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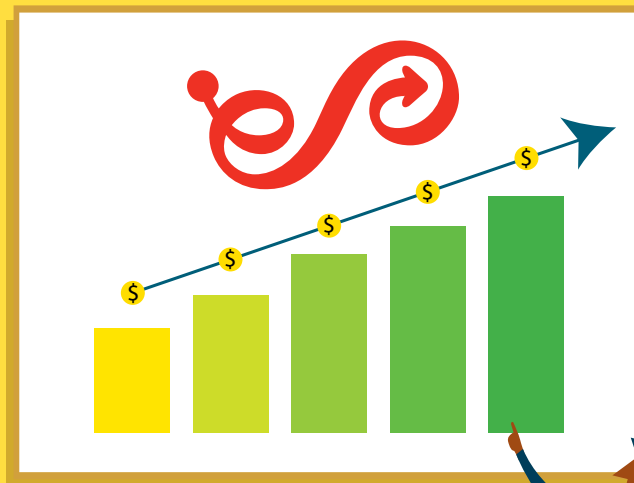
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WHAT TO WATCH

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HELP!!!

Where can I get **FREE** legal help? Would you believe it's at the Pratt Library?



\$1,000s saved with **FREE** library card

HOW DO THEY DO IT???

Meet the Pratt Donors who help keep everything **FREE**.

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IT HAPPENED TO ME!

Guess where I got **FREE** tutoring for my child?

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LOCATIONS

Free Wi-Fi is available at all branches.
prattlibrary.org/contact

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Indigenous Peoples' Day: *Monday, October 10*

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You can now find the complete issue of *Compass* on the Pratt Library's website, prattlibrary.org. If you receive the print version in the mail but would prefer to read online, you can ask to be removed from the mailing list.

Email aklein@prattlibrary.org or call 443-984-5819 with your name and mailing address.



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LOOKING TO LEARN NEW SKILLS?

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OR

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FREE

with your library card



WANT TO TRY A NEW VIDEO GAME?

You could pay...
\$59.99 for
Pokemon Legends: Arceus

OR

Check It Out from the Library:

FREE

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LETTER FROM THE CEO



You may notice a different look to this Special Edition of *Compass*. This issue we are focused on ways the Pratt Library can help save customers money. There are so many reasons why your Pratt Library card is the most important card in your wallet.

Perhaps your child needs some help in algebra? Online tutors are available free at the Pratt. If internet is spotty in your house, come to the library and use our free Wi-Fi or check out a hot spot and Chromebook and bring them home. Maybe your teen is interested in the guitar, but you want to make sure before you commit to a big purchase? They can check out a guitar from the Teen Library of Things for free. Are you an adult who needs a high school diploma? You can apply for the Pratt's free Career Online High School to start meeting that goal. There really is something for everyone at the Pratt.

You may also have noticed a change when you visit our branches. On the bottom of our library receipts, we are now letting customers know how much money they saved by checking out books from the library. You can find out how much you saved over the course of the year by heading over to prattlibrary.org and taking a look at our new Money Saver calculator. These are just a few ways we are showing our customers how vital the library is to all customers.

So, how do we do it? One of the key ways libraries are able to keep all our services free is through the generosity of our donors. I want to thank everyone listed in this year's Donor Roll Call for believing in the power of public libraries. Each of you make it possible for the Pratt to continue to offer free resources, opportunities, and services to our entire community.

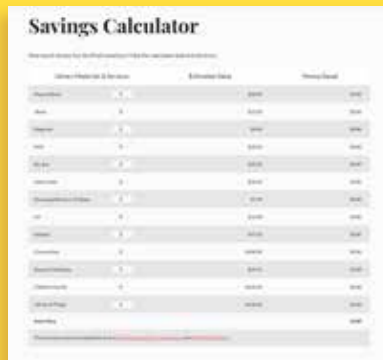
Heidi Daniel, *President & CEO, Enoch Pratt Free Library*



THE PRATT LIBRARY IS SAVING YOU MONEY ALL YEAR LONG!

Ever wonder how much cash you've saved checking out books, reading library eBooks, borrowing hotspots, and more?

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Visit the Job & Career Information Center at the Central Library to explore a variety of job and career related topics, including career planning and exploration, job searching, interviewing, and resume writing. In the Department, you have access to a variety of job and career resources, including test prep and educational information (both from home and in the library).

AMPLIFIED VOICES SERIES: BEARING STRANGE FRUIT

Tuesday, September 20
5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Pennsylvania Ave.

The Pratt Library is excited to have John Hopkins researcher Dr. Richard Lofton PhD and community organizer Mr. Larry Simmons, of the Nobody Asked Me Campaign, in the first of its Amplified Voices series to discuss the state of education in the city as seen through the eyes of its youth and families.

After a two-year examination of educational inequities in Baltimore City, Dr. Lofton and Mr. Simmons will present the findings of the Bearing Strange Fruit report. Join us for this crucial community roundtable discussion on youth engagement. Focusing on issues impacting Baltimore City's youth most: employment, racism, violence, transportation inequity, and the solutions to combat them. The discussion will include elected officials, city leaders, educational experts, young people, and community members.

Schedule:

- 5:30 p.m. Meet-and-Greet Networking Session
- 6:00 p.m. Nobody Asked Me Campaign's Bearing Strange Fruit report
- 6:30 p.m. Intermission
- 6:40 p.m. Panel Discussion
- 7:10 p.m. Town Hall, discussion with Q&A session
- 8:00 p.m. Conclusion



SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE

A big thank you to everyone who took part in Summer Break Baltimore 2022! More than 13,000 participants helped make this year's program a success. This year, the Pratt helped build home libraries for families by providing Summer Break kits in June, July, and August, each filled with a book, a prize, and more. 10,000 boxes were picked up or mailed to kids, teens, and adults across Baltimore City. Participants used scratch-off cards and the website to log the books they read and activities they did throughout the summer. More than 20,000 books were read. Monthly prize drawings occurred at 21 locations for all four age groups, resulting in more than 252 prizes being awarded.



**MORE THAN
252
PRIZES
AWARDED**

**MORE THAN
13,000
PARTICIPANTS**



**MORE THAN
20,000
BOOKS
READ**



**10,000+
KITS
RECEIVED
BY READERS**

NEED HOMEWORK HELP?

You could pay...
\$25 – \$50 for
Online Tutoring

OR

Get One-on-One
Tutoring: **FREE**

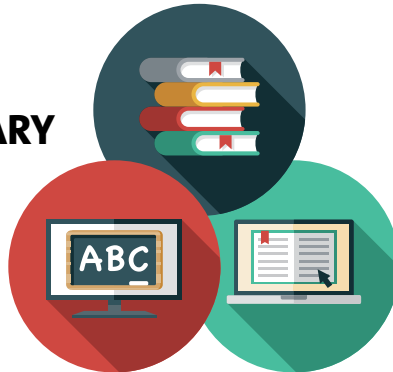
with your library card



BACK TO SCHOOL

GET THE MOST OUT THE LIBRARY WITH THESE STUDENT RESOURCES

Accessible from all Library locations
or from home with your library card
or eCard.



CHAT WITH A LIBRARIAN

Chat live with a Pratt librarian for help finding books and materials, research guidance, and more! Visit prattlibrary.org/contact-us.

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CLASSES FOR HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS

Learn the basic components of the computer, develop writing skills using Microsoft Word, and use interactive programs and websites to enhance language, critical thinking, and logic.

