLAND PARK BRANCH

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS
Mondays (except January 2 & 16;
February 20) & Thursdays, January 5 & 19;
February 23, 1:30 p.m.

PRESCHOOL LEAPS
Thursdays, 11 a.m.

MYTHOLOGY 101: EGYPTIAN
Wednesday, February 29, 3:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Show off your knowledge.

SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS
Mondays (except January 2 & 16;
February 20), 11 a.m.

GAMES, GAMES, GAMES
Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Play classic board games.

PRESCHOOL LEAPS

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

BUENA CASA, BUENA BRASA (MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS PROGRAM IN SPANISH)
Todos los jueves (Thursdays), 11 a.m.

Canciones, rimas, cuentos y juegos para los niños (0-3 años) y los padres o cuidadores.

CRAFTY THURSDAY
Thursdays, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12. After-school crafts.

WINNIE THE POOH DAY
Tuesday, January 17, 4 p.m.

Ages 3-12. Stories and crafts with Pooh and friends.

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS: A MARIONETTE PLAY
Friday, January 27, 10 a.m.

Ages 6-12. Performed by the Waldorf School of Baltimore's Children's Garden.

HAPPY PIG DAY
Wednesday, February 8, 4 p.m.

Ages 3-12. A celebration of pigs through books.

DEATH BY CHOCOLATE
Monday, February 13, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Learn about chocolate and play some games to test your knowledge.

WALBROOK BRANCH

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS
Mondays (except January 2 & 16;
February 20), 10:30 a.m.

PRESCHOOL LEAPS
Mondays (except January 2 & 16;
February 20), 1 p.m.

SMITTEN BY MITTENS
Wednesday, January 25, 12:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Mitten-themed stories and a craft.

WASHINGTON VILLAGE BRANCH

PRESCHOOL LEAPS
Mondays (except January 2 & 16; February
20), 10:30 a.m.

WAVERLY BRANCH

PRESCHOOL LEAPS
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

MOTHER GOOSE BABY STEPS
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
Thursday, February 9, 3:30 p.m.;
Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m.

Ages 6-12. Create special valentines for your friends and family.

Celebrating the Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

CENTRAL LIBRARY, WHEELER AUDITORIUM

I HAD A DREAM: A CONVERSATION WITH A FRIEND
Sunday, January 15, 2:30 p.m.

During a dream, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. meets actor Gregory Gibson Kenney at the Lincoln Memorial. Dr. King shares four speeches, how he wishes to be remembered, and how fear is no longer a factor in his survival. Mr. Kenney portrays both Dr. King and the narrator.

CHERRY HILL BRANCH

MAKE A COLLAGE FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY
Wednesday, January 4, 3:30 p.m.
Ages 6-12.

CLIFTON BRANCH

DR. KING'S QUOTES
Wednesday, January 11, 3 p.m.
Ages 6-12. A discussion about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s quotations and how they have influenced American history.

EDMONDSON AVENUE BRANCH

I HAVE A DREAM
Wednesday, January 11, 4 p.m.
Ages 6-12. Stories and activities celebrating the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

FOREST PARK BRANCH

CELEBRATE THE DREAM
Wednesday, January 11, 4 p.m.
Take a virtual tour of the Dr. King Memorial in Washington, D.C. and "relive" the memorial dedication.

HERRING RUN BRANCH

MLK, JR.: FILM, COFFEE AND CONVERSATION
Tuesday, January 10, 6 p.m.
See the film *Roads to Memphis*, plus discussion and refreshment.

ORLEANS STREET BRANCH

DAY OF SERVICE
Thursday, January 12, 3:45 p.m.
Ages 6-12. Listen to a story about Martin Luther King, Jr. and discover the ways you can help out in your community.

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH

I HAVE A DREAM SPEECH DAY
Monday, January 9, 3:30 p.m.
Ages 6-12. Test your skills in memorizing Dr. King's "I Have a Dream Speech."

REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. – IN HIS OWN WORDS
Wednesday, January 11, 6 p.m.
Listen to Dr. King's speeches and watch a brief documentary about his life.

DREAM A BETTER FUTURE – DREAM A BETTER WORLD
Thursday, January 12, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Write your dreams for the world and the future to post on our Dream Wall.

SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.: A CELEBRATION THROUGH MUSIC & POETRY
Saturday, January 14, 1 p.m.
Original poetry and music from Baltimore poet, writer, and social activist Ron Kipling Williams and his performing arts group, as well as songs of inspiration and joy performed by the New Antioch Church choir under the direction of Lady Wilson.

Mother Goose Baby Steps is an interactive nursery rhyme program with music and movement for children up to 36 months with their caregivers.
Toddler Jumps is a storytime program with books, rhymes, and bouncing balls specially created for 2-year-olds and their caregivers.
Preschool Leaps is a program of stories, songs, and fun for preschoolers ages 3-5.

Just For Teens

BROOKLYN BRANCH

THE BEST READS EVER

Wednesday, January 25, 5 p.m.

Bring your reading recommendations and get ideas for new books to read.

CHERRY HILL BRANCH

EXPRESSIONS: POETIC VERSE

Tuesdays, January 3 & February 7, 5 p.m.

Unlock your inner poet by using your thoughts, feelings, and emotions to create poetry.

