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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT GUIDE

We believe that empowering our community starts with access to knowledge — and civic education is a cornerstone of that empowerment. We’ve launched a new resource that provides patrons with information on the foundations of civics, why engagement matters, and how to get involved in making a difference.

Learn more at prattlibrary.org/civic-engagement



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Visit prattlibrary.org/research for more information.

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“Being able to digitally check out books and comics on my e-reader is really convenient and the staff was polite/helpful when I emailed them for assistance.”

— Chris W.

LETTER FROM THE CEO



We are in the thick of summer, and Baltimore is bustling! Certainly the Enoch Pratt Free Library is. We're seeing thousands of you on a regular basis as you come to pick up books or take part in programs at our branches across the city. Maybe you're coming to meet an author, or take part in an art activity; maybe you're listening to live music, or working on your resume; perhaps you've joined in on beekeeping or birdwatching, or you're researching your family history. Whatever the activity, we're glad you've come to the Pratt Library! It's a safe and welcoming place all year round, but during the summer, when schools are out and temperatures rise, our role can be especially important. We offer a cool place to gather, learn, connect, and grow.

Our Summer Break Baltimore program is well underway, but it is not too late to join in on the fun if you have not yet registered. Remember, there's a free book each month whatever your age or reading level. Fun and free makes the program sound light, but it isn't just that. Studies have shown that having books in the home can increase academic success, vocabulary development, attention, and even job attainment for children. For many families, new books might be a luxury that is not in the budget. We want everyone to have access to these benefits, and thankfully we have the support to make this possible.

Literacy isn't the only thing we're building this summer. Several of our branches are being renovated, and we look forward to reopening them new and improved. Check out the updates and photos of the progress in this issue.

We're also excited about the launch of our Civic Engagement page. This resource provides information on the foundations of civics, why engagement matters, and how you can get involved in making a difference. We hope you'll take a look! Find the link here or on the Pratt's homepage: prattlibrary.org/civic-engagement. There's a lot at stake these days, and the Enoch Pratt Free Library, as always, will be steadfast in offering access, resources, and information, free to all without judgment or censorship.

Chad Helton, *President & CEO, Enoch Pratt Free Library*

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The next Meeting of the Boards of Trustees and Directors will be held in September. Visit prattlibrary.org for details.

BUILDING UPDATES

BROOKLYN

The Brooklyn Branch is almost ready to reopen later this summer. The Branch received a new coat of paint, a full HVAC replacement, new windows, and new furniture including improved and more private computer workstations.

GOVANS

The Govans Branch closed on June 1 for facility improvements.

HAMILTON

The Hamilton Branch closed on June 14, for an HVAC replacement.

HERRING RUN

The Herring Run Branch closed on May 5 for Phase II of the renovation plan, including an HVAC replacement.

JOHNSTON SQUARE

Work at the new Johnston Square Branch continues. A group of Pratt staff and board members toured the site and met with the architects to learn more about the plans for the Branch.

NORTHWOOD

Northwood is undergoing Phase II of the improvement plan which will include a full HVAC replacement.

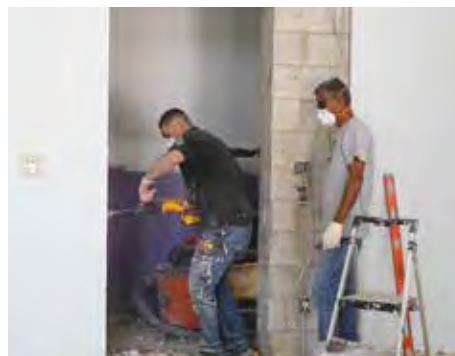
REISTERSTOWN ROAD

The Reisterstown Road Branch is receiving a full HVAC replacement, with additional space upgrades anticipated in Fall 2025.

PRATT ANYWHERE @ RITA CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTER

As part of the Pratt Library's commitment to accessibility and digital equity, a new Pratt Anywhere location was added to the existing Rita Church Community Center in the Clifton neighborhood. The lab opened in mid June. Resources at the Technology Lab include:

- 10 Pratt desktop workstations
- Chromebooks, iPads, and laptops for on-site use
- 12-month pilot program of computer and technology training



TOWN HALL MEETING WITH THE CEO



Saturday, July 12, 11:00 a.m.

Roland Park

Saturday, July 26, 11:00 a.m. | Hampden

Saturday, August 9, 11:00 a.m. | Waverly

Saturday, September 6, 11:00 a.m.

Hamilton

Saturday, October 11, 11:00 a.m.

Brooklyn

Saturday, November 8, 11:00 a.m.

Light St.

Meet Pratt Library President & CEO Chad Helton during a town hall meeting with the CEO. Share what you love about your library and what the Pratt can do to make your library welcoming to all. This event is part of a series of town hall meetings at all Pratt Library locations. Light refreshments will be provided.

BALTIMORE & XIAMEN: SISTER CITIES

We're celebrating the 40th anniversary of the sister city relationship between Baltimore and Xiamen. A photo exhibit commemorating this history is on display on the 2nd floor of the Central Library. As part of this celebration a delegation from Xiamen visited the Library, check out the photos from their visit!



LIVE MUSIC



ALL AGES

Corner Pocket Jazz Band

Saturday, July 19, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
The Corner Pocket Jazz Band, led by international swing dancer, drummer, and singer Jon Tigert, is dedicated to the classic swinging sounds of bands from the 1930s, 40s and 50s. It's an awesome, local swing band whose enthusiastic vibe and joyful sounds will have everyone dancing. Come put some swing in your summer!

Bob Burke

Saturday, August 16, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
Guitarist and former Pratt librarian Bob Burke returns to Light Street to rock the library with a mix of songs from the 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s.

Jazz Concert with the Home Cookin' Quartet

Monday, August 18, 5:30 p.m. | Roland Park
Home Cookin' is a quartet of piano, bass, sax/clarinet, and trombone that pairs two young Peabody graduates with two older veterans of the Baltimore jazz scene. The band plays jazz standards and lesser-known but great tunes by well-known jazz musicians.

ADULTS

Songwriting Workshop with Performing Songwriter Brody Bond

Monday, July 7, 5:30 p.m. | Canton
A way forward for anyone hoping to write a song, this event is designed for attendees to feel more equipped emotionally, artistically, and technically to write their own songs. Examples, tips, tools, and demonstrations are given throughout. The workshop is entirely interactive, with the group engaging in discussion and co-creation activities throughout. All experience levels are welcome.

TEENS

Beatboxing with Max Bent

Friday, July 11, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Beatbox jam session is an open-ended musical experience. Everyone plays and leaves transformed. Grab an instrument and jam along — we might write a brand new song! No musical experience necessary.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Opera Bears

Monday, July 21, 1:00 p.m. | Roland Park
An interactive presentation by Maryland Opera featuring large puppets seen simultaneously with the performers. "Grizzelina" and "Grizzelino" teach that, for humans and bears alike, opera is a delightful way to tell a story.

Puppets & Papageno

Wednesday, July 9, 10:30 a.m. | Waverly
An interactive presentation by Maryland Opera featuring large puppets seen simultaneously with the performers. "Tuska" and "Donnertello" learn that, while singing solos in the opera is fun, the real joy comes from singing together.

DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH

BALTIMORE, THE CITY OF ACCESSIBLE ARTS: PUBLIC CONVENING

Friday, July 11, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

All are welcome to attend this accessible event, in person or virtually, with ASL interpreters, audio description, sensory breaks, and more. The convening is designed to propel Baltimore towards becoming the City of Accessible Arts. Share this day with museums, public art spaces, artists with disabilities, disability-focused organizations, and disability justice activists. Enjoy a film screening, panel discussions and conversation, and an exhibition of artwork by artists with disabilities. Space for this program is limited; registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

BALTIMORE'S 3RD ANNUAL DISABILITY PRIDE ARTS FEST

Saturday, July 12, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Central Library

Make Studio, a nonprofit art center and collective of disabled artists, is proud to present Baltimore's 3rd Annual Disability Pride Arts Fest! In partnership with the Maryland Department of Disabilities and Enoch Pratt Free Library, over a dozen disability and arts organizations, as well as individual exhibiting artists, will present performances, free and inclusive arts experiences, and resources at the Central Library for Disability Pride Month. Disability Pride Month marks the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and disability pride is all about accepting each person's uniqueness and honoring the history, achievements, experiences, and struggles of the disability community. All are invited to come together to learn and to celebrate creativity, human diversity, and people with disabilities and their many contributions to society.