Register at prattlibrary.org or call 443-984-4944. Email address required to participate. For questions email: computer.class@prattlibrary.org.

1st Grade Home School Session

Tuesdays, September 6 – October 25
10:00 a.m. | Virtual

2nd Grade Home School Session

Tuesdays, September 6 – October 25
11:30 a.m. | Virtual

3rd Grade Home School Session

Tuesdays, September 6 – October 25
1:30 p.m. | Virtual

4th Grade Home School Session

Wednesdays, September 7 – October 26
10:00 a.m. | Virtual

5th Grade Home School Session

Wednesdays, September 7 – October 26,
11:30 a.m. | Virtual

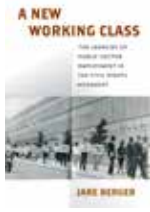
6th Grade Home School Session

Wednesdays, September 7 – October 26
1:30 p.m. | Virtual

AUTHOR EVENTS

Some events require registration — visit calendar.prattlibrary.org to register. ASL interpretation will be available to attendees. Parking information is available at prattlibrary.org

WRITERS LIVE!



JANE BERGER

A New Working Class

Thursday, September 8, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library, Poe Reading Room
& Virtual

WRITERS LIVE!



A.J. VERDELLE

Miss Chloe

Monday, September 12, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
& Virtual

WRITERS LIVE!



BETH MACY

Raising Lazarus

Monday, September 19, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
& Virtual

Beth Macy will be joined in conversation by Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Vice Dean for Public Health Practice and Community Engagement.

WRITERS LIVE!



TOMMIE SMITH, DEREK BARNES, DAWUD ANYABWILE

Victory Stand!

Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Tommie Smith will be joined in conversation by award-winning children's author Derek Barnes, and the book's award-winning illustrator Dawud Anyabwile.

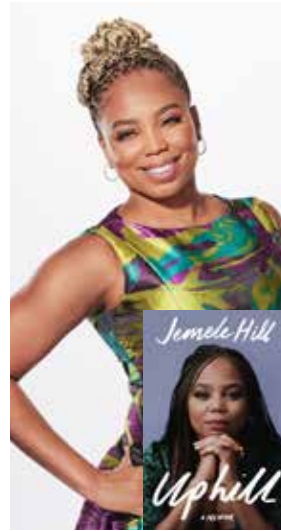
WRITERS LIVE!



DAVID MARANISS

Path Lit by Lightning

Monday, October 3, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
& Virtual



BROWN LECTURE SERIES:

JEMELE HILL

Uphill

Thursday, October 27, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Central Hall & Virtual

Award-winning journalist Jemele Hill's career path led her from newspaper reporter and columnist to the anchor of ESPN's *SportsCenter*. She will join us to reflect on her life and career. All registered in-person attendees will be given a FREE copy of the book.

Register at prattlibrary.org

WRITERS LIVE!



KRISTINA GADDY

Well of Souls

Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
& Virtual

Kristina Gaddy will be joined in conversation by award-winning musician and scholar Jake Blount.

WRITERS LIVE!



LAWRENCE P. JACKSON

Hold It Real Still

Tuesday, October 11, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Poe Reading Room
& Virtual

WRITERS LIVE!

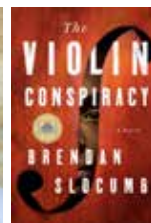


LYDIA MILLET

Dinosaurs

Thursday, October 13, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
& Virtual

WRITERS LIVE!



BRENDAN SLOCUMB

The Violin Conspiracy

Wednesday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
& Virtual

Brendan Slocumb will be joined in conversation by Judith Krummeck, an author and evening drive time host for Maryland's classical radio station WBJC 91.5 FM.

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OR

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with your library card



DEAR ENOCH

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Dear Enoch,
I just can't seem to find my next read. I need help discovering a title that really speaks to me. Can you help?
BOOKWORM IN BEL AIR-EDISON

DEAR BOOKWORM,

Fear not! There are lots of ways to get book recommendations at the Pratt. You can visit your library and ask staff or check out What's New book displays in a branch or on the web.

Can't make it to the library? Check out Live Chat with a Librarian and get live recommendations from Pratt staff. Is it 3:00 a.m. and you need a book RIGHT NOW? Books & Authors is a database on our website available from home with your Pratt Library card that also provides reader's advisory.

Happy Reading!

Dear Enoch,
I'm planning to travel to Spain this winter, but I don't have a passport and I haven't spoken Spanish since high school. What should I do?

GLOBETROTTER IN GOVANS

DEAREST GLOBETROTTER,

Book yourself an appointment at the Passport Office at the Central Library. Staff there will walk you through the application process and can even take your photo for your passport for a small fee. To brush up those language skills, check out Mango languages FREE with your Pratt card. The online platform has 71 language courses, so start studying now.



Dear Enoch,
I need some legal help, but I can't afford a lawyer. Is there a more affordable way to get assistance with legal matters?
LAWYERLESS IN LOCUST POINT

YOU'RE IN LUCK, LAWYERLESS!

The Pratt Library partners with Maryland Legal Aid to provide Lawyer in the Library, where you can find free one-on-one legal assistance on civil matters. In-person and virtual sessions are available. If it's just paperwork you need help with, head over to the Pratt website databases. You've got FREE access to Maryland Legal Forms with your Pratt Library card.

Dear Enoch,
I like to listen to audiobooks on my way to work. But subscriptions are getting expensive. How can I cut costs?
COMMUTING IN COPPIN HEIGHTS

DEAR COMMUTING,

We've got just the thing for your ride. You have FREE access to Overdrive and their app, Libby with your Pratt Library card. The platform has more than 60,000 titles including bestsellers. So, start listening for less!



LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY

Tuesday, September 6, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Central Library

Tuesday, September 13, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.

Tuesday, September 20, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Cherry Hill

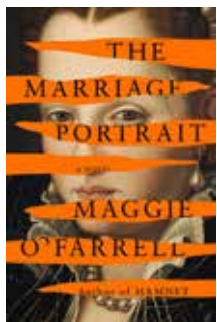
Tuesday, September 27, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Waverly

The Enoch Pratt Free Library, in partnership with Maryland Legal Aid, is pleased to offer free one-on-one legal services on a variety of civil issues. Visit prattlibrary.org for more information. Lawyer in the Library provides free law services and legal advice related to:

- Bankruptcy
- Child custody
- Divorce
- Expungement (removing convictions from criminal records)
- Foreclosure
- Government benefits
- Landlord/Tenant issues
- Wills/Tenants

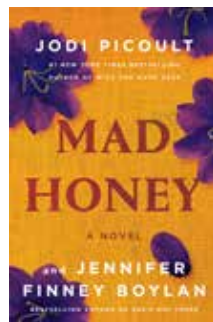
WHAT'S NEW

Here are the most anticipated books of September and October that you can check out at the Pratt.



The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell

As Lucrezia de' Medici sits for a painting intended to preserve her image for centuries to come, one thing becomes worryingly clear. In the court's eyes, she has one duty: to provide the heir who will shore up the future of the Ferranese dynasty. Until then, the new duchess's future hangs entirely in the balance.



