



CITYLIT
FESTIVAL

CityLit Festival

Celebrating the Literary Arts in Baltimore

Saturday, April 18 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Central Library |

Sponsored by the Enoch Pratt Free Library and CityLit Project.

*For a complete schedule of events:
citylitproject.org or prattlibrary.org*

SECOND FLOOR GALLERY

“Golden Legacy: Original Art from 65 Years of Golden Books”, an exhibition of original illustration art from American publishing’s best loved picture book series, The Little Golden Books.

12:30 P.M. Leonard Marcus, co-curator of the *Golden Legacy* exhibit, will talk about the artwork in the exhibit and the significance of Little Golden Books in children’s literature in the United States. Marcus is a renowned children’s book historian, critic, and author of *Golden Legacy: How Golden Books Won Children’s Hearts, Changed Publishing Forever, and Became an American Icon Along the Way.*



WHEELER AUDITORIUM

11 A.M. *Letters About Literature Awards Ceremony*

Meet the Maryland winners in this national essay program for students in grades 4-12, sponsored by the Maryland Center for the Book at the Maryland Humanities Council. Special guest: Mary Downing Hahn, award-winning author from Maryland who has written more than 20 books for young readers.

12:15 P.M. *Metaphors and Memories: New Memoirs*


Authors of two new books talk about the art of describing life: Jennifer Baszile (*The Black Girl Next Door*) and E. Ethelbert Miller (*The Fifth Inning*).



1:30 P.M. Mark Doty reads from his poetry collection *Fire to Fire*, which won the 2008 National Book Award for Poetry.



3 P.M. Junot Díaz reads from *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*, winner of the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

 Sign Language interpretation provided for this event.



POE ROOM

NOON Poets Michael Collier and Elizabeth Spires read from their work.



1 P.M. *New Fiction from the 510 Reading Series*

Christian Bauman, *In Hoboken*
 Thomas Glave, *The Torturer's Wife*
 Michael Kimball, *Dear Everybody*
 Chad Willenborg, contributor to *The Believer*



Thomas Glave



Michael Kimball

2 P.M. *Sisterhood of the First Lady*

Liza Mundy, *Michelle: A Biography*
 Barbara Seals Nevergold and Peggy Brooks-Bertram, editors of *Go, Tell Michelle*



Book sales and signings after each session. Bookseller: Barnes & Noble, Power Plant Sign Language interpretation courtesy of the Allen & Evitts Family.

OFFICE OF SCHOOL & STUDENT SERVICES

11 A.M. *That Takes The Cake*

Warren Brown (*CakeLove*) and Leslie Miller (*Let Me Eat Cake*), plus mini-cupcakes for all



NOON *Lifelong Literature: The Literary Life Later in Life*

A discussion with Shirley Brewer, Dudley Clendinen, Kendra Kopelke, and Mel Tansill. Moderated by Marc Steiner, WEAA-FM.

1 P.M. *First Books, New Authors*

A discussion with Ben Shaberman, Jessica Anya Blau, Susan McCallum-Smith, Eric D. Goodman, Elissa Brent Weissman. Moderated by Nancy Johnston, *Baltimore Sun*.

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

NOON – 1 P.M. *It's How You Play the Game*



A panel discussion moderated by Mike Lurie, host of WYPR's "Sports with Mike Lurie." Panelists include: Quinn Cotter, *Playing Time: What Kids Really Think About Kids' Sports*; Mark Hyman, *Until It Hurts: America's Obsession with Youth Sports and How It Harms Our Kids*. Introduction by Tim Holley, Athletic Director, Gilman School.

1:30 – 2:30 P.M. *What's Becoming of Our Book Culture?*



Dave Rosenthal

A panel discussion moderated by Dave Rosenthal, the *Baltimore Sun's* "Read Street" columnist. Panelists include: Deirdre Donahue, book reviewer, USA Today; David Kipen, Director, National Reading Initiatives, National Endowment for the Arts; Natalie Stokes, Associate Publisher, Black Classic Press.

CENTRAL HALL

Literary Marketplace: Browse and talk with dozens of literary arts exhibitors and authors.

10:30 A.M. Performance by The New Handel Children's Choir.

NOON Readings by CityLit Teens and Maryland Young Writers' Contest winners, plus the state's "Poetry Out Loud" finalists.

1 – 3 P.M. *Poets' Ink Workshop*

Meet one-on-one with poets/editors from Maryland State Poetry & Literary Society. Bring two copies of a poem you've written.

1:30 P.M. Poetry by Place: Reginald Harris hosts a cavalcade of poets from Baltimore venues where the spoken word can be heard.

3 P.M. Poets' Ink Reading

Exhibitors:

Authors, poets, self-published writers, literary magazines, small presses, literary arts organizations are invited to showcase their work for FREE all day at the Literary Marketplace. To reserve a space, email gregg@citylitproject.org.