SONGWRITING: PERFORMING LIFE'S ART

Thursdays, January 5 & 19;
February 2 & 16, 5 p.m.

Local artist Jaghai will teach the art of songwriting.

I CALL NEXT

Tuesdays, January 10 & 24,
February 7 & 21, 4 p.m.

Challenge your friends in Uno Attack, Apples to Apples, Monopoly, and other fun games.

TEEN STYLZ: BEAUTIFUL HEALTHY SKIN

Tuesday, January 10, 5 p.m.

Learn the basics for keeping your skin healthy and beautiful.

BOOK SWAP

Wednesdays, January 18 & February 15, 3:30 p.m.

Share your suggestions for good reads and find out what to read next.

WII PLAY @ YOUR LIBRARY

Thursdays, January 26 & February 23, 3:30 p.m.

EDMONDSON AVENUE BRANCH

BACK TO SCHOOL TOOLS

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

Computer tips, career ideas and college information sessions.

FOREST PARK BRANCH

TRADITIONAL BOARD GAMES

Daily, 3 p.m.

HAMILTON BRANCH

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Mondays (except January 2 & 16;
February 20), 3:30 p.m.

TEEN GAME NIGHT

Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.

HERRING RUN BRANCH

LET'S PLAY WII

Saturdays, January 7 & February 4, 2 p.m.

OPEN MIC

Saturdays, January 28 & February 25, 2 p.m.

Rappers, singers, and poets: step up to the mic and express yourself.

D.I.Y. CRAFTS

Tuesday, February 7, 4 p.m.

Friendship Bracelet

LIGHT STREET BRANCH

PRESS PLAY

Tuesday, January 10, 3 p.m.

Impress your friends and show off your gaming skills with Wii and board games.

READ ME

Tuesday, January 24, 4 p.m.

A forum to discuss book themes relating to everyday life.

ORLEANS STREET BRANCH

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, January 12, 6 p.m.

Help make decisions about programming. Snacks provided.

MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday, January 26, 5:30 p.m.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Pt. 2

GAME ON WITH WII

Thursday, February 9, 6 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH

TEEN LOUNGE MONDAYS

Mondays (except January 2 & 16;
February 20), 4 p.m.

Crafts, anime, movies, and games.

CHINESE CHECKERS CHALLENGE

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

DRAW YOUR FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTER

Saturday, January 14, 2 p.m.

Draw your visual interpretation of your favorite character's appearance.

WII GAMING

Mondays, January 23 & February 27, 4 p.m.

IRIS FOLDING

Tuesday, January 31, 3:30 p.m.

Make fun and attractive keepsakes with this paper craft.

CLAY KEEPSAKES

Tuesday, February 14,
3:30 p.m.

Create a clay keepsake for someone special this Valentine's Day.

REWRITE THE ENDING

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

Rewrite the end to a book or story of your choice and share it with us.

REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH

GAME PLAY

Tuesdays, January 3 & February 7, 6 p.m.

Play your favorite board games.

CAFE 31

Thursdays, January 5 & February 2, 4 p.m.

Express yourself through rap, song, dance, and spoken word.

CINEPLEX REISTERSTOWN

Saturday, January 7, 2 p.m.

Transformers: Dark of the Moon

Tuesday, January 24, 5 p.m.

Fast Five

Tuesday, February 21, 5 p.m.

The Wiz

MARVELOUS MOBILES

Monday, January 9, 4 p.m.

Make hanging mobiles. Supplies provided.

COOL CAREERS DAY

Mondays, January 23 & February 27, 11 a.m.

Hear guest speakers talk about their unique and cool jobs.

SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY

CRAFT OF THE WEEK

January 3 - 6; January 17 - 20;
January 30 - February 3; February 13 - 17;
February 27 - March 2, 3:30 p.m.

TEEN CHEF: COOKING FOR FUN

Monday, January 9 &
Tuesday, February 14, 3:30 p.m.

No-heat treats to make and enjoy.

MANGA MADNESS

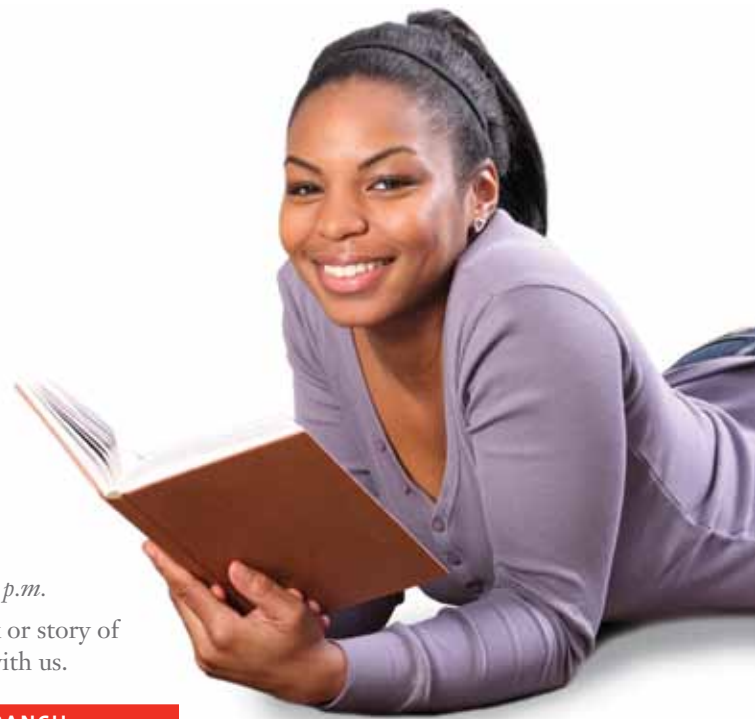
Wednesday, January 11, 4 p.m.

