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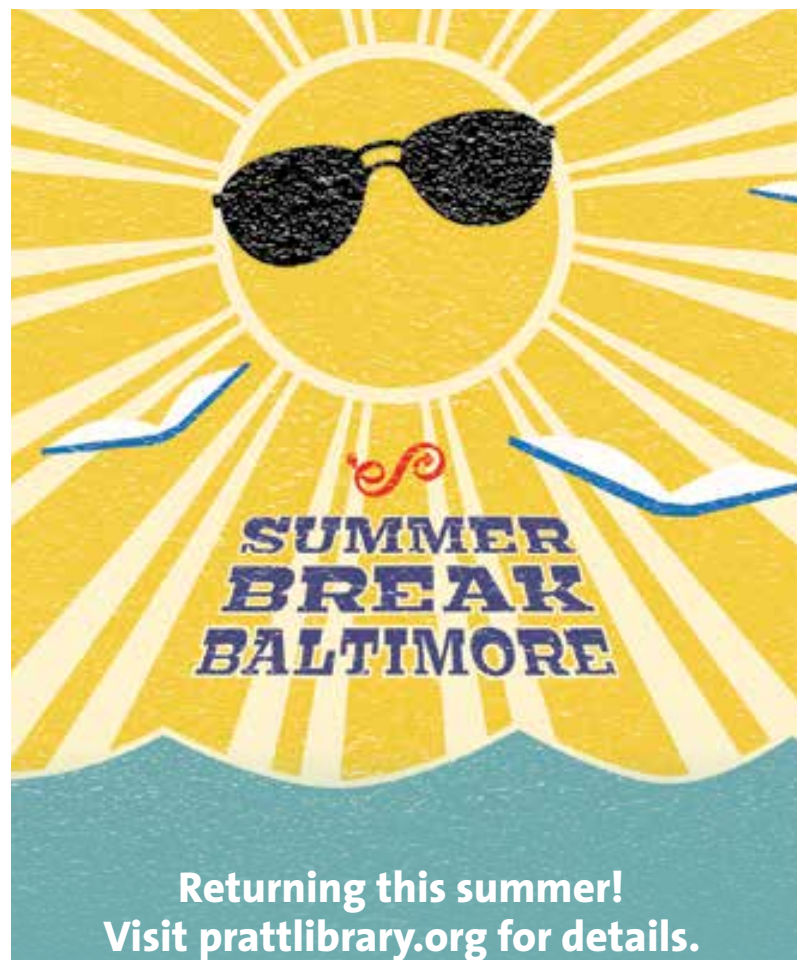
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LETTER FROM THE CEO



“When I grow up, I’ll be a student. Looking inside myself and other people to understand what makes each of us one of a kind, all magical and different, all needed and appreciated.”

What Will You Be?

By Yamile Saied Méndez

This year’s Imagination Celebration is themed around the book *What Will You Be?* by Yamile Saied Méndez. It’s about a little girl trying to figure out what she wants to be when she grows up. She struggles before she is able to open her heart to all of life’s possibilities.

One place that opens up those doors of possibility to people, young and old, is the

public library. When I was a little girl growing up in a small town in Michigan, my public library opened up worlds for me that I never imagined. It introduced me to places my family couldn’t travel to. It gave me a glimpse into the lives of people I would never meet. It opened my eyes to opportunities that were out there for me that I didn’t know existed. It’s my love for that “place of possibilities” that led me on a path to college and eventually a career in public libraries.

In each Pratt Library location, I see people trying to answer the question “What Will You Be?” There are children who attend storytime with wonder, checking out piles of books to learn about everything from dinosaurs to space exploration. Teenagers access free internet on our computers to watch videos for education and entertainment. They create podcasts, music, and videos in our Teen Creation Station. They read books that reflect and reaffirm who they are, or help them have critical thinking skills. Adults attend programs like our Entrepreneur Academy to discover new career paths for themselves. So many doors opened, all in one place.

While Imagination Celebration is for our littlest customers, it is a good reminder to us all to dream big. In a lot of ways, most of us are still trying to figure out what we’ll be when we “grow up.” I would encourage all of you to come visit the Pratt Library and ask yourself “What Will You Be?”

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

IMAGINATION CELEBRATION

This year’s inspiration is *What Will You Be?* by Yamile Saied Méndez, illustrated by Kate Alizadeh.

From Yamile Saied Méndez, acclaimed author of *Where Are You From*, comes a stunning lyrical picture book that tells the story of one girl who is always asked a simple question: What will you be when you grow up?

Check out *What Will You Be?* from your local branch! An eBook and Spanish-language edition, *¿Qué Serás?*, are also available.



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BALTIMORE LIVING ARCHIVES

Baltimore Living Archives is an artist residency that invites Baltimoreans to craft and showcase media-based stories alongside two Baltimore artists with archiving practices. SHAN Wallace and Lawrence Burney will develop their own work and work with the community, sharing skills and stories through a number of participatory programs. Members of the community will be invited to share their stories, explore and contextualize archives, and enjoy the findings of SHAN and Lawrence.

SHAN WALLACE

SHAN Wallace uses photography and collage to explore and contribute to Baltimore's ongoing Black history.

Visit prattlibrary.org/artists to sign up for a project with SHAN.

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LAWRENCE BURNEY

Lawrence Burney is a writer interested in exploring and sharing the history of Baltimore's arts and culture through a Black lens.

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LESBIAN SECTION

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Central Library
Lesbian communities are invited to bring personal photographs and media for submissions that will be scanned or copied and archived during the residency. Community members can also participate in the oral history component, a one to two hour interview on various topics. Sign up to make an appointment during office hours.

OUR CITY

1st & 3rd Wednesdays
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Central Library
Be a part of history and help paint a more colorful and dynamic portrait of Baltimore by telling your story and submitting your photos!



PIECED TOGETHER

Friday, March 4, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Tuesday, April 12, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. | Pennsylvania Ave.
Join photographers and archivists SHAN Wallace and Webster Phillips to help analyze, identify, and discuss archival photographs and materials. This is a unique opportunity to bring the archives to life.



PORTRAITS OF BLACK BALTIMORE

Tuesdays, March 8, 15 & April 19
12:00 – 2:00 p.m. & 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 13, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
& 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Central Library

Come get a free portrait taken by one of Baltimore's most accomplished photographers! Community members, residents, young teens, grandmothers, and full-time working mothers and fathers may all congregate to have their portrait taken by SHAN Wallace at the Central Library. This project is a continuation of work started in Charlotte, North Carolina.

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Central Library
Humans — like many other species on our planet — are in a constant state of migration. It's how we evolve over time, by sharing the culture and knowledge we have with new people in order to advance. Everyone's family has a migration story. Whether it be as recent as this decade or hundreds of years ago, we all have a starting point. The people of Baltimore are no different. Every Wednesday, Baltimore residents are invited to the Central Library to speak about how they or their families from generation's past ended up in the Baltimore area. Sessions for days other than Wednesdays can also be scheduled via email or phone.



WHEN TIME STOPS

Thursday, March 17, 3:00 p.m.
Central Library
Thursday, April 14, 3:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.

Once a month over the spring, Lawrence Burney will visit different Pratt Library branches around the city to share archival material he's found that is relevant to those specific neighborhoods. This show-and-tell program will aim to educate people of all ages on things from their community that they may not have been previously aware of and also engage community elders who may have firsthand knowledge of some of these findings in conversation.

The Artists in Residence and Baltimore Living Archives program is made possible with the generous support of the NEA Our Town grant and the SNF Parkway Theatre. This project is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts. Baltimore Living Archives was initially conceived by Ginevra Shay with Lawrence Burney and SHAN Wallace and is currently organized by Mia Smith.



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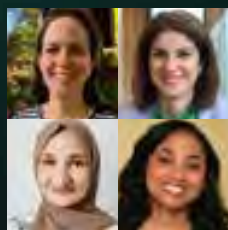
CONFRONTING HARD TRUTHS

Join us on Saturday, March 12 for a full day of literary events at the Central Library.

CityLit Festival is a month-long hybrid event. For the full schedule of programming check out citylitproject.org.

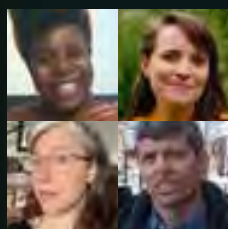
ONE-ON-ONE EDITORIAL CRITIQUE SESSIONS

Saturday, March 12, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Virtual
Featuring: **Bret McCabe, Karen Houppert, Rosalia Scalia, Laura Ballou, Nora Belblidia, and Chelsea Lemon Fetzer.**
Paid event, registration at citylitproject.org.



