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Memorial Day: Monday, May 26

Juneteenth: Thursday, June 19

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first love."

— Charlotte S.

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Free Library is to empower, enrich,  
and enhance the quality of life for  
all through equitable access to  
information, services, and opportunity.

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## MONEY MAY

Join us for master classes and workshops led by financial wealth-building experts and influencers.

### 2 HUSTLES, 2 HOURS: LAUNCH YOUR AI STARTUP FOR FREE WITH PROFESSOR KEZ

Tuesday, May 13, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Central Library

Launch your hustle in just TWO hours using artificial intelligence! Sit with School at Night and join the ranks of over 7,000 AI creators who've turned their ideas into products. In this dynamic class, you'll learn to design products you can use for immediate sale on platforms like Etsy. With just your laptop and hustle, you'll develop two market-ready products, using AI to streamline your success. Taught by Professor Kez, a seasoned expert in AI and entrepreneurship, you'll learn to dominate the digital marketplace. Laptops are required for participation.

### GET READY, STAY READY: FINANCIAL AID ALTERNATIVES WITH PAULA DOFAT

Thursday, May 8, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Central Library

This informative session will explore new ways to fund your education without breaking the bank.

#### What We'll Cover:

- Time- and money-saving strategies before college.
- Earning college credits early without dual enrollment or AP classes.
- Maximizing tuition savings with various options.
- New scholarship guidelines and practical tips to implement now.

#### Why Attend:

- Gain control over your financial choices and plan ahead.
- Stay informed about changes in higher education.
- Get actionable tips to avoid scrambling later.

### EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES: THE BENBOW LEGACY

Thursday, May 22, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Central Library

Join Dwayne and Patrice Benbow, co-owners of Benbow Concession Services and Entrepreneurs Helping Entrepreneurs, Inc., as they combine their passions for community advocacy and health. Together, they will share insights on budgeting, investments, and entrepreneurship, emphasizing the value of community partnerships and financial education. Discover how their journey and dedication can inspire your own path to success!

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## LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY: IMMIGRATION INFORMATION

### ABOGADO EN LA BIBLIOTECA: INFORMACIÓN SOBRE LA INMIGRACIÓN

Wednesdays, May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25  
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Southeast Anchor Library

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

## LETTER FROM THE CEO



When I first arrived in Baltimore late last year, I was stopped nearly every day by someone who wanted to tell me their Pratt Library story. Perhaps it was a mother who went to the Govans Branch as a child and now takes her children there for story time, or a man who got help from Pratt staff to build his first resume. And recently, during one of my community town halls, I heard from someone who returned to the Library after the Pratt went fine free a few years ago. I love hearing these stories. They demonstrate that our work is meaningful, and we truly are an institution “for all, rich and poor without distinction of race or color.”

So, it's not surprising that customers have voiced concern regarding decisions being made in D.C. and how recent funding cuts may impact our services. The federal government, through an Executive Order from President Donald J. Trump, is working to eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services which provides funding to organizations such as the Pratt Library. Historically, federal funds have represented a very small portion of the Pratt's budget, but that doesn't mean that we aren't feeling the repercussions of these new policies.

So, *what does this mean for the Enoch Pratt Free Library?* It means it is more important than ever for us to provide educational resources, social impact programming, workforce development, internet access, civic engagement, and more. During this time of uncertainty and division in our country, libraries must remain accessible, democratic spaces available to EVERYONE.

We want to be a resource for those facing harsh realities right now — it's why we have immigration resources available at our Southeast Anchor Library, free groceries at our Pratt Free Market, and social workers available at branches providing respite and resources for families. For those looking for a new job, the Library can help with resume writing, interviewing techniques, and one-on-one appointments with career coaches. And, of course, we are open and available. A place where you can come and go as you please, free to explore and read whatever you like.

In this challenging time, we are particularly grateful for the support we receive from the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore, as well as from individuals, corporations, and foundations. It's what allows us to be the Library our community needs and deserves.

I'm so proud to lead this organization alongside such a dedicated staff, but the Library belongs to all of you. I hope to see you at one of our programs soon!

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

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRATT EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



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# BUILDING UPDATES

## JOHNSTON SQUARE

The framing at Johnston Square is complete with electrical, plumbing, drywall, and HVAC work underway. Windows have arrived and are being installed which will be followed by installation of the building's facade.

## BROOKLYN

Take a look at the latest progress at the Brooklyn Branch, which is slated to reopen later this summer.

## REISTERSTOWN ROAD

The Reisterstown Road Branch closed on March 29 for a full HVAC replacement with plans to reopen later this summer. Additional space upgrades are anticipated in Fall 2025.

## NORTHWOOD

The Northwood Branch closed on April 19 for full HVAC replacement with plans to reopen later this summer.

## EXPECTED CLOSURES

Govans: Summer 2025

Hamilton: Summer 2025



## TOWN HALL MEETING WITH THE CEO



Saturday, May 3, 11:00 a.m. | Cherry Hill  
Saturday, June 14, 11:00 a.m. | Hampden

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

**TICKET TO  
DISCOVERY 2024:**

**2,400  
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**4,078  
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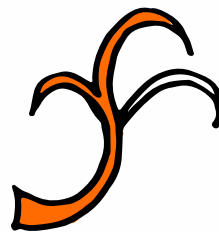
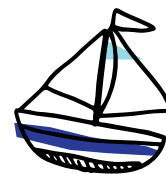
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# ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

## ALL AGES

### Hula Hō'ike at the Library

Thursday, May 22, 5:30 p.m. | Central Library  
Join Hula Maryland for a participatory performance showcasing the musical and dance traditions of Hawai'i. Their performance will showcase both Hula Kahiko (ancient style) and Hula 'Auana (modern style), as well as provide opportunity for audience members to learn a hula. Attendees will also learn more about the historical context and cultural significance of hula.

## ADULTS

### Poetry Online Discussion of Franny Choi

Saturday, May 10, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual  
Join us online for a discussion of the poetry of Franny Choi. For more information or to get on our Poetry Event email list, email [poetry@prattlibrary.org](mailto:poetry@prattlibrary.org).

### Film & Discussion: *Past Lives* (2023)

Saturday, May 17, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly  
Two friends reunite in New York City for one fateful week as they confront notions of destiny, love, and life choices. After the film, stick around for a lively discussion. Snacks and beverages will be provided.  
2023 | Rated PG-13 | 1 hr. 46 min.

### Waverly Book Club: *Yellowface*

Thursday, May 29, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly  
Join us for a discussion of R.F. Kuang's gripping novel *Yellowface*. This satirical thriller explores themes of cultural appropriation, racial identity, and the cutthroat world of publishing. Registration is required. Call 410-396-6089, email [wvr@prattlibrary.org](mailto:wvr@prattlibrary.org), or register at the Adult Information Desk.

## TEENS

### The K-POP Experience

Thursday, May 1, 3:30 p.m. | Roland Park  
Tuesday, May 6, 3:30 p.m. | Southeast Anchor Library  
Interested in learning dances from popular K-POP groups? Join us as Johns Hopkins University's award-winning dance team Korean Pop Motion (KPM), leads a dance workshop. Open to all skill levels.

### Intro to Indonesian Art: Batik

Thursday, May 29, 3:30 p.m. | Waverly  
Discover the vibrant world of batik, a traditional Indonesian art form that uses wax-resist dyeing to create intricate patterns, and try your hand at designing your own Batik-inspired piece.

### An Introduction to Taiko:

#### The Art of Japanese Drumming

Monday, June 2, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden  
Thursday, June 5, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park  
This interactive program features the performance of both traditional and contemporary songs and rhythms, while exploring the instruments, the use of voice in taiko, and a bit of history and Japanese vocabulary. Performances include the chance for volunteers to get up and try their hand at playing these BIG drums!

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### Crafternoon: Origami

Tuesday, May 6, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook  
Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month by practicing the Asian artform of paper folding, also known as origami!

### Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month: Who's Who

Tuesdays, May 6 – 27, 4:00 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
Test your knowledge and sleuthing skills every Tuesday in May with an AAPI who's who.

