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**Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** Monday, January 18

**Presidents' Day:** Monday, February 15



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Email [aklein@prattlibrary.org](mailto:aklein@prattlibrary.org) or call 410-396-5305 with your name and mailing address.



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# BOOKLOVERS' BREAKFAST



FEATURING

**JOY-ANN REID & SUNNY HOSTIN**

For the first time in conversation, Sunny Hostin and Joy Reid will talk about their careers and being groundbreaking Black women in media.

**VIRTUAL EVENT**

**February 6, 2021, 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Tickets: \$15**

Register online through Eventbrite at:  
**[bookloversbreakfast2021.eventbrite.com](https://bookloversbreakfast2021.eventbrite.com)**  
All registrants will receive a Zoom link.

Ticket cost includes a signed bookplate from each speaker and commemorative tote bag.

**Visit [prattlibrary.org](https://prattlibrary.org) for more information.**



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## POETRY CONTEST

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**

**MONDAY, MARCH 1**

More information  
and submission guidelines at  
**[prattlibrary.org/poetry-contest](https://prattlibrary.org/poetry-contest)**

## LETTER FROM THE CEO



**T**his time last year, Pratt staff were preparing for what promised to be a banner 2020.

Thousands of people had visited the newly renovated Central Library. Branch programming had seen the highest attendance numbers in 9 years. We were planning bigger programs than ever to help serve our community.

2020 had other plans. As I look back, I am grateful to the library staff for their drive to continue to serve our community during a pandemic. They've come up with a new service model for contact-free Sidewalk Service so people can safely access library materials. They've helped keep our community connected with Drive-In Wi-Fi and the lending of hot spots and tablets. That blockbuster programming that used to fill Central Hall now fills a virtual space, and we're reaching audiences all over the world. I am also thankful for our donors who have made many of these innovations possible.

As 2021 begins, the future is still uncertain. We hope to reopen all our libraries with limited capacity sometime this winter. We will continue to listen to health officials about when it is safe to do so. One thing I am certain of is that the Pratt staff will continue to innovate to serve Baltimore. This February we will launch the Library of Things for teens. Just as you would check out a book, they'll be able to check out sewing machines, audio visual equipment, games, educational items, and more. Thanks to a generous donation from the PNC Foundation, a new program out of the Pennsylvania Avenue branch will provide long-term lending of Wi-Fi enabled tablets to job seekers, and one-on-one job counseling. We're mailing books to families as part of our newly revamped Books for Me early literacy program to help prepare our youngest customers for school.

While 2020 has been a difficult year, I look with optimism at 2021 knowing that the Pratt will do what we've also done. We will find ways to serve our city and state, and we will do it together (at a social distance.)

Heidi Daniel, *President & CEO*

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(Birds, not outfielders.)

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The next Meeting of the Boards of Trustees and Directors will be held  
Wednesday, March 10,  
at 6:15 p.m.

# SIDEWALK SERVICE

## HOURS:

Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Select Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Check [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org) for schedule.

## ACCESS THE PRATT COLLECTION USING THESE SIMPLE STEPS:

1. Place holds on the materials you'd like to check out at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org) or by phone.
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3. Come to the designated branch at your scheduled time.  
**Please wear a face covering.**
4. Call or text the branch upon your arrival and wait at the social distancing markers at the pick-up table.
5. A staff member will bring out your materials and leave them on the pick-up table for you to retrieve.
6. Please use the book drop for all returns. *Excluding tablets, laptops, and mobile hotspots.*

**STARTING JANUARY 11,  
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For more information visit:  
**[prattlibrary.org/sidewalk-service](http://prattlibrary.org/sidewalk-service)**

## REMOTE PRINTING

Print documents remotely via a web browser or the SmartALEC mobile app and pick them up at any branch using Sidewalk Service.

