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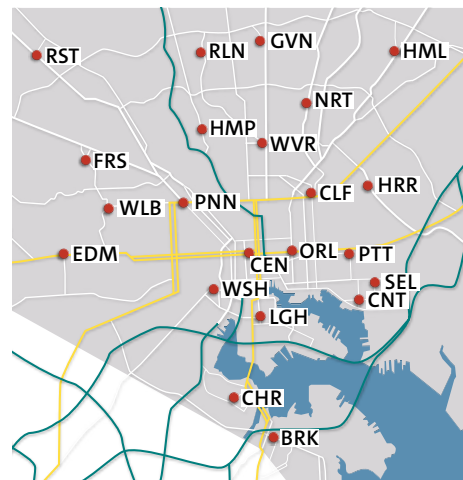
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CHILDREN'S LIBRARY OF THINGS!

CHECK OUT TOYS, GAMES, AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS THAT PROMOTE EARLY LEARNING SKILLS IN CHILDREN AGES ZERO TO 8.

The kits help children develop in:

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

Check one out from the Central Library or put a hold online and have it sent to your local branch.

Learn more at prattlibrary.org/childrens-lot.



PORT DISCOVERY
Children's Museum

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LETTER FROM THE CEO



In 1882, while starting the Pratt Library, Enoch Pratt said, “My library shall be for all, rich and poor, without distinction of race or color.” The Pratt Library has a rich history in Maryland. We’re one of the oldest library systems in the country. And with that can come some challenges, specifically with our infrastructure. Six of the Pratt Library buildings are more than 100 years old. Out of 22 locations, only 2 were built this century. That’s why I’m focused on doing what we can to improve our buildings.

Recently the Pratt received American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to help reconfigure computer spaces inside select libraries. We want to reimagine the old computer bank model into an innovative coworking space available to anyone. ARP funding has also been awarded to create new outdoor spaces

at several branches so people have a safe, comfortable space to use the Pratt’s Wi-Fi. In addition, federal money has been allocated to repair HVAC systems in a handful of library locations.

Renovations are also underway at our Pennsylvania Avenue Branch thanks to private support. Customers will notice big changes when the Library reopens this summer. The children’s and teen areas will be shifted upstairs and the adult collection will move downstairs. We hope this refresh will help encourage more families to come see what the Library has to offer all ages.

A long-awaited full renovation of our Forest Park Branch is slated to get underway in early 2024 — and it first opened in 1910! We’ve been working with the community to make sure we get all their feedback on what they want inside the updated library. In the meantime, we are searching for a temporary space to serve our community while the renovations happen.

These are just a small number of the major projects happening across the Pratt system. We are working on a comprehensive Master Facilities Plan to ensure our buildings serve the community for generations to come. We have world-class library staff, and I believe Baltimore deserves world-class library facilities.

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

NO PIX AFTER DARK PODCAST: LIVE AT THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, May 17, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library, Creative Arts Center

Join us as the *No Pix After Dark* podcast tapes a live show from the Central Library.

Award-winning host Aaron Dante will interview Pratt Library President and CEO Heidi Daniel in this live interactive event in the Creative Arts Center. **Register at prattlibrary.org.**

6:00 – 6:45 p.m. **Happy Hour Meet & Mingle**
6:45 – 7:30 p.m. **Live Podcast**



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The next Meeting of the Boards of Trustees and Directors will be held Wednesday, June 14 at 6:15 p.m. Visit prattlibrary.org for details.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING



PRATT LIBRARY RECEIVES AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING

On February 21, Mayor Brandon Scott announced the City was awarding the Pratt Library \$11.7 million in American Rescue Plan funding. The American Rescue Plan funding is provided by the federal government to help cities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The Pratt Library System is a pillar in Baltimore and is a vital resource for our residents. During the pandemic, we saw how this institution promptly responded to the needs of our students and residents by supplying free Wi-Fi among other free services — and now we have the opportunity to expand those services and engage more residents with this historic investment,” Mayor Brandon M. Scott said.

The Pratt will use the funding on a number of projects throughout the City:

Digital Equity: \$4.4 Million

Funding will go to help revamp computer areas at multiple library locations to create more equitable co-working spaces. In addition, the Library will upgrade a number of outdoor spaces to provide a safe, comfortable place for residents to use the free Pratt Wi-Fi. The Pratt will create Digital Navigator positions to provide one-on-one tech support. And the Pratt’s Library of Things will expand to more locations as part of the new Pratt Anywhere program.

HVAC Repairs: \$4.25 Million

The Mayor’s Office of Recovery Program has allotted just over \$4 million to help repair aging heating and cooling systems at several Pratt locations.

Park Heights Library: \$3 Million

The City will contribute \$3 million as the Pratt continues to fundraise to build a new location in the Park Heights neighborhood. This would be the Library’s first new branch in nearly two decades.

“We are thrilled that this \$3 million investment from the City gets us one step closer to making a library in our Park Heights community a reality,” Pratt Library President and CEO Heidi Daniel said. “I also want to thank our state and community partners who continue to advocate for this project. We can’t wait to collaborate with the community to create a new state-of-the-art facility for all to enjoy.”



PENNSYLVANIA AVE. MAKEOVER

The Pennsylvania Avenue Branch, which first opened in 1953, closed on April 17 for a makeover. This renovation will flip the floorplan of the branch, moving the adult collections and computer areas down to the bottom floor. The children’s and teen libraries will be upgraded and moved upstairs. Renovations are expected to be complete in early summer.

The renovation at Pennsylvania Avenue is made possible through private support.

Rendering by JRS Architects.



PRATT FREE MARKET COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION

Thursday, May 18, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library

Come meet the team helping develop the Pratt Free Market at the Southeast Anchor Library. Community members are invited to weigh in about this exciting project, building a food distribution site at the Highlandtown location.

Rendering by 3D Rendering Company LLC.

**TICKET TO
DISCOVERY 2022:**

**470
CHILDREN
PARTICIPATED**

**MORE THAN
2,300
BOOKS READ**

**ALL 22
PRATT LOCATIONS**

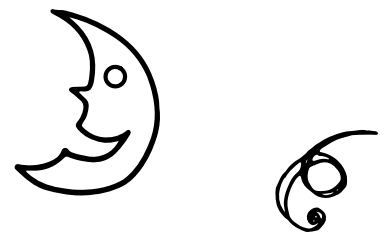
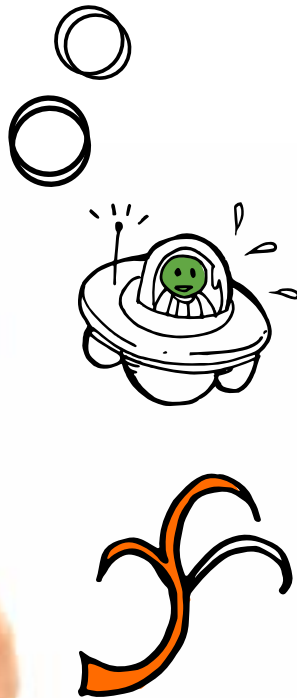
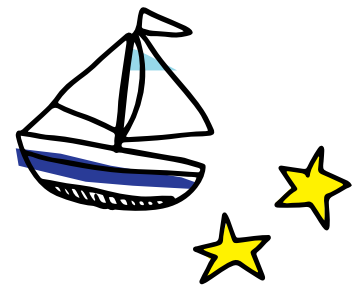


Discover new worlds, passions, and dreams through books and earn free admission to Port Discovery for a child and three others.

During the month of May, Baltimore area children in fifth grade or younger with a valid Pratt Library card can earn

FREE ADMISSION

for themselves and three others to Port Discovery Children's Museum by participating in the **Ticket to Discovery Book Club.**



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Learn more at prattlibrary.org/discovery

GAME ON!

ADULTS

Your Turn: Board Game Group

Mondays, May 8 & June 12, 6:00 p.m.
Hamilton

It's an evening of tabletop gaming! This monthly meetup may include card, board, or party-style games. Come one, come all!

Get on Board!

Thursdays, May 18 & June 29, 6:30 p.m.
Light St.

Board game fun for adults. Feel free to bring a game from your personal collection to share with and challenge the group.