AUTHOR EVENTS

All events require registration; visit calendar.prattlibrary.org to register. ASL interpretation will be available to attendees. Free parking vouchers are available to program attendees who park at the Franklin Street Garage (15 W. Franklin Street) after 4:00 p.m. for programs located at the Central Library.



WRITERS LIVE! LAURA LIPPMAN & MEGAN ABBOTT

Murder Takes a Vacation & El Dorado Drive

Tuesday, July 8, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library & Virtual

Join us for an evening with bestselling authors Laura Lippman and Megan Abbott as they discuss their new novels.

Highly acclaimed *New York Times*-bestselling author Laura Lippman returns with an irresistible mystery featuring Muriel Blossom, a former private investigator and middle-aged widow whose vacation on a Parisian river cruise turns into a deadly international mystery that only she can solve.

Megan Abbott turns her keen eye toward women and money in *El Dorado Drive*, a riveting story about power, vulnerability, and how desperation draws out our most destructive impulses.

WRITERS LIVE!



ROBIN GIVHAN

Make It Ours

Thursday, July 10, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Virgil Abloh's iconic rise to the top of the fashion industry embodied a groundbreaking transformation of the relationship between who we are and what we wear. Abloh's appointment as head of menswear for Louis Vuitton in 2018 shocked the fashion industry, as he became the first Black designer to serve as artistic director in the brand's 164-year history. But as Pulitzer Prize-winning culture critic Robin Givhan reveals, Abloh's story encompasses so much more than his own journey. Robin Givhan will be joined in conversation by author D. Watkins.

CELEBRATING THE 2025 POETRY CONTEST FINALISTS WITH LITTLE PATUXENT REVIEW



Saturday, July 12, 3:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Celebrate the finalists of the 2025 Poetry Contest with the Enoch Pratt Free Library and *Little Patuxent Review*. Join us for readings by finalists

Greg Sevik, Marna Williams, Adriana Beltrano, and Jeremy Cox. *Little Patuxent Review* lead editor Sarah Berger will host. For more information about this event, email poetry@prattlibrary.org.

WRITERS LIVE!



MIKITA BROTTMAN

Guilty Creatures

Wednesday, July 16, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

From the critically acclaimed author dubbed "one of today's finest practitioners of nonfiction" (*The New York Times Book Review*), a breathless true crime tale of sex, religion, and murder in the deep South. Through tenacious research and clear-eyed prose, Brottman probes the psychology of a couple who killed and explores how it feels to live for eighteen years with murder on the soul. A fascinating page-turner of modern noir, *Guilty Creatures* is destined to become an instant true crime classic.

WRITERS LIVE!



PAOLA VARGAS-STRASSNER

Latinas in Public Relations

Saturday, July 19, 11:00 a.m.
Light St.

Discover the journeys of 15 Latina professionals who have influenced public relations in this powerful anthology. Curated by Melissa Vela-Williamson, *Latinas in Public Relations* features communicators from coast to coast who share relatable challenges, courageous moments, and actionable advice on how to beat the odds in this competitive industry. This inaugural collection is a call to action for future generations to consider public relations, and for Latina practitioners to rise to the next level of their careers. Learn from these trailblazers who told their stories to help invite and encourage Latinas to persist and advance toward their vision of success.

Writers LIVE! programs are supported in part by a bequest from The Miss Howard Hubbard Adult Programming Fund and the William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund, creator of the Baker Artist Portfolios, www.BakerArtist.org.

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ERIC PUCHNER

Dream State

Tuesday, July 22, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Spanning 50 years and set against the backdrop of a rapidly warming

Montana, *Dream State* explores what it means to live with the mistakes of the past — both our own and the ones we’ve inherited. Written with humor, precision, and enormous heart, both a love letter and an elegy to the American West, this novel is a thrillingly ambitious ode to the power of friendship, the weird weather of marriage, and the beauty of impermanence. Eric Puchner will be joined in conversation by award-winning author Danielle Evans.

WRITERS LIVE!



TYSON KOSKA

All Things Crack...Some Endure

Thursday, July 24, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

In 1975, an unknown band from Weirton, West Virginia shocked

the Baltimore music scene — becoming “The Beatles of Baltimore.” *Rolling Stone* crowned their first album “one of the year’s most impressive debuts,” and in 2015, listed it as one of the “50 best prog albums of all time.” Yet, Baltimore’s Beatles are nearly unknown everywhere else even as, 50 years later, they continue to create new music and sell out shows in their adoptive home. How does an out-of-town band hit so big in one locale and remain a staple for half a century? *All Things Crack* explores the band’s odd history through the voices of the original and subsequent members. Based on hundreds of interviews, the story unfolds as a 50-year conversation interspersed with lyrics and melody. Quirky, edgy, smart — like the band itself — this is the story of CRACK THE SKY.



POE LIVE: THE SPECTACLES WITH THE NATIONAL EDGAR ALLAN POE THEATRE

Saturday, August 23, 11:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. | Central Library

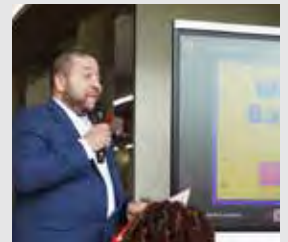
Join The National Edgar Allan Poe Theatre for this radio drama production of *The Spectacles*, recorded live before a studio audience. A vain young man changes his name to try to inherit a fortune from a distant relative. He falls in love with a seemingly beautiful woman at the opera, but because he refuses to wear his glasses, he gets mixed up in a case of mistaken identity. Registration for this program is required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

On Friday, April 25, approximately 156 Baltimore City 4th and 5th grade students participated in the second annual “Battle of the Books” competition hosted at Morgan State University’s Earl S. Richardson Library.

The Battle of the Books is a program that encourages children to read books and then engage in a friendly trivia competition about the books they read. This year’s winners were Hampden Elementary/Middle School!

Through the strong partnership of Baltimore City Public Schools, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and Morgan State University, students, school librarians, and families experience this wonderful program that promotes a love for literature.



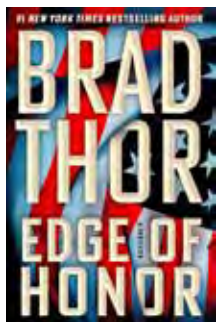
BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



ENOCH PRATT free LIBRARY

WHAT'S NEW

Here are the most anticipated books of July and August coming soon to the Pratt Library.



Edge of Honor by Brad Thor

Drawn into a web of deceit and deadly politics, Scot Harvath is thrust into a high-stakes conspiracy that could change the course of history. A cabal of shadowy elites is maneuvering for control and if they succeed, they will bring the country to its knees. With enemies at every turn, one wrong move could push the nation over the edge.



Coded Justice by Stacey Abrams

Now working as an internal investigator, Avery Keen is hired by Camasca, a secretive medical tech company to investigate from the inside out. At the epicenter of a burgeoning, controversial industry, and with billions of dollars on the line, her task is simple: to determine whether Camasca's technical troubles and rising body count reveal something sinister at work.



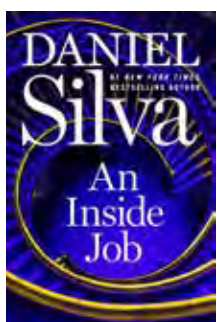
The Bewitching by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Minerva is a graduate student researching author Beatrice Tremblay. In the course of her work, Minerva discovers that Tremblay's most famous novel was inspired by the true story of a girl's mysterious disappearance. These disturbing events also echo the stories Minerva's great-grandmother told about her girlhood in 1900s Mexico, where she had a terrifying encounter with a witch.