Learn more at [prattlibrary.org/remote-printing](http://prattlibrary.org/remote-printing)



## Steps 1-2 Before you arrive



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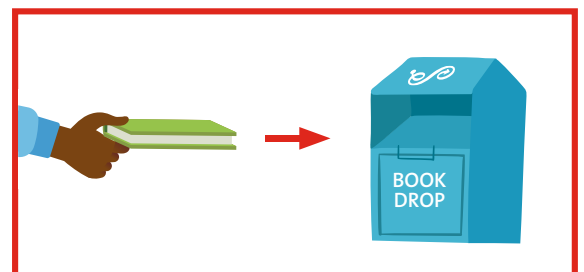
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Step 6

## CAN'T MAKE IT TO A BRANCH? WE ALSO OFFER BOOKS BY MAIL.

Available to residents of Baltimore City.  
Call 410-396-5430 to request materials.







## WELCOME BACK!

### FULL SERVICE IS RETURNING THIS WINTER

We look forward to welcoming you back into our buildings with open arms — from a socially acceptable distance! Pratt staff are working diligently to prepare all locations for reopening at 25% capacity, in accordance with health and safety guidelines.

*Dates to be announced on [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).*

## Separate But Together

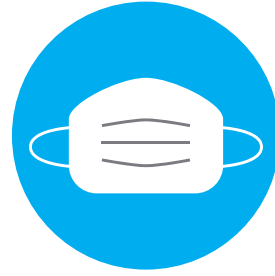
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(Birds, not linebackers.)

## OUR SAFETY PROCEDURES:



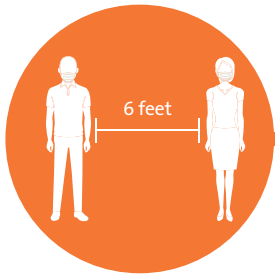
Requiring all staff and customers to wear face coverings.



Regularly consulting with the City Health Department.



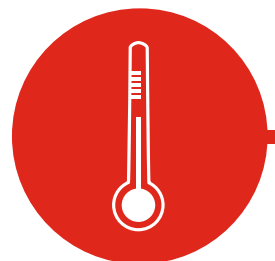
Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces throughout the day.



Following social distancing protocols.



Regularly disinfecting all locations.



Asking customers and staff to stay home if they feel ill.

# CONNECTING COMMUNITY



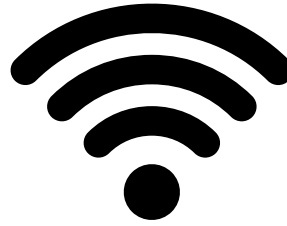
## MOBILE HOTSPOTS & TABLETS

Mobile hotspots and tablets are now available, allowing you to **connect to your devices with access to free Wi-Fi from the comfort of you home.** Hotspots allow you to connect up to 15 devices, and up to 3 devices can be connected to tablets. The devices will need to be picked up and returned at any of the Pratt Library Sidewalk Service locations.

### RESERVE A MOBILE HOTSPOT

[prattlibrary.org/hotspots-and-tablets](http://prattlibrary.org/hotspots-and-tablets)

*Instructions will be provided with each device. Tablets may only be borrowed by users ages 10 – 19. Users may borrow one device per account, and First Card holders (ages 0 – 6) cannot borrow these devices.*



## FREE WI-FI

The Pratt is offering free Wi-Fi at select branches and through its mobile units. You do not need a library card to access Wi-Fi. You do need to enter a password.

**Network:** epfl-wpa | **Password:** epfl-wpa

### COMMUNITY WI-FI

Pratt Library Community Wi-Fi brings free Wi-Fi access to communities across the city of Baltimore using the Pratt Mobile Job Center as a hotspot. Visit [prattlibrary.org/community-wi-fi](http://prattlibrary.org/community-wi-fi) each week for an updated schedule. Please note, the vehicle will not have any Mobile Library Services available.

### DRIVE-IN WI-FI

Wi-Fi is available outside of the branch locations below.

#### Brooklyn Branch

300 E. Patapsco Ave., 21225

#### Edmondson Avenue Branch

4330 Edmondson Ave., 21229

#### Forest Park Branch

3023 Garrison Blvd., 21216

#### Herring Run Branch

3801 Erdman Ave., 21213

#### Northwood Branch

4420 Loch Raven Blvd., 21218

#### Orleans St. Branch

1303 Orleans St., 21231

#### Patterson Park Branch

158 N. Linwood Ave., 21224

#### Waverly Branch

400 E. 33rd St., 21218

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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BROWN LECTURE SERIES

**DR. MAYA CUMMINGS, JAMES DALE,  
AND DR. FREEMAN HRABOWSKI**

***We're Better Than This: My Fight for the Future of  
Our Democracy***

**Wednesday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for a conversation about the life and legacy of Elijah Cummings between Dr. Maya Rockey Moore Cummings, book collaborator James Dale, and moderator Dr. Freeman Hrabowski.