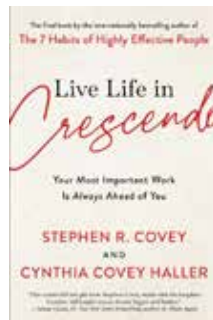
Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult

Olivia McAfee and Lily Campanello know what it feels like to start over. Their paths cross when Lily begins dating Olivia's son, Asher. Then, Olivia receives a phone call: Lily is dead, and Asher is being questioned by the police. Olivia is adamant that Asher is innocent. But as the case against him unfolds, she realizes he's hidden more than he's shared with her.



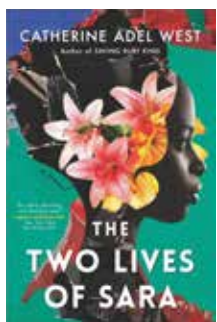
Less is Lost by Andrew Sean Greer

For Arthur Less, life is going surprisingly well. He is a moderately accomplished novelist in a steady relationship with his partner, Freddy Pelu — but nothing lasts. The death of an old lover and a sudden financial crisis has Less running away from his problems yet again as he accepts a series of literary gigs that send him on a zigzagging adventure across the US.



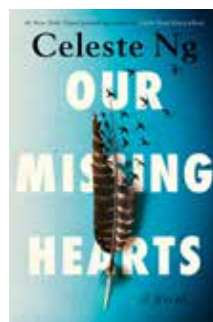
Live Life in Crescendo by Stephen Covey

In the same way that music builds on the previous notes, life too, builds on the past and unfolds in the future. This crescendo mentality urges you to use whatever you have — your time, talents, resources, gifts, passion, money, and influence — to enrich the lives of people around you, including your family, community, and the world.



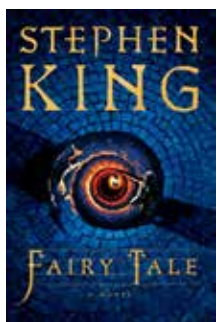
Two Lives of Sara by Catherine Adel West

In 1960s Memphis, young mother Sara King finds refuge with Mama Sugar in a boardinghouse. Romance blooms between Sara and a local school teacher, but secrets from Mama Sugar's past threaten their newfound happiness and lead Sara to make decisions that will reshape the rest of their lives.



Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng

Bird Gardner lives in a world where libraries have been forced to remove books seen as unpatriotic — including the work of his mother, Margaret, a Chinese American poet who left the family when he was nine. Bird has grown up disavowing his mother and her poems, but when he receives a mysterious letter containing only a cryptic drawing, he is pulled into a quest to find her.



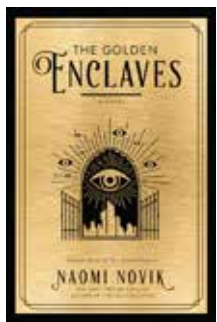
Fairy Tale by Stephen King

Seventeen-year-old Charlie Reade befriends a dog named Radar and her aging master, Howard Bowditch, a recluse in a big house at the top of a big hill with a locked shed in the backyard. Sometimes strange sounds emerge from it. When Bowditch dies, he leaves Charlie a cassette tape telling a story no one would believe: inside the shed is a portal to another world.



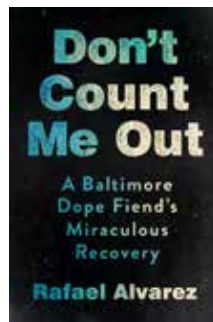
Black Hampton by Carl Weber

The Brittons consider themselves the “First Family” of the Black Hamptons and have owned their home for three generations. The Johnsons are relatively new, having summered there only five years. When a piece of land comes up for sale in this exclusive community, it sparks a war between the two families. Will the tension shatter any hopes of a peaceful summer?



The Golden Enclaves by Naomi Novik

The impossible dream has come true. I'm out, we're all out — and I didn't even have to turn into a monstrous dark witch to make it happen. Our graduation plan worked to perfection. Ha, only joking! Actually, it's gone all wrong. And the first thing I've got to do now, having miraculously gotten out of the Scholomance, is turn straight around and find a way back in.



Don't Count Me Out by Rafael Alvarez

Don't Count Me Out chronicles the life of Bruce White from the beginning of his drug use in elementary school through criminal acts fueled by his need for drugs, to his miraculous recovery three decades later and involvement in the treatment of addicts, where he is now a leader in the rehabilitation field.

MEET THE AUTHOR

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KEVIN SHERRY

Wednesday, October 5, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Children's Day Room

Friday, October 21, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.

Friday, October 21, 2:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.

Children's author and illustrator Kevin Sherry will join us to talk about Squizzard and his friends in his latest book for young readers.

Kevin Sherry is the author and illustrator of numerous children's books including *The Yeti Files* series and *I'm The Biggest Thing in the Ocean*. All attendees will be given a FREE copy of the book.

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MINDY THOMAS

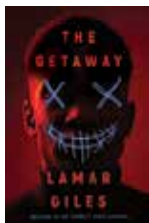
Saturday, October 22, 11:00 a.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium

Bestselling children's author and award-winning podcast host Mindy Thomas will join us to wow you with these and tons of other fascinating and funny facts about our animal kingdom. Presented in partnership with the

National Aquarium.

Mindy Thomas is the co-author with Guy Raz of the *Wow in the World* series. They are also the co-hosts of the wildly popular children's podcast of the same name that focuses on science, technology, and innovation. She also hosts SiriusXM's *The Absolutely Mindy Show*. All attendees will be given a FREE copy of the book.

YA WRITERS LIVE!



LAMAR GILES

Tuesday, September 13, 11:00 a.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium

Please join us for a morning with author Lamar Giles to celebrate the release of his new young adult title *The Getaway*. Lamar Giles will be in conversation with Pratt staff with a Q&A portion.

Lamar Giles writes for teens and adults across multiple genres, with work appearing on numerous Best Of lists each and every year. He is the author of the acclaimed novels *Fake ID*, *Endangered*, *Overtaken*, *Spin*, *The Last Last-Day-of-Summer*, *Not So Pure and Simple*, and *The Last Mirror on the Left* as well as numerous pieces of short fiction.

YA WRITERS LIVE!



KAMI GARCIA

Tuesday, September 20, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton

Please join us for an afternoon with author Kami Garcia to celebrate the release of her new young adult graphic novel *Teen Titans: Beast Boy Loves Raven*. Kami will be in conversation with Pratt staff with a Q&A portion.

Kami Garcia is a #1 *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and international best-selling author of 12 novels and graphic novels, selling over 10 million copies worldwide. She's authored the acclaimed *Beautiful Creatures* series and *Teen Titans: Raven*. She is also a cofounder of the Kid Lit book festival YALLFest and co-organizer of #Creators4Comics.

Visit calendar.prattlibrary.org for complete details on each program.



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

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READ TO REEF PROGRAMS

TAKE & MAKE:

FEED THE SHARK WORD GAME

October 3 – 31 | Govans

Create a shark game that "eats" vocabulary words.

BOOK TO ART CLUB:

A HOUSE FOR HERMIT CRAB

Thursday, October 6, 4:30 p.m. | Canton

Listen to a reading of Eric Carle's *A House for Hermit Crab*, then use various art materials to recreate a scene from the book.

EXHIBITS



Top: 28 fugitives escaping from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, New York Public Library.

Left: Portrait of Harriet Tubman circa 1871, Library of Congress.