James Baldwin: A Love Story by Nicholas Boggs

Drawing on new archival material, original research, and interviews, this spellbinding book is the first major biography of James Baldwin in three decades, revealing how profoundly his personal relationships shaped his life and work.



An Inside Job by Daniel Silva

Gabriel Allon has been awarded a commission to restore one of the most important paintings in Venice. But when he discovers the body of a mysterious woman floating in the waters of the Venetian Lagoon, he finds himself in a desperate race to recover a lost masterpiece by Leonardo da Vinci.



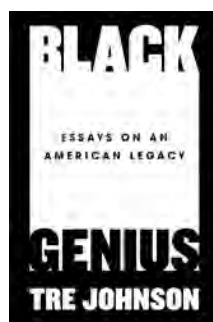
Katabasis by R.F. Kuang

Alice Law has sacrificed everything to work with Professor Jacob Grimes. When Grimes dies in a magical accident and ends up in Hell, Alice and her rival Peter Murdoch decide to go in after him. Equipped with little more than a burning desire to make all their academic trauma mean anything, the duo sets off across Hell to save a man they don't even like.



Positive Obsession: The Life and Times of Octavia E. Butler by Susana M. Morris

A magnificent cultural biography that charts the life of one of our greatest writers, situating her alongside the key historical and social moments that shaped her work.



Black Genius: Essays on an American Legacy by Tre Johnson

Cultural critic Tre Johnson examines how Black American culture has been the lifeblood of American ingenuity. At times using his own personal and professional stories, Johnson surveys Black cities, communities, and schools with an ever-watchful eye of what transpires around Black mobility.



This Here is Love by Princess Joy L. Perry

As the 17th century burns to a close, America's character is wrought in the fires of wealth, race, and freedom. Bless, taken to serve the slaveowner's daughter, must decide where she belongs: with the enslaved or above them. David, sold away from his people, retreats into himself even as he yearns to unite with others. Jack, acting impetuously, changes his fortune, but will doing so sacrifice his humanity?



JFK: Public, Private, Secret by J. Randy Taraborrelli

In this deeply researched presidential biography, J. Randy Taraborrelli tells John F. Kennedy's story in a provocative new way by revealing how public moments in his life were so influenced by private relationships with not only his family, but also Jackie's. The JFK presented is a complex and endlessly fascinating historical figure, despite — and maybe even because of — his many flaws.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

ADULTS

BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Club

Wednesdays, July 2 & August 6, 5:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Read what you want and then come to our monthly meetings and tell us about it, be it book, blog, or magazine article. Share what you're reading and get some reading recommendations from your neighbors.

Read With Pride

Saturdays, July 5 & August 2, 11:00 a.m.
Light St.
July: Upright Women Wanted by Sarah Gailey
August: The Pairing by Casey McQuiston

Adult Book Cafe

Mondays, July 7 & August 18, 4:30 p.m.
Hampden
Join other book lovers as we share an evening of conversation about books we are currently reading.

Coffee & Classics Book Club

Tuesdays, July 8 & August 12, 11:00 a.m.
Light St.
July: Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
August: The Penelopiad by Margaret Atwood

No Pressure Book Club!

Thursdays, July 10 & August 14, 4:00 p.m.
Patterson Park
A gathering with other book lovers to chat about books, any books — the one you're currently reading, one you did read, or even one you'd like to read.

Af-Am Dept. Book Club

Saturdays, July 12 & August 9, 12:00 p.m.
Central Library
July: The Plunder of Black America: How the Racial Wealth Gap Was Made by Calvin Schermerhorn
August: Harriet Tubman: Military Scout and Tenacious Visionary by Jean Marie Wiesen

Book Discussion Club

Saturday, July 12, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
The House Across the Lake by Riley Sager.
For more information or to register, please call the Cherry Hill Branch at 410-396-1168.

Storied Silvers: Book Discussion

Wednesdays, July 16 & August 20
12:00 p.m. | Central Library
Come be a part of the conversation! The Storied Silvers Book Discussion Group is the perfect time to discuss a book you've read and enjoyed with other like-minded readers. Light refreshments will be provided.

Rambling Readers

Thursdays, July 17 & August 21, 10:00 a.m.
Central Library
Join a novel walking book club that covers more than novels! Come as we share whatever book we are reading or listening to lately to share passions, narratives, clever information, or artistry. Rendezvous outside Central Library. From there, we will make our way around Mount Vernon Place. Expect to be back at the library in one hour.

Photo Book Meet-Up

Thursdays, July 17 & August 21, 5:30 p.m.
Central Library
Get an introduction to the library's photo book collection and meet other photo/art book enthusiasts. Feel free to bring your own photo books to share as well. This casual get together will be facilitated by one of our Fine Art librarians.

Pratt Page-Turners Book Club

Saturdays, July 19 & August 16, 11:00 a.m.
Central Library & Virtual
July: West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge
August: Intermezzo by Sally Rooney

Show & Tell Book Club

Mondays, July 21 & August 18, 4:00 p.m.
Walbrook
Tell us what you are reading! The Show & Tell Book Club invites participants to bring in the books they are reading (or listening to), and share them with the community.

Passion & Peril Book Club

Saturdays, July 26 & August 23, 3:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library & Virtual
July: If the Shoe Fits by Julie Murphy
August: Rock Paper Scissors by Alice Feeny

Book Discussion

Mondays, July 28 & August 25, 6:00 p.m.
Roland Park
July: Ruin by Cara Hoffman
August: All Day is A Long Time by David Sanchez

Tome Raiders: Adult Book Club

Mondays, July 28 & August 25, 6:30 p.m.
Hamilton
July: The Fifth Season by N.K. Jemison
August: The Orphan Master's Son by Adam Johnson
Please Note: July's book club will be held at the Harbel Community Organization located at 5807 Harford Rd.

Book Bites: Adult Book Discussion

Wednesdays, July 30 & August 27, 6:30 p.m.
Virtual
July: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby van Pelt
August: James: A Novel by Percival Everett

TEENS

Retro Reads & Reels:

Teen Book & Movie Club-Y2K Edition

Mondays, July 7 & 21, 4:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
A millennium rewind with a look at comics from the early 2000s. Read the comic, then compare it to the movie.
Book Discussion: Ultimate Fantastic Four: Silver Surfer by Mike Carey
Movie: Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer 2007 | Rated PG | 1 hr. 32 min.

Banned Books Reading Club

Wednesdays, July 16 & August 20, 4:00 p.m.
Walbrook
Read and discuss books that are being challenged, restricted, removed, or banned in public schools, libraries, and bookstores. Our book for July and August is Identical by Ellen Hopkins.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Wee Reads Book Club

Monday, July 7, 4:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.
Enjoy the book, Firefly Galaxy, together and then come to the library for a fun book chat, activity, and snack.

Graphic Novel Gatherings

Monday, August 11, 4:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Calling all graphic-novel fans! Read The Cartoonist Club, a tale about friendship, creativity, and drawing your dreams to life. Then come for a book chat with other graphic novel lovers and participate in a fun and yummy activity.





SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE

May 31 – August 30

WHAT IS SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE?

Summer Break Baltimore is a fun program for all ages that encourages literacy and learning in our community. The fun starts May 31, 2025, at every Pratt location!

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Stop by your nearest Pratt Library location to register.

WHAT WILL I GET?

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

T-shirts and books are available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

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

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

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

SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE

ADULTS

Hooks & Yarn: Crochet for Adults

Mondays, July 7, August 4 & 25, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 17, 5:30 p.m.
Waverly

Let's get together and explore different stitches, colors, and ideas. This is an introductory class for adult beginners. Presented by Cynthia Jahi. This program has limited spaces. Registration is required. Call 410-396-6089, email wvr@prattlibrary.org, or register at the Adult Information Desk.