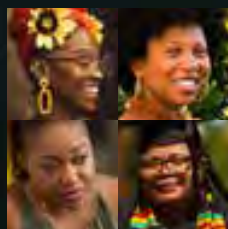
BECOMING AMERICAN
Saturday, March 12, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual
Eman Quotah, Nadia Hashimi, Mariam Thakkur, and Maryland State Delegate **Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk;**
curated by **Saima Adil Sitwat**
Becoming American is a series of short

vignettes & videos of ten immigrant women who now call Maryland home. This session engages a different assembly of women who will speak authentically about their American experience.



**THE “REAL” BUSINESS OF WRITING
CREATIVE NONFICTION
(YOU CAN’T MAKE IT UP)**
Saturday, March 12, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Creative Arts Center
Angela Carroll, Rebekah Kirkman, Elizabeth Evitts Dickinson, and Ron Cassie
Four working essayists, journalists feed you

the facts of writing creative nonfiction. What it takes to represent, research, explore and write the “real.” How to merge the boundaries of fiction, poetry with accuracy and research, and anchor it in truth and narrative storytelling. Craft Intensive.



BLACK GIRLS: BONE BLACK & BREATHING
Saturday, March 12, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual
Nia June, Glory Edim, and DaMaris Hill;
moderated by **Jamesha Caldwell**
Titled in the spirit of feminist bell hooks,

this panel of Black women discuss the interior and public lives of Black girlhood, their new works of poetry, film, and story, and the many ways they see themselves and come of age.



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
CONFRONTING HARD TRUTHS
NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES**
**THE 1619 PROJECT: A NEW ORIGIN STORY
AND BORN ON THE WATER
IN CONVERSATION WITH HISTORIAN
MARTHA S. JONES**

Saturday, March 12, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Nikole Hannah-Jones is the Pulitzer Prize-winning creator of the *1619 Project* and a staff writer at *The New York Times Magazine*. She has spent her career investigating racial inequality and injustice, and her reporting has earned her the MacArthur Fellowship, known as the Genius grant, a Peabody Award, two George Polk Awards and the National Magazine Award three times. Hannah-Jones also earned the John Chancellor Award for Distinguished Journalism and was named Journalist of the Year by the National Association of Black Journalists and the Newswomen’s Club of New York. In 2020 she was inducted into the Society of American Historians and in 2021, into the North Carolina Media Hall of Fame. Nikole was named as one of the Most Influential People in the in 2021 by Time Magazine.

In 2016, Hannah-Jones co-founded the *Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative Reporting*, which seeks to increase the number of reporters and editors of color. She holds a Master of Arts in Mass Communication from the University of North Carolina and earned her Bachelor of Arts in History and African-American studies from the University of Notre Dame.

Hannah-Jones is the Knight Chair in Race and Journalism at Howard University, where she has founded the Center for Journalism & Democracy.

PLEASE NOTE: We are closely monitoring Baltimore City’s policies concerning event capacity. We will update any and all information concerning the Keynote event with Nikole Hannah-Jones if circumstances change. All other sessions will be held as planned.

Presented by CityLit Project, in partnership with Enoch Pratt Free Library, Maryland Centers for Creative Classrooms, Arts Education in Maryland Schools, Maryland Humanities, Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance, Motor House, and *Busboys and Poets - Baltimore*.

LITERARY PROGRAMS

Registration is recommended for some events, call the branch to register. Walk-ins will be accepted until maximum capacity is met.

ADULTS

Weekend Shut Up & Write

Saturdays, March 5 & April 2, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual

Our Meetups are a safe space for writers to work on their craft. No one will read or critique your writing.

Light Street Writers Exchange

Mondays, March 7 – 28, 6:00 p.m. | Virtual
A read and critique group for writers with interest in all forms of writing: poetry, novel, short story, creative nonfiction. Writers of any ability are welcome.

Lunchtime Shut Up & Write

Tuesdays, March 8 – 22, 12:00 p.m. | Virtual
Mondays, March 14 – April 25, 12:00 p.m.
Virtual

Our Meetups are a safe space for writers to work on their craft. No one will read or critique your writing.

Poetry Online Discussion of Natasha Trethewey

Saturday, March 12, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual
Join us online for a discussion of poems by Natasha Trethewey, who served as U.S. Poet Laureate from 2012 to 2014.

Poetry Online Discussion of Wendell Berry

Saturday, April 9, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual

Pratt Page-Turners Online Book Club

Saturday, April 16, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual
April is Poetry Month! Bring a poem you love (maybe even a poem you've written).

Take & Make: Watercolor Journals

April 18 – 30 | Reisterstown Rd.

TEENS

Take & Make:

Out of this World Magnetic Poetry Kit

April 1 – 30 | Brooklyn

Take & Make: Recycled Blackout Poetry

April 1 – 30 | Govans

Create your own blackout poetry wall decorations from recycled book pages.

Teen Interactive Writer's Corner

April 4 – 29 | Central Library, Earl Teen Center
Drop in any time in April and participate in interactive writing activities that you can take with you or share with others.

The Power of Poetry

Thursdays, April 7 & 21, 4:00 p.m.
Central Library, Earl Teen Center & Virtual
Power of Poetry with DewMore Baltimore!
Engage with other teen poets in a safe space to explore the themes of identity, environment, opportunity, and mental health. Each writing workshop includes a performance/open mic component. Space is limited. Visit prattlibrary.org to register.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

National Poetry Month Virtual Kickoff

Thursday, March 31, 6:00 p.m. | Virtual
Join us for a virtual kickoff to National Poetry Month! In advance of their April programs for children and young adults, Jha'Neal Blue, Chin-Yer Wright and Gayle Danley will perform their poetry, describe their upcoming programs, and take questions from participants!

A Day in My Life

Wednesday, April 6, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor
Local poet favorite Jha'Neal Blue will help kids explore themselves and the beauty of their lives in this special program. Her mission is to allow children to get comfortable sharing themselves and their stories in front of an audience. This indoor program has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-1580.

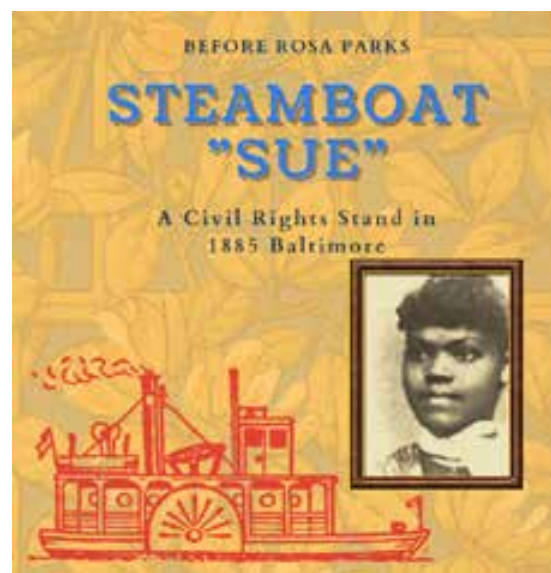
Creative Storytelling

Monday, April 11, 4:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.
Community organizer extraordinaire Chin-Yer Wright will show how to use the tools of poetry for self-expression and memoir writing. This indoor program has limited space. To register, call 410-396-0946.

Telling It Like It Is:

Slam Poetry for Fun and Self Expression

Tuesday, April 19, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Master teaching artist Gayle Danley returns to Baltimore with her powerful workshop that teaches the basics of slam poetry. Gayle will walk young learners through the easy process of turning your emotions into amazing poetry. This indoor program has limited space. To register, call 410-396-6088.



BSA HISTORICAL MONOLOGUES: “STEAMBOAT SUE, 1885: A CIVIL RIGHTS STAND”

A performance by the Baltimore School for the Arts Theater Department

Saturday, April 2, 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium

Decades before Rosa Parks, four Black Baltimore women sued the Steamboat Sue for inferior rooms and won their case. Their victory inspired further civil rights action in the courts by Baltimore's Black community. Using actual transcripts, Baltimore School for the Arts Theater students have imagined the many voices of this case.

Meet everyday people from the past who have struggles we can relate to: where will I be accepted? How will I make my way in a society that doesn't recognize my strengths? How can I make my city a better place?

For more information, please contact: Norah Worthington, Historical Partnership Coordinator, Baltimore School for the Arts nworthington@bsfa.org

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AUTHOR EVENTS

Some events require registration, visit calendar.prattlibrary.org to register. ASL interpretation will be available to attendees. Copies of most books are available for purchase from the Ivy Bookshop. Parking information is available at prattlibrary.org.

Due to the evolving health restrictions, library programs may be moved to a virtual platform. Please check prattlibrary.org before attending a library program.