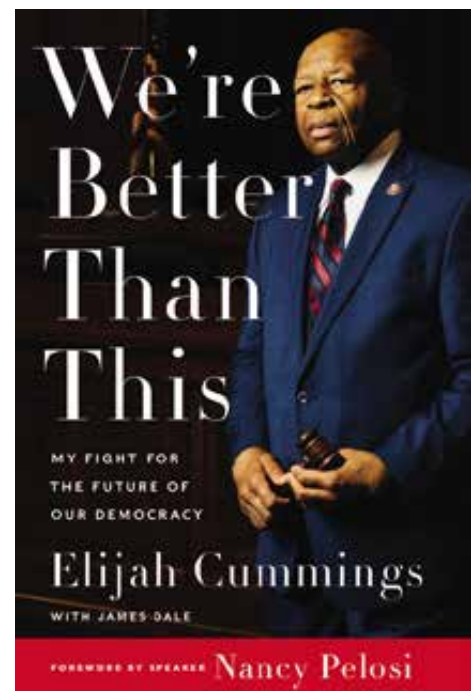
Part memoir, part call to action, *We're Better Than This* is the story of our modern-day democracy and the threats that we all must face together, as well as a retrospective on the life and career of one of our country's most inspirational politicians. *We're Better Than This* reminds people that in this country we don't elect kings, and we cannot afford four more years of this false one.

Dr. Maya Rockey Moore Cummings is a social entrepreneur, speaker, writer, and strategist who's on a mission to drive society toward inclusion. After a quarter of a century of working on innovative public policy and multimillion-dollar social change initiatives in the government, nonprofit, and private sectors, Maya is a policy and political expert who understands how to build and sustain cross-sector collaborations, diverse coalitions, dynamic diversity, equity, and inclusion strategies, and effective education campaigns. An accomplished public speaker and author, Maya has appeared in a variety of media outlets such as CBS, CNN, MSNBC, Fox News and BET and her writings have been published in *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *The Huffington Post*, and the *Washington Post* among other publications. She is the recipient of multiple honors such as the Aspen Institute Henry Crown Fellowship Award and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Fellowship Award and has been a candidate for Maryland governor and the U.S. Congress. She is the widow of the late Congressman Elijah E. Cummings and lives in West Baltimore with her dog Andy.

James Dale has been author-collaborator on a number of books on topics including business, medicine, and life lessons. His works include *The Power of Nice* with agent-negotiator Ron Shapiro; *Just Show Up* with Hall of Fame baseball player Cal Ripken Jr.; and *The Q Factor* with Super Bowl-winning coach Brian Billick.

Copies of *We're Better Than This* are available to order from the Ivy Bookshop.

*Presented in partnership with the Reginald F. Lewis Museum.*





ADULTS

**POETRY & CONVERSATION:  
CARL PHILLIPS & LIA PURPURA**

Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 p.m.

Carl Phillips is the author of 15 books of poetry, most recently *Pale Colors in a Tall Field* (FSG, 2020). He is a four-time finalist for the National Book Award, and a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award

Lia Purpura is the author of nine collections of essays, poems, and translations. A finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, her awards include Guggenheim, NEA, and Fulbright Fellowships.



**CEASEFIRE CONVERSATION  
WITH DARYL DAVIS &  
KONDWANI FIDEL**

Monday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.

An intergenerational conversation about racism and activism in America between authors and activists Daryl Davis and Kondwani Fidel.



**ANNUAL LUCILLE CLIFTON  
CELEBRATION: TODAY WE ARE  
POSSIBLE**

Saturday, February 13, 2:00 p.m.

On the anniversary of Lucille Clifton's passing, join the Enoch Pratt Free Library and the Clifton House in a celebration of her generous spirit and writing. Featuring Natasha Trethewey.