Hydrohomies: Water Bottle Decorating

Wednesday, July 9, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
Stay hydrated in the dog days of summer by coming to decorate a water bottle at the library! Craft materials and water bottles included. Space for this workshop is limited and requires registration. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Native Plants & Pollinator Gardens

Saturday, July 12, 11:00 a.m. | Central Library
Join us for a workshop with Filbert Street Garden to talk about native plants and pollinator gardens in Maryland. This class will cover what pollinator gardens are and how they help our ecosystems in Baltimore, which native plants thrive in Baltimore City, how to maintain your native gardens, and more. Space for this program is limited; registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Poetry Online Discussion of Robert Hayden

Saturday, July 12, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual
Join us online for a discussion of the poetry of Robert Hayden.

Film & Trivia: *Wicked* (2024)

Saturday, July 12, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. | Waverly
Wicked, the untold story of the witches of Oz, stars Cynthia Erivo as Elphaba, a young woman, misunderstood because of her unusual green skin, who has yet to discover her true power, and Ariana Grande as Glinda, a popular young woman, gilded by privilege and ambition, who has yet to discover her true heart. Join us for a fun trivia game after the movie — show off your Oz knowledge and win spellbinding prizes and freebies for top scores! 2024 | Rated PG | 2 hr. 40 min.

DIY Bookmarks

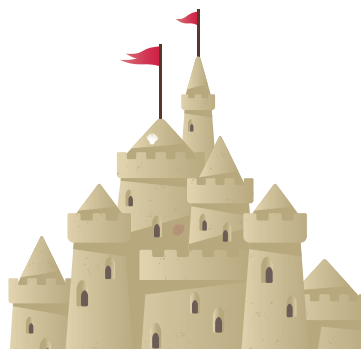
Wednesdays, July 23 & August 27, 5:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Use paint pens and stickers to design an acrylic bookmark to use with your Summer Break Baltimore books.

Freshen Up: DIY Gel Air Fresheners

Thursday, July 24, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly
Unleash your creativity and craft your own custom-scented gel air fresheners! Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop where you'll learn easy techniques to make long-lasting, fragrant gel fresheners perfect for your home or as thoughtful gifts. All materials provided! This program has limited spaces. Registration is required. To register, call 410-396-6089, email wvr@prattlibrary.org, or visit the Adult Information desk.

Build an Herbal Container Garden with Spore and Seed

Thursday, July 24, 6:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Saturday, August 23, 1:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Join Spore and Seed for a talk on different edible and/or medicinal herbs that work well in container gardens. Participants will learn tricks for both growing and using herbs for flavor and well-being, especially when space is at a premium. Each participant will also go home with two plants to start their garden. Space for this program is limited; registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org.



Summer Shards: Mosaic Workshop

Monday, July 28, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly
Guest artist Sarah McCann will guide you through creating beautiful, colorful mosaics using a variety of mosaic shards and materials. Whether you're new to mosaic art or looking to refine your skills, all materials and expert instruction will be provided to help you craft a unique summer-themed masterpiece. Space is limited. Registration is required. To register, call 410-396-6089, email wvr@prattlibrary.org, or visit the Adult Information desk.

Shelf Style: DIY Decorative Bookends

Thursday, August 7, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly
Craft stylish bookends to showcase your favorite reads and get ready to honor the joy of reading all month long. All materials are provided. This program has limited spaces. Registration is required. To register, call 410-396-6089, email wvr@prattlibrary.org, or visit the Adult Information desk.

Poetry Online Discussion of Jane Kenyon

Saturday, August 9, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual
Join us online for a discussion of the poetry of Jane Kenyon.

Summer Break Baltimore Book Swap

Monday, August 11, 6:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Were there too many good books for you to choose from during Summer Break Baltimore? Did you try one and find it not exactly to your taste? Did you love one and want to share the word? Do all of this and more at our Summer Break Baltimore Book Swap. Come share your opinions of your Summer Break Baltimore choices and hear about those you missed. Willing participants can also swap titles amongst themselves.

FINAL FRIDAYS: ADULT SUMMER CAMP II

Friday, July 25, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Central Library

Come live out your summer camp nostalgia! Enjoy fresh fruit popsicles from cm.pops all while engaging in your favorite old summer camp activities. Roll Up n Dye will be facilitating tie dye! We will also have camp games, summer crafts like friendship bracelets and gyp, a summer camp movie, and other camp-themed refreshments. Refreshments and crafts are available on a first-come, first-served basis. This program is family-friendly.



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Animal Husbandry in Baltimore City

Saturday, August 16, 11:00 a.m.
Filbert Street Garden (1321 Filbert St.)
Join us at Filbert Street Garden to learn about the ins and outs of animal husbandry in Baltimore City. This class will cover habitat, space requirements, health care, licensing, and more for animals legal to own or care for in your own backyard. Space for this program is limited; registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Adult Game Night: Classic Board Games

Thursday, August 28, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly
We're bringing together the best-loved games that have stood the test of time. This program has limited spaces and registration is required. To register, call 410-396-6089, email wvr@prattlibrary.org, or visit the Adult Information desk.

TEENS

One Piece Fruit Workshop:

Intro to Foam Clay

Thursday, July 3, 3:30 p.m. | Patterson Park
Learn the basics of working with foam clay. Participants will be using sculpting tools, painting, and sealing finished works and get to take home a Gum-Gum fruit of their own!

Teen Summer Camp at Central

July 7 – August 8, 1:00 p.m. | Central Library
Visit the Teen Center every afternoon for a variety of activities designed to give you the best summer ever! Come by for yoga, photography, painting, printmaking, 3D design, anime, and more!

Fuzzy Worm Terrariums: Teen Crafternoon

Wednesday, July 9, 3:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Build a sunny terrarium-style home for a toy worm on a string!



Candle Making Workshop

Monday, July 14, 2:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Wednesday, July 16, 2:00 p.m. | Pennsylvania Ave.
Perfectly Lit's essential make-and-take candle workshops offer a fun and interactive experience where creativity meets relaxation. Participants craft high-quality candles while enjoying great conversations in a lively, welcoming atmosphere.

Super Smash Brothers Tournament

Monday, July 14, 2:00 p.m. | Hampden
Friday, July 18, 2:30 p.m. | Light St.
Friday, July 25, 12:00 p.m. | Patterson Park
Join us for a Super Smash Brother's Ultimate tournament hosted by GameTruck. Whether you are an experienced brawler or just enjoy the idea of playing some video games, everyone is welcome! Prizes and giveaways will be at each event, with prizes for more than just first place.

3D Printing Day

Saturdays, July 19 & August 16, 1:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Stop by with your favorite design, create something new the day of, or pause to watch the printer — all you need is the imagination!

Kitchen Science

Monday, July 21, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
Celebrate National Ice Cream Month! Join us for a fun STEAM activity and learn how to make ice cream in a bag.

Writing Flash Fiction

Thursday, July 24, 3:30 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.
This workshop focuses on the art of concise storytelling. Participants will join writing teacher Jessica Bello as they examine models and exemplars while learning to draw from their everyday experiences to create impactful stories within strict word limits.

Summer Fun Friendship Bracelets

Wednesday, July 30, 3:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Come make friendship bracelets. Use beads to spell your friends' names, or write them a sweet message on a bracelet, then share it with them the next time you hang out!

FINAL FRIDAYS: 9TH ANNUAL BALTIMORE COMEDY FEST

Friday, August 29, 6:30 p.m.
Central Library

The Pratt Library is thrilled to be hosting a lineup of local and national comedians, FREE of charge! Join us for a night of laughs and libations with your Baltimore community. Beer and wine will be served. This program is 18+. Space for this program is limited and registration is required. Register at prattlibrary.org. ID REQUIRED for alcohol consumption. IDs will be checked.

Make Your Own Drawstring Tie-Dye Bag

Thursday, August 7, 4:00 p.m. | Patterson Park
Design, create, and take home a tie dyed bag of your own making!

