

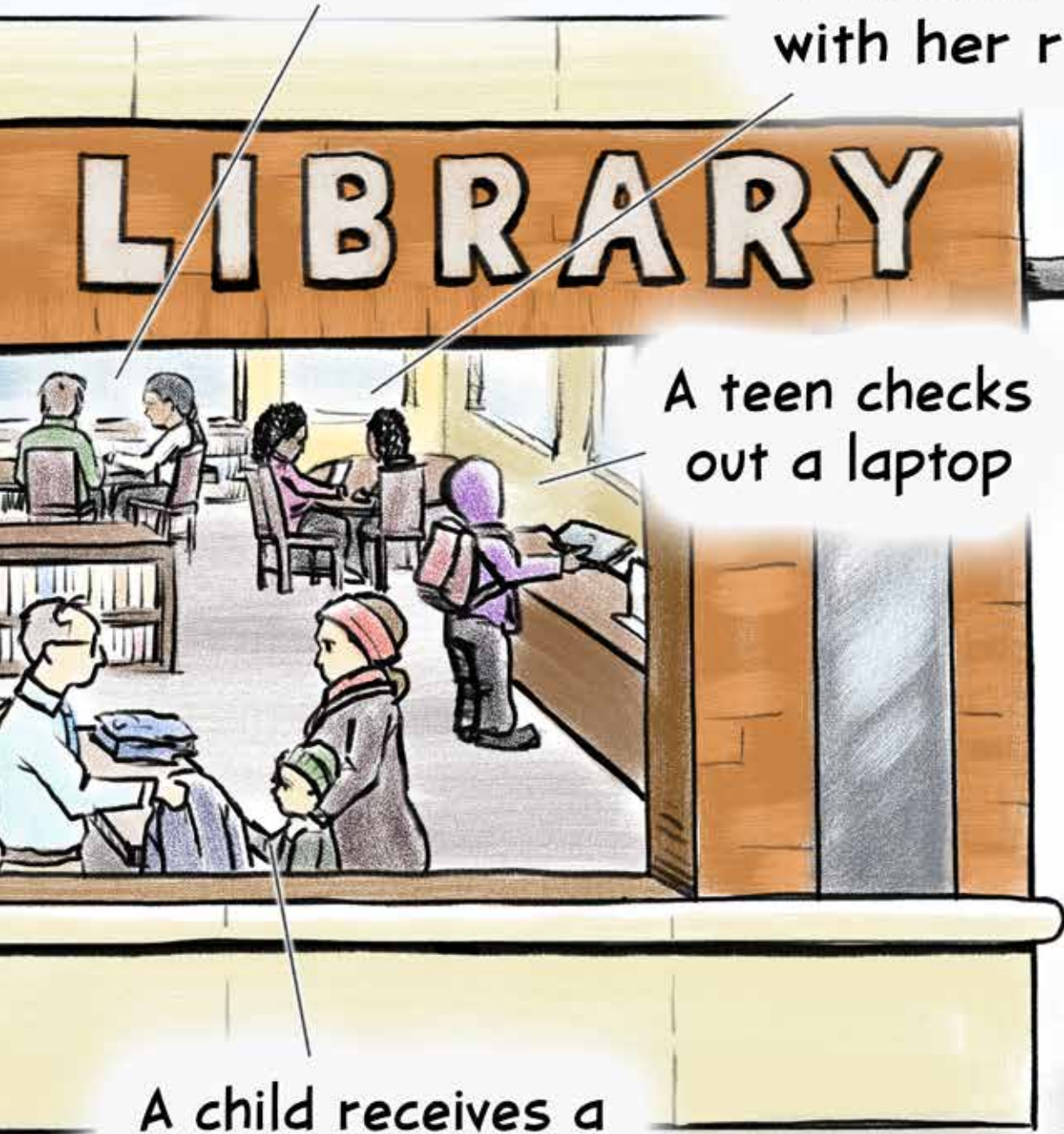
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A person gets tax assistance

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# LETTER FROM THE CEO



In 2021, the American Library Association reported 1,597 book challenges. While statistics for 2022 are still being counted, that number is expected to skyrocket to the highest number in two decades. A book challenge is an attempt to remove or restrict materials based on the objections of an individual or group. According to the ALA, many of the books being challenged feature people of color or LGBTQ+ characters. While book bans are certainly not new, there has been a recent aggressive wave of bans and challenges, including here in Maryland.

At the Enoch Pratt Free Library, we stand against censorship of materials. The mission of any public library is to provide access to information and book bans create barriers to that access. We support everyone's right to

intellectual freedom and to decide for themselves what materials are appropriate for their children and themselves.

Any residents of the state of Maryland can get a Pratt Library card and access our collection. The Pratt collection contains all 10 of the most challenged books in the United States:

- *Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe
- *Lawn Boy* by Jonathan Evison
- *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson
- *Out of Darkness* by Ashley Hope Pérez
- *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie
- *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl* by Jesse Andrews
- *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison
- *This Book Is Gay* by Juno Dawson
- *Beyond Magenta* by Susan Kuklin

Limiting access to certain titles is a threat to our democracy. All people deserve to see themselves reflected in literature. The Pratt Library will continue to support everyone's right to read freely.

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



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# BRANCH UPDATES

## FOREST PARK

A big thank you to community members who came out on November 5 for a feedback session on the renovation of the Forest Park Branch. It was a great turnout. The Forest Park renovation will expand the footprint of the library, and move the main entrance from busy Garrison Blvd. to a street-level entrance on Fairview Ave. If you want to weigh in on what you'd like to see in the branch makeover, send us an email at [frs@prattlibrary.org](mailto:frs@prattlibrary.org).



## PENNSYLVANIA AVE.

Some big changes are coming to the Pennsylvania Avenue Branch thanks to the generosity of Library donors. The Children's and Teen areas will be moved to the upstairs section of the library, while the adult section will move downstairs. The new children's library will feature interactive elements and seating for children and parents. The adult collections and computer stations will move downstairs to the first floor. Construction will take place this winter and spring.

*Renderings courtesy of JRS Architects, Inc.*



## FREE TAX PREPARATION AND OTHER HELPFUL FINANCIAL SERVICES

The CASH Campaign of Maryland provides free tax preparation services for qualifying individuals and families.

Starting in January, appointments will be available at the Central Library Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Schedule your FREE tax appointment by calling 410-234-8008.

Learn more at [cashmd.org](http://cashmd.org)

# NEW YEAR, NEW YOU

## **New Year, New You Kit**

January 9 – 31 | Waverly

*Need a little help keeping or making a new year's resolution? Borrow a self-help book and get a kit to get started. This kit is available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Kits can be picked up from the Circulation Desk. One kit per person.*

## **Orleans Street Book Club**

Thursdays, January 12 & February 9, 4:00 p.m.  
*Start the new year by joining the Orleans Street Branch's brand new book club. We will meet the second Thursday of every month at 4:00 pm. January's book is *Outlawed* by Anna North. February's book will be chosen by the club in January.*

## **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

### **Jamercise with Ginger**

Thursday, January 5, 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays, January 12 – February 23, 4:30 p.m.  
Cherry Hill & Virtual

*Jamercise is an exercise program that combines the benefits of a cardio-aerobic workout with elements of dance.*

### **Zumba**

Saturdays, January 7 – February 25, 10:30 a.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library

*The program consists of short dance and aerobic exercise routines performed to popular salsa, hip-hop, and Latin-American music.*

### **Yoga & Breathing for Beginners**

Mondays, January 9 – February 27, 12:00 p.m.  
Hamilton

*Yoga is an exercise with different poses which helps boost energy, bring flexibility to the joints, and reduces the stress in the body.*

### **Free Private HIV and Hep-C Testing**

Tuesdays, January 10 & February 14  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Central Library,  
Business, Science, & Technology Dept.