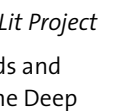


**WRITERS LIVE! BRIT BENNETT  
*The Vanishing Half***

Tuesday, February 16, 7:00 p.m.

*Presented in partnership with CityLit Project*

Weaving together multiple strands and generations of this family, from the Deep South to California, from the 1950s to the 1990s, Brit Bennett produces a story that is at once a riveting, emotional family story and a brilliant exploration of the American history of passing.



**WRITERS LIVE! LAWRENCE T. BROWN  
*The Black Butterfly: The Harmful Politics of  
Race and Space in America***

Wednesday February 17, 7:00 p.m.

*Presented in partnership with AARP Maryland and OSI-Baltimore Fellows Advisory Board*

Putting Baltimore under a microscope, Brown looks closely at the causes of segregation, many of which exist in current legislation and regulatory policy despite the common belief that overtly racist policies are a thing of the past.

**THE BUSINESS OF PUBLISHING:  
AFROFUTURISM EDITION**

Thursday, February 18, 7:00 p.m.

Featuring Nnedi Okorafor, Jalynn Harris, Saida Agostini, and Afua Richardson

TEENS

**YA WRITERS LIVE!  
IBI ZOBOI & YUSEF SALAAM**

Friday, February 5, 7:00 p.m.

Join the Young Adult Services department as we kick off our YA Writers LIVE! series for 2021 with the amazing Ibi Zoboi and Dr. Yusef Salaam as they discuss their novel *Punching the Air*.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN READ-IN**

Wednesday, February 3, 6:30 p.m.

Join the Pratt Library as we celebrate African-American literature through our virtual read-in event. We invite you to share a favorite passage from a book by an African-American author, and bring the family to this event for all ages!

**GET INTO THE GROOVE:  
A STORY OF HIP HOP WITH A SQUARED**

Tuesday, February 9, 6:30 p.m.

*Get Into the Groove: A Story of Hip Hop* is a performance that takes the audience on an immersive journey through the four main elements of hip hop: Breakdancing, DJ, Emcee, and Graffiti. Come experience the joy and freedom that comes from hip-hop culture through spectacular dance moves, history, and storytelling.

**KIDS WRITERS LIVE!  
KWAMI ALEXANDER**

Thursday, February 11, 6:00 p.m.

*Presented in partnership with the Reginald F. Lewis Museum.*

Join award-winning children's and young adult author Kwame Alexander as he discusses his books during a moderated Q&A conversation.

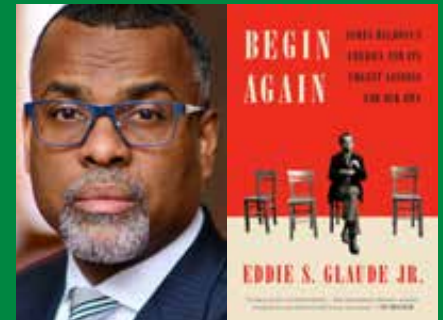
Kwame Alexander is the Innovator-in-Residence at the American School of London, and the *New York Times*-bestselling author of 37 books, including Caldecott-Medal and Newbery-Honor winning picture book *The Undeclared*, *How to Read a Book*, *Swing*, *Rebound*, (which was shortlisted for prestigious Carnegie Medal), and his Newbery medal-winning middle grade novel, *The Crossover*.



**GATHER ROUND:  
STORIES THAT UNITE US  
WITH DIANE MACKLIN**

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

Celebrate the history and communities that make up Baltimore with folk tales for the young and young at heart. We'll also reflect on ancestors who have made a difference for many. This is a family-friendly program that welcomes participation.



**DR. MARTIN LUTHER  
KING JR. DAY  
LECTURE FEATURING  
EDDIE GLAUDE**

Saturday, January 16, 1:00 p.m.

*Presented in partnership with the Reginald F. Lewis Museum.*

In the story of Baldwin's crucible, Glaude suggests we can find hope and guidance on our own after this Trumpian era of shattered promises and white retrenchment. Mixing biography — drawn partially from newly uncovered interviews — with history, memoir, and trenchant analysis of our current moment, *Begin Again* is Glaude's attempt, following Baldwin, to bear witness to the difficult truth of race in America today. It is at once a searing exploration that lays bare the tangled web of race, trauma, and memory, and a powerful interrogation of what we all must ask of ourselves in order to call forth a new America.