### Fun with Taiwanese Folk Toys

Tuesday, May 13, 3:00 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.  
Celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month by learning about Taiwan and its culture through its folk toys — bamboo helicopters, tops, and more! Play with them and make one of your own.



## KIDS' WRITERS LIVE! HENA KHAN

### *Bhangra Boogie*

Wednesday, May 14, 4:00 p.m.  
Hampden

In this vibrant, bighearted picture book by celebrated creators Hena Khan and Sandhya Prabhat, a young girl must overcome her shyness to join in the dancing fun at a mehndi. All registered in person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book while supplies last.

## JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH STORYTIME

Thursday, May 15, 10:30 a.m.  
Roland Park  
Join us to celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month at the Roland Park Branch! As part of a special storytime, we will read stories, sing songs, and craft some springtime flowers.

## AUTHOR EVENTS

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



### BROWN LECTURE SERIES: JONATHAN CAPEHART

*Yet Here I Am*

**FREE COPY!**

Thursday, May 29, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library

Pulitzer Prize-winning writer, editor, and TV host Jonathan Capehart recounts powerful stories from his life about embracing identity, picking battles, seizing opportunity, and finding his voice to speak up for others — and himself.

Jonathan Capehart will be joined in conversation by Karsonya Wise Whitehead, host of *Today with Dr. Kaye* on WEEA 88.9 FM.

### KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



**KATE MESSNER**

*The Trouble with Heroes*

**FREE COPY!**

Thursday, May 8, 4:00 p.m. | Light St.

A boy finds his path to healing by hiking all 46 Adirondack High Peaks.

### WRITERS LIVE!



**LAWRENCE P. JACKSON**

*Shelter*

Saturday, May 10, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park

A stirring consideration of homeownership, fatherhood, race, faith, and the history of Baltimore. *Shelter* is an extraordinary biography of a city and a celebration of our capacity for domestic thriving.

### KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



**MILAN BROWN**

*Stepping Into History*

**FREE COPY!**

Monday, May 12, 4:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.

Join the students of Unity Academy on a school trip where history comes alive — literally!

### WRITERS LIVE!



**SUSAN MUADDI DARRAJ**

*Behind You Is the Sea*

Saturday, May 17, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton

An exciting debut novel that gives voice to the diverse residents of a Palestinian American community in Baltimore. Susan Muaddi Darraj will be joined in conversation by author and journalist Baynard Woods. Presented with support from the Friends of the Hamilton Branch.

### WRITERS LIVE!



**MARK WHITAKER**

*The Afterlife of Malcolm X*

Monday, May 19, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library & Virtual

The first major study of Malcolm X's influence in the 60 years since his assassination, exploring his enduring impact on culture, politics, and civil rights.

### YA WRITERS LIVE!



**ERIC SINGER**

*Oppenheimer and the Atomic Bomb*

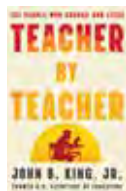
**FREE COPY!**

Tuesday, May 20, 4:00 p.m.

Roland Park

J. Robert Oppenheimer led the American effort to build the atomic bomb during World War II, and later found himself confronting the moral consequences of the revolutionary weapon he helped create.

### WRITERS LIVE!



**JOHN B. KING**

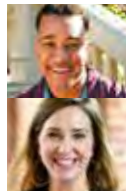
*Teacher By Teacher*

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

Central Library & Virtual

*Teacher By Teacher* traces the remarkable journey of the 10th U.S. Secretary of Education and is a deeply personal love letter to all the teachers in our lives.

### WRITERS LIVE!



**JALEN EUTSEY &  
DORA MALECH**

*Bubble Gum Stadium &  
Flourish*

Saturday, May 3, 3:00 p.m.

Central Library & Virtual

Join us for a reading and conversation with poets Jalen Eutsey and Dora Malech.

### YA WRITERS LIVE!



**BRITTANY WILLIAMS**

*Iron Tongue of Midnight*

**FREE COPY!**

Wednesday, May 7, 4:00 p.m. | Govans

The electrifying conclusion to the historical fantasy trilogy, *The Forge & Fracture Saga*.

### WRITER LIVE!



**JONATHAN SCHROEDER**

*The United States Governed by Six  
Hundred Thousand Despots*

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

Central Library & Virtual

*The United States Governed by Six Hundred Thousand Despots* written by an ex-slave and ex-American, untampered with and unedited by white abolitionists, has never been seen before.



## YA WRITERS LIVE!



**EBONY LADELLES**

***This Could Be Forever* FREE COPY!**

Wednesday, May 21, 4:00 p.m.  
Cherry Hill

A Black girl and Brown boy who find themselves — and each other — while pursuing their passions the summer before college.

## WRITERS LIVE!



**S.L. PRICE**

***The American Game***

Thursday, May 22, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

The scintillating story of lacrosse that stubbornly mirrors America's ongoing struggle with inclusivity. S.L. Price will be joined in conversation by former President & CEO of USA Lacrosse Steve Stenersen.

## KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



**CAROLE BOSTON WEATHERFORD**

***Rap It Up!* FREE COPY!**

Friday, May 23, 10:30 a.m.  
Central Library

Aspiring young rappers will delight in this infectious introduction to the poetry and craft of rap.

## KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



**DEBBIE LEVY**

***The Friendship Train* FREE COPY!**

Wednesday, May 28, 4:00 p.m.  
Canton

This heartwarming nonfiction book shows how small acts of kindness can grow, heal, and help turn strangers into friends.

## YA WRITERS LIVE!



**KRISTINA R. GADDY**

***A Most Perilous World* FREE COPY!**

Wednesday, June 4, 1:00 p.m. | Waverly  
The stories of the four teenage children of prominent abolitionists before

and during the Civil War combine to form a surprisingly familiar tapestry of struggle, disappointment, and ultimately hope.

## WRITERS LIVE!



**KARIDA BROWN**

***The Battle for the Black Mind***

Wednesday, June 4, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

From an NAACP award-winning historian, a history of education in the United States from the end of the Civil War to the historic ruling of *Brown v. Board of Education*. Karida Brown will be joined in conversation by author D. Watkins.

## WRITERS LIVE!



**KEVIN SACK**

***Mother Emanuel***

Thursday, June 12, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

A sweeping history of one of the nation's most important African American churches and a profound story of courage and grace amid the fight for racial justice. Kevin Sack will be joined in conversation by Karsonya Wise Whitehead, host of *Today with Dr. Kaye* on WEEA 88.9 FM.

## WRITERS LIVE!



**LESLIE GRAY STREETER**

***Family & Other Calamities***

Saturday, June 14, 3:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

A successful journalist returns to her hometown just as her biggest mistake becomes headline news in this vibrant, funny, and heartfelt novel about facing the past, and its secrets, head-on. Leslie Gray Streeter will be joined in conversation by playwright Lynne Streeter Childress.

## WRITERS LIVE!



**RACHEL LARYEA**

***Black Capitalists***

Monday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

A groundbreaking look at how Black visionaries — from Wall Street to Lagos and beyond — are reimagining capitalism to benefit the needs of Black people and, ultimately, everyone. Rachel Laryea will be joined in conversation by Chefs Tonya Thomas and David Thomas.

## WRITERS LIVE!



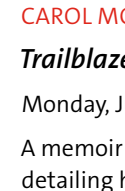
**ELIZABETH DICKINSON**

***Claire McCardell***

Thursday, June 26, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

The riveting hidden history of Claire McCardell, the most influential fashion designer you've never heard of. Elizabeth Dickinson will be joined in conversation by restaurateur and author Lane Harlan.

## BROWN LECTURE SERIES



**CAROL MOSELEY BRAUN**

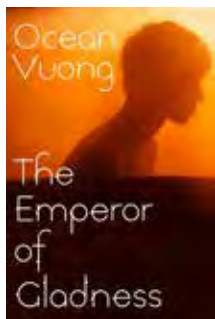
***Trailblazer* FREE COPY!**

Monday, June 30, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library

A memoir from Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun detailing her remarkable childhood and political career on the Hill, including her tenure as the first Black female US senator. Carol Moseley Braun will be joined in conversation by AFRO News CEO & Publisher Frances Murphy "Toni" Draper.