Pixel Picture Frames

Thursday, August 14, 1:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Create a customized pixel art picture frame and capture the memories of summer!



— CHILDREN & FAMILIES —

Post It Forward

Tuesday, July 1, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Learn how to write and send a letter for National Postal Worker Day. You can write a letter to your postal worker to show your appreciation or send a sweet note to a family member or friend.

Summer Crafternoon

Tuesdays, July 1, 15, 29 & August 12 & 26
3:30 p.m. | Canton
Join us to create summer-themed crafts with a variety of art supplies and materials!

Pool Noodle Doodles

Wednesday, July 2, 11:00 a.m. | Cherry Hill
Splash into summer fun with this hands-on painting party! We'll use pool noodles and paints to create unique summer artwork.

Game On Wednesdays

Wednesdays, July 2 – 30, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Whether you're into video games or board games, there's something different each week to explore and enjoy. Come play, connect, and discover your next favorite game!

Crafternoon: Cupcake Liner Fireworks

Monday, July 7, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Join us for crafternoon. Come create your own fireworks in vibrant colors.

Wonderland Tea Party

Tuesday, July 8, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Join us for tea, juice, treats, games, crafts, and poetry readings from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Tea party attire is encouraged!

Create a Sun!

Wednesday, July 9, 1:45 p.m. | Roland Park
Keep cool! Beat the heat and use your imagination to create a sun with us.

Ice Cube Painting

Thursday, July 10, 2:00 p.m. | Central Library
Cool off from the summer heat! Instead of paintbrushes, we'll paint with ice cubes. Ideal for kids ages 2 – 8.

Jellyfish Suncatchers

Thursday, July 10, 2:00 p.m. | Patterson Park
Kids will create their own vibrant jellyfish-shaped suncatchers using colorful materials like tissue paper, translucent sheets, and ribbon.

Monday Wondernoons!

Mondays, July 14 – August 25, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Join us every Monday for a hands-on STEAM adventure at the library. Each week, we'll explore a different activity that blends science, technology, engineering, art, and math — perfect for sparking curiosity and creativity in kids of all ages.

Light Street Lab: Ice Cream in a Bag

Monday, July 14, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
Make a tasty ice cream treat with just a few simple ingredients!

Sweet Treat Craft:

Cupcake Liner Ice Cream Cones

Thursday, July 17, 11:00 a.m. | Roland Park
Kids will use colorful cupcake liners, paper, and a sprinkle of imagination to create their very own ice cream cone art.

Library Trivia Challenge

Thursdays, July 17 & August 14, 5:00 p.m.
Walbrook
Think you know it all? Put your brain to the test in a fun and fast-paced game of kids trivia at the library! Join us for an exciting challenge filled with questions, laughter, and friendly competition.

Bluey Bash!

Saturday, July 26, 11:00 a.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Join us for a Bluey Bash! Participate in hands-on activities, games (like Keepy Uppy!), crafts, and a Dance Mode dance party. It will be fun for the whole family! Everyone is encouraged to come dressed up in their favorite Bluey attire.

Bubble Fun with the Bubble Lady

Thursday, July 31, 4:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Wednesday, August 20, 10:30 a.m. | Light St.
Get ready for giggles, gasps, and gallons of bubbly fun! The Bubble Lady is coming to the library with her dazzling performance that transforms ordinary soap bubbles into an extraordinary adventure.

Decorate a Summer Puzzle!

Saturday, August 2, 2:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Create your own summer-themed puzzle! Decorate a puzzle with your favorite summer activity or scene, then take it home to enjoy putting it together again and again.

Pop-Up Program: A Youth-Created Experience

Wednesday, August 6, 12:00 p.m.
Central Library
Drop by for a special pop-up event created and run by our amazing YouthWorks teen workers! This one-time event is designed by youth for the community. Come see what our talented teens have planned — you never know what to expect, but it's sure to be fun, welcoming, and full of surprises!

Make It Arty Wednesdays

Wednesdays, August 6 – 27, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Every Wednesday throughout August, you can showcase your artistic abilities and get creative at the Southeast Anchor Library!

Spy Training Camp

Saturday, August 9, 11:00 a.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Do you think you have what it takes to be a spy? Come to the Edmondson Avenue Branch and find out. Send secret messages, break codes, beat an obstacle course, and see if you could be the next James Bond!

Sweet Dreams

Wednesday, August 20, 1:00 p.m.
Central Library
Beat the heat with a cool and creative twist! Join us at the library to design the ultimate ice cream sundae using paper, stickers, and your unlimited imagination.



Summer Break Baltimore is made possible by the generous support of corporate, foundation and individual donors including American Trading and Production Corporation, Lord Baltimore Capital Group, PNC Foundation, and others. If you'd like to make a gift to the Pratt Library to help provide books for families across the city this summer, please visit prattlibrary.org/give. Thank you!

HEALTH & WELLNESS



ADULTS

Chair Yoga

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m. | Hampden
Chair yoga is a welcoming practice that is appropriate for EVERY body. The chair provides the leverage to practice yoga postures without having to wrestle with gravity. This class will be a multi-level class which will reach people who wish to use a mat and/or a chair, and will offer standing positions that enhance balance. This class is provided by Action in Maturity and led by Margee Greenberg.

Jamercise with Ginger

Thursdays, 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. Join us in person at the Cherry Hill Branch or virtually. For more information go to prattlibrary.org.

Bike Maintenance with Velocipede Bike Project

Saturday, July 5, 2:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Join Velocipede Bike Project for a presentation on basic bike maintenance. The presenter will demonstrate how to assess and fix common problems, including how to remove and install wheels, change or patch a tire, lubricate a chain, and make minor adjustments to brakes.

Stop Smoking with Tobacco Free Baltimore

Tuesdays, July 8 & August 12
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Central Library
Tobacco Free Baltimore is part of the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD), connecting smokers on the journey to be smoke free with patches and gum.

Walks in Nature for Restoration Series

Saturday, July 12, 10:00 a.m. | Central Library
Are you curious about the relationship between nature and your mental and physical well-being? Join us for a restorative walk as we explore the natural interconnectedness of nature and well-being. Presented by the Center for Nature Informed Therapy.

Basic Life Skills

Tuesdays, July 15 & August 19, 11:00 a.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
The lessons in this peer navigators program will teach adults life skills that help them better understand themselves, get along with others, and learn tools that can help with day-to-day activities.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, July 19, 10:00 a.m. | Central Library
The Library is pleased to host the American Red Cross to collect blood from our community. Potential donors will go through a screening process, donate a pint of blood, and receive a snack afterward. Learn more at prattlibrary.org. Donate blood in July and receive a Fandango movie ticket via email!

Medicare Simplified

Tuesday, July 22, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 9, 1:00 p.m.
Central Library
Whether you are “aging into Medicare” at age 65 or have been on it for some time, you will gain a better understanding of your options in Medicare (and Medicaid) and how to best achieve your goals for healthcare protection regardless of your budget.

Baltimore Brew

Thursday, August 14, 6:30 p.m. | Light St.
Join us for a tea party at the library! Sample a variety of cold tea brews and participate in Tea Trivia. Tea party attire encouraged.

TEENS

Writing Workshop: Identity as Inspiration

Tuesday, July 22, 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 30, 2:00 p.m.
Cherry Hill
Our identity shapes who we are and influences how we see the world. In this workshop, we'll explore how your unique experiences can serve as a powerful source of inspiration for your writing. We'll start by creating an “identity quilt,” sharing stories about belonging and connection, before you choose an aspect of your identity to inspire a short creative piece.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Mindful Movement with Maya

Monday, July 7, 11:00 a.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Monday, August 18, 2:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Introductory yoga principles for young children ages 3 – 5 years old. Using fun stories and age-appropriate imagery will make the class engaging and fun for the kids and their grown-ups! Please bring your own mat, towel, or blanket to use during this program. This program has limited space. Please call the branch to register.