TEENS

Gaming Mondays

Mondays, May 1 – June 26, 3:30 p.m.
Northwood

Did you miss playing video games this weekend? Stop by the library on Mondays and play PS4 with your friends and a librarian after school.

Games at Govans

May 2 – June 30 | Govans

Start a D&D or TTRPG adventure, play your favorite games, or make a new favorite with a wide selection of board, dice, and card games available in the Govans Branch!

Teen Video Game Night

Thursdays, May 4 & 25, June 8 & 22
6:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

Come hang out and play video games with your friends on the big screen!

Saturday Game Days

Saturdays, May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17
12:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Washington Village

Join us every other Saturday in May and June for game days! Tabletop and card games will be available to play.

Chess with the Librarian

Monday, May 8, 4:00 p.m. | Patterson Park
Are you a chess player? Do you want to show off your best moves against other chess fans? Whether you're a chess master or just starting out, come join us for some board time! Learn how to play chess, practice your chess skills, or play a casual game with your neighborhood librarian.

Teen Game Night

Wednesdays, May 10 & June 14, 3:30 p.m.
Herring Run

Join us for a night of gaming and enjoy video game favorites on the Wii & Playstation 4!

Drama & Dice Gaming

Saturdays, May 13 & June 10, 1:30 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.

Ready your imagination and your dice for a tabletop roleplaying game adventure, or try out a card or board game. Character sheets and dice provided.

All Aboard! Board Gaming at the Library

Thursdays, May 18 & June 15, 3:30 p.m.
Herring Run

Join us for a fun-filled evening of family favorite board games.

Board Games

Thursday, June 8, 5:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.

The sound of dice, the sting of defeat, the thrill of victory! What's not to like about board games? Come by to play a new board game in our collection, like Settlers of Catan or Betrayal at the House on the Hill, or revive one of the classics.

Board Game Afternoon

Monday, June 12, 3:30 p.m. | Walbrook

Get together with friends and enjoy an afternoon of board games!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Board & Card Games

Thursdays, May 4 – June 29, 4:00 p.m.

Central Library, Children's Department
Come play and chat for an hour of games and jigsaw puzzles!

Checkmate! Chess at the Library

Mondays, May 22 & June 26, 5:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.

Whether you are new to the game, or you love chess and are looking for a fun competitive match, come join us for an enjoyable evening! All ages are welcome!



FINAL FRIDAYS: VINTAGE VIDEO GAME EXPO

Friday, May 26, 5:30 p.m.
Central Library

Welcome to Final Fridays, an after-hours program series brought to you by the Enoch Pratt Free Library. We are opening up the beautiful Central Library outside of normal operating hours on the Final Friday of every month. Come see what is going on this month for Final Fridays!

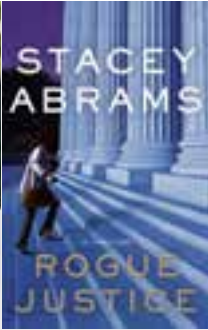
Love retro video games? What about good old tabletop games, or minifigs? Join the Pratt Library and the University of Baltimore in a Vintage Video Game Expo! The Pratt will be mining UBalt's vault of vintage video game consoles and games to bring your favorite older gaming systems to YOU to play for one night only! Vintage consoles to play will include vintage Nintendo(s), Sega, Magnavox, and more. Consoles will be set up around the library for people to reminisce, play, and enjoy.

We will also have a separate area for your favorite tabletop games, including a workshop to paint your own minifig and a one-shot Dungeons & Dragons campaign. Come get your game on!

This program is brought to you by the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the University of Baltimore, Canton Games, No Land Beyond Bar, and Four4Three Gaming.

AUTHOR EVENTS

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



BROWN LECTURE SERIES: STACEY ABRAMS

Wednesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Central Hall

Political leader, bestselling author, and entrepreneur Stacey Abrams will join us to talk

about her latest thriller, *Rogue Justice*. Abrams will be joined in conversation by Karsonya Wise Whitehead, host of *Today with Dr. Kaye* on WEAA 88.9 FM. **You must register to attend this FREE event in person.** Register at prattlibrary.org. All registered attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book.

Q&A WITH STACEY ABRAMS

What can people expect from your latest book, *Rogue Justice*?

Avery Keene is grappling with the fallout of her actions in *While Justice Sleeps*, and she is trying to navigate family, relationships, and a stalled career by keeping her head down. Instead, she is thrust into another mystery because a desperate man believes she alone can help him unravel who drove his boss to suicide. Whether you are returning for another adventure with Avery or this is your first introduction, *Rogue Justice* is a thriller about power, revenge, and coming to grips with who you are.

You've written everything from thrillers, to children's books, to nonfiction. What advice would you give a young writer about finding their voice?

I was once told to "write what you know." I heartily disagree. Write what excites you, interests you, or confounds you, but only tell stories you'd want to read. If you don't already know your subject, writing is a fantastic reason to dive into new areas and gain knowledge. I have used my writing to explore ethnobotany, the art of tattoos and the history of the power grid. We find our voices by using them and pushing ourselves to find our range.

You've been a strong advocate for public libraries. What kind of impact has the library made in your life?

I grew up in libraries with the freedom to explore ideas, to challenge my thinking, and expand my universe. My mother was a college librarian, and when she returned to graduate school, she worked in the university's library. As a child, libraries taught me that economic constraints needn't limit my world. We spent much of our summers checking out books and traveling everywhere without leaving home. More recently, I have learned to appreciate how libraries serve as the spine for our national experiment. Libraries are the epitome of democracy: all are welcome, no one is there for the same reason, conflicting ideas must necessarily co-exist and sometimes, someone else has what you want.

WRITERS LIVE!



DAVID GRANN

The Wager

Monday, May 1, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Bestselling author David Grann will recount the fallout of a British naval shipwreck off the coast of Patagonia in the mid-18th century.

WRITERS LIVE!



STEPHANIE STEIN CREASE

Rhythm Man

Wednesday, May 3, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library, Poe Reading Room & Virtual

Jazz historian Stephanie Stein Crease will look at the life of the late Baltimore-born jazz drummer Chick Webb. She will be joined in conversation by Johns Hopkins University English and history professor Lawrence P. Jackson.

WRITERS LIVE!



DAVE BARRY

Swamp Story

Thursday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Bestselling author and Pulitzer Prize-winning humorist Dave Barry will discuss his latest novel, a crime story that blends intrigue and humor set in the Florida Everglades.

WRITERS LIVE!



DORA MALECH & LAURA SMITH

The American Sonnet

Wednesday, May 10, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library, Poe Reading Room & Virtual

Poets and professors Dora Malech and Laura Smith will present a collection of sonnets from American poets that are accompanied by critical essays that examine the poetic form.

WRITERS LIVE!



KAY REDFIELD JAMISON

Fires in the Dark

Wednesday, May 31, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Kay Redfield Jamison will look at the roots of mental health care and examine the symbiotic relationship between the patient and the psychotherapist.

WRITERS LIVE!



DARRIN BELL

The Talk

Tuesday, June 6, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

The Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist will reflect on how “The Talk” impacted his life and how discriminatory policing continues to hurt Black children.

WRITERS LIVE!



RICHARD ROTHSTEIN & LEAH ROTHSTEIN

Just Action

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

Richard Rothstein and Leah Rothstein will offer their thoughts on how to contest housing policies that continue to uphold inequality and residential segregation.

WRITERS LIVE!



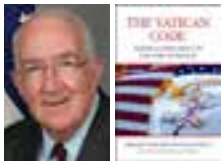
RACHEL SWARNIS

The 272

Thursday, June 15, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Rachel Swarns will report on the 272 enslaved people that were sold by Catholic priests in 1838 to ensure the growth of what is now known as Georgetown University.

WRITERS LIVE!



AMBASSADOR KENNETH HACKETT

The Vatican Code

Wednesday, June 21, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Poe Reading Room & Virtual

Ambassador Kenneth Hackett will discuss the inner workings of American diplomacy and the relationship between the U.S. Embassy and the Vatican.

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BLAIR KELLEY

Black Folk

Thursday, June 22, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Poe Reading Room & Virtual

Historian Blair Kelley profiles generations of her family as she explores the impact of the Black labor movement on America’s political and social landscape.

WRITERS LIVE!