# TEEN LIBRARY OF THINGS

Have you been wanting to learn how to sew? Or code a robot? Or just play that new Switch game, but don't have a console? Use your library card to check out equipment from coding robots to sewing machines with the Pratt Library of Things collection.

Be on the lookout for more items to be released in February, including digital cameras, GoPros, Nintendo Switch systems, record players, instruments, and even bike repair kits!

*The Teen Library of Things collection is available to customers aged 10 to 19 only. Visit [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org) for more details.*

**Full Collection Coming in February.**







## OPERATION WARM

By Cornelia Beckett, Program Specialist

Operation Warm is a nonprofit that provides brand-new coats and books to children in need across the US. Their program, A Warm Welcome to the Library, teams up with public libraries as a coat distribution site to introduce families to the library as a resource center for books and community aid. This is the Pratt's third year participating in the program, thanks to the success of past events and generous funders like The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Transamerica, and Northrop Grumman. The program's tagline is #morethanacoat, and we use the unique opportunity to meet material need in Baltimore neighborhoods, expand our customer base, and share the resources of Pratt while promoting the organization as a resource hub that can provide support to our neighbors.

Since we began hosting the program, Operation Warm has grown from four locations to eight this year, serving 13 total Pratt branches over the years. In the past, we combined innovative literacy and artistic programming by Pratt staff and community partners like the Walters Art Museum to create fun, interactive family events that felt like a cross between a holiday party and a shopping event. We've also leveraged partnerships with local schools and programs like Social Worker in the Library to find and serve customers in need. This year, we are giving away more than 1,400 coats and books outside the branches, based on our Sidewalk Service model. We are also signing customers up for eCards, providing information on literacy, and sharing other library resources. Despite the restrictions and challenges posed by COVID-19, we were determined to serve our community and make sure that children in Baltimore could access new coats and new books.

Operation Warm is unique in its pairing of new coats and books specifically for kids, but many other organizations in Baltimore serve similar purposes. The Franciscan Center has an ongoing coat giveaway, and in years past Maryland Legal Aid has run coat drives that double as legal clinics. The Baltimore Ravens have provided coats for adults in partnership with the Helping Up Mission Homeless Shelter. The Changing Lives Initiative in cooperation with Bloclove just hosted a coat event, and programs like the Maryland Book Bank are also working to make sure that children have access to books for keeps.



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# VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENTS

Registration encouraged. Visit [calendar.prattlibrary.org](http://calendar.prattlibrary.org) to register. Copies of most books are available through the Ivy Bookshop.

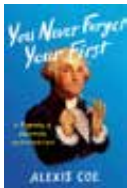
## AN AFTERNOON OF ASIMOV

Sunday, January 10, 3:00 pm

Isaac Asimov is one of the most important and prolific science fiction writers of all time. Join Hugo-nominated author Alec Nevala-Lee for a discussion of the significance of two of Asimov's most well-known short stories. We will explore themes and interpretations of the pieces and how they reflect Asimov's beliefs on faith, technology, and science.

Presented in partnership with the Jewish Museum of Maryland.

## WRITERS LIVE!



ALEXIS COE

### *You Never Forget Your First: A Biography of George Washington*

Wednesday, January 13, 7:00 p.m.

Alexis Taines Coe is an historian. She is the author of the narrative history book *Alice + Freda Forever* (and is a consultant on the movie adaptation) and *You Never Forget Your First: A Biography of George Washington*, a *New York Times* bestseller.

## POETRY & CONVERSATION



KHADIJAH QUEEN AND JUSTIN PHILLIP REED

Thursday, January 14, 7:00 p.m.

Khadijah Queen and Justin Phillip Reed read and talk about their poetry.

Khadijah Queen is the author of five books of poetry, most recently *I'm So Fine: A List of Famous Men & What I Had On* (YesYes Books, 2017), a finalist for the National Poetry Series.

Justin Phillip Reed is the winner of the 2018 National Book Award in Poetry for *Indecency* (Coffee House Press, 2018), which *Library Journal* called, "one of a kind brilliant."