WRITERS LIVE! TUNDE OYENEYIN

Monday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Tunde Oyenehin will be in conversation about her life and work, culminating in the release of her book *SPEAK: How to Find Your Voice, Trust Your Gut, and Get From Where You Are to Where You Want To Be*.

Peloton's elite cycling and bike boot camp instructor has quickly become known for her empowering and motivational rides that force you to dig deep and open your mind. From addressing human rights and racial injustice, to advocating the importance of "Soul Care," her devoted followers know they are unclipping with a better sense of self every time they strap in. Tunde most recently announced her book, *Speak*, an empowering, inspiring memoir that shows how she transformed grief, setbacks, and flaws into growth, self-confidence, and triumph. Tunde believes that "in order to S.P.E.A.K., you must Surrender, know your Power, lead with Empathy, remain Authentic, and have the Knowledge to back it up."

WRITERS LIVE!



THIBAULT MANEKIN

Larger Than Yourself: Reimagine Industries, Lead with Purpose & Grow Ideas Into Movements

Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library,
Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Thibault Manekin will be in conversation with John Brothers about his life and work.

WRITERS LIVE!



DROR POLEG

Rethinking Real Estate

Wednesday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library,
Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Dror Poleg will be in conversation about his work on technology's impact on cities and buildings and his recent book *Rethinking Real Estate*.

Presented in partnership with Neighborhood Impact Investment Fund.

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JABARI ASIM

Yonder

Thursday, March 10, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library,
Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Jabari Asim will be in conversation about his newest book, *Yonder*.

WRITERS LIVE!



ANNA MALAIKA TUBBS

The Three Mothers

Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library,
Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Anna Malaika Tubbs will be in conversation about her newest book, *The Three Mothers*.

BROWN LECTURE SERIES



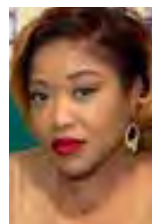
BRITTNEY COOPER

Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Brittney Cooper is Associate Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Africana Studies at Rutgers University. She will be in conversation about her work.

Presented in partnership with the University of Baltimore.

WRITERS LIVE!



DAMARIS B. HILL

Breath Better Spent

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 p.m. | Virtual

DaMaris B. Hill will be in conversation about her work and new book, *Breath Better Spent: Living Black Girlhood*.

YOUR PRATT JOURNEY

FALKNERS'S JOURNEY

My time spent as a member of the Social Worker in the Library team has been a journey I could never have imagined when I initially arrived in September 2021. Being at the Pratt Library allows me to listen to patrons, focus on their needs, and build library programming that facilitates social work values. Each step of the way, Enoch Pratt Free Library has provided me the tools to meet and assist each patron.



“Enoch Pratt Free Library provides a safe space to listen to patrons and give them the attention that they deserve in an environment that they know and trust.”

A crucial role of a social worker is that of a listening ear. Patrons often come to the library looking to express and work through their experiences. Sometimes being there to simply listen and affirm them is what they need. Enoch Pratt Free Library provides a safe space to listen to patrons and give them the attention that they deserve in an environment that they know and trust.

Building on this, Social Worker in the Library is based on being available for everyone. There are no fees and no insurance which liberates me to focus on the patron. I don't have to be concerned about billing and the complexities that would entail. Instead, I can stay focused on my mission of being available.

Since I have a professional background in ballet, a mission of mine is to implement the practices of art and creativity within social work to foster community dialogue and awareness. Enoch Pratt Free Library has presented a wholly unique opportunity to further this goal. With the Library's resources and incredible personalities, I have been able to build Library programming that implements social work fundamentals such as empathy and collaborative dialogue, within artistic practice.

In short, while many think of the library as place for books it has a much greater role. Namely, providing a safe space. I am proud to be part of the Social Worker in the Library team and to make this possible.

Falkner Discher is a student at Morgan State University who joined the Pratt as a social work intern as part of the Social Worker in the Library program.

For more information about Social Worker in the Library, visit prattlibrary.org/socialworker

Falkner as a professional ballet dancer!



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



ANNUAL GENEALOGY LECTURE SERIES: FINDING YOUR AFRICAN AMERICAN ANCESTORS

FEATURING BERNICE BENNETT, JANIS MINOR FORTE, DR. SHELLY MURPHY, AND ANGELA WALTON-RAJI

Saturday, March 19, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Virtual

Many historical factors make African American family history research uniquely challenging. For those whose ancestors arrived to the United States as enslaved people, a lack of written records, name changes, and separations from close family members make tracing their lineage more difficult. But not impossible!

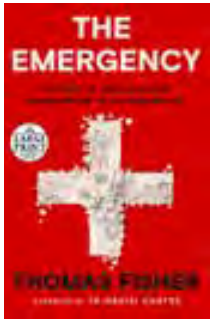
Learn how to work through some of the challenges of researching your black ancestors from nationally known lecturers and genealogists Bernice Bennett, Janis Minor Forte, Dr. Shelly Murphy, and Angela Walton-Raji.

- Dr. Shelly Murphy will present “African American Genealogy Challenges.”
- Bernice Bennett will present “The Widows Stories in the USCT Pension Files.”
- Janis Minor Forte will present “Seven Proven Strategies for Identifying Slave Ownerships and Reconstruction Slave Era Families.”
- Angela Walton-Raji will present “The Night the Stars Fell; My Search for Amanda Young, A Civil War Story.”

To register for the event, please call 410-396-5468 or email mdx@prattlibrary.org.

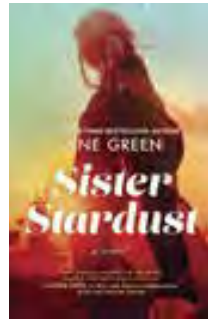
WHAT'S NEW

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



The Emergency: a Year of Healing and Heartbreak in a Chicago ER by Thomas Fisher

The riveting, pulse-pounding story of a year in the life of an emergency room doctor trying to steer his patients and colleagues through a crushing pandemic and a violent summer, amidst a healthcare system that seems determined to leave them behind.



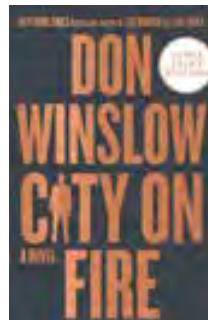
Sister Stardust by Jane Green

When Claire arrives in London, she never expects to cross paths with a woman as magnetic as Talitha Getty. But beneath Talitha's glamorous facade lurks a darkness few can understand. As two grow closer, the realities of Talitha's precarious existence set off a chain of dangerous events that could alter Claire's life forever.



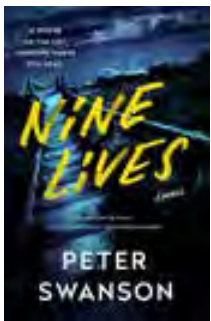
The Golden Couple by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen

If Avery Chambers can't fix you in 10 sessions, she won't take you on as a client. When the Marissa and Matthew Bishop glide through Avery's door and Marissa reveals her infidelity, all three are set on a collision course. Because the biggest secrets in the room are still hidden, and it's no longer simply a marriage that's in danger.



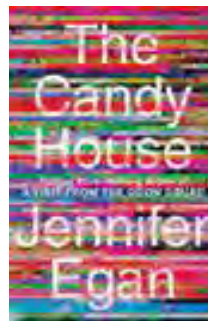
City on Fire by Don Winslow

Two criminal empires together control all of New England. Until a beautiful modern-day Helen of Troy comes between the Irish and the Italians, launching a war that will see them kill each other, destroy an alliance, and set a city on fire. Exploring the classic themes of loyalty, betrayal, and honor, *City on Fire* is a contemporary *Iliad*, a saga that spans generations.



Nine Lives by Peter Swanson

If you're on the list, someone wants you dead. From the *New York Times*-bestselling author of *Eight Perfect Murders* comes the heart-pounding story of nine strangers who receive a cryptic list with their names on it — and then begin to die in highly unusual circumstances.



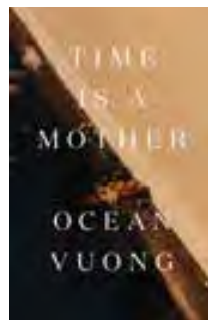
The Candy House by Jennifer Egan

Bix Bouton is “one of those tech demi-gods.” Desperate for a new idea, he happens upon a professor who is experimenting with downloading or “externalizing” memory. Within a decade, Bix's new technology — that provides every memory you've ever had, and to share every memory in exchange for access to the memories of others — has seduced multitudes. But not everyone.