*The Johns Hopkins Center for Infectious Disease and Nursing Innovation (CIDNI) is offering free HIV and Hep-C testing for individuals in a private setting.*

## **Stop Smoking with Tobacco Free Baltimore**

Tuesdays, January 10 & February 14  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Central Library,  
Business, Science, & Technology Dept.  
*Tobacco Free Baltimore is part of the Baltimore City Health Department. Baltimore City citizens have access to tobacco cessation classes that will provide health information, coping skills, and any further guidance needed to complete the smoke-free journey.*

## **Rambling Readers**

Thursdays, January 19 & February 16  
10:00 a.m. | Central Library

*Join a novel walking book club that covers more than novels! Rendezvous outside Central Library. 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 the Business, Science, & Technology Department (BST) at [bst@prattlibrary.org](mailto:bst@prattlibrary.org) or 410-396-5317.*

## **JOBS & FINANCE**

### **Job & Career Help for Veterans**

Thursdays, January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23  
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Central Library,  
Business, Science, & Technology Dept.

*A specialist from Easterseals is available to assist veterans who have questions or need guidance about jobs and careers.*

### **Understanding Debt**

Thursday, January 19, 5:00 p.m. | Govans  
*Explore strategies for reducing debt and gain an understanding of the results of not paying debts or having debts in collection. Most importantly, this module will give you straightforward steps and resources for attacking different types of debt. Presented in partnership with Invest York Road. This program has limited spaces. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org)*

## **Understanding Savings**

Friday, January 20, 12:00 p.m. | Govans  
*This class explores the concept of savings, strategies to build personal savings, and tools such as budgeting. By the end of the module, you will have a specific and measurable plan that meets your personal savings needs. This module is a great foundation class with outcomes you can apply immediately. Be prepared to examine all your income and expenses as part of the exercises. Presented in partnership with Invest York Road. This program has limited spaces. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org)*

## **Introduction to the Job Seeker's Toolkit**

Thursday, January 26, 3:00 p.m. | Forest Park  
*The Pratt Library offers a toolkit to help guide job seekers to important resources they will need during their searches for employment. Learn more about the Job Seeker's Toolkit, and how it can help with your job hunt.*

## **Pro Bono Legal Clinics: Estate Planning & Foreclosure**

Thursday, February 16, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Waverly

*Volunteer attorneys will prepare FREE wills, advance medical directives, and power of attorney documents for low-income homeowners. Estate planning appointments are available at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and last approximately 2 hours. Reserved appointments are required. Please call the Pro Bono Resource Center at 443-703-3052 by Monday, February 13 to make an appointment. A foreclosure specialist will be available to offer information and counseling to homeowners with delinquent mortgages. For those seeking foreclosure counseling, walk-ins are accepted from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., but pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Call 443-342-4262 to register.*



### Understanding Investing

Saturday, February 18, 11:00 a.m. | Govans  
*Explore different types of investments including stocks, bonds, and real estate, so you can make informed decisions about your financial future. Presented in partnership with Invest York Road. This program has limited spaces. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).*

### Understanding Credit

Saturday, February 18, 1:00 p.m. | Govans  
*Explore the reality and value of credit and how to use it to build personal wealth. You will learn how to examine credit scores, read and obtain credit reports, and build reasonable, while avoiding unhealthy, credit. Presented in partnership with Invest York Road. This program has limited spaces. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).*

### ARTS

#### Meditation Coloring

Thursday, January 5, 4:00 p.m. | Forest Park  
*Enjoy some relaxing coloring time to help reset after the busy holiday season. All supplies will be provided.*

#### Crafting with Crochet

Saturdays, January 7 & 28, February 4 & 18  
2:00 p.m. | Forest Park  
*Do you enjoy crochet? Bring in your supplies to work on group projects while socializing with other yarn artists. Feel free to share patterns, tips, and techniques, and participate in community service projects.*

#### Painting with Alcohol Inks:

##### Beginner's Workshop

Monday, January 9, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
*Alcohol inks are free flowing and vibrant colors! This workshop will cover beginning techniques for creative play and minor control of alcohol inks on tile featuring local artist, Esta Baker. All supplies are provided by the library. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.*

#### Crafting With Friends

Wednesdays, January 11 & February 8  
12:00 p.m. | Brooklyn  
*Bring a craft, get those creative juices flowing, and meet new friends. Crafters of all skills and interests are welcome.*

#### Easy Mosaic Art

Thursday, January 12, 5:00 p.m. | Northwood  
*Bring an empty picture frame (or use one of ours) and create a work of mosaic art with glass tiles and mod podge. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6076.*

### Learn to Crochet

Saturday, January 14, 10:30 a.m. | Govans  
*Learn the basics of crochet.*

### Paint at Penn

Saturdays, January 14 & February 11, 2:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
*A local artist will lead you step-by-step as you create your very own masterpiece. All paint supplies will be provided by the library. Please note: Children are not permitted to attend this program.*

### Artist Materials Petting Zoo:

#### Pencil Exploration

Saturday, January 21, 2:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Central Hall  
*Join the Fine Arts and Music Department for an Art Materials Petting Zoo pop-up series! Every other month, each program will focus on a different medium. The presenter will provide a hands-on introduction to each art medium and assist participants while they experiment with art materials, tools, and techniques. This will be your chance to see, handle, and explore a variety of art-making materials without the hefty price tag that typically accompanies art supplies. Whatever is created during each event can be taken home! Future sessions will explore: clay, paint, sewing, printmaking, and bookmaking.*

#### Knitting Basics

Monday, January 23, 6:00 p.m. | Orleans St.  
*Learn the basics of knitting! Librarian Kim will teach the skills you need to make your own washcloth and hand towel. Each participant will be given the supplies needed to complete the project. This program has limited spaces. To register, call 410-396-0970.*

#### Adult Painting Workshop

Monday, February 6, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
*This paint class is the perfect combination of creativity and conversation featuring local artist, Esta Baker. Create a beautiful piece with Esta's help every step of the way! All supplies will be provided by the library. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.*



## COMING SOON: PEER NAVIGATOR EXPANSION

Coming this spring, the Pratt Library will be expanding our Peer Navigator program to six Pratt locations. Peer Recovery specialists are trained individuals with lived experience of substance misuse, mental health, or behavioral health challenges who provide a safe, supportive, and confidential environment to serve as peer role models. This is a partnership with the Maryland Peer Advisory Council and Healing City Baltimore.

For the past year, the Pratt has piloted a Peer Navigator program at the Pennsylvania Ave. branch. In that time, more than 400 people have been helped with issues such as substance misuse, food insecurity, transitional housing, mental health referrals, and more.

The expansion of this program is thanks to a generous three-year grant from CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield.