Manga and anime, with snacks.

CHESS MASTERS

Tuesdays, January 17 & February 21,
3:30 p.m.

A monthly chess club for beginners and experts.



NATIONAL POPCORN DAY

Thursday, January 19, 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate National Popcorn Day by making your own gourmet treat.

LEARN TO JUGGLE

Tuesdays, January 24 & February 28,
3:30 p.m.

Learn to juggle all sorts of objects.

WII OPEN PLAY

Thursdays, January 26 & February 23, 4 p.m.

TEEN BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 7, 4 p.m.

The Hunger Games

I HEART CARDS

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

Create a Valentine for that special someone.

WAVERLY BRANCH

WAVERLY MANGA CLUB

Wednesdays, January 4 & February 1,
5:30 p.m.

GAME NIGHT

Wednesdays, January 11 & February 8,
5:30 p.m.

Interns Needed

COMMUNITY YOUTH CORPS PROGRAM SEEKS INTERNS

The Pratt Library's Office of School and Student Services is now accepting applications for the Community Youth Corps Program. If you are in middle or high school and want to earn community service learning credit at the library, here is your chance. Become a Community Youth Corps Intern and be an important part of the Enoch Pratt Free Library and your community.

Pick up an application at any Pratt library or by logging on to teens.prattlibrary.org

The Community Youth Corps and other young adult programs are supported by an Anonymous Donor, The Baltimore Community Foundation, and The Helena Foundation.

Civil War 150

Baltimore is to be "bombarded," "shelled," "burned with fire," "laid in ashes," "laid low," "crushed," "destroyed," "annihilated," "wiped out," "blotted from the map," "razed," "levelled with the ground," "ploughed with cannon-balls," "and sown with gunpowder," "sacked," "pillaged," "swept with fire and sword," "made an abode for owls and satyrs, and a place for fishermen to dry their nets." — *Vide Northern Press masthead.*

This Week in the Civil War

Follow the Civil War week by week in scanned newspaper clippings from the Central Library's Periodicals Department:

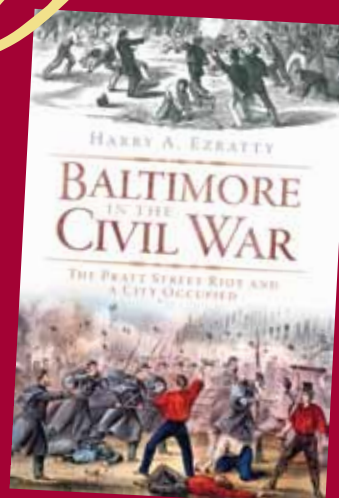
www.prattlibrary.org/locations/periodicals/index.aspx

HARRY A. EZRATTY

Baltimore in the Civil War: The Pratt Street Riot and a City Occupied

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 6:30 P.M., CENTRAL LIBRARY, POE ROOM

On April 19, 1861, the first blood of the Civil War was spilled in the streets of Baltimore. En route to Camden Station, Union forces were confronted by angry Southern sympathizers. At Pratt Street the crowd rushed the troops, who responded with lethal volleys. Four soldiers and 12 Baltimoreans were left dead. In response, President Lincoln declared martial law. Author Harry Ezratty narrates the events of that day and their impact on the rest of the war.



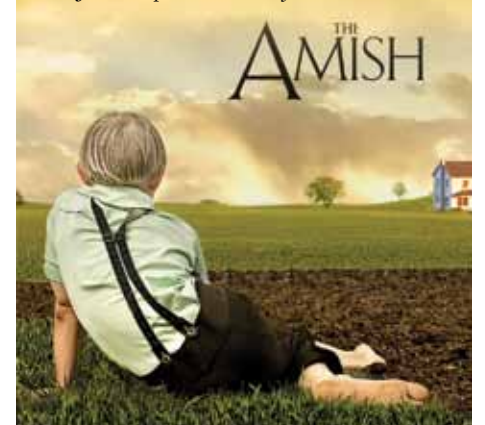
THE AMISH

Sunday, February 12, 2 p.m.

Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium

An American Experience film, followed by a discussion with producer Callie T. Wisner and Donald B. Kraybill, author of the *Concise Encyclopedia of Amish, Brethren, Hutterites, and Mennonites*.

Presented in partnership with The Johns Hopkins University Press.



Black History Month

CHERRY HILL BRANCH

BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA GAMES

Wednesday, February 22, 3:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12.

EDMONDSON AVENUE BRANCH

BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA

Wednesday, January 18, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12.

FOREST PARK BRANCH

FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Throughout February

Bring in your favorite soul food recipe and exchange it for one of ours.

BLACK HISTORY BINGO

Saturday, February 25, 1 p.m.