## WHAT'S NEW

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



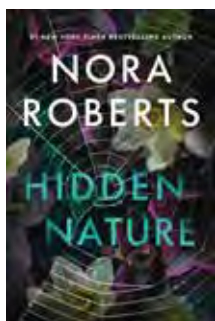
### ***The Emperor of Gladness* by Ocean Vuong**

A bighearted novel about chosen family, unexpected friendship, and the stories we tell ourselves in order to survive. Following the cycles of history, memory, and time, *The Emperor of Gladness* shows the profound ways in which love, labor, and loneliness form the bedrock of American life.



### ***Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid**

Summer of 1980. Joan Goodwin joins NASA's space shuttle program alongside an exceptional group of candidates where she finds a love she never imagined. In this new light, Joan begins to question everything she thinks she knows about her place in the observable universe. Then, in December of 1984, on mission STS-LR9, it all changes in an instant.



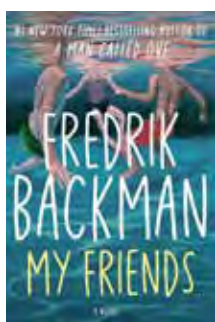
### ***Hidden Nature* by Nora Roberts**

While recovering from a near-fatal injury, officer Sloan Cooper begins investigating a series of abductions where the missing seem to have nothing in common. It will take every ounce of endurance to get to the dark heart of this bizarre case — and she's willing to risk her life again if that's what it takes to stop the horror.



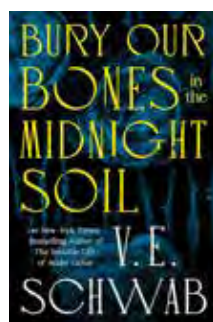
### ***Murder Takes a Vacation* by Laura Lippman**

An irresistible mystery featuring Muriel Blossom, a former private investigator and middle-aged widow whose vacation on a Parisian river cruise turns into a deadly international mystery that only she can solve.



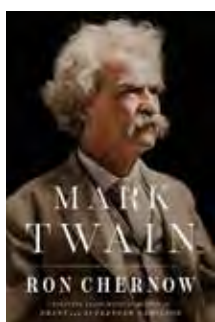
### ***My Friends* by Fredrik Backman**

Most people don't even notice them — three tiny figures sitting at the end of a long pier in the corner of one of the most famous paintings in the world. Most people think it's just a depiction of the sea. But Louisa, an aspiring artist herself, knows otherwise, and she is determined to find out the story of these three enigmatic figures.



### ***Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil* by V.E. Schwab**

A genre-defying novel about immortality and hunger. Santo Domingo de la Calzada, 1532. London, 1827. Boston, 2019. Three young women, their bodies planted in the same soil, their stories tangling like roots. One grows high, and one grows deep, and one grows wild. And all of them grow teeth.



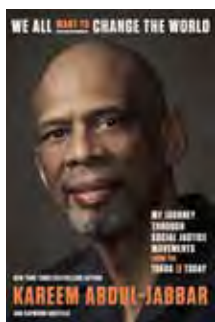
### ***Mark Twain* by Ron Chernow**

Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer Ron Chernow illuminates the full, fascinating, and complex life of the writer long celebrated as the father of American literature, Mark Twain.



### ***Flashlight* by Susan Choi**

One night, Louisa and her father take a walk on the beach. He's carrying a flashlight. He cannot swim. Later Louisa is found washed up by the tide, barely alive. Her father is gone. In chapters that shift from one member to the next, turning back again and again to that night by the sea, *Flashlight* chases the shockwaves of one family's catastrophe.



### ***We All Want to Change the World* by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**

Political activist and NBA legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar believes that public protest is a vital part of affecting change, even if that change doesn't come "right now." Part history lesson and part personal reminiscences of his own activism, this book will resonate with anyone who recognizes the need for social change and is willing to do the work to make it happen.



### ***Trailblazer* by Carol Moseley Braun**

A moving narrative from a once-in-a-generation icon, steeped in the civic and civil rights history of our nation. Carol Moseley Braun offers readers a measure of hope and an optimistic letter to future generations on the work we have done and have yet to do to ensure that our country lives up to the promise of liberty and justice for all.



# JOB & CAREER

## ADULTS

### Job & Career Fair

Friday, May 30, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Walbrook

Join us for a job and career fair. Apply for jobs with employers including but not limited to the Baltimore City Fire Department, United States Postal Service, National Aquarium, MedStar Health, and the Enoch Pratt Free Library. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org) by May 15 to submit your resume in advance.

## TEENS

### Young Artist Interviews: Book A Time

Saturday, May 3, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Central Library

Are you a young artist? It's important to market yourself and present your content. Book a brief interview to share your talents and your story. Come prepared to showcase a snippet of your music live. We'll prepare footage that artists can use to promote themselves. To reserve a time, contact [lhills@prattlibrary.org](mailto:lhills@prattlibrary.org) or 410-497-7299.

### Money Smart

Tuesday, May 6, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.  
Join us for a fun, interactive program to increase your financial literacy. Discover your money values and influences and how they affect your financial decisions. Presented in partnership with Allen Burton, Relationship Banker Fulton Bank.

### Panel Discussion: The KOBYS Curriculum & Student Athlete Advocacy – Teen Edition

Tuesday, May 6, 4:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.  
The Jordan McNair Foundation presents an impactful panel discussion on the KOBYS (Keep On Believing in Yourself) Student Athlete Self-Advocacy Curriculum. This event brings together student athletes, coaches, parents, and community leaders to explore the importance of self-advocacy, mental health awareness, and leadership development in youth sports. This panel discussion is for teens. Another discussion, geared toward parents, will be presented in June.

### First Job Interview Workshop

Thursday, May 15, 3:30 p.m. | Waverly  
Looking for your first job? Come learn essential interview skills and receive tips on professional communication and attire. Whether you are applying for a part-time job or your first full-time position, this workshop will give you the tools you need to make a great impression.

### D&D Soft Skills

Monday, May 19, 3:30 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
Learn about soft skills and how to put them to use on your real life character sheet, your resume.

### Decorate It Yourself: Locking Cash Box

Tuesday, May 20, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden  
Learn tips and tricks for how to start saving money, then decorate your very own locking cash box bank to keep your savings safe!

### Ready, Set, Resumes! Teen Career Development

Wednesday, May 21, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.  
Through this resume-building workshop, teens can learn how to format a resume without having a long job history, receive guidance on what information to include, and request strategies to help search for jobs they are interested in.

### Resume Reading: Summer Job Help

Tuesday, June 10, 3:30 p.m. | Patterson Park  
Bring questions, complete or incomplete resumes, cover letters, and job applications and get help scoring a summer job.

### Student Job Application Practice

Thursday, June 12, 6:00 p.m. | Roland Park  
Are you a teen looking for a job, but having trouble filling out job applications? Join Ms. Jackie as she helps students with basic information needed for job applications. Call and/or email the branch to reserve your spot.

### Afternoon Board Games

Friday, June 13, 1:00 p.m. | Patterson Park  
Play the Game of Life and Monopoly with friends; managing life events and money for the best outcomes.

### Teen Resume Workshop

Tuesday, June 17, 3:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.  
Are you trying to land a job or nail that cool internship, but aren't sure how to prepare a resume? And what do you really need to write in a cover letter, anyway? Come by the Edmondson Avenue Branch where our librarian will work with you to put your strengths on full display in your resume and share resources and tips that you can use in the future.

## REUP: REENTRY REDEFINED CONFERENCE 2025

June 10 – 12, Central Library

Join us for three impactful days of empowering discussions, networking, and resources focused on reentry and redefining pathways for success. Whether you're a returning citizen, service provider, or advocate, your presence completes the picture.