**For more information on the Peer Navigator program visit [prattlibrary.org/services/peer-navigators](http://prattlibrary.org/services/peer-navigators)**

To learn more about training to become a Peer Navigator, visit [marylandpeeradvisorycouncil.org](http://marylandpeeradvisorycouncil.org)



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## WRITERS LIVE! EBONI K. WILLIAMS

### *Bet on Black*

Thursday, February 2, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Eboni K. Williams, star of *The Real Housewives of New York* and host of the podcast  *Holding Court with Eboni K. Williams*, will offer her thoughts on the importance of celebrating the Black experience in America. The author highlights representation and historical knowledge as bedrocks of “leading a first-class Black life.” She will also reflect on her own life and experiences.

## WRITERS LIVE!



### BEN JEALOUS

### *Never Forget Our People Were Always Free*

Saturday, January 14, 3:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Ben Jealous, former national NAACP president and CEO, will reflect on race in America and offer his thoughts on how to address the country’s social and political issues.

## WRITERS LIVE!



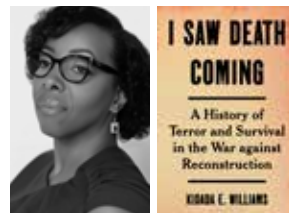
### AKIL KUMARASAMY

### *Meet Us by the Roaring Sea*

Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Poe Reading Room & Virtual

Akil Kumarasamy will discuss her debut novel that is set in the near future and follows a young woman who works in artificial intelligence and becomes enmeshed in a manuscript she is translating from the late 1990s. All in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book.

## WRITERS LIVE!



### KIDADA WILLIAMS

### *I Saw Death Coming*

Thursday, January 19, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Historian Kidada Williams will look at the Reconstruction Era through the lens of African Americans in the South.

## WRITERS LIVE!



### SAKET SONI

### *The Great Escape*

Thursday, January 26, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Saket Soni will recount one of the largest human trafficking cases in modern American history, which occurred in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

## WRITERS LIVE!



### V. (FORMERLY EVE ENSLER)

### *Reckoning*

Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

V. (formerly Eve Ensler) will reflect on her life and how her writing and activism has impacted her journey. V. will be joined in conversation by Derecka Purnell.

## WRITERS LIVE!



### JULIAN ZELIZER

### *Myth America*

Tuesday, January 3, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Historian Julian Zelizer will refute the current wave of misinformation that has distorted our nation’s past. He will be joined in conversation by Michael Kazin, a historian and contributor to the book.

## WRITERS LIVE!



### SHANITA HUBBARD

### *Ride Or Die*

Thursday, January 5, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Shanita Hubbard argues that Black women have sacrificed their own personal and professional lives for the well-being of others. She will be joined in conversation by bestselling author D. Watkins.

## WRITERS LIVE!



### CLINT SMITH

### *How the Word is Passed*

Thursday, January 12, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Clint Smith looks at the legacy of slavery in America through his visits to historical monuments and landmarks and reflects on the ways that we talk and also avoid talking about slavery. He will be joined in conversation by Dr. Karsonya Wise Whitehead, host of *Today with Dr. Kaye* on WEAA 88.9 FM.



## WRITERS LIVE!



DAN CHARNAS

### *Dilla Time*

Thursday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Dan Charnas recounts the life of the late hip-hop producer J Dilla, a transformative figure whose beats redefined the genre and procured a following that lauded him as one of the greatest musical minds of the past century.

## WRITERS LIVE!



JAMILA MINNICKS

### *Moonrise Over New Jessup*

Wednesday, February 15, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Poe Reading Room & Virtual

Jamila Minnicks will discuss her debut novel that follows Alice Young, a Black woman in New Jessup, Alabama, and her efforts to support the burgeoning civil rights movement in the late 1950s. All in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book.

## WRITERS LIVE!



KRISTIN HENNING

### *The Rage of Innocence*

Thursday, February 16, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Law professor and attorney Kristin Henning will explore the relationship between the police and Black children.

## WRITERS LIVE!



ALORA YOUNG

### *Walking Gentry Home*

Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Poet Alora Young will retrace the lives of her foremothers in West Tennessee. Through a series of poems she provides a voice to nine generations of Black women who came before her.

## YOUR PRATT JOURNEY

### BARBARA'S JOURNEY



I am one of 50 million Americans with chronic pain, living on a very limited income at the moment. The support and services I have received from all the Pratt Library branches is above reproach, and just awesome from Govans, my home branch, where I was able to engage in person (pre-pandemic) in painting and other classes, to Northwood, Forest Park and Central, for the opportunities to stay engaged. These are activities that I would not normally have access to financially or socially as one tends to lose connection when not in the workforce — a difficult transition made so much easier by the awesome staff at these branches. I appreciate you all.

– Barbara Tunstall, Customer

For a full list of programs happening at a branch near you, visit [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).

We want to hear your Pratt journey! Email us your Pratt story at [journey@prattlibrary.org](mailto:journey@prattlibrary.org) and it may get published in *Compass*.

## CONGRATS TO THE PRATT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH!



**Ny'ilah Whitaker**  
Northwood Branch

## TOUR THE CENTRAL LIBRARY!

Starting in January, Central will be offering public tours, scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Drop-ins are welcome! Visit [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org) to learn more.



## WHAT'S NEW

Here's the most anticipated books of January and February that you can check out at the Pratt.



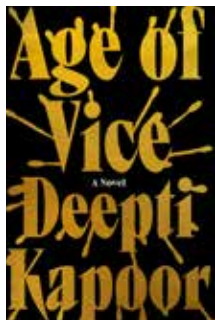
### **Spare** by Prince Harry

It was one of the most searing images of the 20th century: two young boys, two princes, walking behind their mother's coffin as the world watched in sorrow — and horror. As Diana, Princess of Wales, was laid to rest, billions wondered what the princes must be thinking and feeling — and how their lives would play out from that point on. For Harry, this is that story at last.



### **Maame** by Jessica George

It's fair to say that Maddie's life in London is far from rewarding. When her mum returns from her latest trip to Ghana, Maddie leaps at the chance to get out of the family home and finally start living. But when tragedy strikes, Maddie is forced to face the true nature of her unconventional family, and the perils — and rewards — of putting her heart on the line.



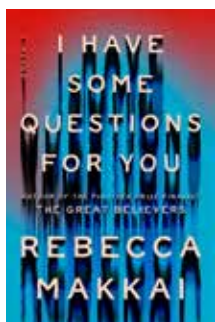
### **Age of Vice** by Deepti Kapoor

This is the age of vice, where money, pleasure, and power are everything, and the family ties that bind can also kill. Equal parts crime thriller and family saga, transporting readers from the dusty villages of Uttar Pradesh to the urban energy of New Delhi, *Age of Vice* is an intoxicating novel of gangsters and lovers, false friendships, forbidden romance, and the consequences of corruption.



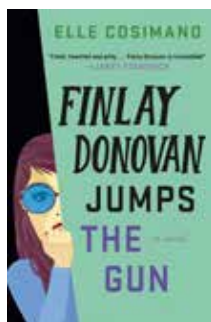
### **The Devil's Ransom** by Brad Taylor

Pike Logan races to stop an insidious attack orchestrated by a former NSA specialist in the U.S. government. A man who wants to return to the binary world of the Cold War, the turncoat has cloaked his attack behind hackers from Serbia and Russia, and if successful, his target will alter the balance of power on the global stage.