## WRITERS LIVE!



AMBER RUFFIN & LACEY LAMAR

### *You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey*

Tuesday, January 19, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a conversation with Amber Ruffin and Lacey Lamar about their book, *You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey*. Moderated by Mykel Hunter of WEAA.

In *You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey*, writer and performer on *Late Night with Seth Meyers* Amber Ruffin and her sister Lacey recount hilarious anecdotes full of absurd detail about everyday experiences of racism.



AN EVENING WITH WALLACE LANE

Thursday, January 21, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a night of creativity to preview Wallace

Lane's new work. The evening will include performances with local creators.



ART OF READING FEATURING BARBARA BOURLAND

Thursday, February 25, 6:00 p.m.

Join local author Barbara Bourland and Walters Art Museum Curator of Renaissance and Baroque Art, Joaneath Spicer, as they discuss Barbara's book *Fake Like Me*, art history, and the Walters collection.

Following the talk, participants can join a breakout group to discuss themes in the book and make new friends; reading the book is not a prerequisite for participation.

*This program is a collaboration between the Walters Art Museum and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.*



## ONE BOOK BALTIMORE: YOUTH SPEAK!

### VIRTUAL EVENT

Friday, January 15, 10:00 a.m.

7th and 8th graders, we invite you to join us for our mid-program launch! Authors D. Watkins, Jason Reynolds (National Ambassador for Young People's Literature), and Nic Stone will be in conversation with Wes Moore about the importance of young voices!

*One Book Baltimore is a collaboration between the T. Rowe Price Foundation, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore City Public Schools, and other community partners to provide opportunities for Baltimore City 7th and 8th graders, their families, and community members to connect through literature by reading the same book.*

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## BOOKS FOR ME Q&A

With Julia White, Family Literacy Outreach Specialist

### WHAT IS BOOKS FOR ME?

We are piloting a newly revised Books for Me program with the same fundamental goals of the original. Books for Me is designed to improve school readiness for children from birth to age five. It provides a vibrant home library for Baltimore City children while sharing information about early literacy with parents and caregivers. The program is generously funded by Robert E. Meyerhoff and Rheda Becker, along with support from the Baltimore Community Foundation and the PNC Foundation.

### WHAT IS THE NEW MODEL FOR THE PROGRAM?

Due to the pandemic, Books for Me has shifted to a hybrid model. Each family involved in the pilot receives two to three books in the mail each month along with in-home activity packs. Each family was also given a Wi-Fi-enabled tablet so that parents and caregivers can attend virtual workshops to learn and discuss the importance of early literacy. That tablet is also preloaded with Pratt resources including Hoopla and Bookflix to help families access library materials.



### WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM?

This year, 90 families are participating. They're involved with community organizations with whom we've partnered on this program in the past, including Head Start centers and preschools. If the program is successful, we hope to open it to more families in the coming years. We're very excited about the future of Books for Me.

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## TUESDAY TUNES

### KRISTEN TOEDTMAN

Tuesday, January 5, 2:00 p.m.

### SASSI AND THE WHALE

Tuesday, January 12, 2:00 p.m.

### JUSTIN & JHANE TAYLOR

Tuesday, January 19, 2:00 p.m.

### 50 FOOT WOMAN

Tuesday, January 26, 2:00 p.m.

### CALEB STINE & SALEEM

Tuesday, February 2, 2:00 p.m.

### ABE OVADIA

Tuesday, February 9, 2:00 p.m.

### RUFUS ROUNDTREE & B'MORE BRASS FACTORY

Tuesday, February 16, 2:00 p.m.

### CHARLES SULLIVAN

Tuesday, February 23, 2:00 p.m.

## LUNCH AND LEARN

Thursdays, January 14 & February 11  
1:00 p.m.

Starting in January, join us on the second Thursday of each month for a virtual presentation that explores the importance of Maryland history in today's context.