Above Right: Conceptual prototype of a United States \$20, Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

HARRIET TUBMAN: THE LIFE & LEGACY OF A 19TH-CENTURY FREEDOM FIGHTER

Opening this Fall | Central Library, Annex

2022 marks the 200th anniversary of Harriet Tubman's birth on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Later this fall, the Central Library will unveil a testament to the life and legacy of Tubman's activism during the 19th century. *Harriet Tubman: The Life and Legacy of a 19th-Century Freedom Fighter* is an exhibit that explores Tubman's daring exploits on the Underground Railroad and highlights lesser-known details of her life, including her service to the Union as a nurse and military scout during the Civil War as well as her activities in support of women's suffrage. On the bicentennial of her birth, we commemorate and celebrate Tubman's tremendous personal courage and relentless, lifelong pursuit of freedom and equality.

Soul of the Butterfly

Chicory Magazine & Baltimore's Black Arts Activism

SOUL OF THE BUTTERFLY: CHICORY MAGAZINE & BALTIMORE'S BLACK ARTS ACTIVISM EXHIBIT

Can art be activism? Can a poem make a difference? In the 1960s, Black writers in Baltimore said, "yes" in the pages of *Chicory*, a poetry magazine published by Pratt Library from 1966 – 1983.

Soul of the Butterfly is a traveling exhibit that uses *Chicory* to tell the story of how Black artist-activists in Baltimore have been making change since the 1960s. Featuring poetry, artwork and photos, it reminds us why the Baltimore Afro-American called *Chicory* "the most authentic microphone of Black folks talking ever devised."

This exhibit will be presented at the following branches:

Southeast Anchor:

September 12 – October 14

Patterson Park:

October 24 – December 2

Pennsylvania Avenue:

December 12 – January 20, 2023

Light Street:

January 30 – March 3, 2023

Roland Park:

March 13 – April 14, 2023

Govans:

April 24 – Jun 2, 2023

Waverly:

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Hamilton:

July 24 – August 25, 2023

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The Pratt Society represents individual donors who, through their annual contributions of \$1,000 or more, help keep it free at the Pratt. This fall, Society members will be invited to join us for special events with Beth Macy (*Dopesick*), Brendan Slocumb (*The Violin Conspiracy*), Jemele Hill, and others. For more information visit us at prattsociety.org or call Chris Lewis, the Library's Individual and Corporate Giving Manager, at 410-396-5275.

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HISTORICAL MARYLAND

Let's Talk About Maryland with Mary Rizzo

Black Arts Baltimore: A Counter History of the 1960s and 1970s

Tuesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library, Poe Reading Room & Virtual In histories of Baltimore, the arts rarely occupy center stage. But during the 1960s and 1970s, Black artist-activists in Baltimore used culture to push for liberation. Historian Mary Rizzo will join us to discuss her current research on this little-examined aspect of Baltimore Black history and how it changes our dominant narratives of Charm City.



genealogy sites and discuss a variety of books, databases, and other resources available through the library. This program is presented in collaboration with the Keswick Wise & Well Resource Center. To register for the event, please call 410-662-4363.

How We Know What We See: How to "Read" Oral History

Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m.

Central Library, Business, Science & Technology Dept.

Learn how an oral history interview is captured by an audio or visual recording. Learn how an interviewer guides a narrator to re-create particular experiences and events in that recording. Learn how to interpret and, yes, to judge its historical evidence and know the storyteller.

Lunch and Learn: Researching Indigenous People in the Collections of the Maryland State Archives

Thursday, October 13, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual Join special collections managers Maria Day and Megan Craynon for a look into their project to increase visibility of Indigenous people in the Maryland State Archives' government records. This talk will highlight new web resources about the history of Tribal peoples in the Chesapeake Bay region that are debuting to the public. Presented in partnership with The Maryland State Archives and The Maryland Four Centuries Project.

Save a Story! DIY Oral History Interviewing

Saturday, October 15, 2:00 p.m.

Central Library, Business, Science & Technology Dept.

Save a story of someone you love or a history you would love to know. Learn how to capture an oral history interview from start to finish. We'll talk you through the process: from how to plan interview projects to how to use recording equipment like your cellphone or the web, and how to borrow a Pratt Oral History Digital Audio Kit.



Lunch and Learn:

A Family of Flag Makers & the Founding of a National Historic Landmark

Thursday, September 8, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual This program examines flag maker Mary Young-Pickersgill's early life in Philadelphia at the start of the American Revolution and the Young-Pickersgill family's connections to the birth of the nation — setting the Young-Pickersgill women up for their significant contribution to the War of 1812 with the crafting of "The Star-Spangled Banner" in the little house at the corner of Pratt and Albemarle Streets in Baltimore's oldest neighborhood, Jonestown. Presented in partnership with The Maryland State Archives and The Maryland Four Centuries Project.

African American Genealogy: An Introduction

Monday, September 12, 2:00 p.m. | Virtual Get tips for how and where to begin your research. Explore several popular online



H.L. Mencken and brothers in backyard at Hollins Street, circa 1906.

MENCKEN DAY 2022

Saturday, September 10

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium

Honoring the memory, career, and bequest of Henry Louis Mencken, The Mencken Room and a special exhibit are open to the public.

10:30 a.m. — Mencken Society Annual Meeting (for members only)

2:00 p.m. — the 2022 Mencken Memorial Lecture (live and streaming)

This year's lecture will be delivered by Dr. Stacy Spaulding. Dr. Spaulding is an Associate Professor of journalism at Towson University.

Her research focuses on the history of Baltimore journalism. Her work on H.L. Mencken includes "Literary Journalism's Historical Lineage: In Defense of Mencken" in *The Routledge Companion to American Literary Journalism* and "The Intellectual Eater: The Regional Food Editorials of H.L. Mencken" in the journal *Journalism History*. Most recently, she spent seven years conducting oral history interviews which documented the efforts to preserve H.L. Mencken's home at 1524 Hollins Street. This oral history collection was published and made available to the public in 2021 on Digital Maryland.

To learn about joining the Mencken Society, visit mencken.org.

Visit calendar.prattlibrary.org for complete details on each program.

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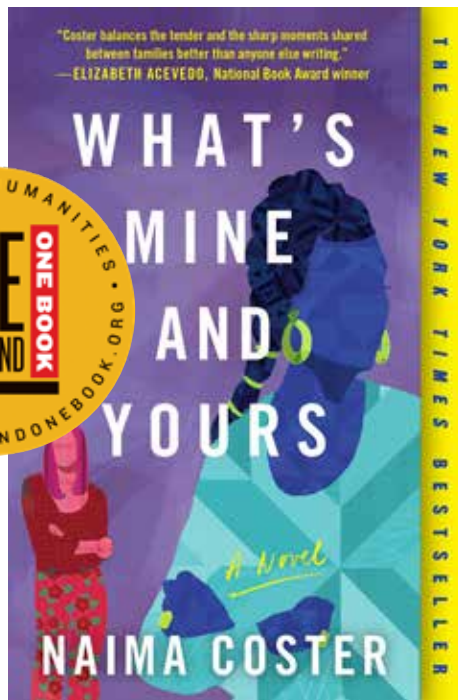
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ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK



WHAT'S MINE AND YOURS BY NAIMA COSTER IS THE 2022 PICK FOR ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK

What if everyone read one book at the same time? People in communities across Maryland are reading and discussing *What's Mine and Yours*. Check it out, read it, and join in a discussion.

About the book:

A community in the Piedmont of North Carolina rises in outrage as a county initiative draws students from the largely Black east side of town into predominantly white high schools on the west. For two students, Gee and Noelle, the integration sets off a chain of events that will tie their two families together in unexpected ways over the span of the next twenty years.