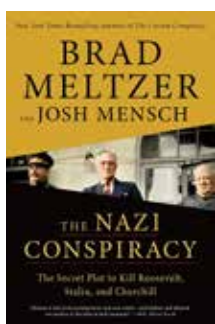
### **I Have Some Questions for You** by Rebecca Makkai

A successful film professor and podcaster, Bodie Kane is content to forget her past — especially her four largely miserable years at boarding school, and the 1995 murder of a classmate, Thalia Keith. But when she's invited back to teach a two-week course, Bodie finds herself falling down the very rabbit hole she was so determined to avoid.



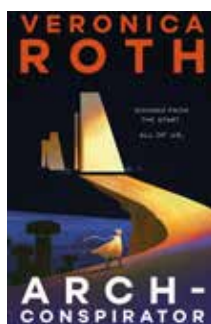
### **Finlay Donovan Jumps the Gun** by Elle Cosimano

Finlay Donovan is in quite a mess. She owes a Russian mob boss, and he has a task for her: find a contract killer before the cops do. Problem is, the killer might be an officer. Luckily, hot cop Nick has started up a citizen's police academy, giving Finlay the perfect cover to sleuth out the real criminal and free herself from the mob's clutches.



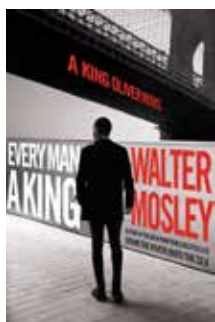
### **The Nazi Conspiracy** by Brad Meltzer

In 1943, as the war against Nazi Germany raged abroad, President Franklin Roosevelt had a face-to-face sit-down with his allies Joseph Stalin and Winston Churchill. This first-ever meeting of the Big Three in Tehran, Iran, would decide some of the most crucial strategic details of the war. When the Nazis found out about the meeting, they plotted an assassination that would've changed history.



### **Arch-Conspirator** by Veronica Roth

Outside the last city on Earth, the planet is a wasteland. Antigone's parents — Oedipus and Jocasta — are dead. When her militant uncle Kreon claims the throne and welcomes Antigone and her siblings into his mansion, she sees it for what it really is: a gilded cage, where she is a captive as well as a guest. But her uncle will soon learn that no cage is unbreakable. And neither is he.



### **Every Man a King** by Walter Mosley

Joe King Oliver is tested when he's asked to investigate whether a White nationalist is being unjustly set up for murder and the sale of sensitive information. This linear assignment becomes a winding quest and the machine King's up against proves relentless and unsparring. As King gets closer to exposing the truth, he and his loved ones barrel towards grave danger.

## SUGGEST A BOOK TITLE

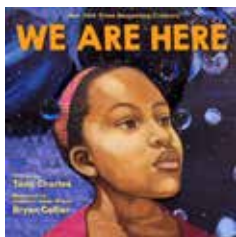
Fill out the "Suggest a Title" form to recommend a book or other materials for the Pratt Library to purchase and add to our collection. Find the form at [prattlibrary.org/contact-us](http://prattlibrary.org/contact-us).





## MEET THE AUTHOR

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#### TAMI CHARLES

Monday, January 9, 4:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

Tami Charles joins us to discuss her new book, *We Are Here*, a follow-up to the *New York Times*-bestselling picture book *All Because You Matter*. *We Are Here* is an empowering and touching story about Black and brown heritage and community.

It highlights the Black women and men who have made momentous contributions throughout history. Author Tami Charles shares the beauty and excellence in the history of the Black community, assuring Black and brown children of the extraordinary legacy from which they come. All attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book!

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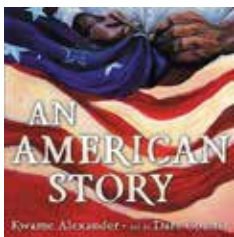
#### AMBER McBRIDE

Thursday, January 12, 3:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.

National Book Award finalist Amber McBride introduces us to Whimsy and Faery, neighbors that are connected by magic and the divulgement that their lives may have been intertwined in the past. The forest at the end of their street calls out and repels them, harboring mythical creatures

and answers to their extraordinary connection. Amber McBride is the author of *Me (Moth)*, a finalist for the 2021 National Book Award for Young People's Literature. She is an English professor at the University of Virginia. All attendees will be given a FREE copy of the book.

### MEET THE AUTHOR!



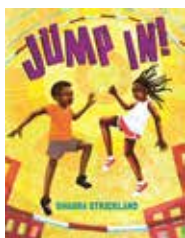
#### KWAME ALEXANDER AND DARE COULTER

Tuesday, January 17, 6:00 p.m.  
Central Library,  
Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

*New York Times*-bestselling author Kwame Alexander and illustrator

Dare Coulter pen a powerful picture book that tells the story of American slavery through the voice of a teacher struggling to help her students understand its harrowing history. *An American Story* is the story of American slavery, a story that needs to be told and understood by all of us. A testament to the resilience of the African American community's struggle and strength, horror and hope, this is a book for those who want to speak the truth. All registered in person attendees will be given a FREE copy of the book

### MEET THE AUTHOR!



#### SHADRA STRICKLAND

Saturday, February 4, 11:00 a.m.  
Central Library, Central Hall

Acclaimed artist Shadra Strickland's author/illustrator debut book, *Jump In!*, will make readers of all ages get up on their feet! On a sunny spring day, the *tic tac, tic tac* sound of jump ropes hitting the ground floats

through the wind as everyone lines up for a turn. Young to old, double dutch to hip-hop tricks, everyone jumps in until the street lights start to flicker and it's time to... jump out! All attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book and a jump rope!

**Stick around after the event for a jump rope demonstration!**



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, January 7, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Creative Arts Center

Help save lives during National Blood Donor Month right here at your library! There is constant and immediate need for blood, and winter is the time of year when donations generally happen less frequently. 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. Registration is highly recommended, although there may be room for walk-ins. Go to [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org) to register.

Questions? Contact the Business, Science, & Technology Department at 410-396-5317 or [bst@prattlibrary.org](mailto:bst@prattlibrary.org).



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— Myles H.

# BLACK

# HISTORY

# MONTH

## Q&A WITH ERIC HOLDER

***Our Unfinished March* provides a comprehensive history of voting rights in America and how those rights are currently imperiled. How concerned are you about the state of our democracy?**

Our democracy is under attack. Though we had generally good results in the mid-term elections, there still exists a systematic effort to make it more difficult for certain groups of people to vote, there are still attempts at partisan and racial gerrymandering and our electoral infrastructure has been challenged. I'm very worried about our democracy.

**What was the fallout from the Supreme Court's decision to overturn the Voting Rights Act?**

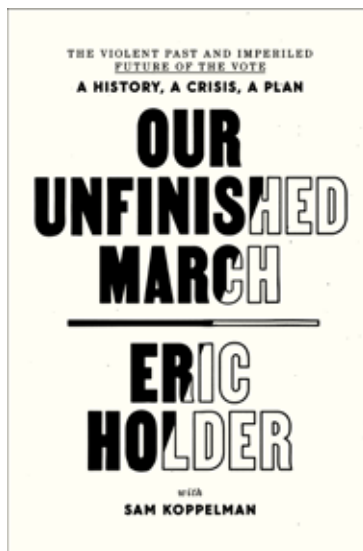
The Shelby County decision in 2013 took away from the Justice Department important tools that it had under the Voting Rights Act of 1965. As a result polling places around the country have been closed — disproportionately in communities of color, unjustified voter purges have occurred — disproportionately in communities of color. This has made our system much less fair.