CHRISTIAN COOPER

Better Living Through Birding

Wednesday, June 28, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Writer and expert birder Christian Cooper will reflect on his life leading up to and following his interaction with a dog walker in Central Park in May 2020.

YOUR PRATT JOURNEY

SCORE’S JOURNEY



What’s the origin story of a kid in Baltimore? Mercy Hospital? Towson Town Center? Skateworks? No matter the start or finish, all roads lead through one establishment: the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

Lots of families start their literary journey at Enoch Pratt, in the children’s section picking up essentials like *Where The Wild Things Are* and *The Rainbow Fish*. My grandmother home-schooled me and some other kids within our community, but anytime it was just us we used to walk to the library to practice reading. I remember hiking through *Corduroy* and *Babar*, opening up my little mind to the big world ahead of me.

My grandmother was also a huge gamer, which honestly explains my life’s trajectory. She was known for her love for *Sonic the Hedgehog*, which we played on her Sega Genesis (placed kindly in the living room for everyone to enjoy). Her passion passed to me and my brothers, though we preferred games like *Mortal Kombat*. When we got out of school (or during, depending on who you talk to), we used the library computers to make the most of our gameplay, memorizing Fatalities and move sets to unlock everything in the game.

Eventually, social media began bubbling up in my generation. This was before you could pull your phone out and post from anywhere — you had to put thought into your status updates. But on June 19, 2006 — my last day in middle school — I started a MySpace profile at the Central Library. Nearly 17 years later, I find myself running an e-sports company, heavily promoting through Instagram and Twitter, and it all started with my grandmother taking me to the library.

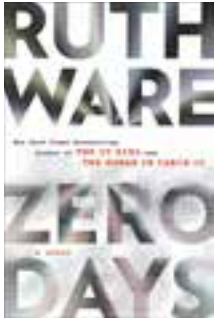
I hope to carry on the legacy to the next generation with a visit or two.

Score Swayze is the founder, CEO, and commissioner of four4three Gaming. His passion for tech and gaming goes as far back as his childhood with parents and grandparents with consoles such as Sega Genesis, Sony PlayStation, and Nintendo GameBoy. The idea of the company came along with the inaugural #SaturdayNightSmash tournament and the collaboration with business partner Maurice Valentino, with a focus on legitimizing the venture and diversifying the outreach of players.

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

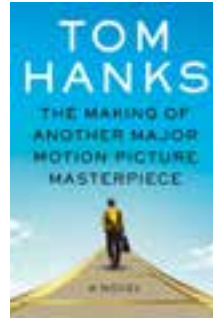
WHAT'S NEW

Here are the most anticipated books of May and June coming soon to the Pratt Library.



Zero Days by Ruth Ware

Hired by companies to break into buildings and hack security systems, Jack and her husband Gabe, are the best penetration specialists in the business. But after a routine assignment goes horribly wrong, Jack arrives home to find her husband dead. To add to her horror, the police are closing in on their suspect — her.



The Making Of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece by Tom Hanks

From the legendary actor: a novel about the making of a star-studded, multimillion-dollar superhero action film... and the humble comic books that inspired it. Funny, touching, and wonderfully thought-provoking, while also capturing the changes in America and American culture since World War II.



The Wind Knows My Name by Isabel Allende

Trace the ripple effects of war and immigration on one child in Europe in 1938 and another in the United States in 2019 as both in search of family and home. A testament to the sacrifices that parents make and a love letter to the children who survive the most unfathomable dangers.



Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See

Trained to be a doctor by her grandmother, Tan Yunxian forms a fast friendship with a young midwife, Meiling. But when Yunxian is forbidden from seeing Meiling or using her skills, she must persevere in this triumphant reimagining of the life of a woman who was remarkable in the Ming dynasty and would be considered remarkable today.



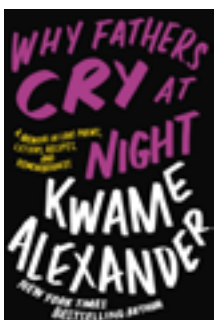
Rogue Justice by Stacey Abrams

Supreme Court clerk Avery Keene is back in another riveting and intricately plotted thriller, in which a blackmailed federal judge, a secret court and a brazen murder may lead to an unprecedented crisis inside the nation's third branch of government. With lives at stake, Avery must race the clock and an unexpected enemy to find the answer.



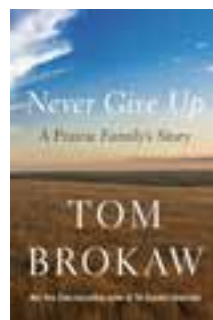
The Five Star Weekend by Elin Hilderbrand

After tragedy strikes, Hollis Shaw gathers four friends from different stages in her life to spend an unforgettable weekend on Nantucket. And then there's Gigi, a stranger who reached out to Hollis through her blog and, as it happens, has many secrets.



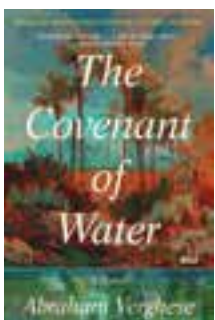
Why Fathers Cry at Night by Kwame Alexander

In a powerfully intimate and non-traditional memoir, Kwame Alexander shares snapshots of a man learning how to love. Full of heartfelt reminiscences, family recipes, love poems, and personal letters, He takes us through stories of his parents and of his own relationships.



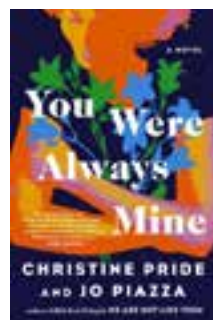
Never Give Up by Tom Brokaw

"In these chaotic times, what can we learn from history? As a citizen, husband, father, and grandfather, I have drawn on the lessons I absorbed ... from my working-class family. My parents' generation was grateful for new opportunities, but they never took the better times for granted ... The most enduring lesson I learned from them? Never give up."



The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

Set in Kerala, India, a family suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning — and in Kerala, water is everywhere. The matriarch of this family will witness unthinkable changes at home and at large over the span of her extraordinary life.



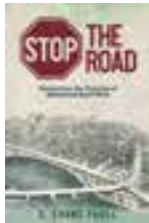
You Were Always Mine by Christina Pride and Jo Piazza

When Cinnamon Hanyes finds an abandoned baby in a park, her life becomes intertwined with Daisy Dunlap, the 19-year-old birthmother. Unlikely friends and kindred spirits, these two women, must face down their secrets and trauma and unite for the sake of the baby they love in their own way.

MEET THE AUTHOR!

ADULTS

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E. EVANS PAULL

Stop the Road

Thursday, May 4, 6:15 p.m. | Light St.
Thursday, May 11, 6:30 p.m. | Canton

Baltimore-based author E. Evans Paull will provide an up-close-and-personal account of Baltimore's epic 40-year battle over expressway plans.

MEET THE AUTHOR!



HERMAN PETTIFORD

Righteousness in America

Monday, May 22, 4:00 p.m.
Northwood

Baltimore-based author Herman Pettiford will discuss his book *Righteousness in America*, which focuses on a boy in East Baltimore who found God at an early age.

MEET THE AUTHOR!



WENDY SHAIJA

The Black Cell

Saturday, June 3, 12:00 p.m.
Waverly

Wendy Shaia will discuss her book *The Black Cell*, a Black dystopian fantasy grounded in the author's experience as a Baltimore activist, professor, and social service leader.

TEENS

MEET THE AUTHOR!



BRIANNA PEPPINS

As Long As We're Together

Wednesday, May 17, 1:00 p.m.
Herring Run

As Long As We're Together tells the story of 16-year-old Novah, who must work with her older sister Ariana to run the home and keep their five siblings out of foster care following the death of their parents in a tragic car accident. All participants will receive a FREE copy of the book.

“Beautiful building, helpful and friendly staff, great selection of books, lots of activities and resources for all visitors.”

— Deandra C.

MEET THE AUTHOR!



BRITTANY N. WILLIAMS

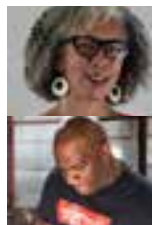
That Self-Same Metal

Monday, May 22, 1:00 p.m. | Waverly

Sixteen-year-old Joan Sands is a magically gifted craftswoman who creates and upkeeps the stage blades for William Shakespeare's acting company. After Joan wounds a powerful Fae and saves the son of a cruel Lord, she is drawn into political intrigue in the human and Fae worlds. All participants will receive a FREE copy of the book.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

MEET THE AUTHOR!