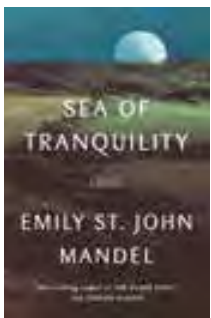
Portrait of a Thief by Grace D. Li

Will Chen fits comfortably in his carefully curated roles: a perfect student, an art history major and sometimes artist, the eldest son who has always been his parents' American Dream. But when a mysterious Chinese benefactor reaches out with an impossible — and illegal — job offer, Will finds himself something else as well: the leader of a heist to steal back five priceless Chinese sculptures.



Time is a Mother by Ocean Vuong

In this deeply intimate second poetry collection, Ocean Vuong searches for life among the aftershocks of his mother's death, embodying the paradox of sitting within grief while being determined to survive beyond it. At once vivid, brave, and propulsive, Vuong's poems circle fragmented lives to find both restoration as well as the epicenter of the break.



Sea of Tranquility by Emily St. John Mandel

A virtuoso performance that takes the reader from Vancouver Island in 1912 to a dark colony on the moon five hundred years later, unfurling a story of humanity across centuries and space. *Sea of Tranquility* is as human and tender as it is intellectually playful and precisely captures the reality of our current moment.



Memphis by Tara M. Stringfellow

Tracing three generations of a Southern Black family and one daughter's discovery that she has the power to change her family's legacy. Through a chorus of voices that move back and forth in time, *Memphis* paints an indelible portrait of inheritance, celebrating the complexity of what we pass down, in a family and as a country: brutality and justice, faith and forgiveness, sacrifice and love.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Nearly 50,000 COVID-19 test kits were distributed at Pratt Library locations during the month of January. The distribution was in partnership with the Baltimore City Department of Health and the Mayor's Office. Pratt staff helped hand out test kits at all 22 locations, as well as on the Pratt mobile units stationed in neighborhoods without libraries.



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APRIL 5 IS NATIONAL LIBRARY WORKERS DAY

Thank You to the Pratt staff for their dedication to serving the citizens of Maryland!

Connect with your library during National Library week, April 3 – 9.

“Everyone was friendly and helpful. I was able to locate the resources I was interested in.”

— Michael H.

IMAGINATION CELEBRATION

What Will You Be?

By Yamile Saied Méndez
Illustrated by Kate Alizadeh

**A month of FREE magical activities
for kids age 5 and under!**

Virtual and Outdoor Events • Arts & Crafts •
Musical Performances • And More!

Pick up your **FREE** Imagination Kit filled with activities
starting April 1 at any Pratt Location. *While supplies last.*



CENTRAL LIBRARY

Register for programs at Central by calling 410-396-5402

The Magic of Carnival Masks

Tuesday, April 12, 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Children's Department
Color your own carnival mask, then try it on using augmented reality! Imagine you are the character on your coloring sheet. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is recommended for the 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. time slot.

Korean Fan Dance Demonstration

Saturday, April 16, 2:00 p.m.
Learn about the tradition of Korean fan dance and enjoy a performance from the Baltimore-Changwon Sister City Committee. This indoor program has limited spaces.

CANTON

Register for programs at Canton by calling 410-396-8548

What We Will Be Community Banner

Monday, April 18, 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20, 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 21, 3:00 p.m.
Kids can take part in making a community banner to be displayed outside the Canton Branch beginning the week of April 25. This indoor program has limited spaces.

GameOn! Fitness Community Class

Monday, April 18, 4:00 p.m.
Church on the Square
GameOn! Fitness is all about family, fun, and fitness! This program will take place next door to the Canton Branch at The Church on the Square, 1025 S Potomac St. This indoor program has limited space.

CHERRY HILL

Register for programs at Cherry Hill by calling 410-396-1168

Take & Make: Becoming a Butterfly

April 1–30
Pick up this craft kit that includes caterpillar and butterfly crafts!

What Does a Farmer Do?

Tuesday, April 12, 1:00 p.m.
Join a farmer from Great Kids Farm to learn about what they do. Practice your farming skills with a hands-on planting activity. This indoor program has limited spaces.

Imagination Celebration is made possible by:



EDMONDSON AVE.

Register for programs at Edmondson Ave. by calling 410-396-0946

The Bubble Lady

Saturday, April 9, 11:00 a.m.
Join the Bubble Lady for a fun, interactive experience. Learn about science as you see a "smoky" bubble, a bubble in a cube and a helium bubble! This indoor program has limited spaces.

FOREST PARK

Shadowbox Scavenger Hunt

April 1–30
Come check out our self-paced scavenger hunt that features shadowboxes of popular children's book scenes.

GOVANS

Register for programs at Govans by calling 410-396-6098

Turtle Dance Music: Imagine Your Story!

Saturday, April 2, 11:00 a.m. | In-Person & Virtual
The Music, Bubble and Comedy Show: Imagine Your Story features songs about the imagination, fairytales and dreaming about who we want to become when we grow up! This outdoor program has limited spaces. In the event of rain, this program will be moved indoors to the auditorium.

HAMILTON

Register for programs at Hamilton by calling 410-396-6088

Imagine Yourself in Paint!

Friday, April 8, 3:00 p.m.
Let's put ourselves on paper! Imagine yourself in paint and create what's in your imagination. This indoor program has limited spaces.

Art with a Heart: Self-Important Portraits

Thursday, April 21, 3:00 p.m.
Join Art with a Heart for a celebration of you! Participants will make self-portraits and add words that best highlight their positive characteristics. This indoor program has limited spaces.

HAMPDEN

Register for programs at Hampden by calling 410-396-6043

Music Shakers

Saturday, April 9, 10:30 a.m.
Express yourself with art and music by making and decorating your own music shaker. This indoor program has limited spaces.



KIDS WRITERS LIVE! YAMILE SAIED MÉNDEZ

Thursday, April 7, 6:00 p.m. | Virtual

Join us for a virtual book reading with Yamile Saied Méndez, author of this year's Imagination Celebration selection *What Will You Be?* Following the reading, Yamile will take questions from the audience!

Explore with Wildlife Adventures

Wednesday, April 13, 2:00 p.m. | In-Person & Virtual
Join Wildlife Adventures to learn about how to be a caring and compassionate person towards animals and the world around us. This program has limited spaces.

HERRING RUN

Register for programs at Herring Run by calling 410-396-0996

Take & Make: When I Grow Up

April 1–30
What do you want to be when you grow up? Take and make a paper doll and create an outfit or uniform that represents your future career choice.

Kindergarten Career Day

Wednesday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.
What do you want to be when you grow up? Come to the library and explore the possibilities with this arts and crafts program. This indoor program has limited spaces.

LIGHT ST.

Register for programs at Light St. by calling 410-396-1096

Take & Make: Planting Seeds

April 4 – 9

What will you grow? Discover the wonders of gardening with this easy take home activity.

What Will You Be? Family Storytime

Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.

Stories, movement, songs, and fun for families with children ages 2 – 5. All abilities welcome. This indoor program has limited spaces.

NORTHWOOD

Register for programs at Northwood by calling 410-396-6076

Pretend & Play

Friday, April 8, 11:00 a.m.

Imagine what you will be when you grow up and who you will be! Pretend to be a doctor or a teacher, express yourself with crafts, and let your imagination run wild. This indoor program has limited spaces.

ORLEANS ST.

Imagine YOU!

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

Join Susan L. Roth, author of *Hands Around the Library: Protecting Egypt's Treasured Books and Luxor Sister Cities to make paper dolls together. Create a doll that represents who you are now, or who you want to be in the future.*

See Yourself in a Crown!

Thursday, April 21, 1:00 p.m.

What will you be? How do you see yourself? Decorate a mirror to take home. Surround yourself with encouraging words, gems, or pictures, and top it off with a crown. Remember — don't leave the house without your crown!

PATTERSON PARK

Register for programs at Patterson Park by calling 410-396-0983

Pysanky Eggs

Saturday, April 9, 3:00 p.m.

Learn about the Ukrainian tradition of decorating pysanky, or eggs, and create your own. Presented by the Baltimore-Odesa Sister City Committee. This indoor program has limited spaces.

Musical Family Storytime

Monday, April 11, 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a musical storytime and an introduction to the world of classical music. A musician from Mount Vernon Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra will perform and answer questions about playing in an orchestra. This indoor program has limited spaces.

Who Will You Be? Puppets

Wednesday, April 20, 11:30 a.m.

Decorate a puppet as what you want to be when you grow up. This indoor program has limited space.

PENNSYLVANIA AVE.

Register for programs at Pennsylvania Ave. by calling 410-396-0399

Can You Come Out And Play?

Monday, April 25, 4:30 p.m.

Together, we'll use Danny Joe's tin can phone to call the distant past and talk with a caveman and his chicken. We'll also call a time-space traveler from the future. They both need your help to fly! This indoor program has limited spaces.

I Can Dream Big

April 20 – 22, 25, & 26 | 10:00 a.m.