**What's one reform you would like to see made to ensure the protection of voting rights?**

I'd like to see a full ban on all forms of gerrymandering. This would result in state legislatures and a Congress that would more accurately represent the policy desires of the American people. We would have a less divided country and reforms in those areas where the citizens of this country are in basic agreement

**Besides your own book, what's another title about voting rights that you would recommend everyone read?**

*Ratf\*\*ked* by David Daley.



## BROWN LECTURE SERIES: ERIC HOLDER

*Our Unfinished March*

Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Central Hall

Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder will provide a history of voting rights and weigh in on combating voter suppression. Eric Holder will be joined in conversation by University of Baltimore president and former Baltimore mayor Kurt Schmoke. You must register to attend this FREE event in person. All registered attendees will receive a free copy of the book.

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

*The Brown Lecture Series is supported by a generous grant from the Eddie C. and C. Sylvia Brown Foundation.*



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS

## ADULTS

### Southeast Anchor Book Club

Tuesday, January 17, 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Monday, February 13, 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
January: March: Book One by Andrew Aydin and John Lewis  
February: Kindred by Octavia E. Butler  
Check our catalog to request a copy.

### Light Street Listening Lounge

Thursdays, January 26 & February 23  
6:30 p.m. | Light St.  
The Light Street Listening Lounge is a monthly exploration of the Pratt Library's vast collection of music. In January, music to celebrate the Civil Rights struggle and Martin Luther King's Birthday will be featured.

### Baltimore, Canning Capital: Oysters, Vegetables, and the Cans They Went Into

Saturday, January 28, 1:00 p.m.  
3101 O'Donnell St.  
(across from the Canton Branch)  
More than 100 packing houses shared space with can making factories and the homes of thousands of Baltimore workers. This is the story of the laborers who made canning happen and how they, and often their children, lived and worked. This program will be presented by Jack Burkert of the Baltimore Museum of Industry, and is sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Library. This event will be held across from the library at the Dnipro Ukrainian Club at 3101 O'Donnell St.

### The Conductor and The Orator: Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass

February 1 – 28  
Southeast Anchor Library  
"The Conductor and the Orator," is an exhibit by Baltimore artist Ed Towles featuring a series of drawings and prints highlighting the accomplishments of Maryland abolitionists Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass.

### The Black Arts Movement

Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Poe Room  
"Black art must expose the enemy, praise the people, and support the revolution." Learn about the organizations, plays, poetry, music, and visual art that are representative of this movement that occurred from the mid-1960s to the mid-1970s.

### Open Mic Night: Poems of Power & Endurance

Monday, February 6, 5:30 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.  
This open mic night invites you to read aloud a poem that speaks to two pillars of Black strength and love in the past and present: Power and Endurance.

### Pratt Page-Turners Book Club

Saturday, February 18, 11:00 a.m.  
Central Library & Virtual  
Join us for a discussion of Forty Acres by Dwayne Alexander Smith. This program has a hybrid format. Participate either in person or on Zoom. For more information, email [fic@prattlibrary.org](mailto:fic@prattlibrary.org).

### The Chesapeake Bay Through Ebony Eyes

Saturday, February 11, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.  
For over 200 years, Black men and women have kept the seafood and maritime industries alive on the Chesapeake Bay. Yet few history books have recognized their contributions during some of the most difficult times in our nation's history. The Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation, created by author & historian Vince Leggett, has amassed a rich collection of artifacts, oral histories and over 40,000 photos documenting their experiences. Leggett will share some of their stories and highlight voices from two of his books: Blacks of the Chesapeake: An Integral Part of Maritime History and The Chesapeake Bay Through Ebony Eyes.

### Afro-Caribbean Dance

Saturday, February 18, 2:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
Participants will have fun as they are introduced and guided by local performing artist Sheena Black-Thomas. Learn dance movements of African origin that influenced social dance in America.

## TEENS

### Celebrate Black History Month

February 1 – 28 | Reisterstown Rd.  
A swag bag with various items to celebrate Black History. Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### The Life of Harriet Tubman

Tuesday, February 7, 11:00 a.m.  
Friday, February 17, 11:00 a.m.  
Light St.  
Reenactor and Arena Players actor Gina Lee will share the story of Harriet Tubman's life.



## BOOKLOVERS' BREAKFAST FEATURING WALTER MOSLEY

Saturday, February 4  
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel  
202 East Pratt Street

We're honored to welcome acclaimed author Walter Mosley as the speaker for this year's Booklovers' Breakfast, which is back in person for the first time in two years.

Walter Mosley is the author of over 60 books that span genres, ranging from mystery and science fiction to politics and young adult literature. He's best known for his mystery series featuring detective Easy Rawlins, who was introduced in 1990's *Devil in a Blue Dress*, and is still solving cases 15 novels later in 2021's *Blood Grove*.

Mr. Mosley is the author of numerous awards, including the Anisfield-Wolf Award, a Grammy, a PEN USA's Lifetime Achievement Award, and several NAACP Image Awards.

Admission: \$50 per person  
\$450 for a Table of 10

Advanced registration required:  
Registration closes Monday, January 30,  
12:00 p.m.

All seats are reserved in order of receipt of registration and payment. All sales are final. No refunds will be given. For more information, call 410-396-5494.

Book sales provided by MahoganyBooks.

Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org)

### Black History Trivia

Tuesdays, February 7 – February 28, 3:30 p.m.  
Thursdays, February 9 – February 23, 3:30 p.m.  
Walbrook  
*Can you guess who these people in Black history are? Join us for trivia to test your knowledge.*

### Illustrating a Movement: Re-Creating Civil Rights-Era Posters

Thursday, February 9, 5:30 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.  
*With this arts and craft event, teens will get to see posters created by Freedom Fighters to promote and spread the word about the Civil Rights Movement as it was happening, and then create their own versions that carry that message onward to their generation and beyond.*

### Coloring Phrases for Black History Month

Wednesday, February 22, 3:15 p.m.  
Orleans St.  
*Celebrate Black History Month with a craft! Teens are welcome to color phrases from influential African Americans to honor history and prominent figures in the fight for equality.*

## — CHILDREN & FAMILIES —

### MLK Jr. Online Scavenger Hunt

January 3 – 14 | Waverly  
*Use the Library's online resources to do a scavenger hunt on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Share your answers in-person with the librarians at Waverly Branch to receive a small prize while supplies last. The questions will also be available in printed format at the Circulation Desk.*

### Martin Luther King Jr. Candle Jar

Monday, January 9, 3:00 p.m. | Northwood  
*Be inspired by the words of Dr. King and create a reminder of those words to have with you every day. We'll listen to some speeches by Dr. King and then create a candle jar featuring a quote by him. Don't worry — we'll be using LED tea lights as the candles! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6076.*

### Scavenger Hunt: Black History Biographies

February 1 – 28 | Hampden  
*Learn more about important figures for Black History Month by completing this themed scavenger hunt.*

### Black History Month BINGO

February 1 – 28 | Orleans St.  
*Stop by the Orleans St. Branch to pick up a BINGO card for Black History Month. Read a book about the person, place, or event to mark off a square. Get a BINGO and bring it back in to get a prize!*

### Black History Month Fact Find & Who's Who

February 1 – 28  
Southeast Anchor Library  
*Test your knowledge of Black history as well as your sleuthing skills in a Black History Month fact find.*