Play "Bingo" and learn interesting facts about African-American heritage.

HERRING RUN BRANCH

RIDE THE BUS WITH ROSA PARKS

Thursday, February 16, 4 p.m.

Teens read about and discuss the life of Rosa Parks.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH TEEN TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Thursday, February 23, 4 p.m.

NORTHWOOD BRANCH

BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA CONTEST

Wednesday, February 22, 6 p.m.

BLACK HISTORY IS NO MYSTERY

Monday, February 27, 6 p.m.

Lecture, games and skits about Black Americans.

AFRICAN DANCING AND DRUMMING

An evening of African dancing and drumming performed by the Nazu Dance Company, under the artistic direction of Nai Zou Oliver.

Govans Branch

Thursday, February 2, 6:30 p.m.

Orleans Street Branch

Tuesday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.

ORLEANS STREET BRANCH

BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA CONTEST

Thursdays in February, 3:45 p.m.

Ages 6-12.

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH

BLACK HISTORY COLLAGES

Saturday, February 11, 2 p.m.

Teens can make a collage about an inspirational Black American.

REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH

CELEBRATE JAZZ THROUGH PAINT

Saturday, February 4, 2 p.m.

Learn the basics of Japanese calligraphy painting with visual artist Michelle Burkholder and paint to the rhythms of jazz.

AFRICAN AMERICAN TRIVIA CONTEST

Monday, February 6, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12.

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN

Tuesday, February 28, 6 p.m.

Read aloud samples of your favorite African American authors.



SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH TEEN TRIVIA CHALLENGE

February 6 - 11, 3:30 p.m.

WALBROOK BRANCH

A DISPLAY OF HEROES

Daily in February (except February 20)

Ages 6-12. Find a book about your African-American hero, and help us create a display at the library.

BLACK HISTORIES AND HER-STORIES

Wednesday, February 15, 1 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Stories of important African-Americans throughout history.

Live Music

CENTRAL LIBRARY

SALON CONCERTS: ADAM KOLBE JONES, SINGER, SONGWRITER

Saturday, January 7, 1 p.m.,
Fine Arts Reading Room

AM/PM SAXOPHONE QUARTET

Saturday, February 4, 2 p.m.,
Wheeler Auditorium

GOVANS BRANCH

VALENTINE CABARET

Thursday, February 9, 7 p.m.

Romantic selections from the repertoire of operatic vocalist Edwin Perez and pianist Michael Tan, of Spotlights Theater.

LIGHT STREET BRANCH

SLY 45 TRIO

Saturday, January 14, 3 p.m.

Hit tunes from the past six decades.

VIVRE MUSICALE

Saturday, February 11, 3 p.m.

Vivre Musicale saxophonist Jeremiah Baker will perform "Inner Demons" and "Mai".

SCHAPIRO LECTURE SERIES presents

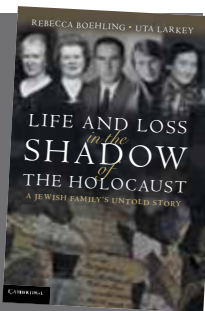
Rebecca Boehling and Uta Larkey, authors of *Life and Loss in the Shadow of the Holocaust: A Jewish Family's Untold Story*

Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 p.m.;
Central Library, Poe Room

A family's recently discovered correspondence provides the inspiration for this fascinating and deeply moving account of Jewish family life before, during and after the Holocaust. The authors reveal how the Kaufmann-Steinberg family was pulled apart under the Nazi regime and dispersed over three continents.

Uta Larkey is associate professor of German at Goucher College; Rebecca Boehling is associate professor of history at University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Sponsored by a generous bequest from Mrs. Gloria L. Schapiro



POETRY AND CONVERSATION at the Central Library



Valzhyna Mort and Ishion Hutchinson

Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 p.m.,
Poe Room

Born in Belarus, Valzhyna Mort is the author of *Factory of Tears* and *Collected Body*. She teaches at the University of Baltimore.

Ishion Hutchinson was born in Port Antonio, Jamaica. His first collection, *Far District: Poems*, won the 2011 PEN/Joyce Osterweil Award for Poetry.



Hutchinson



Clarinda Harriss and Bruce Sager

Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.,
Poe Room

Clarinda Harriss is a professor emerita of English at Towson University whose poems and short fiction are widely anthologized. Her most recent books are *Air Travel*, *Mortmain*, and *Dirty Blue Voice*.

Bruce Sager's collection, *Famous*, won the 2011 Harriss Poetry Prize. His previous books include *Nine Ninety-Five* and *The Pumping Station*.



Sager

POETRY CONTEST Sponsored by the Pratt Library and Little Patuxent Review

Maryland poets: enter this FREE contest. (Deadline: February 12, 2012, by 5 p.m.)

The winning poem will be published in the *Little Patuxent Review*, as well as in one of the Cathedral Street windows of the Central Library. For a complete list of rules: www.prattlibrary.org/poetrycontest

Films @ the Pratt

CENTRAL LIBRARY, WHEELER AUDITORIUM

IT'S ALWAYS FAIR WEATHER

Saturday, January 7, 10:30 a.m.

A musical about three army buddies reunited ten years after the end of WWII. (DIRECTED BY GENE KELLY AND STANLEY DONEN, 1955)

KILLER'S KISS

Saturday, January 7, 2 p.m.