Join us in exploring the possibilities of dreaming big! Listen to storytelling, meet someone who followed their dream, then create your own dream board.

REISTERSTOWN RD.

Take & Make: Hot Air Balloon Window Art
April 20 – 30

Picture Frames of Dreams & Growth

Starting April 25

Decorate a frame to hold your dreams and goals.

ROLAND PARK

Register for programs at Roland Park by calling 410-396-6099

Music with Mr. Jon

Thursday, April 14, 11:00 a.m. | In-Person & Virtual

Join Mr. Jon for live music, silly songs, movement, and fun. This indoor program has limited spaces.



Join the team from Baltimore City Recreation and Parks for an exciting day of play and learning!

LOOKING IN THE MIRROR... WHO CAN I BE?

Wednesday, April 20, 12:00 p.m.
Morrell Park Recreation Center
2651 Tolley Street

Come with us on a journey as we explore all the amazing possibilities of who we can be: an Astronaut, a Firefighter, a Veterinarian? The possibilities are endless!

LOVING THE OUTDOORS

Friday, April 22, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Carrie Murray Nature Center
1901 Ridgetop Road

Children will have plenty of opportunities to imagine who they want to be and what feels good about who they are now!

- Meet a live animal ambassador (snake, turtle, owl)
- Do fun nature arts & crafts
- Explore the delightful play areas on the nature center campus
- Go on a gentle nature walk on the park trails nearby



What Will You Be? Family Storytime

Thursday, April 28, 11:00 a.m.

Stories, movement, songs, and fun for families with children ages 2–5. All abilities welcome. This indoor program has limited spaces.

SOUTHEAST ANCHOR

Register for programs at Southeast Anchor by calling 410-396-1580

Show Me Boards

Wednesday, April 13, 3:30 p.m.

Create a vision board of who you are now and what you would like to be when you grow up. This indoor program has limited spaces.

Art with a Heart: Self-Important Portraits

Tuesday, April 26, 3:30 p.m.

Join Art with a Heart for a celebration of you! Participants will make self-portraits and add words that best highlight their positive characteristics. This indoor program has limited spaces.

WALBROOK

Register for programs at Walbrook by calling 410-396-0935

TCG Puppets & DAB Adventure

Tuesday, April 26, 11:30 a.m.

The TCG Puppets troupe along with Clay and the FazaFam band sing and dance to original songs that highlight character traits like patience, gratitude, and teamwork. You will love these laugh out loud adventures! This indoor program has limited spaces.

Dreams of a Child

Thursday, April 28, 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy storytime and explore how children's dreams are limitless. Afterwards, youngsters will create artwork expressing their dreams! This indoor program has limited spaces.



WAVERLY

Register for programs at Waverly by calling 410-396-6053

What Will You Be? Family Storytime

Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.

Stories, movement, songs, and fun for families with children ages 2–5. All abilities welcome. This indoor program has limited spaces.

WASHINGTON VILLAGE

Register for programs at Washington Village by calling 410-396-6076

Storytime with the B&O Railroad Museum

Saturday, April 23, 2:00 p.m.

Explore the wonderful world of working with trains and railroads. Brought to you in partnership with the B&O Railroad Museum. This indoor program has limited space.

VIRTUAL

Family Storytime with the National Aquarium

Thursday, April 7, 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a special virtual storytime featuring stories, songs, and fun with the National Aquarium! A guest from the National Aquarium will talk about their journey to become a conservationist and what it's like to work with animals.

Virtual Planetarium

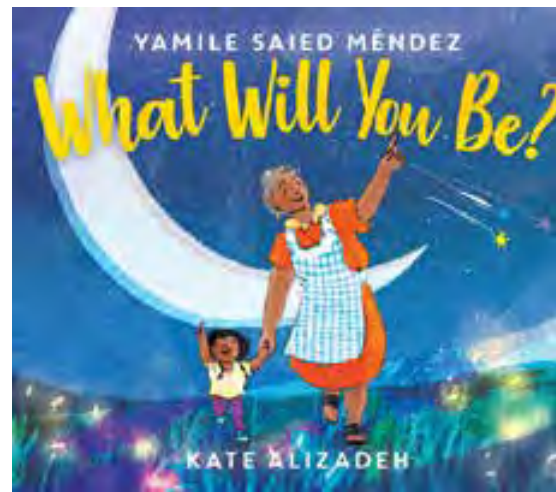
Tuesday, April 19, 6:00 p.m.

Explore outer space and learn stories about the stars! Join students from Johns Hopkins University as they join us live from the planetarium to tell us stories about constellations.

Healthy Little Cooks: Kind Kids Cook

Tuesday, April 26, 4:30 p.m.

Join Healthy Little Cooks as we practice the gift of giving. In this class, your Little Cook will learn about gratitude, kindness, and generosity while having fun cooking a delicious recipe that can be shared with a friend or neighbor. Today, we'll be making Unicorn Pretzels!



WHAT WILL YOU BE? STORYWALK®

April 1–30 | Canton

Go on a journey with our outdoor StoryWalk® featuring What Will You Be? by Yamile Saied Mendez. Drop by anytime to walk through the story. Check in with library staff to let them know you read the story and win a prize!

The StoryWalk® project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

TAKE & MAKES

TAKE & MAKE: HOT AIR BALLOON COLLAGE

April 11–30 | Brooklyn, Canton, Govans, Light St., Northwood, Washington Village

Create your own hot air balloon with your message for the world. Each kit will include a set of instructions, a hot air balloon template, tissue paper and other bling for decoration. *These kits are provided by the American Visionary Arts Museum.*

TAKE & MAKE: ART KITS

April 11–30 | Central Library, Cherry Hill, Edmondson Ave., Forest Park, Herring Run, Orleans St., Pennsylvania Ave.

Get creative and design your own masterpieces inspired by pieces of art found at the Baltimore Museum of Art! Keep small hands busy and fill your “refrigerator” art gallery, too! *These kits are provided by the Baltimore Museum of Art.*

TAKE & MAKE: CREATE CONSTELLATIONS

April 11–30 | Hampden, Patterson Park, Reisterstown Rd., Roland Park, Waverly

What pictures do stars make and what stories do they tell? Create your own constellation with supplies provided by the Johns Hopkins University Physics & Astronomy Graduate Student team.

PEER NAVIGATORS

PEER NAVIGATOR Q&A WITH TIFFINEE SCOTT



What is a Peer Navigator?

A peer has lived experience of substance use, mental and/or behavioral health, and Recovery.

How did you become involved in this work?

I became engaged in this work mainly as a family member of persons in Recovery. In 2012, I was first introduced to Peer Recovery Advocate Training which began as a volunteer initiative offered by a local recovery community organization. After completion, I utilized my personal lived experience and the training to support individuals and families in and seek Recovery. Since that time, the Peer Recovery Coaching Workforce has been recognized as a Maryland Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS). Many peers, including myself, are engaged in providing direct service, resources, and information along with connective linkages to vital services such as substance use; trauma; mental and behavioral health services; and outreach to individuals and families.

Why have Peer Navigators in the library?

Peers in the Library aid in the opportunity to engage individuals by meeting the person where they are, making a connection, providing a person-centered engagement, supporting choices, removing barriers, and promoting access and connection to a support or service.

Peers in the library is a climate-controlled welcoming space with access to well-needed resources such as books, computers, the internet, and safe and friendly faces. Introducing Peer in the library reduces the stigma and provides an inclusive trauma-informed space for individuals and or family members to engage in conversation, be supported, and connect to support and resources.

How can I take the first steps towards Recovery?

Education. Recovery is a process: educate yourself and loved ones about Recovery. Knowing where the available resources are, getting connected, engaging in the process, and being supported is the key to engaging, maintaining, and sustaining recovery. Recovery is possible.

ABOUT PEER NAVIGATORS

Peer Recovery Specialists are individuals with lived experience of substance use, mental, and/or behavioral health challenges. They provide a safe, supportive and confidential environment in which peers serve as role models for recovery from drug abuse, provide linkage to community resources, and promote overall wellness.

Schedule:

Tuesdays, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Pennsylvania Ave.
Contact a Peer Navigator by calling 410-396-0399

In partnership with the Maryland Peer Advisory Council.



SOCIAL WORKER IN THE LIBRARY

Social Worker in the Library provides free one-on-one advising from a social worker. No appointment required!