SOCIAL IMPACT PROGRAMS



Community members can get free assistance and advice from lawyers, social workers, nurses, addiction recovery specialists, and more in Pratt locations. **For schedules and more information visit prattlibrary.org/social-impact**

LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY

The Enoch Pratt Free Library, in partnership with Maryland Legal Aid, is pleased to offer free one-on-one legal services on a variety of civil issues to financially eligible individuals.

LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY: IMMIGRATION INFORMATION

Legal practitioners from Just Neighbors and World Relief will be available to speak with individuals seeking information on immigration-related matters. Practitioners can provide general information on basic immigration-related inquiries, distribute informational materials, provide referrals, and more. Services will be available in Spanish.

PEER NAVIGATORS

Through the Peer Navigator Program, Peer Recovery Specialists, and Peer Trainees serve as role models and provide a safe, non-judgmental space that promotes overall wellness. To contact a Peer Navigator, call 410-396-0399 or email peernavigators@prattlibrary.org. *In partnership with the Maryland Peer Advisory Council and Healing City Baltimore, and a generous grant from CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield.*

SOCIAL WORKER IN THE LIBRARY

The Enoch Pratt Free Library, in partnership with the University of Maryland School of Social Work and Morgan State University School of Social Work, is pleased to offer an innovative program that serves the community by providing access to social work services. Our social workers are available to help all Library patrons, especially those experiencing challenges related to finance, mental health, or other stressors, with resources and referrals. Email socialworker@prattlibrary.org or call 443-418-3873 to get help with a variety of issues. In-person services are available during drop-in hours. Virtual assistance is also available.

HOUSING NAVIGATORS

Community members can get help with finding stable housing, education, advocacy, and more at select Pratt locations in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services. Housing Navigators can be reached by email at housingnavigator@mohs@baltimorecity.gov or by calling 443-984-8713.

HEALTHCARE ACCESS MARYLAND

We are pleased to host HealthCare Access Maryland, offering assistance navigating Maryland Health Connection Marketplace. Visit during drop-in hours to get help from a certified consumer assistance worker with your Maryland Health Connection application. You can apply for health coverage, renew your coverage, submit supporting documents, update your application, or ask general questions. HealthCare Access Maryland's Navigators are at the Library to connect with you.

BGE AT THE PRATT

BGE Energy Assistance Ambassadors are available at select Pratt locations to provide personalized customer support. They assist with understanding bills, evaluating qualifying billing and energy efficiency programs, and offering guidance for energy assistance applications.



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: RENTER/TENANT ADVOCACY WITH THE PRO BONO RESOURCE CENTER OF MARYLAND

Thursday, July 10, 1:00 p.m. | Waverly
Thursday, July 24, 5:30 p.m. | Walbrook
Thursday, August 21, 5:30 p.m. | Brooklyn

The Pratt is excited to welcome the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland's Tenant Justice Program (TJP) for a series of programs supporting renter/tenant rights. The Tenant Justice Program provides free legal representation to tenants at risk of eviction in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. They also work to provide increased housing stability for our clients through individual connections to resources and advice on how to meet financial obligations. TJP engages in systemic advocacy to help level the playing field for all tenants state-wide.

Representatives from TJP will be providing an overview of state and local laws impacting tenants, tenants' rights, and effective strategies for working with landlords, accessing additional supports, and navigating the court system. Time will be reserved for individual questions and advice.

"Great
community
resource; inclusive;
great value."

— Yvette G.

ARTS @ THE PRATT

ADULTS

Making Films Without a Camera

Tuesday, July 1, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join us for a program of learning, creating, and projecting films made without a camera. We'll watch short films made by pioneering animators who painted, drew and scratched onto film frame by frame. Afterwards, we'll make our own handmade cameraless films onto strips of 16mm film.

Shut Up & Write Virtual

Thursdays, July 3 – August 28, 12:00 p.m.
Virtual
It's an empowering and rewarding experience to write an hour each week. It serves as powerful support for building your daily writing discipline. This is a safe space for writers to work on their craft. No one will read or critique your writing.

Light Street Writers Exchange

In Person: Mondays, July 7 & August 4 6:00 p.m.
Virtual: Mondays, July 14 & August 25 6:00 p.m.
Light St. & Virtual
A read and critique group for writers with interest in all forms of writing.

Paper Crafts

Thursdays, July 10 & August 14, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Join us for a craftersnoon of upcycling old books! We'll create paper crafts from discarded books.

Baltimore Threads Sewing Workshop

Saturday, July 12, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Join us for a sewing workshop! Members of Baltimore Threads, a local group affiliated with the MD Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, will teach participants some basic sewing skills. Each participant will leave with a finished pillowcase. Space is limited. Please call 410-396-0946 to register.

Painting with Acrylics

Monday, July 14, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Create a beautiful piece with guidance from local artist Esta Baker. This program has limited spaces. To register, call 410-396-1168.

Lets Create! Wind Chimes

Monday, July 14, 2:00 p.m. | Patterson Park
Come and paint your very own wind chime! Limited space, registration is required, please call 410-396-0983 to register.

Get Messy Paint Day

Mondays, July 14 & August 11, 2:00 p.m.
Walbrook
Embrace the mess! Express yourself on canvas and paint with a brush, sponge, or with your fingers.

Miniature Library Book Nooks

Monday, July 21, 5:30 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.
Join us as we unwind and create miniature library book nooks using boxes, decorative papers and assorted miniatures. Space is limited. Please call 410-396-0946 to register.

Make Space

Wednesdays, July 23 & August 27 12:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. | Central Library
Whether you're exploring new materials, seeking feedback, or just looking for a stress-free outlet, our Fine Arts librarian and crafty guests are here to help. Attendees may bring their own materials for ongoing projects or use the provided arts and crafts supplies.

Speak & Be Heard: Poetry In The Library

Thursday, July 24, 5:45 p.m. | Central Library
The African American Department sponsors a night of poetry and spoken word. Poets: come and be heard at a poetry open mic event for all poets 18 and over.

In Stitches Club

Saturdays, July 26 & August 23, 10:30 a.m.
Canton
Bring your work in progress to join us for a morning of crafting, conversation, and camaraderie.

Painting Class with Natural Materials: The Full Earthy Experience

Saturday, July 26, 2:00 p.m. | Central Library
Learn how to make your own paints from plants, earth pigments, and handcrafted brushes.

10th Anniversary Celebration of the Light Street Writers Exchange: A Reading from Our Anthology

Saturday, July 26, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Light St.
In 2015, the Light Street Writers Exchange launched, introducing writers of all genres to the process of creative writing critique. 10 years later, we are still going strong with some participants returning week after week, year after year. Pratt has generously published a 10th Anniversary Anthology in celebration of the milestone. The celebration will include readings from anthology participants as well as free refreshments!

Acrylic Pour Painting

Monday, August 4, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Join us for a fun and relaxing afternoon of acrylic pour painting featuring local artist Esta Baker. This beginner-friendly art program will guide you through the mesmerizing technique of pouring fluid acrylics onto canvas to create vibrant, abstract masterpieces. This program has limited spaces. To register, call 410-396-1168.

Papier-mâché Sculptures

Tuesday, August 5, 19, & 26, 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 13, 2:30 p.m.
Walbrook
Papier-mâché is a versatile paper craft that can produce interesting artworks. Join us throughout the month of August to create your own work of art using papier-mâché.

Floral Arrangement with Marigold Sisters

Saturday, August 9, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.
Join Katie Quinn of Marigold Sisters for a floral arranging workshop featuring lots of local blooms. Each participant will receive flowers to create their own arrangement to bring home. Space for this program is limited; registration required. To register, please call 410-396-1096 or email lgh@prattlibrary.org.

Model Painting 101

Saturday, August 9, 12:00 p.m.
Central Library
Come learn techniques, tools, and styles that will make your models for any table top game stand out! Supplies will be provided but you're welcome to bring your own.