The story of journeyman boxer Davy Gordon (Jamie Smith), who falls in love with dancehall girl Gloria Price (Irene Kane), who's also a gangster's moll. (DIRECTED BY STANLEY KUBRICK, 1955)

SCARFACE (1932)

Saturday, February 18, 10:30 a.m.

A brutal story of organized crime's pinch on the city of Chicago during Prohibition. (DIRECTED BY HOWARD HAWKS, 1932)

SHORTS CIRCUIT

Saturday, February 18, 2 p.m.

A special screening of some of the best "shorts": Jim Henson's early film *Time Piece* (1965); Ted Parmelee's cartoon adaptation of Edgar Allan Poe's *The Tell-Tale Heart* (1953); Arthur Lipsett's *Very Nice, Very Nice* (1961); Stan VanDerBeek's *Breathdeath* (1964); Robert Maier's *Love Letter To Edie* (1975).

REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH

THE HELP

Wednesday, January 25, 5 p.m.

Film version of Kathryn Stockett's best-selling novel. (DIRECTED BY TATE TAYLOR, 2011)

NATIONAL GREEN WEEK:

GASLAND, THE MOVIE

Tuesday, February 7, 5:30 p.m.

The largest domestic natural gas drilling boom in history – "fracking" (hydraulic fracturing) – has swept across the United States. Is fracking safe? (DIRECTED BY JOSH FOX, 2010)

SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY

THOR

Saturday, January 28, 2 p.m.

The Mighty Thor is a powerful but arrogant warrior whose reckless actions reignite an ancient war. (DIRECTED BY KENNETH BRANAGH, 2011, IN ENGLISH WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES)

GLORY

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

The dramatic account of the Civil War's first all-black regiment, led by an idealistic, privileged, northern white commander. (DIRECTED BY EDWARD ZWICK, 1989)

HEART CONDITION

Saturday, February 18, 1 p.m.

A bigoted cop (Bob Hoskins) receives a heart transplant from a black lawyer (Denzel Washington) he hates. (DIRECTED BY JAMES D. PARRIOTT, 1990)

JUMPING THE BROOM

Saturday, February 25, 3 p.m.

Two African-American families from divergent socioeconomic backgrounds get together one weekend in Martha's Vineyard for a wedding. (DIRECTED BY SALIM AKIL, 2011, IN ENGLISH WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES)

WAVERLY BRANCH

TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON

Monday, January 30, 5 p.m.

The Autobots are back in action, taking on the evil Decepticons, who are determined to avenge their defeat. (DIRECTED BY MICHAEL BAY, 2011)

IMITATION OF LIFE

Saturdays, February 4 & 18, 1 p.m.

See both the 1934 and the 1959 versions of this film and take part in a discussion afterwards. The 1934 version of the film stars Claudette Colbert, Louise Beavers and Warren William. The 1959 version features Lana Turner and John Gavin. (DIRECTED BY JOHN M. STAHL, 1934; DIRECTED BY DOUGLAS SIRK, 1959)

Writers LIVE!

READINGS AND BOOK SIGNINGS AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

PODCASTS

Selected writers
now available.
Hear them at
www.prattlibrary.org.

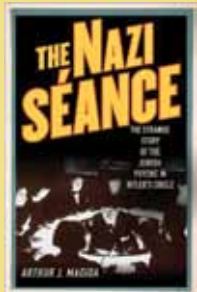


JAMIE CAT CALLAN

Bonjour Happiness! Secrets for Finding Your Joie de Vivre

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 6:30 P.M., POE ROOM

Learn all about the French secrets to joie de vivre. Jamie Cat Callan traveled all over France, interviewing hundreds of women to find their secrets to living a well-balanced life, enjoying more with less, and keeping stylish and sexy through middle age and beyond. Jamie Cat Callan is the author of *French Women Don't Sleep Alone*.



ARTHUR MAGIDA

The Nazi Séance

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 6:30 P.M., POE ROOM

In the early 1930s, the most famous mentalist in Berlin was Erik Jan Hanussen, a Jewish mind reader. Originally from Vienna, Hanussen rubbed elbows with high ranking Nazis, became close with top Storm Troopers, and even advised Hitler. Arthur Magida is writer-in-residence at the University of Baltimore, a journalism professor at Georgetown University, and recipient of multiple awards in journalism and the humanities.



DONNA BRITT

Brothers (and Me); A Memoir of Loving and Giving

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 6:30 P.M., POE ROOM

Donna Britt has always been surrounded by men, and she learned to give to them at an early age. After her beloved brother Darrell's senseless killing by police 30 years ago, she began giving more, unconsciously seeking to help other men the way she couldn't

help Darrell. *Brothers (and Me)* navigates Britt's life through her relationships with men, resulting in a tender, funny, and heartbreaking exploration of universal issues of gender and race. Donna Britt is an award-winning former syndicated columnist for the *Washington Post*.



GARY MARCUS

Guitar Zero: The New Musician and the Science of Learning

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 6:30 P.M., POE ROOM

Guitar Zero is a fascinating look at music, learning, and the pursuit of a well-lived life. It chronicles Marcus' journey learning to play the guitar, from Suzuki classes to meeting with scientific and musical experts as he investigates the most effective ways to train your brain and body to learn to play an instrument. Gary Marcus is professor of psychology at New York University and the director of the NYU Center for Child Language.