Social work services include:

- Access to public assistance (food stamps, medical, childcare subsidy, etc.)
- Referral to shelter
- Financial assistance / counseling
- Substance abuse and mental health services
- Seniors' resources
- Crisis information
- Domestic violence
- Employment
- Education
- Youth Services
- Local community resources

Office Hours:

Mondays

Central Library: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

Central Library: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.: 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Central Library: 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Waverly: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursdays

Brooklyn: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Southeast Anchor: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Fridays

Central Library: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays

Pennsylvania Ave: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Email socialworker@prattlibrary.org, call 443-418-3873, or visit during drop-in hours to get help with a variety of issues. In addition to drop-in hours, social work services are available at all Pratt locations by appointment. Visit prattlibrary.org for more information.



PRATT TEST KITCHEN PRESENTS MICHAEL W. TWITTY

Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library & Virtual

Join writer, culinary historian, and educator Michael W. Twitty for a conversation about his life and work.

Michael W. Twitty is a culinary historian and food writer from the Washington, D.C. area. He blogs at Afroculinaria.com. He's appeared on *Bizarre Foods America* with Andrew Zimmern, *Many Rivers to Cross* with Henry Louis Gates and most recently *Taste the Nation* with *Top Chef's* Padma Lakshmi. HarperCollins released Twitty's *The Cooking Gene*, in 2017, tracing his ancestry through food from Africa to America and from slavery to freedom, a finalist for The Kirkus Prize and The Art of Eating Prize and a 3rd place winner of Barnes & Noble's Discover New Writer's Awards in Nonfiction. *The Cooking Gene* won the 2018 James Beard Award for best writing as well as book of the year, making him the first Black author so awarded. His piece on visiting Ghana in *Bon Appetit* was included in Best Food Writing in 2019 and was nominated for a 2019 James Beard Award. His next book, *Rice* became available through UNC Press in 2021. *KosherSoul*, his follow up to *The Cooking Gene*, will be out in August 2022 through HarperCollins. Michael has a hit spice line based on *The Cooking Gene* and a recent special guest appearance on Michelle Obama's *Waffles and Mochi* show on Netflix.



Pratt Test Kitchen celebrates the diversity and creativity of Baltimore's culinary scene through a wide range of free events and programs for all ages.

ADULTS

WINDOW HERB GARDEN

Saturday, April 16, 2:00 p.m.
Washington Village

Spring has sprung! So let's build an herb garden! This outdoor program (weather permitting) has limited spaces and pre-registration is required. To register and reserve your herb garden kit, please call 410-396-1099.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

HEALTHY LITTLE COOKS: POWER UP YOUR FOOD!

Tuesday, March 8, 4:30 p.m. | Virtual
In March, we'll power up the squad! A healthy squad (immune system) involves good nutrition, wellness practices and fitness. In this Healthy Little Cooks' power up series, you'll practice wellness strategies, cook healthy recipes, and learn nutrition tips that help you power up your squad.

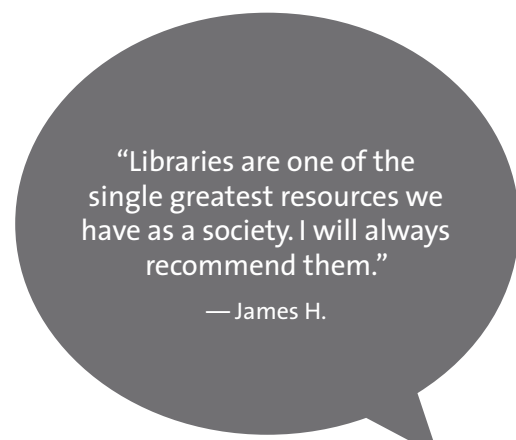
CASH CAMPAIGN OF MARYLAND

Creating Assets, Savings and Hope

The CASH Campaign of Maryland provides free tax preparation services for individuals and families who earned less than \$58,000 in 2021.

Make an appointment at the Central Library: 410-234-8008

Learn more at cashmd.org



"Libraries are one of the single greatest resources we have as a society. I will always recommend them."

— James H.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Registration is recommended for some events, call the branch or visit calendar.prattlibrary.org to register. Walk-ins will be accepted until maximum capacity is met.

GET CREATIVE

Take & Make: 3D Printing

Starting March 1 | Govans

Design a 3D printed miniature at home in TinkerCAD (a free browser-based 3D modeling design software) and print it out at the Govans branch!

How to Tuesdays for Teens:

Start Your Own Blog

Tuesday, March 1, 3:30 p.m. | Hampden

Learn how to create your own blog. Blogging is a great skill to have to boost your writing abilities and share your thoughts and opinions with the world!

You, Out Loud!

Multimedia Self-Expression for Teens

Tuesdays, March 1 – April 26, 4:00 p.m.

Central Library, Earl Teen Center & Virtual

Learn the tools to create your own multimedia works, no experience or supplies required! Weekly sessions will include opportunities to create a vlog, produce music, and create a podcast. Registration is required. Register at prattlibrary.org

Teen Creation Station: Project Corner

Saturdays, March 5 – April 30, 11:00 a.m.

Central Library, Earl Teen Center

Teens are invited to think big and practice their craft using the tools in the makerspace.

Filmmaking Workshop:

Three-Point Lighting

Monday, March 7, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill

Three-point lighting is a basic lighting technique that is used commonly in both photography and in movies.

Music Studio Production for Teens!

Saturdays, March 12 & 26, 3:30 p.m.

Central Library, Earl Teen Center

Use the recording studio for practice sessions and light editing of performances! Space is limited for this in person program, sign up at prattlibrary.org to reserve your spot! For more information: teen@prattlibrary.org or 410-396-5486.

3D Printing for Teens: Killer Robots and/or Rainbow Unicorns

Saturdays, March 19 & 26, 11:00 a.m.

Central Library, Earl Teen Center & Virtual

Learn about 3D printing and design, then create your own! No 3D modeling experience is required. Register at prattlibrary.org

Connect & Create

Tuesday, March 22, 3:30 p.m. | Light St.

Connect with your peers in conversation and create a unique piece of art. A take & make craft kit will be available after the event for those unable to attend, while supplies last. This indoor program has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-1096.

Teen Paint Night

Thursday, April 14, 3:30 p.m.

Southeast Anchor

We'll provide blank canvases, paint and inspiration for you to create your own work of art at the library. Wear old clothes! This indoor program has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-1580.

Drawing with Rick Wright!

Wednesday, April 20, 3:30 p.m. | Light St.

Join Mr. Rick Wright as he teaches you how to draw your favorite people, cartoon characters and more.

MENTAL & PHYSICAL FITNESS

Beginner Ballet for Teens

Wednesdays, March 2 – April 27, 12:00 p.m.

Hamilton

Learn ballet at the Hamilton branch! This indoor program, for teens ages 11 – 17, has limited space. To register, call 410-396-6088.

SELF (Safety, Emotions, Loss, Future)

Fridays, March 4, 11, & 25, 2:30 p.m.

Hamilton

Friday, March 18, 12:00 p.m. | Hamilton

SELF groups are a way to organize our experiences after potentially overwhelming situations. Common topics that come up include experiences at school and with other young people, resolving conflict, managing stress, plans for the future, feeling safe or unsafe, and dealing with changes in life. This SELF group will be led by

NEW CHICORY REVIEW

Chicory, a literary magazine originally launched in 1966, is coming back to the Pratt as *New Chicory Review*. Coordinated by staff of the Earl Teen Center, the magazine's mission is to give Baltimore's youth a "voice for the voiceless" through art, poetry, short stories, and more.

NEW CHICORY REVIEW SUBMISSIONS

Submissions will be accepted from Baltimore City teens and young adults ages 11 – 21. The first issue will be published in September 2022. Original works of art, poetry, prose, short stories, and essays of no more than 300 words can be submitted on printed paper or by email.

How to Submit

Submissions will be accepted March 1 – July 1, and can be sent on printed paper to the Teen Center, Central Library, 400 Cathedral Street, or by email to

teen@prattlibrary.org. You may also drop submissions off at your nearest library branch, in an envelope with "Attn: Central Library, Teen Center" on the front.

You must include the following info:

- Your name (if you wish your entry to remain anonymous, write "Anonymous" next to your name, and we won't publish your real name)
- Email and/or phone number
- Address (or neighborhood you live in)
- Submission title
- Your age

We will not publish any personally identifying information other than the author's name and age. Entries will not be edited. Submissions must not include slanderous language, hate speech, swear words, or racist remarks. We will accept or reject submissions based on the allotted space, readability, and the above required information.



Pratt social worker Mariel Sass. This (indoor) four-week series is open to teens ages 11–17 and has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-6088.

Yoga for Teens

Mondays, March 7 – April 25, 2:30 p.m.
Hamilton

Recenter, breathe, and stretch after school! We will follow along with beginner-level calm and restorative yoga videos. This indoor program for teens ages 11–17, has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-6088.