More information at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org)



## ONE-ON-ONE HOMEWORK HELP AND JOB COACHING

### HELP NOW

With HelpNow, you're just a click away from expert tutors, one-on-one homework help, skills building, and a 24-hour writing lab. Powered by Brainfuse.

### JOB NOW

JobNow, powered by BrainFuse, is designed to support every step of the job search process. Your Pratt Library card gives you access to online coaches, interview prep, resume help, adult learning materials, and other career resources.

Accessible in all Pratt Library locations, or from home with your library card.



A large yellow sun with black sunglasses on its face. Three open books are flying out from the sun. The text 'SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE' is written in a bold, blue, stylized font across the center of the sun. A small red swirl is above the text.

# SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE

## May 31 – August 30

### WHAT IS SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE?

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

### HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Stop by your nearest Pratt Library location to register.

### WHAT WILL I GET?

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

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

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

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

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

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

# SUMMER BREAK KICKOFFS

## Summer Safari & Sundaes: An EcoAdventure and Ice Cream Social Kickoff

Saturday, May 31, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Church on the Square (1025 S. Potomac St.)  
*Get ready for a roaring good time this summer! Kick off Summer Break Baltimore at Canton by joining us for a live animal program hosted by EcoAdventures! You'll meet amazing creatures and learn about their habitats, behaviors, and cool survival skills. After the wild adventure, beat the heat with an ice cream social, complete with delicious ice cream provided by the Friends of the Canton Library. It's a day of adventure, learning, and tasty fun you won't want to miss!*

## Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff!

Saturday, May 31, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Central Library  
*Come kick off Summer Break Baltimore and make buttons! Buttons are available on a first-come, first-serve basis while supplies last.*

## Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff!

Saturday, May 31, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Cherry Hill  
*Help us kick off summer as we host the team from Wildlife Adventures! Through live animal encounters, kids will discover nature's artistry while learning how they can help wildlife. Young artists are invited to bring their own wildlife art to share and celebrate the beauty of the natural world!*

## Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff!

Saturday, May 31, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.  
*Start your summer of fun and sign up for Summer Break Baltimore to get a free book and t-shirt. Join us for a day of movie-themed snacks, crafts, storytime, trivia, photo backdrop, temporary airbrush tattoos from Airbrush Unlimited Group, and other special programming. Can't wait to see you there!*

## Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff!

Saturday, May 31, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Govans  
*Join us to celebrate the start of Summer Break Baltimore, our all-ages summer reading program! Stop by to register and celebrate with arts & crafts, a scavenger hunt, and snack bags.*

## Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff!

Saturday, May 31, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Hamilton  
*Join us to celebrate the start of summer. Sign up for Summer Break Baltimore to receive giveaways while supplies last. Enjoy our ice-cream social and visit with staff and crawl critters from the Carrie Murray Nature Center!*

## Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff!

Saturday, May 31, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Hampden  
*Celebrate the start of summer with music, lawn games, and refreshments. Enjoy goodie bags while supplies last and get ready to dive into summer reading adventures. Don't miss this family-friendly event full of sunshine, games, and, of course, hon-tastic fun!*

## Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff!

Saturday, May 31, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.  
*Join us for some hula hooping and fun at the Light Street Branch! We're celebrating the start of Summer Break Baltimore with an event featuring Hoop Love! Come shake, spin, and have a blast as we kick off the season of reading with this exciting, interactive event for all ages.*

## Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff!

Saturday, May 31, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Orleans St.  
*Celebrate the start of Summer Break Baltimore! Enjoy carnival games and prizes, including a balloon artist, and sign up for Summer Break Baltimore to receive your free t-shirt and book, while supplies last.*

## Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff!

Saturday, May 31, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
Patterson Park  
*Join us for a scaly, slithery start to Summer Break Baltimore! This summer reading kickoff event will feature a visit from Reptile Smiles, where participants can get up close and personal with some of nature's most fascinating creatures.*

## Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff: Design Your Own Cowboy Hats!

Saturday, May 31, All Day  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
*Celebrate Summer Break Baltimore with us and lasso up a t-shirt and your favorite books all month long! Kids and families are invited to share in the festivities during our kickoff event, including designing your own cowboy hats to wear! Plus, don't miss out on cowboy charades and a cowboy fashion show.*

## Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff!

Saturday, May 31, 1:00 p.m. | Roland Park  
*Kick off your summer reading adventure with a wild, local twist! Our kickoff event will feature an exciting program from local conservation group, Echoes of Nature. They will teach us all about the animals in our backyard. Discover the incredible creatures that live right outside your door!*

## Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff!

Saturday, May 31, 1:00 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
*Come kick off Summer Break Baltimore with us! Enjoy hula hooping with Baltimore Hoop Love and refreshments. Register for Summer Break Baltimore to receive your free book and t-shirt, while supplies last.*

## Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff!

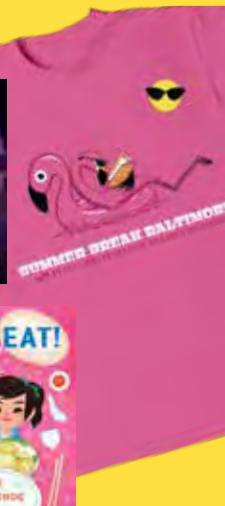
Saturday, May 31, 10:30 a.m. | Walbrook  
*Kick off the start of Summer Break Baltimore! We will have a variety of activities and games, including paper fans, baby & toddler disco, video gaming, temporary airbrush tattoos courtesy of Airbrush Unlimited Group and more!*

## Summer Break Baltimore Kickoff!

Saturday, May 31, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Waverly  
*Sign up for Summer Break Baltimore and pick up your book for June! Enjoy some delicious snacks and temporary airbrush tattoos courtesy of Airbrush Unlimited Group.*

## DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR FREE T-SHIRT AND BOOKS!

Available while supplies last





# SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE



Check out  
some of the  
Summer Break  
Baltimore raffle  
prizes



## ADULTS

### Introduction to Aromatherapy

Wednesday, June 4, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library  
Discover the basics of aromatherapy in this engaging introductory class. Learn how essential oils can support well-being, explore their various uses, and enjoy a guided scent experience. Registration for this class is required as space is limited. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).

### Intro to Papercutting with Annie Howe

Thursday, June 12, 6:00 p.m. | Light St.  
Papercut artist Annie Howe teaches the basic technique of papercutting and how to create your very own custom papercut patterns in this hands-on workshop. Participants leave with at least one finished papercut design and the know-how to continue papercutting at home. Please note this workshop is for ages 13 and up. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a guardian. Registration is required. To register, call 410-396-1096 or email [lgh@prattlibrary.org](mailto:lgh@prattlibrary.org).

### Shut Up & Read at Peabody Heights Brewery

Thursday, June 12, 6:00 p.m.  
Peabody Heights Brewery  
Join the us for a Shut Up and Read: Peabody Heights Brewery edition. Show up with a book to read and enjoy a free beer or other beverage on the library! Library staff will also be on site to give book recommendations, and sign people up for library cards. Registration for this program is required as space is limited. One drink per participant. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).

### Poetry Online Discussion of Favorite Poems

Saturday, June 14, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual  
Bring a poem you love 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](mailto:poetry@prattlibrary.org) before the discussion.

### SHHH & Giggles with the Baltimore Comedy Fest

Monday, June 16, 6:30 p.m. | Hampden  
The Pratt Library is thrilled to host a lineup of local and national comedians at Hampden Branch, FREE of charge! Join us for a night of laughs with your Baltimore community.

### Pratt Page-Turners Book Club

Saturday, June 21, 11:00 a.m.  
Central Library & Virtual  
Join us for a discussion of *Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead* by Olga Tokarczuk. This program has a hybrid format. Participate either in person or on Zoom.

## TEENS

### Retro Reads & Reels: Teen Book & Movie Club Y2K Edition

Mondays, June 9 & 23, July 7 & 21, 4:00 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
A millennium rewind with a look at comics from the early 2000s. Read the comics and compare them to the movies.  
June: *Scott Pilgrim* by Brian Lee O'Malley  
July: *Ultimate Fantastic Four: Silver Surfer* by Mike Carey



## INDIE GAME FEST 2025

Saturday, June 7, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Central Library

Welcome to a curated, curious, and creative exhibition of Independent Games from the DMV area. Come explore, demo, and play games from grassroots community game developers who need YOU to play their games!