Creative Expressions: Mosaic Craft Workshop

Thursday, August 14, 1:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn basic mosaic techniques and create their own mini mosaic masterpiece using colorful tiles, glass pieces, and other materials. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

Paper Quilling with Cachet Currie

Saturday, August 23, 1:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Join us for quilling with Cachet Currie. Novice and experienced quillers are welcome. Space is limited. Please call 410-396-0946 to register.

Art in August with Special Collections

Monday, August 25, 5:30 p.m.

Central Library

Celebrate American Artist Appreciation Month with Special Collections! View sculptures, drawings, prints, and photos from the collections of Maryland artists like Reuben Kramer, Aaron Sopher, and the Jones Sisters. A limited supply of materials will be available for attendees to have the option of creating a small piece inspired by the collections.

Gathering Yarn: Knit & Crochet

Saturday, August 30, 12:00 p.m.

Patterson Park

Join us for a knitting and crocheting get-together. Attendees can come and work on projects while talking and doing informal skill sharing.

TEENS

Slime Time

Monday, July 7, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook

Teens and tweens can design their own slime. They will be able to add different ingredients to the slime to make each unique and fun!

Teen Photography Club

Wednesdays, July 9 – 30, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Central Library

This 4-session club will introduce the fundamentals of photography, including camera basics, composition, lighting techniques, and photo editing.

Slime Time: A Slime Workshop for Teens

Wednesday, July 9, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill

Join us for a hands-on slime-making session just for teens. You'll have fun experimenting with colors, textures, and mix-ins to create a perfect slime. All materials are provided by the library. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

Press & Express: T-Shirt Design

Wednesday, July 9, 2:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

Create your own custom t-shirts with fun images using heat press technology! Limited space, so call the branch to secure a spot at 410 396-0399.

Anime & Candy Sushi Fun

Tuesday, July 15, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill

Come hang out with other teens, talk about your favorite shows and books, and make fun candy sushi. No cooking; just snacks, creativity, and good vibes. Cosplay is welcome! This program has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

Flower Power Paintings

Wednesday, July 23, 3:00 p.m. | Orleans St.

Create a hypnotizing piece of art by painting a beautiful flower over a boldly-patterned background. Participants can free-style their painting's background, or use a stencil, then paint a real flower they love, or invent their own unique species!

Paint-n-Snack: Sakamoto Days

Saturday, July 26, 2:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

Grab a brush, grab some candy sushi, and dive into the chaos — paint your favorite Sakamoto Days character while enjoying a snack!

Make Your Own Custom Stickers

Monday, August 4, 3:00 p.m. | Waverly

Get creative and design your very own custom stickers! In this hands-on workshop, teens will learn how to use basic graphic design tools and craft materials to create personalized stickers. Whether you're into drawing, digital art, or love cool designs, this program is a fun way to express yourself and take home something totally original.

Teen Summer Paint & Create

Tuesday, August 5, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill

This hands-on session is all about self-expression and exploring your artistic side. You'll leave with your own unique artwork. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

Snacks Around the World

Wednesday, August 6, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook

Taste the globe by trying a variety of snacks from around the world!

Get Stitchin'

Part 1: Wednesday, August 20, 2:00 p.m.

Part 2: Saturday, August 23, 2:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

Learn how to use a sewing machine in this hands-on, two-part beginner workshop. Space is limited, call the branch to secure a spot at 410-396-0399.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Strike Up the Band: DIY Musical Instruments!

Monday, July 14, 4:00 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

Play music with instruments made by YOU! Using simple materials found around the house, you'll make drums, kazoos, harmonicas, and more. To finish the activity, you'll test out your instruments by playing fun tunes as part of a band.

Bubble Party

Saturday, July 19, 2:00 p.m. | Central Library

Get ready for some bubbly fun! Join us for a colorful bubble art party where kids will create unique, abstract masterpieces.

Creative Collage

Wednesday, July 23, 1:00 p.m.

Central Library

Design a one-of-a-kind bookmark using colorful paper, stickers, tape, and more!

Fairy Gardens

Thursday, July 24, 2:00 p.m. | Patterson Park

Step into a world of imagination and nature as we build miniature fairy gardens! Kids will use small plants, stones, moss, and magical decorations to design a tiny garden fit for fairies.

NASA Tiny Art Show

Tuesday, July 29, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook

Blast off into creativity as you paint your own tiny space-themed masterpiece in celebration of NASA Founding Day!

Paint Afternoon

Thursday, August 14, 2:00 p.m.

Patterson Park

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of painting as you create your very own masterpiece. Whether you're a seasoned artist or a first-time painter, this session is all about expressing yourself and having fun with colors!

Clay Club

Thursday, August 21, 2:00 p.m.

Central Library

Dive into the world of clay and let your creativity take shape! Join us for a hands-on session where you'll mold, sculpt, and craft your very own clay creation — from playful figurines to imaginative designs. Perfect for all ages!

Felt Pal

Saturday, August 23, 12:30 p.m.

Central Library

Create your own cuddly companion! Join us for a hands-on crafting session where families with kids ages 3 – 11 can design and assemble their very own stuffed buddies using soft felt and fun accessories.



COMIC & ANIME PROGRAMS FOR TEENS



Afternoon Anime Club

Tuesdays, July 1 & 15, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library

Hang out with your friends and unwind with some anime-themed activities paired with the shows.

Anime Club: Zines for Teens

Wednesday, July 2, 3:00 p.m. | Orleans St.

Join to honor International Zine-Making Month as we create anime-inspired zines! A zine is a self-published (and usually small-sized) collection of original writing and images, with topics that often include politics, fanfiction or fandom discussions, poetry, art, social theory, personal journals, and more.

Make Your Own Comic Book

Wednesday, July 2, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Create your own comic!

Anime Club

Thursdays, July 3 & August 7, 3:30 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.

Join us at the library for our anime & manga club. Chat about your favorite series, work on a craft, and watch some streaming anime.

Anime Club

Tuesdays, July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19
3:30 p.m. | Patterson Park

Kick back and relax with some of the best shonen, slice of life, isekai, romance, and sports anime to come out in recent memory!

Comic Book Buttons & Bookmarks

Wednesday, July 9, 2:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.

Come by the library to make customized buttons and bookmarks with cut-outs from graphic novels and manga! Join us to craft your own unique pieces and swap reading recommendations!

My Comic Story with Kata Kane

Wednesday, July 9, 2:30 p.m. | Patterson Park
Thursday, July 24, 3:30 p.m. | Waverly

Every good story has a beginning, a middle, and an end... but how do you even begin to make your own comic story? Kata Kane, Baltimore-based comic creator and artist of Altar Girl and GFFs: Ghost Friends Forever, will lead the group in creating a four-panel comic story: sharing drawing tips and helpful comic-creator advice along the way.

Anime Figurines

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

Do you love anime? Have you ever wanted to see yourself as an anime character? Visit the Roland Park Branch to create a personalized anime figurine. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Anime & Manga Cafe

Fridays, July 11 & August 1, 3:00 p.m.
Light St.

Join us as we explore anime, manga, and all the worlds in between! Draw in anime style, learn about Japanese culture, discuss your favorite anime and manga, and other fun activities!

How to Make a Zine with Kata Kane

Thursday, July 17, 2:30 p.m. | Patterson Park
Thursday, August 7, 3:30 p.m. | Waverly

Young creators will participate in a warm up of drawing tips and tricks, while Kata shares helpful comic-creator advice along the way. Teens will get to conceptualize, cut, craft and create their very own eight-page mini zine.

Make Your Own Mini Comic Book

Tuesday, August 19, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden
Do you love comics? Then come learn how to make your very own mini comic book from scratch! All artistic skill levels are welcome.



COMICS PLUS

Use your Pratt Library card to borrow thousands of digital comics, graphic novels and manga. No waiting; titles can be checked out immediately and downloaded to multiple devices, available through your web browser or through the Comics Plus app.



ENOCH PRATT YOUTH COUNCIL (EPYC)

Building young people for the future. Teens in grades 9 – 12 can earn volunteer hours, build skills, and prepare for college and careers with the Enoch Pratt Youth Council.