RON TANNER

From Animal House to Our House: A Love Story

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2 P.M., POE ROOM

In 2000, Ron Tanner and his girlfriend Jill bought an old condemned fraternity house in Baltimore's Charles Village neighborhood. Although neither of them knew anything about home renovation and everyone told them they were crazy, they gave it new life. This is a book for lovers, dreamers, do-it-yourselfers, and fans of old houses. Ron Tanner teaches writing at Loyola University and is the author of *Kiss Me Stranger* and *Bed of Nails*.

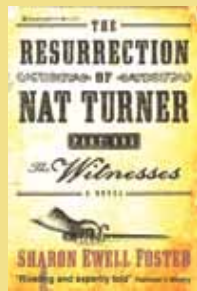


ROBERT KANIGEL

On An Irish Island

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 6:30 P.M., POE ROOM

Robert Kanigel tells the story of the Great Blasket Island off the west coast of Ireland, notable during the early 20th century for the vivid communal life of its residents and the unadulterated Irish they spoke. The Great Blasket became a magnet for scholars and writers, linguists and playwrights, drawn there during the Gaelic renaissance to study and to learn. Robert Kanigel is the author of six previous books, including *The Man Who Knew Infinity*. Most recently he taught at MIT, where he directed the graduate program in science writing.



SHARON EWELL FOSTER

The Resurrection of Nat Turner, Part One: The Witnesses

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2:30 P.M., POE ROOM

The first of two novels based on the slave revolt led by Nat Turner, *Part One: The Witnesses* is a fact-based epic that discredits the primary historical source document, *The Confessions of Nat Turner* (1831), which served as the basis for William Styron's novel. Foster located the original handwritten trial transcripts in which Turner actually pled innocent and offered no confession. Sharon Ewell Foster is the author of seven novels, including *Passing by Samaria*.



NANCY L. COHEN

Delirium: How the Sexual Counterrevolution is Polarizing America

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 7 P.M., WHEELER AUDITORIUM

Nancy L. Cohen tells the story of a little-known shadow movement that has fueled America's political wars for 40 years. She traces our current political crisis back to the rise of a well-organized, ideologically driven opposition movement to turn back the sexual revolution, feminism, and gay rights. Nancy L. Cohen is a contributor to *The Huffington Post* and author of two books, including *The Reconstruction of American Liberalism, 1865-1914*. Sanford Ungar, president of Goucher College, will moderate the evening's discussion.

COPIES OF THE AUTHORS' BOOKS WILL BE ON SALE AT BOOK SIGNINGS FOLLOWING THE PROGRAMS.

For more information on these author events: www.prattlibrary.org

Jobs and Careers

CENTRAL LIBRARY

CAREER BUILDING: RÉSUMÉ WRITING

Wednesday, January 11, 6 p.m.,
Public Computer Center

Call 443-984-4944 to register.

CAREER BUILDING: COVER LETTERS

Wednesday, January 18, 6 p.m.,
Public Computer Center

Call 443-984-4944 to register.

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH

JOB SEARCHING 101

Thursday, January 19, 11 a.m.

Learn about networking, résumés, and interviewing.

REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH

JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES

Wednesday, February 22, 6 p.m.

Learn how to organize your search and where to look for jobs.

Business Matters

CENTRAL LIBRARY

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Tuesday, January 10, 6 p.m., Poe Room

The Maryland CASH Campaign will show you what you can do to have a successful 2012. Learn how you can use your tax refund for savings, tools for better money management, free resources to improve your credit, and information to boost your financial power. Call 410-234-2803 or e-mail meghann@baltimorecashcampaign.org to register.

MAXIMIZING YOUR SMALL BUSINESS INCOME

Thursday, January 12, 4:30 p.m., Poe Room

Bruce Nowakowski, of Nowakowski Business Accounting and Business Services, will help small business owners understand how to maximize profits by minimizing taxable income.

THE MONEY WORKSHOP FOR COUPLES

Tuesday, February 7, 6 p.m., Poe Room

Come with your partner and uncover your personal money style, identify financial goals and leave with the tools you need to work effectively together to build a financially secure future. Presented by the Baltimore CASH Campaign. Call 410-234-2803 or e-mail meghann@baltimorecashcampaign.org to register.

REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH

BUSINESS PLAN & MARKETING RESEARCH

Tuesday, January 31, 6 p.m.

An introduction to the online and print resources most valuable for your business or marketing plan research and writing needs. Call 410-396-5317 or e-mail rcruitt@prattlibrary.org to register.

Nonprofit Management

CENTRAL LIBRARY

RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday, January 17, 1 p.m., Poe Room

Develop a compelling message and know the best places to find great volunteers. Presented by Kate Scherr.

INTRODUCTION TO PHILANTHROPY AND FUNDRAISING RESOURCES AT THE PRATT LIBRARY

Tuesday, February 7, 1 p.m., Poe Room

Learn about the world of nonprofits and fundraising resources you can use.