CAROLE BOSTON WEATHERFORD & FRANK MORRISON

How Do You Spell Unfair?

Tuesday, May 9, 1:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium

How Do You Spell Unfair? is the story of young spelling champion MacNolia Cox's groundbreaking achievement magnificently told by award-winning creators Carole Boston Weatherford and Frank Morrison. All attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book.

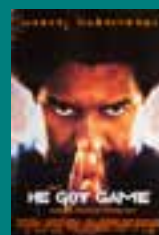
ROB LEE & THE TRUTH IN THIS ART PRESENT...

Attention all movie lovers and fans of The Truth In This Art podcast! Join Rob Lee for a night of trivia and conversation as he breaks down movies connected to Black history, culture, music, and cinema.



DO THE RIGHT THING

Thursday, May 25, 5:30 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
Spike Lee's Oscar-nominated film portrays the escalating racial tensions in a Brooklyn neighborhood on the hottest day of the summer. Rated R | 2 hr. | 1989



HE GOT GAME

Thursday, June 22, 5:30 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
Denzel Washington stars as Jake Shuttleworth, an incarcerated man whose son is the nation's top basketball prospect. The state governor makes Jake an offer: He'll release him for a week, and if he can talk his son into signing a letter of intent to attend Big State University, the governor will reduce Jake's sentence. Rated R | 2 hr. 16 min. | 1998



SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE

June 1 – August 31

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 June 1, 2023, 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 your free book. Read books and attend Library programs to be entered into monthly prize drawings for gift cards, tickets to local experiences, prize packs, and more.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Pratt will have fun in-person activities, monthly raffle prizes, and events all summer long! 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 for gift cards, tickets to local experiences, prize packs, and more. 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 KICKOFFS

Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff Party

Tuesday, June 20, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Join us to celebrate the official start of Summer Break Baltimore! Stop at our Throwback Photo Booth, make some slime, and blow some bubbles. Don't forget to sign up for Summer Break Baltimore!

Summer Break Baltimore: Ice Cream Social and More!

Tuesday, June 20 – Thursday, June 22
2:00 – 4:30 p.m. | Walbrook
Come join us for an ice cream social, karaoke, movies, tie dye, and games to celebrate Summer Break Baltimore!

Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff Party Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, June 20, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Canton
Join the Friends of the Canton Library for an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social to kick off Pratt's Summer Break Baltimore. All ages — kids and adults — can sign up for the citywide summer reading program and enjoy a cold treat!

Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff with the Maryland Zoo! Chomp!

Wednesday, June 21, 10:30 a.m.
Central Library, Day Room
Kick off Summer Break Baltimore with the Maryland Zoo! Chomp! Ring the dinner bell to find out what animals like to eat! Meet three of the Zoo's Animal Ambassadors and discover their favorite flavors.

Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff with Momma B

Wednesday, June 21, 10:30 a.m. | Light St.
Kick off Summer Break Baltimore with Momma B as she shares wisdom and joy through a variety of folktales and family stories.

Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff with the Bubble Lady

Wednesday, June 21, 1:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Kick off Summer Break Baltimore with the Bubble Lady! Join us for a fun, interactive experience. Learn about science as you see a "smoky" bubble, a bubble in a cube, and a helium bubble!

Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff Party with Danny Joe's Tree House

Thursday, June 22, 11:00 a.m. | Herring Run
Can You Come Out And Play? Kick off Summer Break Baltimore with Danny Joe and his puppet pals from Danny Joe's Tree House! They would like to meet you for a playdate and to celebrate Summer Break Baltimore. Learn more about Danny Joe's Tree House at dannyjoestreehouse.com.

Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff Party

Thursday, June 22, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Join us for a fun afternoon of crafts, books, light refreshments, and a preview of the Library's summer events and activities.

Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff Ice Cream Social

Thursday, June 22, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Waverly
Enjoy a sweet treat to kick off Summer Break Baltimore while picking up your book for the month.

Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff Party

Saturday, June 24, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Forest Park
Sign-up for Summer Break Baltimore and hangout with other community members while we enjoy some outdoor fun with cool treats. Dairy and non-dairy options will be available.

Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff: Encanto Interactive Movie

Saturday, June 24, 1:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Join Southeast Anchor and Canton Library to kick off Summer Break Baltimore with an interactive viewing of Encanto! Deep in the Colombian mountains, the Madrigal family possesses an extraordinary secret. Each member of the family is able to perform magic. Yet at the heart of the family is 15-year-old Mirabel, who does not seem to possess any unusual abilities. Faced with this harsh reality, Mirabel struggles to reconcile her place within her family while searching for who she truly is. Rated PG | 1 hr. 39 min.

Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff Party Picnic

Saturday, June 24, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Northwood
Join us to kick off Summer Break Baltimore with a picnic! We'll provide hot dogs and popsicles — you provide the blanket and the drinks for your family. Play outdoor games and sign up for Summer Break Baltimore.



CHECK OUT SOME OF THE BOOKS AND RAFFLE PRIZES WE'LL BE GIVING AWAY!



SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE

ADULTS

Stashed & Forgotten Cinema Club

Thursdays, June 1, 15, & 29, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Central Library, Artist Studio
Join artist-in-residence SHAN Wallace for a few hours of watching films on VHS and DVD found in the Library's archives and stacks.

Tour the Golden Domes of Canton

Saturday, June 3, 10:00 a.m. | Canton
Join the Friends of the Canton Library and tour two gold-domed buildings in Canton. Get an inside look at the art, architecture, and rich history of two neighborhood landmarks. This tour will include both St. Casimir's and St. Michael's churches. The tour starts at the Canton Library and ends at St. Michael's on Eastern Avenue. This is a walking tour.

Crafty Cat Blankets

Saturday, June 3, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.
June is National Adopt-A-Cat-Month. Come be crafty and create a no-sew fleece blanket. Blankets will be donated to BARCS and given to adopted cats to take to their new homes.

Scrapbook Journaling

Saturday, June 3, 1:30 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.
Bring your own photographs, poetry, collages, and more so you can journal with us at the library! Share your stories as you scrapbook and journal as a community. We will provide some fun scrapbooking supplies.

Adult Book Discussion

Saturday, June 10, 11:00 a.m. | Herring Run
The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson.
The story of a serial killer who used the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago to lure young women to their deaths.

Pratt Page-Turners Book Club

Saturday, June 17, 11:00 a.m.
Central Library & Virtual
Join us for a discussion of Memorial Drive by Natasha Trethewey. This program has a hybrid format. Participate either in person or on Zoom.

Book Bites: *The Girl With The Louding Voice* by Abi Dare

Thursday, June 22, 6:30 p.m.
Washington Village
Join us for this month's book discussion. This program will take place simultaneously in person and via Google Meet. To request a copy of the book, please call 410-396-1099.

Basic Quilling

Saturday, June 24, 2:00 pm | Hamilton
Quilling is the art of rolling and gluing paper strips to form various shapes. Learn tips and tricks to create your own quilling project. Materials and light refreshments provided. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6088 or email hml@prattlibrary.org.

TEENS

Teen Crafts!

Mondays, June 5 & 26, 3:00 p.m. | Govans
Create different arts & crafts projects at the Govans Branch using a variety of supplies!

DIY Refrigerator Magnets

Wednesday, June 7, 4:00 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.
Create a unique refrigerator magnet using photos, paint, and other craft items.

Upcycled Crafts

Thursday, June 8, 3:30 p.m. | Patterson Park
Upcycling is a creative and fun way to reimagine unwanted items and turn our waste into new, useful items or works of art. Participants will learn about the impact of plastic pollution on our oceans and wildlife, and will create works of upcycled art from some common plastic objects.

Make It! Magazine Strip Art Picture

Saturday, June 10, 2:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Recycle magazine pages into a beautiful framed piece of art.

Teen Movie Club: *Transformers*

Monday, June 12, 3:00 p.m. | Govans
A teen finds himself at the center of a battle to save Earth from transforming alien robots. Light refreshments will be provided.
PG-13 | 1 hr. 24 min.