As part of the event enjoy a FREE talk at 2:00 p.m. by video game journalist Chris Bratt of *People Make Games* and cofounder of Midsummer Studios Jake Solomon, formerly of Firaxis Games. Come listen to how to start a new video game studio in 2025!

Chatime Boba Tea Truck will be on hand for refreshment free of charge.

Registration for this event is recommended, but not required. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).

### Jewelry Making for Teens

Monday, June 23, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
Unlock your creativity and learn the art of crafting beautiful, personalized jewelry. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### We're Hatching Something Beautiful: Butterflies

Mondays, 3:30 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
Have you ever wondered where butterflies come from? Hang out with us and find out. This summer we're hatching butterflies. Come every Monday to hear a butterfly story, do a butterfly craft, and observe our developing butterflies.





### Summer Reading Book Club

Mondays, June 2 & 16, 4:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.

*Calling all elementary schoolers who love to read! Join us this summer for our Summer Reading Book Club. Read along with friends as we read a chapter a day together of our chosen book and do a fun activity after. Copies of the book will be provided as well as snacks.*

### Summer Crafternoon

Tuesdays, June 3 & 17, 3:30 p.m. | Canton  
Join us at the Canton Branch every other week during the summer to create summer-themed crafts with a variety of art supplies and materials!

### Outdoor Storytime

Saturday, June 7, 10:00 a.m.  
Mt. Vernon Place

*Enjoy stories, music, and movement in the park! Bring your own blanket to sit on! We will meet in Mount Vernon Place on the west side by the lion statue. For GPS, the location is "W. Mt Vernon Pl." Ideal for kids ages 5 and under.*

### Firefly Luminaries

Thursday, June 12, 2:00 p.m. | Patterson Park  
*Light up your creativity in this hands-on craft session and design your very own beautiful luminaries! Using paper, colors, and a bit of imagination, create stunning lanterns that glow with warmth and charm.*

### Sandcastles in the Library

Saturday, June 14, 11:00 a.m.  
Edmondson Ave.

*Get ready for an exciting hands-on adventure! Discover the science behind kinetic sand, then unleash your creativity by making your own and building epic sandcastles. And the fun doesn't end there — you'll get to take your sand home and keep playing long after you leave!*

### Sizzlin' Summer Fun with Pam the Kindersinger

Wednesday, June 18, 10:30 a.m.  
Church on the Square (1025 S. Potomac St.)  
*Join Pam and her puppet pal Rascal for songs, dancing, rhymes, and lots of interactive fun.*



## BEYOND BMORE: YOUR TICKET TO TRAVEL

Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.  
Central Library

Join the Pratt Library in welcoming Beyond Bmore for an educational workshop on all things 21st century travel! Beyond Bmore founder Brian K. Oliver will talk about solo travel, conquering fears of traveling, thrifty pointers for finding airfare and hotels, travel in a post pandemic world, tips for being prepared for passport applications, and more. Space for this program is limited, registration is required. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).

### Off to the Races:

#### DIY Cardboard Racing Game

Wednesday, June 25, 11:00 a.m.

Central Library

*Create your own unplugged racing game! For ages 8 – 12.*

### Torn Paper Crafternoon

Wednesday, June 25, 1:45 p.m. | Roland Park  
*Feel like making a collage? The possibilities are endless at our torn paper crafternoon! All supplies are provided to make the most imaginative scenes that you can think of.*

### SBB Crafternoon: Mini Cactus Pot Painting

Wednesday, June 25, 3:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.

*Celebrate Summer Break Baltimore with us and lasso up your favorite books all month long! In theme with Pennsylvania Avenue's Wild West Summer, families and children are invited to decorate their own mini cactus pots to take home. Cacti, mini pots, and supplies will be available while supplies last.*

# JUNETEENTH

## ADULTS

### Juneteenth Bingo

Wednesday, June 11, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
Celebrate freedom, history, and culture with Juneteenth Bingo! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

### Poets Celebrate Juneteenth

Saturday, June 14, 12:00 p.m. | Virtual  
The Pratt Library's African American Department joins with the African American Center of the San Francisco Public Library in a celebration of poetic freedom. Celebrate Juneteenth with four dynamic African American Poets — two from Maryland and two from California for a cross country poetry tour of Black freedom.

### Juneteenth Wreath

Saturday, June 14, 2:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
Honor the spirit of Juneteenth by creating a beautiful wreath that reflects the themes of freedom, unity, and heritage. Space is limited. Call the branch to register.

### Juneteenth Crafts

Tuesday, June 17, 3:30 p.m. | Hampden  
Come learn about Juneteenth, and create your own Juneteenth flag!

### African American Juneteenth Trivia Night

Tuesday, June 17, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library  
Join the African American Department for a lively trivia night filled with music, refreshments, and prizes. Teams will be limited to 3 people — you can come with partners, team up with people you meet here, or work alone if you prefer.

### Justice and Reconciliation: Film Screening

Saturday, June 21, 2:00 p.m. | Central Library  
Local filmmaker and scholar Xavier Frink and co-producer Michael Nelson will screen their documentary, Justice and Reconciliation: Henry Highland Garnet to Harvey Johnson. The film explores two Maryland leaders who pushed for justice under the law and a cultural reconciliation for African Americans.

## TEENS

### Juneteenth Craft for Teens

Tuesday, June 10, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
Join us in celebrating Juneteenth with a hands-on DIY craft session designed for young adults! This interactive program will explore the history and significance of Juneteenth through creative expression. Participants will make a bead keychain and assemble and decorate their own Juneteenth decorations. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

### Juneteenth Trivia: Spin & Win

Tuesday, June 10, 4:00 p.m. | Central Library  
Test your knowledge, spin the wheel, and win fun prizes in this interactive Juneteenth trivia challenge! Play for candy, fidget toys, and more. Register at prattlibrary.org.

### Juneteenth T-Shirts

Thursday, June 12, 4:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
Design your own custom t-shirt to honor Juneteenth and the significance of this important day in history. Space is limited. To register please call 410-396-0399.

### Juneteenth Jewelry-Making

Wednesday, June 18, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.  
Celebrate the freedom achieved on Juneteenth by making personalized jewelry out of wooden beads and charms.

### Jukebox Bingo

Saturday, June 14, 2:00 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
Celebrate Juneteenth early with this Black History music bingo game.

### Juneteenth: Liberation Flag Workshop

Monday, June 16, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook  
Wednesday, June 25, 4:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
Design and decorate an original flag that represents liberation and freedom. Using colors, symbols, and personal interpretations, create a visual representation of what Juneteenth means to you.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### Juneteenth T-Shirt Making

Wednesday, June 4, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
Join us to create t-shirts celebrating Juneteenth. All supplies will be provided. Registration is encouraged. To register, call 410-396-1168.

### Buttons of Freedom

Wednesday, June 18, 2:00 p.m. | Walbrook  
Design and create your own Juneteenth-themed buttons while learning about the history and meaning of the celebration.

## WRITERS LIVE!



### PENIEL JOSEPH *Freedom Season*

Wednesday, May 28, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

A kaleidoscopic narrative history of 1963, the pivotal moment in America's long civil rights movement — the year

of the March on Washington, Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail," and the assassinations of Medgar Evers and John F. Kennedy. Peniel Joseph will be joined in conversation by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Wesley Lowery.

## YA WRITERS LIVE!



### YOHURU WILLIAMS & MICHAEL G. LONG *King: A Life* (Young Adult Edition)

FREE COPY!

Thursday, May 15, 3:30 p.m.  
Walbrook

In this adaptation of Jonathan Eig's groundbreaking *New York Times*-bestseller readers will meet a Dr. King like no other: a committed radical whose demands for racial and economic justice remain as urgent today as they were in his lifetime, a minister wrestling with his human frailties and dark moods, a citizen hunted by his own government.