On one side of the integration debate is Jade, Gee's steely, ambitious mother. In the aftermath of a harrowing loss, she is determined to give her son the tools he'll need to survive in America as a sensitive, anxious, young Black man. On the other side is Noelle's headstrong mother, Lacey May, a white woman who refuses to see her half-Latina daughters as anything but white. She strives to protect them as she couldn't protect herself from the influence of their charming but unreliable father, Robbie.

When Gee and Noelle join the school play meant to bridge the divide between new and old students, their paths collide, and their two seemingly disconnected families begin to form deeply knotted, messy ties that will shape the trajectory of their adult lives. And their mothers — each determined to see her child inherit a better life — will make choices that will haunt them for decades to come.

As love is built and lost, and the past never too far behind, *What's Mine and Yours* is an expansive, vibrant tapestry that moves between the years, from the foothills of North Carolina, to Atlanta, Los Angeles, and Paris. It explores the unique organism that is every family: what breaks them apart and how they come back together.

One Maryland One Book is a program of Maryland Humanities. This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Maryland State Library.



RELATED PROGRAMS

One Maryland One Book Discussion

Thursday, September 22, 6:00 p.m.
Northwood

Thursday, September 29, 6:30 p.m. | Govans

Saturday, October 8, 11:00 a.m. | Herring Run

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

Southeast Anchor Library

Thursday, October 20, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.

Wednesday, November 9, 11:30 a.m.

Keswick Wise & Well Center for Healthy Living

Thursday, November 10, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly

Pratt Page-Turners Online Book Club

Saturday, October 22, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual

For more information about the

Pratt Page-Turners Book Club, email

ffc@prattlibrary.org.

Visit prattlibrary.org to check out your copy today!



VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCE: THE DISPLACED

Monday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.
Canton

War has driven 30 million children from their homes. These are the stories of three of them — from South Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine.

This ground-breaking VR film, created by Within and *The New York Times*, puts you in refugee camps and desolate villages where you can witness firsthand the lives of the displaced refugees — their limited options and also their extraordinary, heart-filling resilience. A discussion will follow the screening.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

ADULTS

Jamercise with Ginger

Thursdays, September 1 – October 27

4:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill & Virtual

Join us for this exercise program that combines the benefits of a cardio-aerobic workout with elements of dance.

Zumba

Saturdays, September 3 – October 29

10:30 a.m. | Southeast Anchor Library

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

Yoga & Mindfulness

Wednesdays, September 7 & 21,

October 5 & 19, 12:30 p.m.

Paul's Place, 1118 Ward St.

This yoga class is for everyone, including first-timers and participants of any age, shape, or ability. This program will take place at Paul's Place, 1118 Ward St., near the Washington Village Branch.

Healthy Cooking Demo

Saturday, September 10, 1:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

Want to eat healthier? Want to know what steps to take? Join Health & Wellness Educator and Coach Crystal Forman as she introduces and gives a demo of healthy cooking.

Stop Smoking with Tobacco Free Baltimore

Tuesdays, September 13 & October 18

2:30 p.m. | Central Library, Business, Science, & Technology Dept.

Tobacco Free Baltimore can connect smokers on the journey to be smoke free with patches and gum as well as classes that will provide health information, coping skills, and further guidance.

Rambling Readers

Thursdays, September 15 & October 20,

10:00 a.m. | Central Library

Join a novel walking book club that covers more than novels! Rendezvous outside Central Library. Expect to be back at the library in one hour. For questions, or optional registration, contact bst@prattlibrary.org or 410-396-5317.

Chair Yoga and Breathwork

Saturday, September 17, 11:00 a.m.

Central Library, Business, Science, & Technology Dept.

We'll incorporate breathwork with gentle movements and yoga poses adapted to the chair for a complete mind/body practice in

this 45-minute class. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-5317.

Seasonal Wellness for Modern Living: Autumn Edition

Saturday, September 17, 2:00 p.m.

Central Library, Creative Arts Center

Learn ways to address common seasonal health concerns with two integrative health experts. Participants will walk away with Western and Eastern herbal strategies, helpful acupressure points, and simple lifestyle shifts to help balance them through the changing seasons. For optional registration to help gauge participation, please call 410-396-5317.

CEASE Smoking Cessation Classes

Mondays, September 19 & 26, 5:30 p.m.

Waverly

Are you looking to quit smoking? CEASE Smoking Cessation Classes (an initiative of Morgan State University) can help! Over the past ten years, CEASE has supported over two thousand Baltimore residents to quit smoking. Two classes will take place in-person at the Waverly Branch. The remaining sessions will be virtual. For more information or to register for a class, contact CEASE at ceasedigital@morgan.edu or 443-885-3626.

Urban Foraging with

Suzannah Kolbeck & Kim Mattison

Thursday, September 22, 6:00 p.m. | Hampden

Suzannah Kolbeck and Kim Mattison will discuss their book *Healing Where You Are: An Introduction to Urban Foraging, and give guidelines and strategies for foraging medicinal plants in Baltimore. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6043.*

Talk Saves Lives:

An Introduction to Suicide Prevention

Thursday, October 20, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library Creative Arts Center

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's "Talk Saves Lives" provides participants with a clear understanding of suicide, including the most up-to-date research on suicide prevention and what they can do in their communities to save lives. Participants will learn common risk factors and warning signs associated with suicide and how to keep themselves and others safe.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Yoga Time!

Saturdays, September 3 & October 1, 11:30 a.m.

Central Library, Children's Dept.

This lighthearted and lively class encourages young learners (ages 3 – 6) and their caregivers to explore self-awareness and self-regulation. This class is brought to you by Create Calm and taught by a certified Radiant Child Yoga instructor. This class is designed to have one adult for every child. Please bring your own yoga mats or borrow one from the instructor.

Music & Movement Storytime

Tuesdays, September 6 – October 25

4:00 p.m. | Canton

Shimmy, shake, wiggle, and giggle as we share music- and movement-themed books, interactive songs, and fun activities to get kids (and adults) up and moving! For families with children ages 0 – 5.

Storytime for the Heart

Saturdays, September 10 – October 8

11:30 a.m. | Central Library

Explore big feelings and quiet moments in this sensory storytime centered on exploring emotions and life events, family bonding, and connections between mind, body, and community. Perfect for children in developmental ages 3 – 7 and their families.

Community Drum Circle

Saturday, September 17, 2:00 p.m. | Light St.

Musician and psychotherapist Jordan Goodman of Beatwell leads this fun community building experience which offers tools to reduce stress and anxiety.

Mindful Drawing

Wednesdays, September 7 – October 26,

3:00 p.m. | Hamilton

Help your brain relax! Join us and learn how drawing lines and patterns can bring you some calm.

YOUR PRATT JOURNEY

DONNA'S JOURNEY

My Pratt Journey is probably one of rarest stories you'll ever read.

My name is Donna Bruce. I'm a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist with a specialization in Family and a Registered Peer Supervisor through the Maryland Addiction Behavioral Health Board.

Back in August 2021, I was in one of the darkest places ever in my 50 years of life. I became physically, mentally, and spiritually bankrupt. There was a huge void in my life that I thought would never be able to be filled again with love and joy! My first-born son suddenly passed away. He was found in his vehicle unresponsive on Etting Street down the street from the Pennsylvania Avenue Branch. My son's name was Devon. Devon was a natural-born leader who loved people. Devon was Prom King at ACCE High School and respected amongst his peers, family, friends, daughter, and even strangers. Devon taught me what it meant to be patient and non-judgmental to others, especially him. Devon struggled with mental health and substance use disorders. To be transparent, the apple didn't fall far from the tree. Me too.