Make Candy Sushi

Wednesday, June 14, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
In anticipation of National Sushi Day, join us at the Roland Park Branch to make your own candy sushi!

No-Sew T-Shirt Tote Bag

Thursday, June 15, 3:30 p.m. | Waverly
Upcycle your old t-shirt. A limited number of t-shirts will be provided but participants are encouraged to bring an old t-shirt they wish to upcycle. Pre-registration is recommended. To register, please call 410-396-6089 or stop by the Children & Teen Information Desk to register.

LIT FUTURE: 2023 TEEN SUMMER

July 10 – August 11, 12:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Central Library, Earl Teen Center

For Baltimore city teens age 12 – 18. Explore different careers, learn life and job skills, and participate in creative STEAM-centered workshops with career professionals and local organizations!

Registration opens May 8, visit prattlibrary.org for details.

Creative Workshopping: The Basics!

Thursday, June 15, 5:30 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Creative writing is not just an art form, it is a skill — and when you are trying to hone your craft, it doesn't have to be done alone! Teens are invited to bring their poems, stories, screenplays, and storyboards to participate in a workshop where they can present and pitch their stories while getting feedback from their peers.

Teen Make It! Graffiti Stencil Bags

Saturday, June 24, 1:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Create your own design on a blank messenger or crossbody canvas bag using stencils and paint.

Book Chatter

Tuesday, June 27, 3:10 p.m. | Orleans St.
Teens will enjoy chatting about their favorite books and vote for the book to be discussed at our next Book Chatter club. Light snacks will be provided.

— CHILDREN & FAMILIES —

Rainbow Ice Cream Scavenger Hunt

June 1 – 30 | Waverly
Find each flavor of ice cream cone hidden in the children's area to create a rainbow and win a prize. One prize per child, while supplies last.

DIY Donut Squishes

Friday, June 2, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Celebrate National Donut Day at the Orleans St. Branch and paint your very own donut squishy to take home.

Movie Night: *Strange World*

Monday, June 5, 5:00 p.m. | Reisterstown Rd.
Jaeger Clade stands as the patriarch of the Clade family, a tribe of intrepid explorers. Yet like any ordinary family, their squabbles threaten to derail their most significant quest to date. Rated PG | 1 hr. 57 min. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0948. Snacks provided are Kosher and available while supplies last.

Let's Explore: Tech Teardown

Tuesday, June 6, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Have you ever wondered what the inside of a printer looks like? Now is your chance to find out. Join us and help take apart an old printer! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6088.

Chomp! With the Maryland Zoo!

Wednesday, June 7, 10:30 a.m. | Herring Run
Ring the dinner bell to find out what animals like to eat! Meet three of the Zoo's Animal Ambassadors and discover their favorite flavors.

Rainbow Pebbles!

Wednesday, June 7, 12:30 p.m. | Northwood
Join Port Discovery at a Port-to-Port pop up! Challenge yourself and your friends to see how high you can stack and build with colorful pebbles.

Paper Plate Rainbow Fish

Wednesday, June 7, 3:30 p.m. | Herring Run
Come join us at the Herring Run Branch where we'll be making sparkling rainbow fish out of paper plates, directly inspired by Marcus Pfister's classic picture book, The Rainbow Fish.

Magnificent Marble Mazes

Tuesday, June 13 – Thursday, June 15
3:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.
Make a maze out of cardboard boxes and straws and see if you can guide a marble through your design! These fun mazes can be played with over and over again. You can even test the librarian to see if she can solve your maze!

Rock & Rhyme with Mr. Jon

Wednesday, June 14, 10:30 a.m. | Govans
Join multiple Parents' Choice Award-winner Mr. Jon for a concert for the whole family! This musical comedy show will have everyone dancing and laughing along. Using songs, rhymes, books, and puppets, Mr. Jon and his silly friend George the Monkey will entertain you with a show for the young and young at heart.

So You Think You Can Dance?

Thursday, June 15, 6:00 p.m. | Govans
Get your groove on and show us your best dance moves. All ages are welcome to participate. Presented in partnership with Tomorrow's Promise Foundation, Inc.

Book Boogie

Thursday, June 22, 12:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Join us as we incorporate movement to express a story with dance and instruments.

Family Film: *The Emoji Movie*

Thursday, June 29, 5:30 p.m.
Washington Village
An emoji named Gene is ashamed that he has multiple facial expressions while his colleagues only have one each. He then embarks on a quest across various apps to be like everyone else. Rated PG | 1 hr. 26 min.



HOTSPOTS & CHROMEBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT!

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

Visit prattlibrary.org/devices for more information.



RESERVE A LIBRARY MEETING ROOM ONLINE!

Hold your next book club, study group, or other public gathering in a Pratt Library meeting room! You can now request to use a meeting room online. For more information visit prattlibrary.org/meeting-rooms

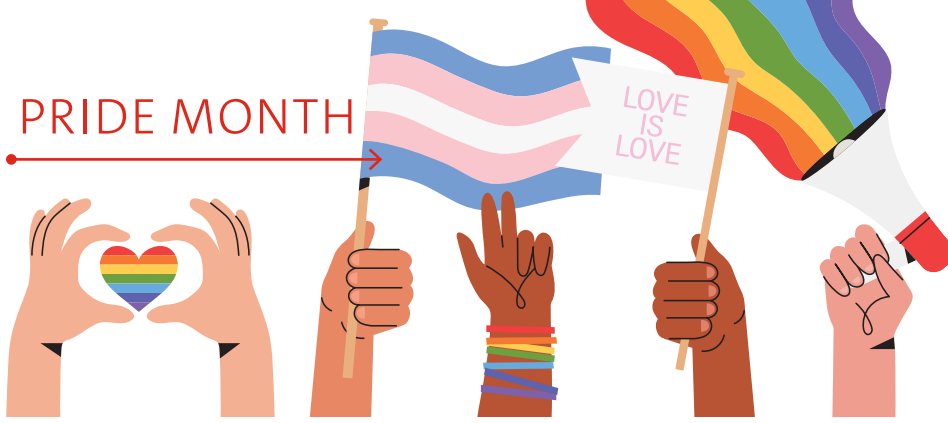


IMAGINATION CELEBRATION RECAP

2,400 people packed into the Central Library on Saturday, March 25 for the Imagination Celebration Kickoff Free Family Festival. The Library was transformed into scenes from this year's book selection *Once Upon a Book* by Grace Lin and Kate Messner. Lin signed books for kids, who were treated to performances from magicians, storytellers, and more. *Imagination Celebration* is made possible thanks to the generous support of Transamerica.



PRIDE MONTH



ADULTS

LGBTQ+ History, Activism, and Culture through a Black Lens

Wednesday, June 7, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Poe Reading Room
An overview of the history, activism, and culture of the LGBTQ+ community, with emphasis on highlighting the experiences and contributions of its Black members.

Cinema Saturdays: *Carol*

Saturday, June 17, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Two women from very different backgrounds find themselves in an unexpected love affair in 1950s New York. As conventional norms of the time challenge them, an honest story emerges to reveal the resilience of love against the odds. Rated R | 1 hr. 58 min.

From Twilight into Sunshine: LGBTQ+ History in Maryland

Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m.
Central Library, Poe Reading Room
Join Enoch Pratt Free Library Librarians and Baltimore Heritage LGBTQ+ History Walking Tour Guides as we present the history of our community going all the way back to the 1830s: from trans sailors to lesbian philanthropists, from the West Baltimore drag balls of the Jazz era to the repression and bar raids of the 1950s and 1960s, and ultimately to the 1970s and beyond, when activists formed Baltimore's earliest organizations championing LGBTQ+ rights.

TEENS

Interactive Storytelling for Teens

Saturday, May 6, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Central Library, Earl Teen Center & Virtual
Join us for an interactive storytelling workshop just for teens, presented by Dubbs Weinblatt, Founder & CEO of Thank You For Coming Out! Listen to their story about founding their own business as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community and learn how to tell your own unique story through creative expression. Refreshments will be served for in-person attendees.

LGBTa

Saturdays, May 13 & June 17, 1:00 p.m.
Brooklyn
Come hang out and socialize with fellow LGBTQIA+ teens in a welcoming environment with free snacks, tea, and coffee! Optional games and craft activities will be provided.