### Janice the Griot

Wednesday, February 1, 11:00 a.m.  
Washington Village  
Wednesday, February 15, 10:15 a.m. | Walbrook  
*Join accomplished story teller Janice the Griot as she shares interactive tales from the African and African American experience featuring fun, instruments, puppets, songs and rhymes. Children will hear tale of Anasi the Spider, Bre'r Rabbit and other tricksters while learning important life lessons.*

### February Folk Tales

Wednesdays, February 1 – 22, 11:30 a.m.  
Forest Park  
*Celebrate folk characters from our stories with fun weekly crafts. Each week we will look at a new archetype from classic folk stories from magical heroes to empathetic animals:*  
*Week 1: Bugs and Beyond*  
*Week 2: Fabled and Legendary Heroes*  
*Week 3: Rabbit Stories*  
*Week 4: Tiny Tales*

### Design Your Own

#### Black History Month Button

Tuesday, February 7, 3:30 p.m. | Light St.  
*Learn about Black History Month and design your own button to celebrate your heroes.*

### Black History Month Trivia

Wednesday, February 15, 3:00 p.m.  
Hamilton  
*Work in teams or individually to test your knowledge of Black History and learn something new!*

### African American Inventors:

#### Garret Morgan Traffic Light

Wednesday, February 15, 3:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
*Participants will learn about Garret Morgan and one of his famous inventions, the traffic light. They will also create their own historical traffic light.*

### Edible Inventions

Thursday, February 23, 3:00 p.m. | Waverly  
*Learn some fun facts about the lives of African-American inventors who created some delicious inventions. Participants will try out some chips flavors and rate their favorites. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6053.*



A MOVEMENT  
IN EVERY  
DIRECTION LEGACIES OF THE  
GREAT MIGRATION

## PERSONAL MIGRATION STORIES & PORTRAIT NIGHT

Monday, January 9, 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
Central Library

Stop by the Pratt on Monday, January 9, to record how migration is a part of your story! The Pratt's artist-in-residence, SHAN Wallace, will be onsite taking portraits of families and individuals who record their migration stories. SHAN Wallace is a nomadic award-winning visual artist, photographer, and educator from East Baltimore, MD.

The interactive installation at the Pratt is part of the exhibit at the BMA, *A Movement in Every Direction: Legacies of the Great Migration*. The works commissioned for the exhibit asked participating artists to reflect on the lasting impact of the American diaspora. Many of the works created were deeply personal, built upon the migration stories of family members. This exhibition gives each of us an opportunity to consider our own migration stories, and the digital interactive offers visitors a chance to both document and share personal migration stories.

We invite you to visit the Central Library through January 29 and share your story of migration and contribute to an ever-growing understanding of what truly is an ongoing movement in every direction.

You can find the experience at [greatmigrationlegacies.org](https://greatmigrationlegacies.org).

*A Movement in Every Direction: Legacies of the Great Migration* is on view at the BMA through January 29. Visit [artbma.org](https://artbma.org) for more information.





# DEI CONFERENCE

In November, the Pratt Library, in its role as the State Library Resource Center, hosted library staff from across the state for a conference on diversity, equity, and inclusion in libraries. More than 200 people attended the conference that was held both virtually and in-person at the Pratt Central Library. The keynote address was given by iconic activist, educator, and author Angela Davis. Sessions were held on LGBTQIA+ programs, servicing customers with disabilities, helping reduce health disparities, body positivity, operationalizing equity in libraries, and more. To learn more about the Pratt Library's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion visit [prattlibrary.org/equity](http://prattlibrary.org/equity).



## HOTSPOTS & CHROMEBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT!

With a Pratt Library card, you can borrow computer and internet devices like Chromebooks, tablets, and mobile hotspots to get online from the comfort of your home.

Visit [prattlibrary.org/devices](http://prattlibrary.org/devices) for more information.



# OPERATION WARM

This winter, the Pratt is once again partnering with Operation Warm to give out hundreds of new warm winter coats to children across Baltimore City for free. In December, giveaway events were held at the Edmondson Avenue, Herring Run, Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwood, Brooklyn, and Southeast Anchor locations. Participants also received free books and activities and interacted with community partners such as Port Discovery Children's Museum and Civic Works.





# SHARE THE LOVE



## ADULTS

### Take & Make: Ceramic Hearts

February 1 – 18 | Cherry Hill  
Use watercolors to paint a ceramic heart.

### Take & Make: Floral Bookmark

February 1 – 28 | Reisterstown Rd.  
February is Library Lovers month. Show your love with a pressed flower bookmark. All supplies are included.

### Valentine's Day Movie Night Kit

February 1 – 28 | Waverly  
Borrow DVDs from the Waverly Branch and receive a kit filled with edible treats and Valentine's Day movie suggestions to enjoy a fun movie night at home. Kits can be picked up from the Circulation Desk.

### Valentine's Day Crafts with Annie Howe Papercuts

Thursday, February 9, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly  
Love is in the air! Join us as papercut artist Annie Howe teaches the basic technique of papercutting and how to create your very own custom papercut patterns in this hands-on workshop. Participants leave with at least one finished papercut design and the know-how to continue papercutting at home. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6089.

### Paint & Pastries

Saturday, February 11, 11:00 a.m. | Northwood  
Paint a vase of beautiful red roses, just in time for Valentine's Day. Light refreshments will be served. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6076.

### Craft: String Art

Saturday, February 11, 2:00 p.m. | Govans  
Create a heartfelt valentine card out of needle and thread.

## TEENS

### Celebrate Library Lover's Month!

February 1 – 28 | Waverly  
Share what you love about the library! Add a heart shaped tag on our Library Lovers Tree at the Waverly Branch and receive a sweet treat!

### Valentine's Day Card Making!

Saturday, February 11, 3:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Earl Teen Center  
Using cricuts, laptops, and scissors, teens can make personalized valentines (or anti-valentines!) with the help of our makerspace.

### Valentine's Bath Bomb Craft

Monday, February 13, 3:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
Teens are invited to make their own bath bombs and learn the science behind why bath bombs fizz and how they relax our muscles.

### Guerrilla Art

Tuesday, February 14, 3:30 p.m. | Light St.  
Using different mediums, teens will make creative "heart art" and express themselves in a unique way.

### Library Karaoke: Belt Your Heart Out!

Tuesday, February 14, 3:30 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
Come to the library to sing a love song or a song you love!

### Sip and Paint Flower Pots

Wednesday, February 15, 3:30 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
You will be guided step by step while you, the artist, relax and release your inner creativity. Use many colors, glitter, etc. as art therapy to paint pots while sipping mocktails. Once the pot is complete everyone will be provided a bag of dirt and a plant to plant inside of the completed painted pot.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### Take & Make: Tissue Paper Heart Craft Kit

February 1 – 18 | Waverly  
Make a sweetheart decoration with this craft kit. Glue is not included with this kit.

### Share The Love Card Making

Thursday, February 9 – Tuesday, February 14  
3:00 p.m. | Roland Park  
Come make your own cards with us and share the love with people in your life. Paper, stickers, glue, markers, and doilies will be provided.

### Love Your Book Bookmarks

Monday, February 13, 3:00 p.m. | Northwood  
Create bookmarks and share the love with your friends, families, and books!

### Crafternoon: Heart Art

Tuesday, February 14, 3:30 p.m. | Light St.  
Celebrate love and kindness with a heart craft.