Programs For Adults



Pratt Advisory Council

The Pratt Advisory Council is a citizens' community forum that promotes interest, usage, and support of the Library and serves as an advisory council to the Board of Directors. The President of the Pratt Advisory Council serves as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

The Council's next meeting is **Wednesday, January 18, 6:15 p.m.** at the Central Library. Call 410-545-7132 for information.

Be A Volunteer

Volunteers play an important role throughout the Pratt Library system, performing a variety of activities and assignments at the Central Library, in the branches, and behind the scenes. To find out more, contact the **Volunteer Services Office** at 410-396-9940 or vso@prattlibrary.org.

Free Tax Assistance

Volunteers from the Baltimore CASH Campaign will provide free tax preparation services for select customers to make sure they benefit from the Earned Income Tax Credit. Open to taxpayers with incomes under \$50,000 and single taxpayers (no dependents) with incomes under \$25,000. Appointments required; call 410-396-5317 to schedule an appointment. Saturdays, January 21 - February 25, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Central Library.

Free Computer Classes

Classes will be offered at five Pratt Library locations: the Pratt Centers for Technology Training at the Southeast Anchor Library and the Orleans Street, Northwood, and Pennsylvania Avenue Branches and at the Central Library. Visit the Pratt web page (prattlibrary.org/calendar) and click on "See all classes" to see class schedules, or call 410-545-0702 for information and registration. You must be registered to attend.

Library Friends Meetings

- FRIENDS OF THE BROOKLYN BRANCH**
Meeting, Wed., Jan. 18, 3 p.m.
- FRIENDS OF THE CANTON BRANCH**
Meetings, Mon., January 9 & Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m.
- FRIENDS OF THE EDMONDSON AVENUE BRANCH**
Meetings, Wed., Jan. 18 & Feb. 15, noon
- FRIENDS OF THE GOVANS BRANCH**
Meetings, Thurs., Jan. 19 & Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m.
- FRIENDS OF THE LIGHT STREET BRANCH**
Meetings, Thurs., Jan. 12 & Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m.
- FRIENDS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH**
Meetings, Wed., Jan. 25 & Feb. 22, 6 p.m.
- FRIENDS OF THE REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH**
Meetings, Thurs., Jan. 12 & Feb. 9, 1:30 p.m.
- FRIENDS OF THE SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY**
Meetings, Mon., Jan. 23 & Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m.

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MEETINGS OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES will be held Wednesday, March 7, at 6:15 p.m. at the Central Library.



ENOCH PRATT free LIBRARY

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CENTRAL LIBRARY

THE PEACE CORPS

Mondays, January 9 & February 6, 5:30 p.m., Poe Room

Janet Schuhl will talk about opportunities with the Peace Corps.



OPERA OVERTURES

Sunday, February 26, 2 p.m., Wheeler Auditorium

Artistic Director James Harp of Lyric Opera Baltimore previews Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro".

CHERRY HILL BRANCH

SPANISH FOR SENIORS

Tuesdays, January 3, 17, & 31; February 7 & 21, 1 p.m.

KNITTING & CROCHETING CIRCLE

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

HERRING RUN BRANCH

FIRST TIME

HOMEBUYER'S WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 21, 10 a.m.

Learn the steps in searching for and purchasing a home and obtaining financing. Presented by Belair Edison Neighborhoods, Inc.

SINGLES NIGHT OUT WITH BOOKS

Tuesday, February 14, 6 p.m.

An old legend says that birds choose their mates on St. Valentine's Day. Call 410-396-0996 to register.

LIGHT STREET BRANCH

A DICKENS OF A TIME

Thursday, February 9, 7 p.m.

Celebrate the bicentenary of Charles Dickens' birth. Dress up as a Dickens character and share a favorite passage. Refreshments served.

ZUMBA FITNESS

Zumba your way to better health with this exercise program that uses Latin dances for an aerobic workout.

GOVANS BRANCH Tuesdays, January 10, 17, & 24, 6:30 p.m.

NORTHWOOD BRANCH Saturdays, February 11 & 25, 1 p.m.

FROM THE BROTHEL TO THE BLOCK: THE ABOLITION OF PROSTITUTION IN BALTIMORE DURING THE PROGRESSIVE ERA
Saturday, February 25, 3 p.m.

Historian Jayme Hill discusses the history of prostitution in Baltimore.

NORTHWOOD BRANCH

A TIME TO SHARE

Monday, January 23, 5 p.m.

A support group for diabetics facilitated by Certified Diabetes Educator Michelle Sheldon-Rubio.

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH

E-READERS CLINICS

Saturdays, January 14 & 28; February 11 & 25, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Make an appointment for a one-on-one 30-minute session with a staff member for assistance with your E-reader device. Call 410-396-0399 to register.

REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH

TELLING YOUR STORY

Thursday, January 19, 1 p.m.

Learn how to create and share your recollections of experiences and events that have impacted your life.

CHECK MATE

Thursdays, February 9 & 23, 4 p.m.

A monthly chess club for beginners and experienced players.

SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY

ÉIRIÚ EOLAS: STRESS RELIEF TECHNIQUES

Saturdays, January 21 & February 25, 1 p.m.

Elan Martin, a certified instructor in Éiriú Eolas, will talk about short and long-term stress relief.

ROMANCING THE HEALTHY HEART: PROPER NUTRITION TO FEED YOUR HEALTHY HEART

Saturday, February 4, 1 p.m.