*Presented with The Maryland State Archives and The Maryland Four Centuries Project.*



# VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

## Healthy Little Cooks: Lunch Bunch

Tuesdays, January 5 & February 2, 12:00 p.m.  
*Learn how to make healthy and delicious treats with Healthy Little Cooks. In January you'll learn how to prepare a fruity and fun sushi with your favorite pantry items. In February, cook along with us as we learn to make our own Animal themed rice cakes.*



## Turtle Dance Music: The Winter-Wonderland Music, Bubble, and Comedy Show!

Wednesday, January 13, 11:00 a.m.  
*The Winter-Wonderland Music, Bubble and Comedy Show is a snowy "turtle-riffic" musical experience that is designed to engage children through winter songs, movement activities, big giant bubbles, children's stories, and interactive music technology! The show is crafted to be inclusive for all children, including children on the Autism Spectrum, and a great time for parents and caregivers!*



## TCG & DAB Adventures

Saturday, January 16, 11:00 a.m.  
*TCG & DAB Adventures include wildly entertaining music, dance, comedy, and play for all ages. Comic storytelling and interactive conversations are the creative tools used to educate youth and family about safety, conflict resolution, health and nutrition.*

## Eco Adventures: Animal Olympics

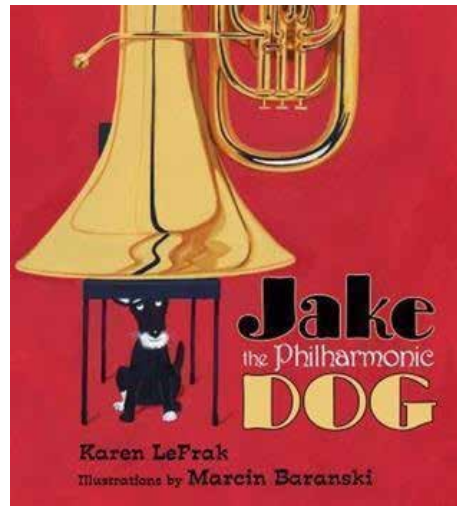
Tuesday, January 19, 4:00 p.m.  
*Do you love watching gymnastics at the Olympics? Seeing the flexibility and agility of humans is incredible, but there are plenty of animals that are even more awesome! Discover and meet some amazing animals and the adaptations that help them maneuver through their habitats while you discover your own skills!*

## Baby Artsplay!

Wednesdays, January 27 & February 10 & 24  
11:00 a.m.  
*Join us for fun-filled sessions that use art such as music, movement, drama, and storytelling to support foundational skills like counting, rhythm, movement, and more! Presented by Young Audiences of Maryland.*

## Stoopkid Stories: Write a Story with Melly!

Thursday, January 28, 4:00 p.m.  
*Join Melly from the Stoopkid Stories podcast to learn about podcasts and listen to an original story from the Stoopkid Stories collection. Afterwards, we'll work together to create a story that will be featured on the podcast on February 8.*



## Musical Storytelling with the Mount Vernon Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra

Saturday, January 30 11:00 a.m.  
*Join us from the comfort of your home for a half-hour musical story and an introduction to the world of classical music. We'll read Jake the Philharmonic Dog by Karen LeFrak. Afterwards, we will hear a fun and fast violin showpiece using Zoom's music mode!*

## Cultural Traditions Storytime:

### Lunar New Year

Fridays, February 12 & 26, 11:00 a.m.  
*Join the Walters Art Museum and the Enoch Pratt Free Library for two special editions of storytime. At each program, we'll read about a different cultural celebration of the Lunar New Year and create a paper lantern or a paper ox, in honor of the year of the ox. Each art-making activity is inspired by objects in the Walters collection.*

## Dance & Bmore Presents:

### FazaFam Family Jam

Sunday, February 21, 4:00 p.m.  
*Dance & Bmore's FazaFam brings together music, dancing, and games that inspire good times for young and old. FazaFam's original music takes you back to old school grooves with new school moves from pop to R&B, salsa and neo soul.*

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# INTERACTIVE UPGRADES

Thanks to a generous donation from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, the Pratt Library was able to upgrade the children's areas of five libraries with new interactive pieces. The Brooklyn, Cherry Hill, Edmondson Avenue, Orleans Street, and Walbrook branches were also outfitted with flexible seating, STEM activities, artwork displays, and more. Each display includes colorful words in both English and Spanish. We hope these renovations help spark creativity and imagination in our smallest customers.

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