"The Pratt library has every book imaginable and the staff are the kindest."

— Susanna Y.

# CHILDREN'S LIBRARY OF THINGS

The Pratt is proud to introduce the Children's Library of Things. This special partnership with Port Discovery Children's Museum will allow families to check out toys, games, and educational materials that promote early learning skills in children ages zero to 8.

The kits help children develop in:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Strategic Thinking and Problem Solving
- Social-Emotional Skills
- STEM
- Movement and Play

Starting January 23, the kits can be checked out in-person in the Central Library Children's Department or you can place a hold on them on the Library website and have them sent to your branch.





## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### Arts for All

Mondays, January 2 & 30, February 13 & 27  
3:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Washington Village  
Each week we will use a variety of art supplies for you to create your own masterpiece.

### Building Block Party

Wednesdays, January 4 – February 22  
3:00 p.m. | Northwood  
Every week, participate in fun building block challenges or design your own creations.

### After-School Fun Time with Ms. Ivy

Wednesdays, January 4 – February 22  
3:30 p.m. | Walbrook  
Have fun doing different crafts and classroom activities

### Balloon Rocket Cars

Monday, January 9, 3:30 p.m. | Patterson Park  
Use household recyclables and engineering skills to make a car powered only by a balloon. Allergy Alert! This program includes the use of latex balloons.

### Big Game Day

Tuesday, January 10, 3:30 p.m. | Light St.  
Play a trivia game on a giant gameboard and have big time fun!

### Winter Owl Magnets

Tuesday, January 10, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.  
Make a cute winter owl magnet that's all dressed up for the winter.

### Let's Explore: DNA

Tuesday, January 17, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton  
Join us for a reading of the book *The Secret Code Inside You* by Rajani LaRocca and a demonstration of DNA extraction.

### Winnie the Pooh Day

Wednesday, January 18, 11:30 a.m. | Forest Park  
Celebrate Public Domain Day with the beloved Winnie the Pooh! We will share stories from the books and create our own honey loving bears to keep.

### Popsicle Stick Sleigh

Saturday, January 21, 12:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
Participants will create their very own winter popsicle stick sleigh craft. They'll also be able to add their own photo to the sleigh.

### Kid's Paint Night!

Mondays, January 23 & February 13, 4:30 p.m.  
Reisterstown Rd.  
Show off your creativity and have fun! This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0948.

### Paper & Cardboard Crafts:

#### Robot & Monster Faces

Thursday, January 26, 3:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Children's Dept.  
Create the silliest robot and monster faces you can imagine. For makers aged 6 – 12, and their grown-ups. All abilities welcome.

#### Family Dance Party!

Friday, January 27, 10:30 a.m.  
Edmondson Ave.  
Sometimes we are quiet in the library, and sometimes we have loud dance parties! Get ready for great music, fun dance games, and lots of laughter. Allergy Alert: Please be aware that there will be latex at the party.

#### Build a Book: Freestyle

Thursday, February 2, 3:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Children's Dept.  
Make journals, flipbooks, zines, informational guides, and more! We provide the tools for you to create your own little book. For young makers aged 6 – 12, and their grown-ups. All abilities welcome.

#### Grow a Wetland in a Jar

Thursday, February 2, 3:30 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
Find out about Maryland's wetland ecosystems, then make a wetland in a jar. This program will be bilingual.

#### Binary Coded Bracelets

Tuesday, February 7, 2 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.  
Write your name, write a secret message, write whatever you want. Learn about binary code and make bracelets with hidden words at the same time.

#### Abominable Obstacle Course

Saturday, February 11, 11:00 a.m. | Canton  
Warm up with a chilly challenge. Balance on a snowflake, waddle like a penguin, and climb a snowy mountain to beat the Abominable Obstacle Course.

#### Crafternoon: Polar Bear Puppet

Wednesday, February 15, 3:00 p.m. | Govans  
Children will create a polar bear puppet to celebrate National Polar Bear Day. They will learn important facts about this ice bear.

#### OrchKids Cello Concert

Thursday, February 23, 4:00 p.m. | Canton  
Performers from the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's OrchKids, a music program designed to create social change and nurture promising futures for youth in Baltimore City, will play a concert for kids.



## Imagination CELEBRATION

### SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 25

Join us at the Central Library for a day of fun to kick off Imagination Celebration — and the fun doesn't stop there! Celebrate children's creativity and imagination with exciting programs throughout the month of April.

“Welcoming, clean, informative, quiet and peaceful. Love the selection and the huge space for kids and teens.”

— Ananda L.

# FILMS @ THE PRATT

## ADULTS

### Morning Movie Matinee: *Elvis*

Tuesday, January 10, 10:30 a.m. | Hamilton  
A look at the life of the legendary rock-and-roll star, Elvis Presley. Rated PG-13 | 2 hr. 39 min.

### Cinema Saturdays: *Selma*

Saturday, January 21, 2:00 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
The Alabama marches from Selma to Montgomery to secure voting rights for Black Americans are depicted in this docudrama set during the U.S. Civil Rights Movement. Rated PG-13 | 2 hr. 8 min.

### Movie: *Beast (2022)*

Saturday, January 21, 2:30 p.m. | Herring Run  
Dr. Nate Samuels and his family visit South Africa to tour the savanna. Soon, a bloodthirsty rogue lion stalks Samuels' family, making their trip a fight for survival unlike any other. Rated R | 1 hr. 33 min.

### Film Series: *Defiance*

Saturday, January 28, 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.  
Roland Park  
Three Jewish Eastern European brothers narrowly escape certain death at the hands of the Nazis, and subsequently vow to avenge the deaths of their loved ones by launching a desperate battle against the forces that seek to exterminate their entire race. Rated R | 2 hr. 17 min.

### Morning Movie Matinee:

#### *Thor: Love and Thunder*

Tuesday, February 14, 10:30 a.m. | Hamilton  
With the future of New Asgard at stake, Thor reunites with his old flame Jane Foster. What follows is a love story of gigantic odds between gods and mortals. Rated PG-13 | 1 hr. 58 min.

### Cinema Saturdays: *Antebellum*

Saturday, February 18, 2:00 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
A successful African-American author is mysteriously transported back in time to a cotton plantation in pre-Civil War America, leaving her to face the oppressive weight of slavery and to find her own way back home. Rated R | 1 hr. 45 min.

### Movie: *Top Gun: Maverick*

Saturday, February 18, 2:00 p.m. | Herring Run  
After more than thirty years of service as one of the Navy's top aviators, Pete "Maverick" Mitchell encounters Lt. Bradley Bradshaw, call sign: "Rooster," the son of Maverick's late friend and Radar Intercept Officer Lt. Nick Bradshaw, aka "Goose." Rated PG-13 | 2 hr. 11 min.

### Film Series: *Loving*

Saturday, February 25, 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.  
Roland Park  
Biopic about Virginian interracial couple Richard and Mildred Loving, whose arrest in 1958 for violating the state's miscegenation laws eventually led to a landmark Supreme Court decision. Rated PG-13 | 2 hr. 3 min.

## TEENS

### Movie: *Ant-Man and the Wasp*

Saturday, January 21, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly  
Scott Lang is recruited for another mission. This time, he must fight alongside Hope van Dyne, who's been outfitted with a suit of her own to become *The Wasp*. Rated PG-13 | 1 hr. 58 min.