# BLACK MUSIC MONTH



## ALL AGES

### Black Music Month: Library Karaoke

Thursday, June 12, 1:00 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
*Celebrate Black Music Month and come to the Library to sing your heart out!*

## ADULTS

### African American Music Trivia Night

Thursday, June 12, 6:00 p.m.  
Central Library  
*Join us for a lively trivia night filled with music, refreshments, and prizes. It's a celebration of African American music that honors the history and cultural significance of Black music, and to recognize the impact it has had on American culture. Teams will be limited to 3 people — you can come with partners, team up with people you meet here, or work alone if you prefer.*

### The Music of Stevie Wonder

Saturday, June 21, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.  
*In celebration of Black Music Month and Stevie Wonder's 75th birthday, composer and Peabody Institute faculty member Dr. Judah Adashi will discuss the music of the great American composer, pianist, singer, and activist.*

### Adult Game Night: Black Music Month Bingo

Thursday, June 26, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly  
*Embark on a musical journey as we celebrate Black Music Month with an exciting evening of bingo! Test your knowledge of legendary artists, iconic hits, and influential genres that have shaped the soulful sounds of Black music. Bring your friends and groove to the beats of a unique bingo experience that's not just a game but a celebration of musical excellence!*

## TEENS

### Rapping with Mr. Root

Monday, May 5, 3:30 p.m. | Walbrook  
Tuesday, May 6, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
Wednesday, May 7, 3:00 p.m. | Patterson Park  
*This interactive and engaging hip hop-based show is challenging, fun, and entertaining! Each member of the audience has an opportunity to get involved with call-and-response, steady beat chants, beat production, and even some group dancing!*

### Celebrate Black Music Month with STEAM

Tuesday, May 20, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
*Join us for an exciting hands-on program in celebration of Black Music Month! This interactive workshop will combine music, technology, and creativity using STEAM kits to explore science behind sound. Teens will build a DIY speaker kit and radio kit. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.*

### African American Music Bingo

Thursday, June 5, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park  
*Join us for a new take on Bingo. Test your knowledge of popular African American music from jazz to R&B and hip-hop.*

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### A Squared: Hip-Hop Duo

Saturday, May 10, 2:00 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.  
*This hip-hop duo uses choreography, freestyle, and audience interaction to bring the elements of hip-hop dance and culture to life. A Squared tells a story of creativity and expression through movement and music that resonates with both children and families.*

# CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO BALTIMORE STEEL ORCHESTRA

Thursday, June 5, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden  
*Celebrate Caribbean history as you take part in an interactive program led by two steel drum musicians demonstrating with music and speaking on the history and culture of the steel drum instrument.*

## CARIBBEAN PAINT PARTY

Saturday, June 7, 2:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
*Create your original artwork under the direction of artist Melku Tafari. Please call 410-396-0399 or email [pnn@prattlibrary.org](mailto:pnn@prattlibrary.org) to register. Refreshments provided.*

## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO BALTIMORE STEEL ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE

Saturday, June 21, 11:00 a.m.  
Central Library  
*Enjoy a demonstration and performance by members of the ensemble.*

## CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH: FILM & PAINT

Saturday, June 21, 2:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
*Watch Bob Marley: One Love and paint a musical instrument in honor of Bob Marley's contribution to reggae music. 2024 | Rated PG-13 | 1 hr. 47 min.*

## FILM & TRIVIA:

### BOB MARLEY: ONE LOVE (2024)

Saturday, June 21, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly  
*The music documentary unravels the life of noteworthy musician Bob Marley. The film dissects the artist's life, delving deep into his legacy and cultural influence. With untold stories and intimate details, the film unveils Marley's true essence, presenting the man behind the image through his immortal music, inviting audiences to rediscover his impact in a revealing and captivating journey. Stay after the credits for a fun trivia game about this film. 2024 | Rated PG-13 | 1 hr. 47 min.*



# MR. PRATT PRESENTS

On Saturday, April 5, the Library held its annual gala, *Mr. Pratt Presents... An Evening with Patrick Radden Keefe*. Thank you to our sponsors and guests for helping us raise more than \$365,000 to support the free programs and services provided by the Library.



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# PRIDE MONTH

## ADULTS

### Read With Pride Book Club

Saturdays, May 3 & June 7, 11:00 a.m.  
Light St.

Join us a book club highlighting LGBTQ+ voices. All genders, sexualities, and identities including allies are welcome! The mission of the Read With Pride Book Club is to build community and promote awareness of diverse LGBTQ+ perspectives.

May: *Light From Uncommon Stars*  
by Ryka Aoki

June: *The Stonewall Reader* edited by  
The New York Public Library

### Pride Prom

Tuesday, June 3, 5:00 p.m. | Central Library

Come listen to music, wear affirming outfits, dance, and have the prom you've always wanted; out and PROUD! This program is recommended for the LGTBQIA+ community; however, couples and singles of all backgrounds are welcome! DIY Rainbow Trophies will be awarded for categories such as Cutest Couple, Sharpest Dresser, Most Creative Outfit, etc. so put your best foot forward! This is an 18+ program. Registration required. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).

### Panel Discussion: 50 Years of LGBTQ+ Activism in Baltimore

Monday, June 9, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library  
2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Baltimore Gay Alliance, the city's first lasting gay rights organization. This organization eventually spun off to create Baltimore Pride, the Pride Center of Maryland, and Chase Brexton Health Services. Join us to hear a panel of the organization's founders talk about the work they did and its legacy, celebrate the progress that's been made, and discuss the lessons that the group's history can teach us as we face new hurdles to LGBTQ+ equality and liberation.

### Celebrate Pride: Rare Book Open House

Friday, June 13, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Central Library  
Unique and rare books by LGBTQIA+ authors from the Special Collections stacks will be on display for a chance to learn more about the authors and their lives. The items from Special Collections are not fully representative of diverse queer identities, yet this program encourages discussion and questions about how collections have been historically compiled and constructed throughout history.



### From Twilight to Sunshine: LGBTQ+ History in Maryland

Monday, June 16, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly  
Join Pratt Librarians and Baltimore Heritage LGBTQ+ History Walking Tour Guides as we present the fascinating and fabulous history of our community going all the way back to the 1830s.

### DIY Saturdays

Tuesday, June 17, 2:00 p.m. | Orleans St.  
Join us in June to make Pride rainbow macramé wall hangings.

### Serving Up Wisdom: Drag Bingo Brunch

Wednesday, June 18, 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Central Library  
Join us for a morning of glamour and games hosted by Evon Dior Michelle. Evon will be orchestrating a vibrant and fun-filled morning of Bingo and trivia while participants enjoy mocktails and brunch bites. This program is recommended for individuals 55+; however, all are welcome. Space for this program is limited; registration required. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).

## TEENS

### Bmore Reads Together: An LGBTQ+ Graphic Novel Experience

Tuesday, June 3, 3:30 p.m. | Light St.  
Thursday, June 5, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.  
Join Bmore Transform, a Baltimore-based literacy group, as they lead this unique opportunity to explore a variety of LGBTQ+ graphic novels and manga through short, curated "tastes" of different stories, all while enjoying an atmosphere of community and conversation. Participants will also be able to decorate sketchbooks to look like their own graphic novels!

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### Crafternoon: Rainbow Collage

Monday, June 2, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly  
Celebrate Pride this crafternoon by making your own rainbow collage.

### Tissue Paper Rainbow

Monday, June 9, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park  
Rainbows are the perfect way to brighten up any day! Using vibrant tissue paper and a little creativity, young artists will design their own rainbow masterpiece to take home and display.

### Pride Crafternoon: Rainbow Bracelets

Tuesday, June 10, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.  
Show your pride and support with some beaded bracelets! Make a rainbow or any pride flag you want to celebrate all the different ways to love and be ourselves.