Devon and Donna

While still in my grieving process, I received an offer to volunteer from Maryland Peer Advisory Council and Healing City Baltimore in a new Peer Navigator Pilot Program at the Pratt Library. Peer Navigators are persons who have self-identified as being in recovery. We're individuals who use our lived experiences in recovery to help others in their journey. We've received formal training to facilitate support groups and work one-on-one with individuals who are seeking or maintaining recovery from serious mental health issues, substance misuse, or co-occurring behavioral health concerns. So with my experience and training and the need in the branch and community, I accepted the offer.

I come in everyday prepared to serve individuals while filling this void on my healing journey. I'm reminded

of Devon daily as I look out the window of the branch and towards the street where he died. This ignites my passion to serve individuals in an even greater capacity. Now, I've been hired as a full-time Pratt employee, overseeing other Peer Navigators in the Library. I get the opportunity to witness the Peers in action and to assist Pratt customers. It's been an honor to help a customer who wanted immediate treatment. I provided the resources and sat with that person for two hours until a van pulled up to take them to a local recovery transitional housing program. That's one of hundreds of customers being helped by this program.

I look at myself in the mirror at the end of the work day and said out loud "I'm healing through helping others." Devon, I will not let your death be in vain! The Pratt Library has created a healing space for me and so many others.

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

PEER NAVIGATORS

Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.

Peer Navigators is a Pennsylvania Avenue pilot program in which Peer Recovery Specialists provide a safe, supportive, and confidential environment in which peers serve as role models for recovery from drug misuse, provide connections to community resources, and promote overall wellness. Peer Recovery Specialists are individuals with lived experience of substance misuse, mental health, or behavioral health challenges. To contact a Peer Navigator, come to the Pennsylvania Ave. branch or call 410-396-0399.

Presented in partnership with the Maryland Peer Advisory Council.

THE STOOP STORYTELLING SERIES

THE STOOP STORYTELLING SERIES: HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Thursday, September 22, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

The Stoop Storytelling Series and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, in partnership with Enoch Pratt Free Library present, "Hidden in Plain Sight: Stories about the powerful — and often invisible — public health forces that shape our lives." Join us for an evening of unforgettable tales that make public health personal.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



ADULTS

Movie: *In the Heights*

Thursday, September 22, 5:00 p.m. | Waverly
Saturday, September 24, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor

Usnavi is a bodega owner who longs to go back to his native Dominican Republic. In the meantime, he spends his time in a small neighborhood in Washington Heights pining after Vanessa, a beautiful lady working at the beauty salon and looking after Abuela Claudia, the elderly Cuban lady living next door who raised him, among many others. One day, Usnavi's childhood friend Nina comes back from college with a secret, and Abuela Claudia wins the lottery.
Rated PG-13 | 2 hr. 23 min.

TEENS

Hojalata (Tin) Art

Tuesday, September 20, 3:00 p.m.
Roland Park

Join us as we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month by making Hojalata Art (Tin Art). Teens will have the opportunity to create their own colorful Mexican folk art.

Movies at Pratt: *Stand and Deliver*

Wednesday, October 5, 12:15 p.m.
Roland Park

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Bilingual Spanish/English Family Storytime

Saturdays, September 10, 24 & October 8, 22
10:15 a.m. | Waverly

Join the Johns Hopkins Undergraduate OLE Latinx Student Group for bilingual stories, movement, songs, and other fun activities. After reading a story in English and Spanish,

we will make a craft or enjoy coloring pages. Come ready to move, laugh, and learn together. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6053. Walk-ins are also accepted until the program reaches maximum capacity.

National Hispanic Heritage Month Fact Find

September 15 – October 15
Southeast Anchor Library
Learn about Hispanic people who have achieved, created, and performed great things through an interactive fact find in the Southeast Anchor Library.

Take & Make: Ojo de Dios (God's Eye) Craft

September 19 – 24 | Govans
Learn about the origin of the ojo de Dios, then create your own to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month!

Movie: *Encanto*

Saturday, September 24, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
Monday, September 26, 5:30 p.m.
Washington Village
We don't talk about Bruno, but we will watch Encanto, in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month.
Rated PG | 1 hr. 49 min.

Take & Make: Las Luminarias

October 1 – 15 | Edmondson Ave.
Create your own luminaria to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Saturday Family Matinee: *Coco*

Saturday, October 29, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library Children's Department
Get cozy at the library for a Saturday matinee. Rated PG | 1 hr. 45 min.



DISCOVER EGYPT'S TREASURES

Saturday, October 15, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Central Library

Celebrate King Tut, the Rosetta Stone, and today's Egypt. Why do we still get so excited by mummies and pyramids?

Anthony T. Browder, the first African American to coordinate an archaeological dig in Egypt, has some answers. He will host a conversation via Zoom with Sister City Chair Ahmed Nouby and Nubi Abdelrasol, son of the 12-year-old boy (Hussein Abdelrasol) who first discovered the King Tut's tomb, live from Luxor.

Try your hand at deciphering codes like the Rosetta Stone, write your name in hieroglyphics AND Arabic, and make a royal necklace. See what's happening in Egypt today and savor Egyptian street food with the Kosher Corner Food Truck.

Schedule

1:00 p.m. | Wheeler Auditorium

Anthony Browder presents "Why Does King Tut Continue to Grip the Modern World?"

2:30 p.m. | Wheeler Auditorium

Rosetta Stone presentation with Art historian Courtney Marx

3:30 p.m. | Children's Department

Karen Leggett reads her book *Hands Around the Library*

Plus check out the activities for all ages around the Central Library!

This family celebration is brought to you in partnership with the Baltimore Luxor Alexandria Sister City Committee.

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MARYLAND STEM FESTIVAL

TEENS

3D Printing at Govans

September 1 – October 31 | Govans
Design a 3D printed miniature at home and print it out at the Govans Branch! Materials will include an instructional sheet and suggested books to help create designs in TinkerCAD, a free browser-based 3D modeling design software.

Take & Make: Mathema-kits

September 19 – October 31 | Forest Park
Do you want to prove you know your fractions, decimals, and equations to your teachers? Want to have a little fun doing it? Mathema-kits are full of games and activities to boost these skills.

Pirate STEAM: Spyglasses

Thursday, September 22, 3:00 p.m.
Roland Park
Aho! Join the crew at the Roland Park Branch for history about pirates and the equipment they used on the ship. Tweens and teens can also make their own spyglass and search for treasure in the library.

Discover Virtual Reality

Friday, September 9, 3:00 p.m.
Monday, September 12, 3:00 p.m.
Washington Village
Explore the wonderful worlds of VR! You will have the opportunity to try a VR headset and immerse yourself in some VR games. Spaces are limited!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Fabulous Fibers: The Chemistry of Fabrics

Saturday, September 3, 2:00 p.m. | Light St.
Saturday, September 17, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Children's Dept.
Saturday, October 15, 2:00 p.m. | Govans
Join Dr. Rose from the Army Research Laboratory and the American Chemical Society and participate in hands-on experiments exploring the chemistry of fabrics. This program is for ages 7 and up and 7–8 year olds must be accompanied by an

adult. This program has limited spaces and pre-registration is recommended. To register, please call the branch.