### Matinee Mondays

Monday, January 23, 1:00 p.m.  
Monday, February 13, 2:30 p.m.  
Forest Park  
Join us to watch movies and recharge. Popcorn will be provided! January 23: *Misfit Monsters*; February 13: *Anime Lovers*

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### Family Movie: *The Muppets (2011)*

Thursday, January 5, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden  
Join us at the for an after-school screening of *The Muppets (2011)*. Rated PG | 1 hr. 50 min.

### Afternoon Movie: *Frozen*

Wednesday, January 11, 12:30 p.m. | Waverly  
After the kingdom of Arendelle is cast into eternal winter by the powerful Snow Queen Elsa, her sprightly sister Anna teams up with a rough-hewn mountaineer named Kristoff and his trusty reindeer Sven to break the icy spell. Rated PG | 1 hr. 48 min.

### Kids' Movie Club

Wednesdays, January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22  
3:15 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
Join us to watch a movie from the librarian's selected list. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

### Movie Night at the Library: *SCOOB!*

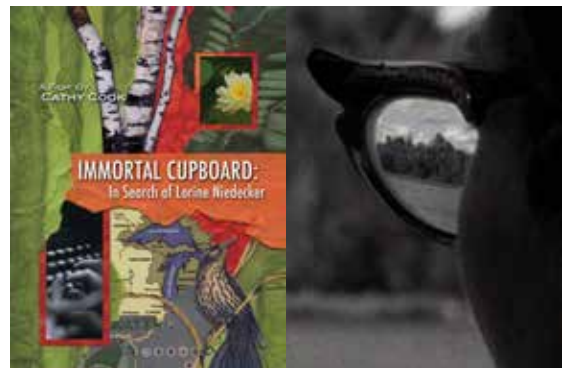
Monday, January 30, 5:00 p.m.  
Reisterstown Rd.  
With hundreds of cases solved and adventures shared, Scooby and the gang face their biggest, most challenging mystery ever: a plot to unleash the ghost dog Cerberus upon the world. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0948. Snacks provided are Kosher and available while supplies last.

### Afternoon Movie: *Happy Feet*

Wednesday, February 1, 12:30 p.m. | Waverly  
Into the land of Emperor Penguins, where each needs a heart song to attract a soul mate, a penguin is born who cannot sing. Our hero Mumble, son of Memphis and Norma Jean, is the worst singer in the world... however, as it happens, he is a brilliant tap dancer! Rated PG | 1 hr. 49 min.

### Movie Night at the Library: *Lightyear*

Monday, February 27, 5:00 p.m.  
Reisterstown Rd.  
Make your own trail mix before strapping in for *Lightyear*, the story of Buzz Lightyear and his adventures to infinity and beyond. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0948. Snacks provided are Kosher and available while supplies last.



## MEET THE FILMMAKER: CATHY COOK

Thursday, February 23, 6:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Filmmaker Cathy Cook will present her documentary about the late poet Lorine Niedecker (1903 – 1970). Taking cues from Niedecker's work and the Wisconsin heritage they share, Cathy Cook combines original live-action footage, animation, archival images, and the poet's only audio interview to unfurl the poet's psychological and physical landscape.

Cathy Cook is a visual artist and filmmaker. Her documentary *Immortal Cupboard* was the recipient of the Jury Award at the 2009 Wisconsin Film Festival and was nominated for the Best of Documentary at the 2010 Beloit International Film Festival. She is a cinematic arts professor at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.



# HACKERMAN FOUNDATION BEST & NEXT SERIES

In November, W. Kamau Bell visted the Central Library as part of the Hackerman Foundation Best & Next Series. The host and executive producer of CNN's *The United Shades of America with W. Kamau Bell* was joined in conversation by Dr. Karsonya Wise Whitehead, host of *Today with Dr. Kaye* on WEEA 88.9 FM.





# SPOTLIGHT ON WAVERLY



## ADULTS

### Lawyer in the Library

Tuesday, January 17, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Maryland Legal Aid attorneys, paralegals, law students, and volunteer attorneys will spend a couple of hours at the Waverly branch providing brief, one-on-one advice for a variety of civil legal issues.

### Workshop: Six Magic Books

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

Artist and writer, L. E. Grothaus presents an exhibition and workshop about honoring our imagination. Learn how to transform a single sheet of paper into your own book.

### Wintertime Hygge: Cheering Luminaries and Scandinavian Comfort Food

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

Learn about the concept of hygge, the Danish and Norwegian word to express coziness derived from simple pleasures such as sipping a hot beverage or sitting by a fire. Each person will craft their own luminary to enjoy at home. Those who attend can also enjoy Scandinavian comfort food and warming beverages. This event is organized by the Friends of the Waverly Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library. This event is free, but spaces are limited, so participants should RSVP in advance to secure a spot. Please email Ann Giroux at [aggiroux@icloud.com](mailto:aggiroux@icloud.com), and use the word hygge in the subject line.

### Movie: Summer of Soul

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

This music documentary explores and reclaims the legacy of the six-week 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival. It features unpublished footage of performances by Nina Simone, B.B. King, Sly and the Family Stone, Stevie Wonder, and Gladys Knight & the Pips at Mount Morris Park (now Marcus Garvey Park). Rated PG-13 | 1 hr. 58 min.

## TEENS

### New Year's Resolution Tree

January 3 – 31

Share your New Year's resolution and goals for 2023 by writing them onto snowflake ornaments and hanging them onto our New Year's Resolution tree at the Waverly Branch!

### Take & Make: Decorate Your Own Calendar

January 3 – 31

Set the new year off by creating your own calendar exactly how you want it!

### Celebrate Lunar New Year:

#### Hong Bao Lanterns

Monday, January 23, 3:30 p.m.

To celebrate the Lunar New Year we will create paper lanterns out of red lucky envelopes and fairy lights!

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### Take & Make: Art Explorers — Collage

January 3 – February 28

Have you ever wondered how picture book illustrators make their art? Explore the art style of Lois Ehlert and Christian Robinson and how they use the collage style in wonderfully different ways.

## EXHIBIT: SIX MAGIC BOOKS

January 23 – February 28

Visit the Waverly Branch in January and February to see a display of strange and magical books! Artist and writer L. E. Grothaus presents an exhibition and workshop about honoring our imagination. Visit on February 18 at 2:00 p.m. to learn how to transform a single sheet of paper into your own book.

This exhibition was created with support from the Maryland State Arts Council.



# ONE BOOK BALTIMORE

More than 400 7th and 8th graders filled Central Hall at the Pratt Central Library on November 10 to celebrate the launch of the 5th annual One Book Baltimore. They were joined by this year's One Book Baltimore writer Yamile Saied Méndez, who talked about her book *Furia*. Copies of *Furia* are available at all Pratt Library locations. Libraries across the city are holding programs surrounding the themes of the book this winter. For more information, go to [prattlibrary.org/onebook](http://prattlibrary.org/onebook)



## ONE BOOK BALTIMORE STUDENT SHOWCASE



February 10, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library

A celebration of the art and expression developed during the length of this year's One Book Baltimore program. The students' work is inspired by the themes of *Furia* by Yamile Saied Méndez, which include self-identity, self-expression, cultural identity, feminism, and empathy. Students are encouraged to share any artworks they've created that were inspired by the book, including paintings, drawings, music, dance, digital media, and more.

Submissions will be accepted through January 20. Visit [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org) for details.





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