### Celebrate Pride Hero: Sally Ride

Wednesday, June 18, 1:00 p.m.  
Central Library  
Celebrate Pride with us and learn about the pioneering LGBTQ astronaut Sally Ride. We'll learn about Ride's amazing discoveries as a scientist and astronaut and talk about her favorite in-space activity — sightseeing through the small windows of the Challenger Space Shuttle. You'll also create your own small globe to take home.

### Make It Arty Wednesdays: Rainbow Wonders

Wednesdays, June 18 & 25, 4:00 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
Showcase your artistic abilities and get creative at the Southeast Anchor Library!



# HOME & GARDEN

## ADULTS

### Spring Migration Bird-Watching Walk

Saturday, May 3, 9:00 a.m. | Govans

Saturday, May 17, 9:00 a.m.

Southeast Anchor Library

Join us for this bird-watching walk led by experts from the Baltimore Bird Club.

Participants will engage in the basics of urban bird watching, learn tips and tricks for spotting the different species, then put their knowledge to the test with a nature walk. Space is limited; registration required. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).

### Urban Veggie Gardening 101

Saturday, May 10, 11:00 a.m.

Filbert Street Garden (1321 Filbert St.)

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. Space is limited and registration is required. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).

### Harbor Habitats: a Two-Part Series with Leanna Wetmore

Thursdays, May 8 & June 5, 6:00 p.m.

Canton & Lancaster Canal Butterfly Garden

Learn tips and tricks about conservation gardening to apply in your own yard. In May, we'll plant seeds, learn how to use Inaturalist for Plant and wildlife ID, build a bug hotel and learn about other important habitat features at the Canton Branch. In June, meet us at the Lancaster Canal Butterfly Garden (650 Exeter St.) for a mini eco-tour on the Waterfront Promenade! Explore the Lancaster Canal Butterfly Waystation, see three new habitat sculptures, examine an oyster cage, and witness a red-bellied cooter sunbathing at Turtle Islands!

### Floral Arrangement with Marigold Sisters

Saturday, May 10, 3:30 p.m. | Central Library

Wednesday, June 4, 5:30 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

Tuesday, June 17, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill

Join us for a floral arranging workshop featuring lots of local blooms. Each participant will receive flowers to create their own arrangement to bring home. Space for this program is limited; registration required. Please call the branch to reserve your spot.

### Pressed Flower Hanging Frames with Wildry

Saturday, May 24, 10:30 a.m. | Central Library

Saturday, May 24, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill

Learn the process of pressing flowers to preserve them for years to come. Then, construct a piece of pressed flower artwork in a glass hanging frame to take home.

### Nature Writing Series: Creative Writing Nature Walk

Saturday, May 31, 1:00 p.m.

Cylburn Arboretum (4915 Greenspring Ave.)

Join us for a guided nature walk at the Cylburn Arboretum! Throughout the walk, Cylburn's Education Director and a Pratt Librarian will facilitate creative discussion and ideation through natural facts and generative prompts. Participants will be encouraged to write in the many contemplative spots around the Cylburn grounds. The program will conclude with an optional group reflection and sharing activity. Space for this program is limited; registration required. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).

### Introduction to Beekeeping in Baltimore

Saturday, June 7, 11:00 a.m.

Filbert Street Garden (1321 Filbert St.)

Join the Pratt Library in the Filbert Street Garden for a session on all things urban beekeeping. Learn about bees from master beekeeper and Animal Husbandry Coordinator Charles DeBarber, and have some up close time with Filbert Street's many beehives. Space is limited and registration is required. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).

### Bonsai Bonanza with the Maryland Bonsai Association

Saturday, June 7, 11:00 a.m. | Roland Park

Join the Pratt Library and the Maryland Bonsai Association for this crash course in getting your Bonsai boots on! Registration includes your very own Bonsai tree, pot, wire, and soil. The class will teach you how to style your tree and keep it thriving. Registration required. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).

### Adult Crafternoon: Decorated Flower Pots

Monday, June 16, 5:30 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

Turn a plain terracotta flower pot into cute spring decor using paint, decoupage, and/or dried flowers.

## TEENS

### Forever Flowers for Someone Special

Saturday, May 10, 3:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

Join us for a special, creative celebration of all the wonderful people who nurture and care for others! Create a custom gift for someone special in your life. We'll supply everything you need. Just bring your creativity! Space is limited. To register for this program please call 410-396-0399

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### Crafternoon: Paper Flower Garden

Monday, May 5, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly

Join us for a colorful crafternoon where you will get to make a paper flower garden.

### Paint Your Own Owl Planter

Thursday, May 8, 3:30 p.m. | Patterson Park

Kids will transform plain owl-shaped planters into vibrant works of art using their favorite paints and designs. Join us for a creative and nature-filled day — where art and gardening come together in the cutest way!

### Sunflower Wreaths

Monday, May 19, 3:15 p.m. | Roland Park

The warm weather is on its way — make a sunflower wreath with us and get ready for summer!

### Crafternoon: Bird Feeders

Monday, May 19, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly

Decorate a bird feeder then take home some bird seed to attract some new friends.

### Seedling Storytime & DIY Seed Starts

Saturday, May 24, 2:00 p.m. | Hampden

How do seeds find the perfect place to grow? Join us for a special storytime featuring *Seeds Move!* by Robin Page, and discover the many ways seeds travel. After the story, a Baltimore City Master Gardener will show us how to start our own seeds at home.

### Pollinator Plant Project

Wednesday, June 25, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill

Celebrate National Pollinators Month by planting seeds native to our region. All supplies will be provided. Registration is encouraged. Please call 410-396-1168 to register.



# ALL ABOUT MARYLAND

## ADULTS

### Free Weekly Public Tours of the Library

Wednesdays & Saturdays, 2:00 p.m.

Central Library

*Take a peek behind the scenes and at the Pratt's collections, and learn a brief history and architectural information about the building.*

### Lunch & Learn: Wonderland Park

Thursday, May 8, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual

*Join Hannah Lane and explore Wonderland Park, an amusement park and jazz music and social dance venue that operated between 1920 and 1934 in Baltimore City. Presented in partnership with The Maryland State Archives and The Maryland Four Centuries Project.*

### 2025 SLRC Annual Genealogy Lecture

Series: Judy G. Russell

Saturday, May 10, 10:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Central Library & Virtual

*Join us for our annual genealogy lecture series with Judy G. Russell, The Legal Genealogist, who will present four lectures:*

- *That First Trip to the Courthouse*
- *Courting America: Using Court Records for Genealogy*
- *Where there Is — or Isn't — a Will*
- *Rogues, Rascals and Rapsallions: The Family Black Sheep*

*Registration required. To register, visit [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).*

### Observational Drawing from Natural History Specimens

Monday, May 19, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library

*Learn to draw pinned insects from the traveling collections from the Natural History Society of Maryland. All skill levels are welcome.*

### Serving Up Wisdom

#### Journey Through Time: Exploring Maryland's Ancient Past

Wednesday, May 21, 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Central Library

*The Natural History Society of Maryland will lead a journey through time to explore Maryland's geological history! Space for this program is limited; registration required. This program is recommended for individuals 55+; however, all are welcome.*

### Mt. Vernon Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra

Friday, May 23, 12:00 p.m. | Central Library

*Join us for "Made in Maryland," a program celebrating the composers and musicians of the Old Line State.*

### Save a Story! Do-It-Yourself Oral History

Saturday, May 31, 11:00 a.m. | Central Library

*Save a story of someone you love or a history you would love to know. Learn how to capture an oral history from start to finish. Practice using Pratt oral history digital audio kits, which can be checked out.*

### Tour the Golden Domes of Canton

Saturday, June 7, 10:45 a.m. | Canton

*Join the Friends of the Canton Library for this walking tour featuring two gold domed buildings in Canton. Get an inside look at the art, architecture, and rich history of two neighborhood landmarks. The tour starts at the Canton Branch and ends at St. Michaels on Eastern Avenue.*

### Beginning African American Genealogy

Saturday, June 7, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden

*Join us for an informative beginning African American genealogy class. Learn about the difficulty many have encountered when doing African American genealogy, as well as the resources available at the Pratt Library for novice African American genealogists.*

### Lunch & Learn: Telling the Story of Antietam

Thursday, June 12, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual

*D. Scott Hartwig will discuss his book, I Dread the Thought of the Place, and how good history, with its depth and richness, helps us to think critically, and see things as they are and not how we would like them to be. Presented in partnership with The Maryland State Archives and The Maryland Four Centuries Project.*

### History with Hopkins: A Walking Tour of Federal Hill

Thursday, June 26, 6:00 p.m. | Light St.