LEGOvans Fridays

Fridays, September 9 & 23, October 14 & 28
3:00 p.m. | Govans
Bring your imagination and create with library LEGO® bricks. Build something big, something small, something new, or something tall. Registration recommended for groups of four or more. To register, call 410-396-6098.

Building Party

Mondays, September 12 – October 31 (except Oct. 10), 3:30 p.m. | Northwood
Join us every week to take part in building challenges and craft your own designs with LEGO® bricks or LEGO® DUPLO® blocks!

Drop-In Building Brick Social

Mondays, September 12 – October 31 (except Oct. 10), 4:00 p.m.
Central Library, Children's Dept.
Join other LEGO® enthusiasts in answering a challenge, building your own masterpiece, and hearing about STEM books to help take your engineering skills to the next level.

Nature Rocks!

Monday, September 12, 4:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Use real leaves of different textures and shapes to print fossil-like impressions on rocks. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

3D Printing Day

Tuesdays, September 20 & October 18
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Forest Park
Stop by with your favorite design, create something new the day of, or pause to watch the printer at work on our 3D printing day. We provide the printer, all you need is the imagination!

Magnificent Marble Mazes

Monday, September 26, 4:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Make your own marble mazes out of cardboard and straws!

Drop-In Building Blocks

Thursdays, September 29 & October 27
4:30 p.m. | Canton
Come and create using LEGO® bricks, blocks, and other fun stackables.

Building Block Party

Thursday, October 13, 4:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
We provide the blocks, you provide the imagination! Please be aware that the LEGO® bricks we will be using are small and present a choking hazard to children under 4. We will have LEGO® DUPLO® building blocks available for younger children.

Little Explorers: Rock Out!

Thursday, October 13, 4:30 p.m. | Canton
Dig into geology and learn more about rocks through hands-on activities and experiments.

Take & Make: Toothpick STEAM Challenge

October 17 – 22 | Light St.
Build the tallest structure you can with only toothpicks and packing peanuts!

Monster Mouths

Monday, October 17, 3:30 p.m. | Patterson Park
Engineer a creature that can move its giant mouth with air pressure! Coached by FutureMakers. Participants under age 7 encouraged to attend with a caregiver. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0983.

Homemade Slime

Monday, October 24, 3:30 p.m.
Patterson Park
Use science to mix up some homemade slime.

Code Your Name

Thursday, October 27, 3:30 p.m. | Northwood
Learn about binary, a computer language made up of 1s and 0s, then create a bracelet or necklace with your name in binary code!

ARTS @ THE PRATT

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Live Music: Richard H. Semper Jr.

Thursday, September 1, 6:00 p.m. | Light St.
Join us for an end of summer jam with Richard H. Semper Jr. playing Steel Pan/Steel Drums. Being a Trinidadian American with strong ties to both cultures allowed his exposure and musical taste to range from reggae calypso, soca, and jazz to classical which is demonstrated in his musical selections.

Poetry Online Discussion of Derek Walcott

Saturday, September 10, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual
Join us online for a discussion of the poetry of Derek Walcott, who won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1992.

Symphony in the City

Wednesday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library
The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra brings the Orchestra out of the concert hall and into the community for its Symphony in the City series! Featuring Maestro Jonathan Rush. Check out BSOmusic.org for details about this very special event!

Tiny Art Show

Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Govans
Create an art piece to be displayed at the Govans Branch. Participants can keep the artwork after the exhibition period has ended. Art will be displayed September 17–October 31.

Adult Paint Night

Mondays, September 19 & October 24
6:00 p.m. | Reisterstown Rd.
Create a beautiful piece guided by local artist Esta Baker! All paint supplies will be provided by the library. Registration is required. To register, please call 410-396-0948.

Light Street Listening Lounge

Thursdays, September 22 & October 27
6:30 p.m. | Light St.
Join us for an exploration of the Enoch Pratt Free Library's vast collection of music. 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.

Poetry Online Discussion of Natalie Diaz

Saturday, October 8, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual
Join us online for a discussion of the poetry of Natalie Diaz, who won the Pulitzer Prize for Postcolonial Love Poem (1992).

Amadi Azikiwe, Violin and Viola

Saturday, October 8, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Creative Arts Center
Violinist and violist Amadi Azikiwe teams up with pianist Julee An to share an afternoon of music at the Central Library. Their program will include works by Maurice Ravel, Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson, and Ludwig van Beethoven.

Mt. Vernon Virtuosi

Friday, October 14, 12:00 p.m.
Central Library, Central Hall
The Mt. Vernon Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra will perform early-career works by Haydn and Mozart. Also on the program will be Lyric for Strings by George Walker (1922–2018), which the composer dedicated to his grandmother, a formerly enslaved person. The Guardian described Walker, the first African American winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Music, as “the great American composer you’ve never heard of.”

Live Music: Saleem & the Music Lovers

Saturday, October 29, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
Saleem & the Music Lovers formed in 2005 with a simple goal to blend the live band tradition with elements of modern hip-hop. In the process of discovering their voice, they began to infuse elements of jazz, soul, and rhythm and blues into their music. Blending powerful performances with intelligent lyrics, Saleem & the Music Lovers challenge listeners to move beyond restrictive labels and simply focus on the music.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Opera on the Avenue Preview

Saturday, September 17, 11:00 a.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Saturday, September 17, 2:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Saturday, September 24, 2:00 p.m.
Forest Park
Friday, September 30, 10:30 a.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Join Opera Baltimore for a performance and presentation inspired by African-American opera singer Anne Wiggins Brown, the first Bess in Gershwin's iconic opera, Porgy and Bess. Ms. Brown was born and raised in Old West Baltimore, where she received her formative musical training. This performance is a preview of “Opera on the Avenue,” Opera Baltimore's October 8, 2022 event hosted with Arch Social Community (ASC) Network. “Opera on the Avenue” will culminate in an all-day festival around the Arch Social Club, with musical performances, food trucks, vendors, activities for children, and a multi-media installation inside the ASC. There will be a world premiere concert that evening, focusing on Anne Brown and her legacy in today's world.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Saturday, September 24, 1:00 p.m.
Central Library, Creative Arts Room

Presented by Olney Theatre's National Players.

War has ended and soldiers return home to forget their sorrows. It looks like love is in the air. Except between Beatrice and Benedick, who are determined not to fall in love and get married even as they can't help engaging in daily verbal sparring matches with one another. Their friends Hero and Claudio conspire to set them up whether they like it or not, but ill intentions may threaten to break up more than one couple in this play. Tricks, mistaken identity, and a clueless night watchman are on the horizon in this “will they/won't they” comedy that features one of Shakespeare's wittiest couples.

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Movie: *Dune*

Tuesday, September 6, 12:00 p.m. | Walbrook
A mythic and emotionally charged hero's journey, *Dune* tells the story of Paul Atrides, a brilliant and gifted young man born into a great destiny beyond his understanding, who must travel to the most dangerous planet in the universe to ensure the future of his family and his people. As malevolent forces explode into conflict over the planet's exclusive supply of the most precious resource in existence — a commodity capable of unlocking humanity's greatest potential — only those who can conquer their fear will survive. Rated PG-13 | 2 hr. 35 min.



Cinema Saturdays: *Umma*

Saturday, October 22, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
A mother's love never dies. Amanda and her daughter live a quiet life on an American farm, but when the remains of her estranged mother arrive from Korea, Amanda becomes haunted by the fear of turning into her own mother. Rated PG-13 | 1 hr. 23 min.