GAMES

Take & Make: Dungeons & Dragons (5th Edition)

March 1 – April 30 | Govans
Start your journey through fantastic realms and battle ferocious beasts through the magic of D&D. No prior table-top experience required. Available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

Thursdays, March 3 – April 28, 2:30 p.m.
Hamilton
Play tabletop RPGs like Dungeons & Dragons! Absolute beginners are welcome. This indoor program for teens ages 11–17 has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-6088.

Smash Bros Ultimate Event for Teens!

Saturdays, March 26 & April 30, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Earl Teen Center
A casual Smash Bros Ultimate hangout. Bring your switch controllers, your friend, and of course yourself! Game play format will be decided the day of the event. No registration required, drop in and play!

Take & Make: RPG Starter Pack: Dungeons & Dragons

April 1 – 30 | Hampden
Want to learn Dungeons & Dragons but don't know where to start? Pick up a starter pack to help you learn how to play the game! Packs will include basic character sheets, instructions, and dice to help you get started.

Video Game Night

Fridays, April 1, 8, 22, & 29, 2:45 p.m.
Hamilton
Compete against your friends on the PS4, Xbox 1, or Nintendo Switch! This indoor program for teens ages 11–17 has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6088.

D&D Adventure

Monday, April 11, 3:30 p.m.
Washington Village
Teens can join a Dungeons and Dragons roleplaying adventure. Beginners and all other skill levels welcome!

JOBS

Job Search Basics

Thursday, March 24, 4:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Are you a teen looking to get a job for after school or during the summer? Job Search Basics will introduce teens to popular job and volunteer search engines. We will discuss what to look for and what to beware of in a job description. This indoor program is limited to 6 participants. Register at prattlibrary.org.

How to Tuesdays for Teens: Start Your Own Etsy Business

Tuesday, April 5, 3:30 p.m. | Hampden
Learn how to start your own Etsy business. Program attendees will be entered into a drawing for a polymer clay crafting kit to help you get started!

Mock Interviews/Dress for Success

Saturday, April 23, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Are you a teen looking to get a job for after school or during the summer? During Mock Interviews/Dress for Success, teens will schedule, prepare for, and participate in an interview. The interview will consist of a panel of interviewers and pose general and standard interview questions. Additionally, each interviewee will be given light suggestions on how they might improve the outfit they wore to the interview and resources to acquire appropriate interview attire. This indoor program is limited to 20 interview spaces. If you have previously attended an event in this Job Readiness series, staff will contact you to schedule. For new participants, visit prattlibrary.org to register for the program.

BCCC Workforce Development Certification Programs Informational

Thursday, April 28, 3:30 p.m. | Patterson Park
Baltimore City Community College Workforce Development is dedicated to engaging employers, community organizations and agencies to build a competitive workforce through collective partnering. Please come out and enjoy an engaging presentation on the sixteen certification programs that are nationally and regionally recognized in various fields like Health Care, Transportation, Cyber Security and Customer service.



LIVE MUSIC

“WOMEN IN JAZZ” FEATURING GALEN ABDUR-RAZZAQ

Saturday, March 5, 2:00 p.m. | Virtual
Join us for an engaging introduction to jazz appreciation and the lives of women who truly excelled in the form, presented virtually, and featuring master flutist Galen Abdur-Razzaq. Galen has performed around the world for more than 30 years, and is well known and admired as an arranger, composer, director, and jazz educator.

PEABODY AT THE LIBRARY

Monday, March 14, 5:30 p.m.
Patterson Park
Wednesday, March 16, 1:00 p.m.
Walbrook
Monday, April 11, 6:00 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.
Thursday, April 14, 6:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Monday, April 18, 4:00 p.m. | Herring Run
Saturday, April 23, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
An informal classical music performance for all ages presented by student musicians from Peabody Conservatory.

LIVE MUSIC: TRIO SIRENES

Saturday, March 12, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
Trio Sirenes, comprised of flutist Marcia McHugh, violist Karin Brown, and harpist Jacqueline Pollauf, enjoys pushing boundaries and highlighting the diverse sonic possibilities of their wind, string, and percussion instruments.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK WITH LIVE MUSIC: SAC AU LAIT

Saturday, April 9, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
Sac Au Lait plays traditional/swing/New Orleans music from the 20s and 30s with a modern attitude. Weather permitting, the band will lead a parade outside to celebrate libraries. Sponsored by the Friends of the Light Street Branch.

EARTH DAY

Due to the evolving health restrictions, library programs may be moved to a virtual platform. Please check prattlibrary.org before attending a library program.

Registration is recommended for some events, call the branch or visit calendar.prattlibrary.org to register. Walk-ins will be accepted until maximum capacity is met.

ADULTS

Take and Make: Plant Your Spring

March 1 – 31

Pick up everything you need to start your very own lima bean plant.

Gardening for the Butterfly Effect

Monday, March 7, 6:00 p.m. | Hamilton Master Gardener Betty Walke will discuss butterfly awareness and the importance of appropriate host plants (native and cultivated) to support specific butterfly species. Adults, older children and gardeners will enjoy this presentation on butterfly awareness.

Take & Make:

Start a Fruit and Vegetable Garden

March 14 – 31 | Walbrook

Celebrate spring with a free fruit and vegetable garden starter kit to plant at home! Seeds, cartons for planting, soil, and planting instructions are included.

How to Plant a Pollinator Garden

Monday, March 21, 6:00 p.m. | Hamilton Master Gardener Michael Andorsky will discuss reasons for planting a pollinator garden, how to pick the best location, soil preparation, which plants to use, how to design the garden, and maintenance requirements.

Take & Make:

DIY Paint-by-Number Sunflower

April 4 – 9 | Light St.

Take & Make: DIY Origami Cherry Blossoms

April 4 – 30 | Waverly

Take & Make: The Container Gardener

Starting April 7 | Pennsylvania Ave.

Participants will receive tips on starting a beginners container garden. We will cover how to grow vegetables, flowers and herbs.

Watch it Grow! Seed Starting with Waverly Ace Hardware

Thursday, April 7, 5:00 p.m. | Waverly Join us as we partner with Waverly Ace Hardware and learn how to start and grow seeds for your home garden. This indoor program has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-6053.

Take & Make: Earth Day Terrarium

April 19 – 23 | Govans

TEENS

Take and Make: Flower Grow Kits

March 2 – 31 | Southeast Anchor To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow. Stop by and pick up a flower kit to start your own garden. While supplies last.

Pokémon Planters

Wednesday, March 16, 1:00 p.m. Edmondson Ave.

Spring is here so let's get planting. Decorate a 3D printed Pokémon planter complete with soil and seeds. Don't have time to stay and paint? No worries, this can be done as a grab and go craft. During the program we will have a demonstration of the branch's 3D printer. Supplies are limited. Reserve your kit by calling 410-396-0946.

Upcycle Maker's Event!

April 18 – 23 | Central Library, Earl Teen Center Explore building anything from spaceships to slingshot car launchers from cardboard, tape, glue, and any of the recycled materials available in the Teen Center Creation Station. In observation of Earth Day, drop in to prototype your cardboard creations.

Celebrate Earth Day!

Thursday, April 21, 3:30 p.m. | Waverly Create your own miniature terrarium with a DIY Mini Bio Dome Garden kit and learn the science behind plant growth! This indoor program has limited space. To register, please call the Waverly Branch at 410-396-6053.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Take & Make:

Sea World Super Bead Creatures

March 1 – 12 | Orleans St.

Create fun sea creatures using bead craft kits!

Take & Make: Ocean Magnet

March 1 – 31 | Canton

Interactive Movie Kit: Finding Nemo

March 1 – 31 | Canton

Go on an undersea adventure with Nemo and friends. Each kit includes crafts, props, and directions for activities to do during the movie.

Take & Make: Mason Jar Aquarium

March 1 – 31 | Cherry Hill

Take & Make: Ocean Sensory Bottles

March 1 – 31 | Reisterstown Rd.

Make your own tiny aquarium!

Take & Make: Jellyfish Suncatcher

March 1 – 31 | Roland Park

Take & Make: Ocean in an Egg Carton

March 1 – 31 | Waverly

Grab some paint and fishy stickers and make your very own ocean.

Early Release Crafternoon:

Jellyfish Suncatcher

Wednesdays, March 2 & 16, 12:30 p.m. Roland Park

Join us for an ocean filled afternoon of crafting. Make a Jellyfish Suncatcher and listen to an ocean story. This indoor program has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-6099.

Paper Plate Crafts: Ocean Animals

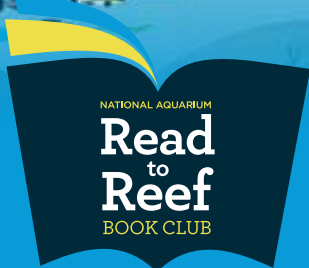
Thursdays, March 3 – 31, 3:00 p.m. |

Washington Village

Get crafty at the Washington Village Branch and join us for some fishy fun! This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1099.