Presented by University of Maryland Extension educator Mary Concannon.

ROMANCING THE HEALTHY HEART: HEART DISEASE AND ITS RISK FACTORS

Saturday, February 11, 1 p.m.

Presented by Kerry Martinez, Cardiovascular Education Specialist with Union Memorial Hospital.

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Book Discussions

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 10:15 A.M.

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 10:15 A.M.

Black Boy by Richard Wright

CHERRY HILL BRANCH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 5 P.M.

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

EDMONDSON AVENUE BRANCH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2 P.M.

Come Sunday Morning by Terry E. Hill

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2 P.M.

Mama Ruby by Mary Monroe

HERRING RUN BRANCH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2 P.M.

Thirteen Moons by Charles Frazier

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2 P.M.

Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson

LIGHT STREET BRANCH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 6:45 P.M.

Thomas Mann selections: *Death in Venice*, *Tristan* and *Tonio Kroger*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 6:45 P.M.

David Copperfield by Charles Dickens

NORTHWOOD BRANCH

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 6:45 P.M.

Wading Home by Rosalyn Story

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2:30 P.M.

Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man by Steve Harvey

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2:30 P.M.

The Fourth Sunday: The Journey of a Book Club by B. W. Read

REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 6 P.M.

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 6 P.M.

The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon by David Grann

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 6 P.M.

Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

Gleam: Salon Conversations

Join CENTERSTAGE Artistic Director Kwame Kwei-Armah and expert panelists as they explore *Gleam*, the stage adaptation of the groundbreaking novel, *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. See *Gleam* at Center Stage January 4 - February 5 (www.centerstage.org).

Wednesday, January 11, 5:30 p.m.; CENTERSTAGE, 700 N. Calvert St.

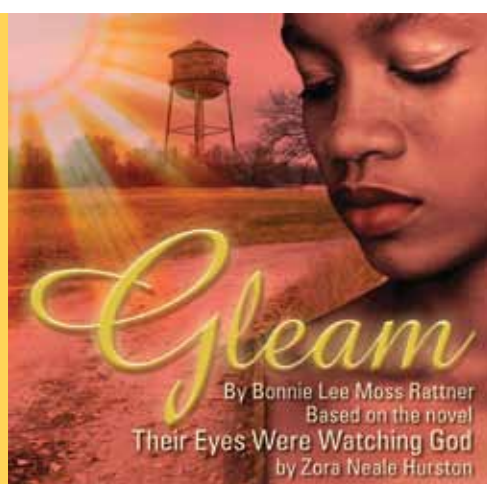
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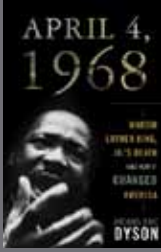


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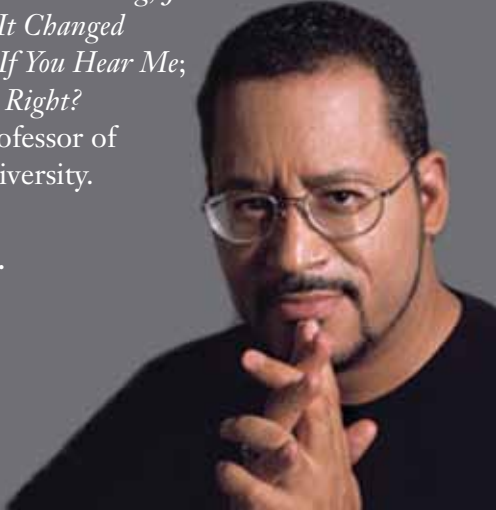
Michael Eric Dyson

Saturday, February 4, 2012; 8:30 a.m. – noon
\$50 per person; \$450, table of ten
Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel
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Michael Eric Dyson, named by *Ebony* as one of the hundred most influential black Americans, is the author of sixteen books, including *April 4, 1968: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Death and How It Changed America*; *Holler If You Hear Me*; and *Is Bill Cosby Right?*

He is currently University Professor of Sociology at Georgetown University.



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Upcoming Events at the Pratt



Writers LIVE: Jim Lehrer

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 7 P.M. AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

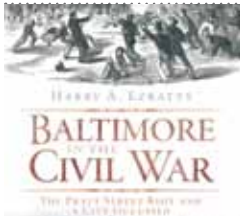
The veteran PBS news anchor is also a prolific author. His new book, *Tension City*, chronicles 40 years of televised political debates. See page 1.



Celebrating the Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1 P.M. AT THE SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY

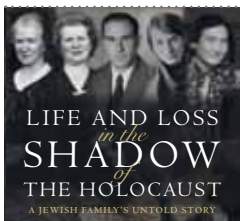
Baltimore poet Ron Kipling Williams and the New Antioch Church Choir lead the celebration. For other commemorative events, see page 3.



Civil War 150

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 6:30 P.M. AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

Author Harry A. Ezratty talks about his book, *Baltimore in the Civil War: The Pratt Street Riot and a City Occupied*. See page 4.



Schapiro Lecture Series:

Rebecca Boehling and Uta Larkey

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 6:30 P.M. AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

Professors Boehling and Larkey talk about their new book, *Life and Loss in the Shadow of the Holocaust*. See page 5.

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