Take & Make: Pride Bracelets

June 1 – 30 | Orleans St.

DIY Pride Bracelets

Friday, June 2, 3:00 p.m. | Forest Park
Make your own beaded bracelets with all of the colors of the rainbow to celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride month.

DIY Pronoun Pins

Wednesday, June 7, 1:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Celebrate Pride Month by making your own handmade pronoun pin or necklace! Whether you identify as trans, non-binary, or cisgender, sharing your pronouns helps to create a more inclusive space for queer folks.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Celebrate Pride!

June 1 – June 8 | Roland Park
Make your own rainbow windsock to show your pride and spread love in your community.

Take & Make:

Paper Plate Rainbow Windcatchers

June 1 – 30 | Walbrook
Create a paper plate rainbow windcatcher with your favorite adult!

Take & Make: Layered Rainbow Heart Ornament Craft Kit

June 1 – 30 | Waverly
Use self-adhesive foam pieces to create heart ornaments that are full of color.

Craft a Rainbow

Wednesday, June 7, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Celebrate Pride with a rainbow-themed craft.

Drag Story Hour

Saturday, June 17, 10:30 a.m. | Hampden
This program is for children and caregivers only. The capacity is 60, first-come, first-served. As a Library program, the Library's Rules of Conduct apply.

Take & Makes are available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.
Visit calendar.prattlibrary.org for complete details on each program.

FINAL FRIDAYS



ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

RENAISSANCE BALL

FINAL FRIDAYS: ARTIST IN RESIDENCE RENAISSANCE BALL

Friday, June 30, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Central Library, Creative Arts

Welcome to Final Fridays, an after-hours program series brought to you by the Enoch Pratt Free Library. We are opening up the beautiful Central Library for interest-based activities outside of normal operating hours on the Final Friday of every month. Come see what is going on this month for Final Fridays!

For the Month of June, Final Fridays presents a Renaissance Ball to celebrate the work and community of our Artist-in-Residence, SHAN Wallace!

Come and celebrate the history of the voguing culture! We are opening our Creative Arts Center after hours for a celebration of all things queer and fashion. Festivities will include a catwalk, food, prizes, and performances from Baltimore and the DMV's best and finest.

The theme of this event is Club Renaissance, in acknowledgment and honor of the ongoing history and importance of Queer Black Art's cultural significance. Wear your best Renaissance looks!

EXHIBITS



THE ART AND PRESERVATION OF RESISTANCE: THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MEMORIAL FENCE ARTIFACT COLLECTION

On display May – August | Central Library

In the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd by police, widespread protests outside the White House forced the installation of additional security fencing. For months, activists attached signs, banners, and other artifacts to protest the treatment of Black and Brown people by police, and to demand solutions to many societal issues including racism, LGBTQIA+ rights, women's rights, and more. In January 2021, items were removed from the fence for historic preservation.

The result is the Black Lives Matter Memorial Fence Artifact Collection, a new digital collection of 1,600 posters, photographs, and other items that hung from the White House security fence from June 2020 through January 2021.

The collection would not be possible without the partnership between the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the DC Public Library, the Library of Congress, and Howard University. Artifacts were collected by Nadine Seiler and Karen Irwin with assistance from Aliza Leventhal. Pratt Library staff digitized the artifacts, while DC Public Library provided the metadata.

All told, the collection and exhibit are the result of heroic efforts spanning hundreds of hours of labor, and are an homage to and a continuation of the necessary and urgent resistance and storytelling of antiracist activists across the country.

You can view all 1,600 artifacts by scanning the QR Code with your phone.



SOUL OF THE BUTTERFLY

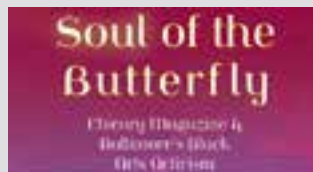
Soul of the Butterfly: Chicory Magazine and Baltimore's Black Arts Activism is an exhibit telling the story of Black artist-activists in Baltimore. Don't miss out on the exhibit's final locations!

April 24 – June 2: Govans | June 12 – July 14: Waverly | July 24 – August 25: Hamilton

CHICORY COVER ACTIVITY

Thursday, June 29, 3:30 p.m. | Waverly

In this activity, teens will choose a specific cover from either the exhibit or the online archive and create their own cover inspired by it. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6053.



JUNETEENTH & BLACK MUSIC MONTH

ADULTS

LUNCH & LEARN: AFRICAN-AMERICAN LAND CONSERVATION & PRESERVATION

Thursday, June 8, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual
Vince Leggett, founder and president of the Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation, will give a presentation on the history of Elktonia Beach and how it became a public park. Presented in partnership with the Maryland State Archives and the Maryland Four Centuries Project.

PAINTING AT WALBROOK

Saturday, June 10, 2:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Create a painting step by step. June's theme will be "Black Music Appreciation."

MOVIE: WHITNEY HOUSTON: I WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY

Tuesday, June 13, 10:15 a.m. | Hamilton
Saturday, June 24, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly
Small-town girl Whitney Houston shoots to the forefront of pop music in the early 1980s. Rated PG-13 | 2 hr. 26 min.

ADULT PAINT NIGHT: BLACK MUSIC MONTH PAINT-BY-NUMBER

Thursday, June 15, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly
Create your own masterpiece in this paint-by-number workshop! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6089.

TEENS

MOVIE: THE HATE U GIVE

Tuesday, June 6, 3:10 p.m. | Orleans St.
A young black girl's life is disrupted when she witnesses her childhood friend get shot by a police officer. Caught in the middle of the subsequent turmoil, she is forced to look inside herself and figure out just where she stands in her young life. Rated PG-13 | 2 hr. 9 min.

MOVIE: BLACK PANTHER: WAKANDA FOREVER

Wednesday, June 14, 3:30 p.m.
Cherry Hill
Queen Ramonda, Shuri, M'Baku, Okoye and the Dora Milaje fight to protect their nation from intervening world powers in the wake of King T'Challa's death. Rated PG-13 | 2 hr. 41 min.

ARTS @ THE PRATT

ADULTS

American Sign Language 101

Tuesdays, May 2 – July 11, 12:00 p.m. (except June 27) | Reisterstown Rd.
Thursdays, May 18 – August 3, 7:00 p.m. (except June 22 & 29) | Canton
Join the Pratt and the Hearing and Speech Agency of Baltimore for this 10-week course to learn the basics of American Sign Language. Registration is required. Register for either the class session at Canton or Reisterstown Rd. by visiting prattlibrary.org.

Sewing Crafts

Thursdays, May 4 & June 1, 6:00 p.m.
Govans
Sewing lessons with a new project each month! Materials provided. Pre-registration is required: call 410-396-6098 to register.

Photography Class

Monday, May 8, 5:00 p.m.
Central Library, Artist Studio
Join Artist-in-Residence SHAN Wallace to learn and sharpen your photography skills, lighting techniques, and proper camera and posing techniques. Please bring your own camera, all types of camera are welcome!

Kindness Paint Event

Thursday, May 11, 5:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Enjoy a relaxing paint event focused on kindness and positivity presented by Infinite Love Project. Supplies and refreshments will be provided. Due to limited space please call 410-396-1120 to save your spot.

Light Street Listening Lounge

Thursday, May 25, 6:30 p.m. | Light St.
These curated programs will examine specific genres, periods, and styles of music and offer historical, cultural, and philosophical context as we examine a different theme each month. May will feature music about flowers.

Mt. Vernon Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra

Friday, May 26, 12:00 p.m.
Central Library, Central Hall
The orchestra presents "Dvořák with a Spin." Featured will be MVV founder Amit Peled as soloist in Antonin Dvořák's Cello Concerto, with Barak Tal as guest conductor.

Papercutting Workshop with Annie Howe

Thursday, June 1, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly
Papercut artist Annie Howe teaches the basic technique of papercutting in this hands-on workshop. Registration is required. Call Waverly Branch at 410-396-6089 or stop by the Adult Information Desk to register.



Jazz in the Yard

Saturday, June 3, 2:00 p.m. | Govans
The Hunt Valley Jazz Ensemble will perform in our backyard. Bring your own blanket or chair and a picnic lunch. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the branch's auditorium.