The next EPYC cohort begins in the fall. For more information visit prattlibrary.org/EPYC

BACK TO SCHOOL, BACK TO WORK

ALL AGES

Back to School with The Funn Band

Thursday, August 21, 6:30 p.m.

Central Library

Join the Pratt Free and Keystone Korner Baltimore for a back-to-school season kick-off performance! Bandleader Charles Funn will lead The Funn Band in an joyful evening of big band jazz open to all.

ADULTS

Workforce Wednesday: Improve Your LinkedIn with Tips from Harold Booker

Wednesday, July 2, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library

Join in on a relatable session on how to improve your LinkedIn page for profile increased visibility and job success.

How to Create an Explosive Resume

Wednesdays, July 16 & 30, 11:00 a.m.

Central Library

Learn how to write a winning resume using current tools and trending templates that will impress recruiters and employers.

Land That Job! Test Your Interview Skills

Wednesdays, July 16 & 23, 1:00 p.m.

Central Library

We will take a deep dive into today's interviewing do's and don'ts infused with exciting mock interview exercises.

At Home Child Care for Beginners

Wednesday, August 6, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

Leslie Solomon will guide you through the process of how to start, establish, and build an at-home daycare business.

From Expertise to Income:

Turning Your Skills Into A Thriving Business with Tiffany Bethea

Wednesday, August 6, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

Designed for career professionals who want to create an additional stream of income. You'll learn how to package your expertise, attract the right audience, and build a profitable business. Whether you're considering coaching, consulting, or another service-based model, this class will give you the strategy and confidence to get started.

TEENS

Create Back-to-School Backpacks for Teens

Wednesday, August 13, 2:00 p.m.

Cherry Hill

Start the school year in style! Join us for a creative session where you can design your very own one-of-a-kind backpack. All supplies will be provided. This program has limited spaces. To register, call 410-396-1168.

Saddle Stitch Notebooks

Wednesday, August 13, 2:00 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

Get ready and get organized in our back-to-school program, where you can assemble your own custom notebook and bind it with a sturdy saddle stitch!

Styled for School Supplies Giveaway

Monday, August 18, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

Get creative and claim your gear. Teens are invited to personalize their school supplies through a fun arts and crafts session and in return, they'll receive a free bundle of school essentials. Available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Limited to 40 participants. Teens must participate in the decorating session to receive supplies. All materials provided.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Crafternoon: Creative Cases

Monday, August 4, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook

Get ready to go back to school in style! Join us for a fun and creative session where you can design and personalize your very own pencil case. Make it uniquely yours with colors, patterns, and flair — perfect for showing off your personality in the classroom!

Decorate a Collage Bookmark

Saturday, August 16, 11:00 a.m. | Roland Park

Get ready for back to school with a creative twist! Join us at the Library to transform old magazines into personalized bookmarks. Cut, glue, and embellish your way to a one-of-a-kind reading accessory that's as unique as you are.

Back to School Library Trivia

Tuesday, August 19, 3:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill

The new school year is almost here! Test your library knowledge and win prizes in this Jeopardy style trivia game.

Back-to-Cool Washi Tape Crafts

Wednesday, August 20, 4:00 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

Unleash your creativity with washi tape! Join us for a fun-filled crafting session where you'll decorate school supplies, design unique jewelry, and more. All materials are provided. Perfect for kids looking to add a personal touch to everyday items!

Back to School Apple Tasting

Wednesday, August 27, 3:30 p.m.

Cherry Hill

Apple season is here! Do you know your favorite variety? Come find out as we taste through some of the many different kinds of apples.

Make Your Own Bookmark

Thursday, August 28, 2:00 p.m.

Patterson Park

Gear up for the new school year with a creative twist! Join us at the library to design and decorate your very own personalized bookmark. Choose from a variety of materials — markers, stickers, ribbons, and more — to craft a bookmark that's uniquely yours. It's a fun and imaginative way to celebrate reading and get ready for school.

"It's a great place to go and visit. It's always clean and bright. The people who work there are very friendly."

— Theresa R.

SPOTLIGHT ON HAMPDEN



ADULTS

It's Hampden, Hon!

Saturday, July 12, 2:30 p.m.

To mark the 125th anniversary of the Hampden Branch, we will talk about the history of the neighborhood and have a brief arts and craft session on its familiar symbols, such as the pink flamingo and beehive hairdos!

Hampden Library 125th Anniversary

Tuesday, July 29, 10:30 a.m.

To mark the 125th anniversary of the Hampden Branch, join Thomas Swett (Robert Poole's great-great grandson) for a lively discussion on the history of the Robert Poole family in the Hampden community and the establishment of the Hampden Branch. Meet former and current staff members and ask questions about the establishment of the Branch and the Poole Family.

TEENS

Teen Craft & Chat

Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m.

Calling all teen crafters and artists! Bring your own supplies for whatever you're making and work on it in a creative and supportive social space — or use some of the limited supplies provided to make something new!

Teen Video Game Night

Thursdays, July 3, 17, 31 & August 28

3:00 p.m.

Bring your friends and choose your favorite from our selection of Switch and PS5 games to play on our huge flatscreen TV!

Teen Anime Club

Tuesdays, July 8 & August 5, 3:00 p.m.

Come vote on and watch your favorite anime while eating snacks and doing fun anime-related crafts!

Teen Board Game Night

Thursdays, July 10 & 24, 3:00 p.m.

Come play games of your choice from our library's selection of new, classic, and weird board and card games!

Make Your Own Artist Trading Cards

Tuesday, July 22, 3:00 p.m.

Calling all artists! Come learn about and make your own original "artist trading cards" to swap with other artists near or far.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Playdate at the Library: Playdough

Friday, July 11, 11:00 a.m.

Squish, roll, and sculpt! Join us for a sensory-friendly playdate where little ones can explore shapes, textures, and creativity with colorful playdough.

Book Character Bookmarks

Saturday, July 19, 2:30 p.m.

Celebrate your favorite characters from books and stories by turning them into your very own bookmarks! We'll have plenty of craft supplies to help bring beloved characters to life — perfect for marking your next great read.

Playdate at the Library:

Indoor Obstacle Course

Friday, August 1, 11:00 a.m.

Get ready to crawl, hop, and balance your way through a playful obstacle course designed just for little ones!

Fairy Walk Storytime

Saturday, August 16, 2:30 p.m.

Join us for a magical nature-inspired storytime featuring Fairy Walk by Gaia Cornwall, then build and decorate your own miniature fairy house to take home.



SNEAK PEEK AT SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

BROWN LECTURE SERIES

SHAKA SENGHOR

Thursday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library

Shaka Senghor will discuss his new book *How to be Free: A Proven Guide to Escaping Life's Hidden Prisons*.

WRITERS LIVE! IAN McEWAN

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

Central Library

The author of *Atonement* will discuss his new novel *What Can We Know*.

WRITERS LIVE! TOM COLICCHIO

Thursday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library

Chef, restaurateur, and television personality Tom Colicchio celebrates the 25th anniversary of his first cookbook, *Think Like a Chef*, with a stunning anniversary edition featuring a new author's note.

FINAL FRIDAYS: CHALK THE BLOCK

Friday, September 26, All Day

Central Library

Celebrate creativity and language with all-ages activities throughout the day including live chalk art creation and entertainment such as music, face painting, henna, seasonal refreshments, and hula hooping.

FINAL FRIDAYS: BREWS AND BOOS

Friday, October 31, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

Join us for a spooky, all-ages Halloween-themed celebration. Festivities will include a costume contest with prizes, spooky crafts and games, tarot card readings, and a screening of *The Dark Crystal*. Guests 21 and over can enjoy a seasonal beer tasting.

SPRING EVENTS

This spring the Library welcomed MSNBC anchor Jonathan Capehart, a group of stand-up comics as part of the Baltimore Comedy Festival, and Aaron Dante and the *No Pix After Dark* podcast for a panel featuring Baltimore's reality TV personalities.



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