*Join Baltimore Heritage Director Johns Hopkins (the person, not the university) on a one hour walking tour of the Federal Hill neighborhood and Federal Hill Park. The tour will start from and return to the Light St. Branch. This will be a leisurely stroll but please wear comfortable shoes and bring water. Registration is required. To register, call 410-396-1096 or email [lgh@prattlibrary.org](mailto:lgh@prattlibrary.org).*



## LET'S TALK ABOUT MARYLAND: CAROL McCABE BOOKER

### The Farmer's Wife

Tuesday, June 3, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library & Virtual

*In the southern Maryland hamlet of Friendship, a young wife and mother is found brutally murdered, her head bashed in with a crude implement. The Farmer's Wife suspensefully describes both crime and punishment, recovering the narrative from contemporary newspaper accounts and other archival sources.*

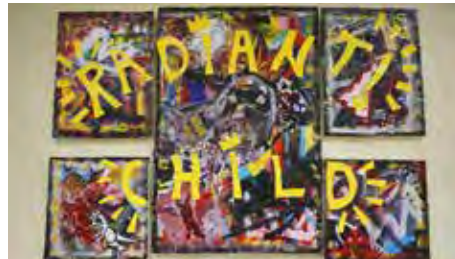
### EXHIBIT

## HAMMONDS ROUGE FINDS HER PURPOSE: ONE LUMBEE WOMAN'S JOURNEY TO SELF ACCEPTANCE

Starting June 21 | Central Library

*Come explore Lumbee history and culture by looking at the life of Ruby Jane Hammonds Wiant, who grew up Lumbee, and share in the storytelling of Lumbees in Baltimore. This exhibit highlights Ruby's creative journey from singing with her sisters (The Hammonds Sisters) to performing in *Strike At the Wind* (a Lumbee outdoor drama) to writing her own music including "Military Wife."*

## SPOTLIGHT ON CHERRY HILL



### ADULTS

#### Jamercise with Ginger

Thursdays, 4:30 p.m.

*Jamercise is an exercise program that combines the benefits of a cardio-aerobic workout with elements of dance. Join us in person at the Cherry Hill Branch or virtually. For more information visit [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).*

#### Adult Bingo

Thursday, May 8, 2:00 p.m.

*Join us for a fun afternoon and win prizes with the fun of Bingo! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.*

#### Adult Book Discussion

Mondays, May 12 & June 9, 2:00 p.m.

*Calling all book lovers! Connect with fellow readers at our monthly book club meeting. For more information or to register, please call 410-396-1168.*

May: Resurrection by Danielle Steel  
June: Framed by John Grisham

#### Adult Painting with Acrylics

Mondays, May 19 & June 16, 2:00 p.m.

*Painting is the perfect combination of creativity and conversation featuring local artist, Esta Baker. Create a beautiful piece with Esta's guidance. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.*

#### DIY Candle Making Workshop

Thursday, June 26, 2:00 p.m.

*Join us for a candle making workshop. Attendees will select a scent and make and take home a candle. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.*

### TEENS

#### Candle Making Workshop

Tuesday, May 13, 3:30 p.m.

*Join us for a candle making workshop with Perfectly Lit.*

#### Teen Library Club

Tuesday, May 27, 3:30 p.m.

*Join us for our after-school club, designed for teens ages 13 – 17! Enjoy a variety of fun activities, exciting games, and a chance to catch up with friends.*

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### Mindfulness Glitter Jars

Wednesday, May 7, 3:30 p.m.

*Join us as we create glitter jars to help encourage mindfulness. Registration is encouraged. Please call 410-396-1168 to register.*

#### 143 Day Card Making

Wednesday, May 14, 3:30 p.m.

*Celebrate kindness by making cards for someone you care about. Registration is encouraged. Please call 410-396-1168 to register.*

“Ease of access and selection are great.”

— Kendra S.



## SNEAK PEEK AT JULY & AUGUST

### SONGWRITING WORKSHOP WITH PERFORMING SONGWRITER BRODY BOND

Monday, July 7, 5:30 p.m. | Canton

*A way forward for anyone hoping to write a song, this event is designed for attendees to feel more equipped emotionally, artistically, and technically to write their own songs.*

### PRATTPRENEUR TEEN SUMMER ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

July 7 – August 15 | Central Library

*A six-week entrepreneurship program for teens between the ages of 14 – 16 or in grades 9 – 11. Teens will ideate a business or product and prepare it for launch! They will gain skills such as public speaking, research, teamwork, critical thinking, writing/presenting, and more that they can carry with them at school and as they eventually enter the workforce. Applications close May 30. Learn more at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).*

### WRITERS LIVE! LAURA LIPPMAN

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

*Acclaimed author Laura Lippman will discuss her new book Murder Takes a Vacation.*

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, July 19, 10:00 a.m.

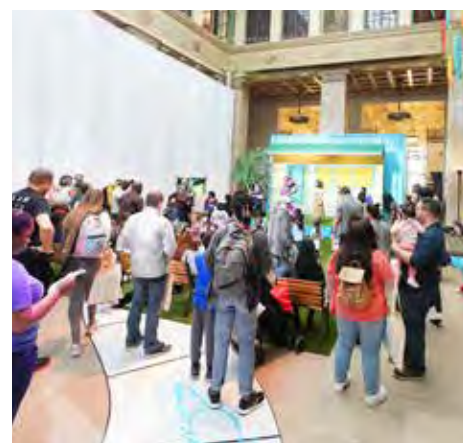
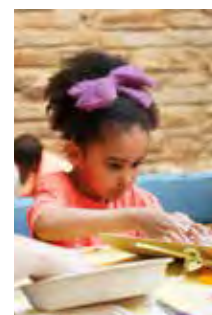
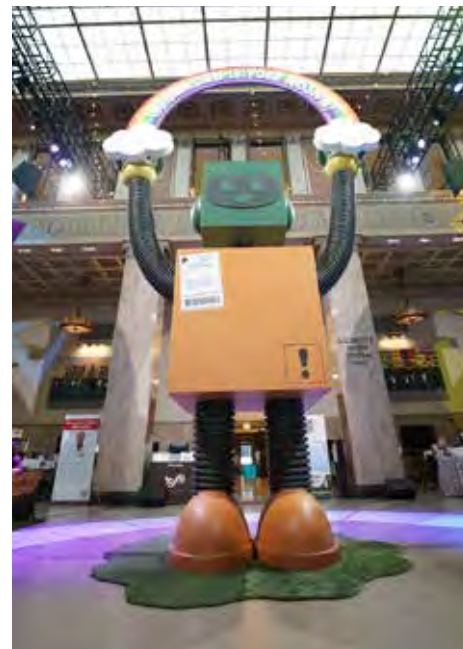
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*Help save lives right here at your Library! The Library is pleased to host the American Red Cross to collect blood from our community.*



# IMAGINATION CELEBRATION

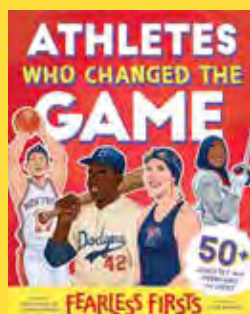
The Central Library was packed on Saturday, March 29, for the Imagination Celebration kickoff. The Library's transformation was inspired by this year's book selection *Your House Is Not Just a House* by Idris Goodwin and Lorraine Nam. Goodwin and Nam signed books for kids, who were treated to performances by Culture Queen and Prakriti Dance and participated in activities throughout the Library. Imagination Celebration is made possible thanks to the generous support of the Aegon Transamerica Foundation.







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