Poetry Online Discussion of Favorite Poems

Saturday, June 10, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual
Bring a poem you love — not by yourself, but by a poet you admire — to share with the group. Or just bring yourself and enjoy listening! Please email the title and author of the poem you want to share to poetry@prattlibrary.org before the discussion.

Adult Painting: Acrylics

Thursday, June 15, 6:00 p.m. | Govans
Create your own original artwork under the direction of an artist. This program has limited spaces and registration is required, call 410-396-6098 to register.

TEENS

Moving History: Baltimore Club Dance

Fridays, May 5 & 12, 2:45 p.m. | Hamilton
Join us for Baltimore Club Dance and learn the story of local dance traditions, ethnic groups, and rhythms.

Drawing with Rick Wright

Wednesdays, May 17 & June 21, 3:30 p.m.
Herring Run
Learn to draw your favorite people, cartoon characters, and more in this fun and instructional program.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Opera on the Avenue Performance

Saturday, May 13, 2:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Saturday, June 3, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Central Hall
Join Opera Baltimore for a performance and presentation inspired by African-American opera singer Anne Wiggins Brown.

Finger Painting Fun

Tuesday, June 27, 1:00 p.m. | Forest Park
Learn about classic art by imitating our favorite Pointillist and Impressionist artists as you dip, dab, and draw with your own artistic tools — your fingers!

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



ADULTS

Caribbean Lit Book Club

Wednesdays, May 24 & June 28
6:30 p.m. | Virtual
May: People Person
by Candice Carty-Williams.
June: If I Survive You
by Jonathan Escoffery.

Live Music: Richard H. Semper, Jr.

Thursday, June 1, 6:00 p.m. | Light St.
Kick off Caribbean American Heritage Month with Richard Semper, Jr. and his son Dean of the Trinidad and Tobago Baltimore Steel Orchestra playing steel pan and steel drums. They are carrying on the steel drum orchestra started by Richard, Sr., half a century ago. Take a musical journey through time with favorite reggae tunes and original music.

Caribbean Paint Night

Thursday, June 15, 6:00 p.m. | Light St.
Born in Trinidad, visual artist Dirk Joseph facilitates a special paint night in celebration of Caribbean American Heritage Month. Space is limited. Call 410-396-1096 or email lgh@prattlibrary.org to register.

Mocktail Mixer

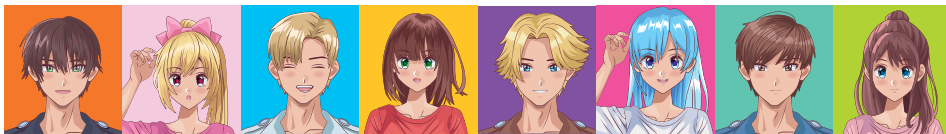
Thursday, June 22, 6:30 p.m. | Light St.
An opportunity to meet and mix with others. Explore and sample recipes for Caribbean mocktails and vote for your favorite.

2024 ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY CALL FOR ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROPOSALS BY VISUAL ARTISTS

The Artist-in-Residence program aims to enhance the artistic and cultural life of Maryland by connecting established and emerging artists with library resources and tools, creating meaningful connections with library patrons, and contributing unique perspectives to our ever-evolving and growing community.

Apply for the 2024 Artist-in-Residence position by May 31, 2023 at prattlibrary.org/artists-in-residence.

MANGA, ANIME, & COMICS FOR TEENS



Make Your Own Comics!

Tuesday, May 2, 2:30 p.m. | Hamilton
Prepare for Free Comic Book Day (May 6) by making your very own comic strip!

Manga Drawing Lessons: IRL!

Tuesdays, May 2 & 16, June 6 & 20, 3:00 p.m.
Govans

Learn how to draw anime and manga characters step-by-step during these in-house sessions! Build up a sketchbook of drawings to become a real artist! Supplies will be available at the Govans Branch. No prior drawing experience is needed.

Zines & Collages

Tuesdays, May 2 & June 5, 3:15 p.m.
Cherry Hill

Make your own zine publication using the tools and resources available at the Pratt Library! Learn about the history and independent culture of zine-making, then create your own zine! You will have the option to publish multiple copies to distribute to your friends and family.

Manga Club

Wednesdays, May 3 & June 7, 3:30 p.m.
Herring Run

Join us for manga discussions and anime show reviews!

Anime & Manga Cafe

Wednesday, May 3, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, June 9, 3:30 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!

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, May 4, 3:00 p.m.
Friday, June 9, 3:00 p.m.
Hamilton

*Join us for a different kind of book club! Didn't read the book? Join us anyway! May: I Am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina
June: Girl on Fire by Alicia Keys.*

Anime Club

Thursdays, May 4 – June 29, 4:00 p.m.
Forest Park

Love anime? Join the Forest Park Anime Club as we watch, craft, and play games based on your new and favorite animes.

Anime Club

Thursdays, May 4 & June 1, 4:30 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.

Pop in for Anime Club! Talk about your favorite series, learn about Japanese culture, and join in a craft or activity.

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Hamilton

Grab a free comic courtesy of Amazing Spiral Comics and Games and try your hand at designing your own comic.

Manga Drawing Lessons: Online!

Tuesdays, May 9 & 23, June 13 & 27, 3:00 p.m.

Learn how to draw anime and manga characters step-by-step online! No prior drawing is experience needed. Supplies and resources for the program will be available at the Govans Branch and online at tinyurl.com/mangadrawinglessonsweekly.

Graphics & Classics: Les Misérables

Thursday, May 11, 5:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.

Read a classic work of literature or a graphic novel adaptation, then join us in our book club. This month, we'll find out how much a loaf of bread can cost in Les Misérables by Victor Hugo. Tackle either the original text or the Manga Classics adaptation!

Anime Club

Wednesdays, May 17 & June 7, 12:00 p.m.
Roland Park

Visit the Roland Park Branch and join us for Anime Club to catch up on old episodes or discover a new series.

Anime Club:

Final Fantasy VII: Advent Children

Wednesday, May 17, 2:00 p.m. | Forest Park
Join us for a special Anime Club where we'll watch the classic Final Fantasy VII film! An ex-soldier who is stricken with a mysterious disease tries to protect orphans from evil forces in this sci-fi adventure.
Rated PG-13 | 1 hr. 41 min.

Anime Club

Wednesday, May 31, 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 28 2:00 p.m.,
Cherry Hill

Join us for the Cherry Hill Branch's new Anime Club! We'll watch your favorite anime movie and TV shows and make crafts inspired by them.

ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

ADULTS

CINEMA SATURDAYS: SHAOLIN SOCCER

Saturday, May 20, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
A Shaolin Kung Fu expert unites with a washed up soccer star to build the ultimate team, combining sportsmanship with martial arts.
PG | 1 hr. 27 min.

FILM SERIES: MINARI

Saturday, June 24
11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. | Roland Park
A Korean-American family moves to an Arkansas farm in search of their own American Dream. Amidst the challenges of this new life in the strange and rugged Ozarks, they find the undeniable resilience of family and what really makes a home. Rated PG-13 | 1 hr. 56 min.

TEENS

CELEBRATE LEI DAY

Monday, May 1, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Make and wear your own lei for Lei Day, celebrated in Hawaii on May 1.

MOVIE: SHANG-CHI AND THE LEGEND OF THE TEN RINGS

Saturday, May 20, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly
Shang-Chi is drawn into the web of the mysterious organization, the Ten Rings, as he confronts the past he thought he left behind. Rated PG-13 | 2 hr. 12 min.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

CARP STREAMER (KOINOBORI) CRAFT

Monday, May 1, 3:30 p.m. | Northwood
Craft a koinobori (a carp streamer) as we celebrate the Japanese holiday of Children's Day!

AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS:

AAPI HERITAGE MONTH

Tuesdays, May 2 – 30, 3:30 p.m.
Walbrook

Join us for a new craft each week inspired by the Philippines.

"I love to read and it's a great place to find community resources."

— Monique W.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

ADULTS

Plants & Trees 101

Saturday, May 6, 10:30 a.m. | Canton
Learn the importance of planting perennials that are suited to our environment. Accomplished with the support of the Friends of the Canton Library and grants from The Healthy Harbor Initiative of Waterfront Partnership and Pompeian Olive Oil.