Earn free admission to the Aquarium by joining the Read to Reef Book Club, for Baltimore area students in fifth grade or younger. Bookmarks available March 1 – 31, while supplies last.

aqua.org/read



Ocean Diorama

Thursday, March 3, 4:00 p.m. | Canton
Explore a whole new world under the sea as you create your own ocean diorama. This indoor program has limited space. To register, please call the 410-396-8548.

STEAM Storytime: The Ocean

Wednesday, March 9, 10:30 a.m. | Northwood
Learn about the ocean and our environment in this fun, interactive storytime for children ages 3 and up! We'll read a book and then do some hands-on activities. This indoor program has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-6076.

Read to Reef Craft: Jellyfish

Wednesday, March 9, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor
Come to the library to celebrate Read to Reef by doing a craft centered around jellyfish! Crafts are adapted for younger and older participants. This indoor program has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-1580.

Take & Make: DIY Seashell Plaque

March 14 – 31 | Orleans St.
Pick up your seashell plaque kit and create your own design.

Take & Make: Squash and Pumpkin Planters

March 15 – April 16 | Forest Park
Get ready for the start of growing season and learn about Indigenous planting practices with your own Butternut Squash or Pie Pumpkin seeds. These easy to grow seeds are good for gardeners of all ages.

Create a Window Garden

Tuesday, March 15, 1:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Make planters from recyclable materials and plant seeds and flowers to take home. We'll also learn how to make self-watering terrariums and about other cool methods for starting your very own window garden! This indoor program has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-1120.

Read to Reef Craft: Pufferfish

Wednesday, March 16, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor
Come to the library to celebrate Read to Reef by doing a craft centered around pufferfish! Crafts are adapted for younger and older participants. This indoor program has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-1580.

Welcome Spring Flower Pots

Monday, March 21, 3:30 p.m. | Patterson Park
Celebrate the first day of spring by decorating a flower pot to take home. This indoor program has limited space. To register, call 410-396-0983.

After School STEAM: Aquarium Display

March 22 – 31 | Northwood
Join us to create our own aquarium of facts and fish at the Northwood Branch! Write one fact about a fish or other animal, then post it on our bulletin board.

Plant Pals

Saturday, March 26, 11:00 a.m. | Hampden
Celebrate spring and explore gardening by making a plant pal with grass for hair! This outdoor program has limited spaces, to register, please call 410-396-6043.

Butterfly Raise & Release

April 1 – 30 | Hampden
Ever wonder how a caterpillar turns into a butterfly? Check out the butterfly habitat at Hampden Branch in April to see butterfly larvae eat, form chrysalises, and emerge as adult butterflies! Pick up an observation worksheet to take notes as you track their transformation. The butterfly enclosure will be on display until all butterflies emerge from their chrysalis. Afterward, their host plant will be replanted outside and the butterflies will be released.

Take & Make: Rainbow Flower Craft

April 5 – 29 | Brooklyn

Make Your Own Tree

Thursday, April 7, 3:00 p.m. | Waverly
Come celebrate Spring by customizing your very own tree using objects found in nature. This indoor program has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-6053.

STEAM Storytime: From Seed to Plant

Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 a.m. | Northwood
How does a seed grow into a plant? Find out in this fun, interactive storytime for children ages 3 and up. We'll read a story and then do some hands-on activities. This indoor program has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-6076.

Take & Make: Earth Day Mini Planting Kit

April 18 – 29 | Edmondson Ave.
Grow your very own plant from seeds. This kit includes a container, soil, seeds, and instruction for care.

Earth Day Bird Feeder

Friday, April 22, 3:00 p.m.
Washington Village
Celebrate Earth Day by building a bird feeder from a plastic bottle. This indoor program has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-1099.



KIDS WRITERS LIVE! FUN & FACTS IN THE FOREST WITH LULU DELACRE

Wednesday, March 16, 6:00 p.m. | Virtual

Join Lulu for a virtual walk through the cloud forest of Ecuador as she reads from ¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z! Olinguito from A to Z! Find the hidden zoologist; discover extraordinary flora and fauna high up in the Andes Mountains range; and have a sneak-peek of her upcoming picture book *Cool Green: Amazing, Remarkable Trees*. To cap it all off, Lulu will guide the audience in making leaf-stamped art, just like she did for both picture books. Q&A time included.

A special guest from the National Aquarium will be dropping by virtually to talk about the Read to Reef program.

This program is presented in partnership with the National Aquarium.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



INSIDE THE VAULT

The life story of Dr. Hiltgunt Margret Zassenhaus (1916 – 2004) is one of the most remarkable — and lesser known — held in Pratt Library's Special Collections Department. How many people know about the Baltimore physician who was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize for saving 1,200 prisoners from execution in Nazi Germany?



Zassenhaus' scrapbook contains numerous articles, photographs, and letters that tell the incredible story of her life.

Born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1916, and raised by parents open in their defiance of Hitler, Zassenhaus was forced by the Nazis to use her fluency in Scandinavian languages in the service of the Third Reich. Her duties were to censor the letters to and from more than 1,200 Norwegian political prisoners, and to translate for clergymen when they were allowed to visit the prisoners. Rather than censor, Zassenhaus chose to help. She wrote messages in the margins of prisoners' letters, requesting food and supplies, and smuggled food, vitamins, and supplies into the camps. As they began losing the war, the Nazis moved the Norwegian prisoners into 52 different camps. Zassenhaus tracked the prisoners and compiled detailed notes of

their new locations. She passed the notes to the Swedish Red Cross, which brokered their release in 1945, saving them from certain death.

After the war, unwelcome and unable to finish medical school in ruined postwar Germany, she was smuggled out of the country in the back of a truck. In 1947 she restarted medical school in Copenhagen. When Zassenhaus graduated in 1952, she came to Baltimore for her internship, and in 1954 opened her medical practice and lived the rest of her life here. She went on to write her autobiography, *Walls*, in 1974.

She was presented high civilian honors, including the Red Cross Medal in 1948, St. Olaf's Award in 1964, and the British Cross of the Order of Merit in 1969 among other awards. In 1974 she was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by the Norwegian government.

The beloved physician passed away here in Baltimore at the age of 88 in 2004.

An exhibit and digital images telling the life story of Dr. Zassenhaus will be featured at Pratt's Central Library and on Digital Maryland later this year.

Email the Special Collections Department at spc@prattlibrary.org to make an appointment to view these artifacts and more from our collection.



Margret Zassenhaus' prize possession — a wooden spoon gifted from a prisoner with her code name "Eve."

RELATED PROGRAMS

Registration is recommended for some events; call the branch to register. Walk-ins will be accepted until maximum capacity is met.

ADULTS

INFLUENTIAL WOMEN BOOKMARKS

March 1 – 15 | Reisterstown Rd.
Each bookmark features an influential woman that has made an impact in history such as Helen Keller, Mother Teresa, Michelle Obama, and many more.

FILM: ON THE BASIS OF SEX

Thursday, March 3, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly
This indoor program has limited spaces. Please call 410-396-6053 to register.

THE LIFE OF HARRIET TUBMAN

Thursday, March 10, 10:30a.m. | Light St.
In celebration of Harriet Tubman's 200th birthday, reenactor Gina Lee will share the story of Harriet Tubman's life, her Underground Railroad experience, and her achievements.

WOMEN'S HISTORY JEOPARDY

Thursday, March 10, 6:00 p.m.
Washington Village
All are welcome to test their knowledge of women's achievements, past and present. This indoor program has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-1099.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION:

MRS. DALLOWAY BY VIRGINIA WOOLF
Saturday, March 12, 10:00 a.m.
Herring Run

TEENS

FACE SCRUB TAKE & MAKE

March 1 – 31 | Govans
Learn how to create your own face scrub and the history of make-up!

FILM: HIDDEN FIGURES

Thursday, March 10, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6053.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH:

WHO'S WHO FACT FIND

March 2 – 31 | Southeast Anchor
Find about women who rock through an interactive fact find in the library.

OPERATION WARM

This winter, the Pratt Library partnered, once again, with Operation Warm to distribute more than 1,600 warm coats to children in Baltimore City. Coat giveaways were held at eight different library branches throughout Baltimore. Some families that attended also received free books to take home, Take & Make craft kits, snack bags, as well as scarves and hats. Port Discovery provided Learning Support Packs, The Walters Art Museum provided take-home art kits, and representatives from Maryland COVAX provided vaccination information. Operation Warm is made possible with support from The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Aegon Transamerica, and Northrop Grumman.





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