Vegetable Gardening 101

Monday, May 8, 6:00 p.m. | Govans
Learn how to grow vegetables in containers or in your yard.

Gifts From the Garden: Growing Vegetables

Monday, May 8, 6:00 p.m. | Herring Run
Come learn tips and tricks for planting and growing your own vegetables!

City Biking

Saturday, May 13, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Creative Arts Center
It's National Bike Month so come to this presentation led by a worker-owner of Baltimore Bicycle Works! Hear about and ask questions surrounding topics like selecting a bike, navigating city traffic, and dressing for various conditions.

Mushroom Grow Kits with Baltispore

Thursdays, May 18 & June 29, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library, Creative Arts Center
Thursday, June 15, 6:00 p.m. | Hampden
Come learn how to grow your own mushrooms with Baltispore! Space in this class is limited and registration is required. Please register at prattlibrary.org.

Bike to Work Day

Friday, May 19, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Central Library
Central Library is hosting a pit stop on National Bike to Work Day in coordination with Baltimore Metropolitan Council. Ride along the Cathedral St. protected bike lane during your commute, and stop by our table for one free cup of coffee from Ceremony Coffee Roasters, giveaways, and more!

Outdoor Adventure Info Session

Saturday, June 10, 1:00 p.m. | Govans
Find out about outdoor hiking, biking, and many more activities you and your family can do during the summer. Learn about outdoor activities from guest speakers Dan Rodricks and Peter Russell and groups that offer outdoor adventures. Sponsored by the Friends of the Govans Library.

Family Biking

Saturday, June 10, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Creative Arts Center
Find out how family biking is accessible, practical, and fun! Learn about different set-ups for seats and/or cargo, get tips for safety, and feel empowered to bring the whole family out with pedal power!

Meet a Beekeeper

Saturday, June 10, 2:00 p.m. | Northwood
Join us for a talk from a local beekeeper.

Gifts From the Garden: Growing Herbs

Monday, June 12, 6:00 p.m. | Herring Run
Come learn how to grow your own herbs for your kitchen!

Pop Up Museum with Salvage Arc

Tuesday, June 13, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library
Join us in welcoming Evan Woodard of Salvage Arc for a Pop Up Museum, which will showcase some of the many artifacts dug up from privies or fished out of the harbor in Baltimore and beyond! Evan will be available to answer questions and talk about his popular salvaging work around the DMV area.



Bonsai Gardening

Tuesday, June 20, 2:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Join us as we plant our very own Bonsai Tree! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Children's Garden

Saturday, May 13, 11:00 a.m. | Canton
Come play in the dirt as we plant herbs and flowers in the garden at the Canton Branch.

StoryWalk®: *Wonderful You, from the World of Eric Carle*

June 1 – 30 | Canton
Celebrate all the wonderful things about you with our outdoor StoryWalk® featuring Wonderful You from the World of Eric Carle. 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.

What Can You See in Nature?

Monday, June 5, 3:30 p.m. | Patterson Park
What can you see in nature? Stop by to borrow some binoculars to take outside and discover what you can see in nature.

GARDENING WITH FILBERT STREET GARDEN

URBAN VEGGIE GARDENING 101

Saturday, May 6, 11:00 a.m.
Filbert Street Garden
(near the Brooklyn Branch)
1317 Filbert St. | Baltimore, MD 21226
Learn about spring veggie gardening from Filbert Street Garden's Master Gardener team, and explore what you can grow in your urban backyard or patio space.

INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING IN BALTIMORE

Saturday, May 20, 11:00 a.m.
Filbert Street Garden
(near the Brooklyn Branch)
1317 Filbert St. | Baltimore, MD 21226
Join us for a session on getting started with urban beekeeping. Learn about the bees from master beekeeper and Animal Husbandry Coordinator Charles DeBarber, and have some up-close time with Filbert Street's many beehives.

BACKYARD CHICKENS IN BALTIMORE 101

Saturday, June 3, 11:00 a.m.
Filbert Street Garden
(near the Brooklyn Branch)
1317 Filbert St. | Baltimore, MD 21226
This class will cover chicken ownership, city permitting around chickens, space and environments for healthy chickens, and more. Come interact with the garden's chicken flock for first-hand experience.

GOATS IN BALTIMORE 101

Saturday, June 24, 11:00 a.m.
Filbert Street Garden
(near the Brooklyn Branch)
1317 Filbert St. | Baltimore, MD 21226
Join us at Filbert Street Garden for a workshop about goat ownership in Baltimore City. This class will cover goat ownership, city permitting around goats, space and environments for healthy goats, and more. Come interact with the garden's many adorable goats for first-hand experience.

Space in these classes is limited and registration is required. Register at prattlibrary.org All classes take place at Filbert Street Garden. For questions or more information, call 410-396-5356.

HOUSING NAVIGATORS



Q&A WITH IRENE AUGUSTIN, DIRECTOR OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES



How is the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services partnering with the Pratt?

MOHS has partnered with the Pratt to make Housing Navigation more accessible to people experiencing homelessness. Housing Navigators — who are employed by MOHS — will be stationed at five Pratt Library locations to have in-person meetings with people seeking housing opportunities.

What kind of things can Housing Navigators help customers with?

Housing Navigators will assist people who are experiencing a housing crisis find stable housing by exploring various options and determining eligibility for housing-assistance, education, advocacy, and wraparound services. They will have access to housing resources and services provided by the Baltimore City Continuum of Care to help Baltimoreans resolve their housing crisis and end their homelessness. Housing Navigators will also provide short-term care coordination until individuals are matched to a case manager at a housing provider.

Why is the Library a good place to have this resource?

Pratt locations are community hubs that offer many great resources and social services. By having Housing Navigators located in strategically-selected libraries, we are able to better meet people where they are. This partnership eliminates a barrier for our neighbors experiencing homelessness, connects them to services, and assists with obtaining stable housing.

HOUSING NAVIGATORS AT THE PRATT

Housing Navigators can help customers with finding stable housing, education, advocacy, and more.

Central Library | 400 Cathedral St.

Brooklyn Branch | 300 E. Patapsco Ave.

Pennsylvania Ave. Branch | 1531 W. North Ave.

Southeast Anchor Library | 3601 Eastern Ave.

Waverly Branch | 400 E. 33rd St.

"The person who helped me was patient and kind. She went above and beyond to ensure that I got the type of books I wanted."

— Michele A.



SNEAK PEEK AT JULY & AUGUST

WRITERS LIVE! WESLEY LOWERY

Thursday, July 6, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Wesley Lowery will discuss how racial progress in the United States has historically been followed by a prejudiced backlash. Wesley Lowery will be joined in conversation by bestselling author D. Watkins. All registered attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book. Register at prattlibrary.org.

NEXT GENERATION BOOK COLLECTING: HOW GEN Z IS JOINING THE CENTURIES-LONG TRADITION

Saturday, July 8, 1:00 p.m.

Central Library

Rebecca Romney will explore how younger generations (especially Gen Z) have begun collecting books, with particular emphasis on where their creativity has led them to explore collecting in ways not as often seen in older generations.

FOR THE RECORD: HIP-HOP CONVERSATIONS WITH DEVIN ALLEN

Wednesday, July 12, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

Renowned photographer Devin Allen sits down with special guests to discuss the evolution of Hip-Hop culture over the past 50 years and engage the audience in a conversation about the artistry, fashion, and music of the culture. *This program is being presented in partnership with the Baltimore Museum of Art, to celebrate their exhibition The Culture: Hip Hop and Contemporary Art in the 21st Century, open April 5 – July 16, 2023.*

Visit prattlibrary.org for full details on each program.

MR. PRATT PRESENTS

On Saturday, April 1, the Library held its annual gala, Mr. Pratt Presents...An Evening with Frank Bruni. Thank you to our sponsors and guests for helping us raise nearly \$445,000 to support the free programs and services provided by the Library.



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The Pratt Library stands firmly against censorship of materials. We support everyone's right to intellectual freedom and to decide for themselves what materials are appropriate for their children and themselves.

Anyone in Maryland can get a Pratt Library card and access the Pratt collection, which contains all 10 of the most challenged books in the United States. Visit prattlibrary.org/ecard

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