Movie: *Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness*

Saturday, September 17, 2:15 p.m. | Herring Run
Thursday, October 27, 5:00 p.m. | Waverly
The enigmatic sorcerer Dr. Stephen Strange returns to unravel the mysteries and properties bound to the Time Stone. Strange conducts a series of experiments on the unusual artifact in an effort to learn the intricacies of time itself. However, when a powerful foe, in the guise of a friendly face, thwarts Strange's experiments, the sorcerer finds himself freeing a sinister force that wreaks havoc across the dimensions of time and space. Rated PG-13 | 2 hr. 6 min.

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Movie: *Fame* (2009)

Wednesday, September 14, 2:45 p.m.
Walbrook
Fame follows a talented group of dancers, singers, actors, and artists over four years at the New York City High School of Performing Arts, where students are given a chance to live out their dreams and achieve real and lasting fame that comes only from talent, dedication, and hard work. In an incredibly competitive atmosphere, plagued by self-doubt, each student's passion will be put to the test. Rated PG | 1 hr. 47 min.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Kanopy Movie Showcase

Thursdays, September 1, 29 & October 6, 27
4:00 p.m. | Walbrook

Help us choose a family movie to view and enjoy! Starring streaming movies that are available to Pratt library card holders through Kanopy.

Movie Time

Thursdays, September 8, 22 & October 6
3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Join us for a kid-friendly movie after school!
September 8: Sing 2 | Rated PG | 1 hr. 50 min.
September 22: Space Jam | Rated PG
1 hr. 40 min.
October 6: Spies in Disguise | Rated PG
1 hr. 42 min.

Movie Night at the Library:

Sonic the Hedgehog

Monday, September 12, 5:00 p.m.

Reisterstown Rd.

Powered with incredible speed, *Sonic the Hedgehog*, aka *The Blue Blur*, embraces his new home on Earth. That is, until he accidentally knocks out the power grid and sparks the attention of super-uncool evil genius Dr. Robotnik. Rated PG | 1 hr. 39 min. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0948.



Family Flicks: *Minions: The Rise of Gru*

Thursday, October 13, 5:30 p.m.

Washington Village

Rain date: Monday, October 17, 5:30 pm

Rated PG | 1 hr. 30 min.

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SPOTLIGHT ON PATTERSON PARK BRANCH



ADULTS

Shut Up & Write

Saturdays, September 3 & October 1
10:30 a.m.

Mondays, September 12 & October 17 – 31
12:00 p.m.

It is an empowering and rewarding experience to write an hour each week at the same time and place. It serves as powerful support for building your daily writing discipline. Our meetups are a safe space for writers to work on their craft. No one will read or critique your writing. RSVP and please arrive a few minutes early to get settled. The organizer will lead introductions, set a timer, and everyone will begin writing. Virtual attendance options are available through Google Meet.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Take & Make: Fall Craft Stick Decorations

September 6 – 16

Pick up supplies to make a crow, harvest corn, and a scarecrow using craft sticks and other craft supplies.

What Can You See in Nature?

Monday, September 12, 3:30 p.m.

Grab a pair of library binoculars and head out into Library Square to discover what you can see in nature.

Autumn Pinecone Animals

Monday, September 26, 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate the beginning of autumn by making a fox and a hedgehog using pinecones and felt.

Sunset Silhouettes

Tuesday, October 11, 3:30 p.m.

Learn about light and shadow! Create a picture by painting a sunset and a silhouette.

SPOOKY, SCARY!

ADULTS

Take & Make: Fall Pumpkin Door Hanger
October 1 – 31 | Walbrook

Take & Make: 3D Pumpkin Fall Leaf Wreath
October 3 – 15 | Reisterstown Rd.

Movie: *The Batman*
Tuesday, October 4, 12:00 p.m. | Walbrook
When a sadistic serial killer begins murdering key political figures in Gotham, Batman is forced to investigate the city's hidden corruption and question his family's involvement. Rated PG-13 | 2 hr. 56 min.

Lunch and Learn: Hidden Maryland
Wednesday, October 19, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual
Get into the Halloween spirit exploring archival records that reveal some of the forgotten sides of Maryland's history, from mysterious woods and crumbling ruins, to obscure remedies and strange stories. Presented in partnership with The Maryland State Archives and The Maryland Four Centuries Project.

Painting with Alcohol Inks: Intermediate & Advanced
Thursday, October 20, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly
This session has a prerequisite of having taken an introductory alcohol inks class before. Participants are encouraged to bring glass or ceramic pieces they would like to paint. The themes will be Fall and Halloween. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6089.

Get Terrified
Thursday, October 20, 6:00 p.m. | Govans
Discover the latest horror book titles while enjoying light refreshments.

TEENS

Take & Make: Pumpkin Candy STEM Challenge
October 1 – 31 | Waverly

Crafternoon
Thursdays, October 13 & 27, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
October 13: Hydro Dip Pumpkins
October 27: Sugar Masks

Movie Night: *Scary Stories To Tell In The Dark*
Thursday, October 20, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6053. Walk-ins are also accepted until the program reaches maximum capacity.

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Take & Make: Paper Roll Ghost
October 1 – 31 | Brooklyn

Take & Make: Boo! Boo! Kitty Spooky Holiday Wreath
October 1 – 31 | Cherry Hill

Take & Make: Goofy Face Pumpkin Magnet
October 1 – 31 | Herring Run

Take & Make: Spooky Spiders
October 3 – 14 | Patterson Park

Monster Chasers Scavenger Hunt
October 3 – 31 | Brooklyn
Celebrate the spooky season and learn the origins of some of your favorite classic monsters! Participate in our scavenger hunt and see if you can find all the monsters hiding among the spooky stacks of the Brooklyn Branch. Find the mummy, vampire, witch, zombie, werewolf, and ghost and receive a special prize!

Take & Make: Fluffy Slime
October 3 – 31 | Waverly

Take & Make: Spooky Crafts
October 10 – 15 | Pennsylvania Ave.

Craft Workshop: Spooky Origami
Tuesday, October 11, 3:30 p.m. | Hampden
Construct different spooky (and non-spooky) styles such as monster or vampire bookmarks, bats, jack-o-lanterns, and more! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6043.

Spooky Storytime with Aurora Gorealis
Tuesday, October 11, 4:00 p.m. | Church on the Square (near Canton), 1025 S. Potomac St.
Wednesday, October 12, 11:00 a.m. | Waverly
Settle in for some slightly spooky stories, songs, and rhymes with guest reader Aurora Gorealis!

Bats!
Monday, October 17, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Learn the ways in which bats help the environment and create a bat just in time for the spooky season!

Paint a Pumpkin!
Monday, October 17, 4:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Participants will get to decorate real pumpkins in this special afterschool event! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

Fizzing Jack-o-Lantern Storytime and Experiment

Thursday, October 20, 10:30 & 11:15 a.m.
Brooklyn

Celebrate the spooky season! Enjoy songs and stories and learn about the origins of the jack-o-lantern. Participate in a cool STEAM experiment to see how we use the science of baking soda, vinegar, and other items to make jack-o-lanterns erupt with color!

Movie Time:

Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween
Thursday, October 20, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
When cleaning out the old Stine house, best friends Sonny and Sam open a locked book that frees a supernatural nightmare — Slappy! Now, with the help of Sonny's sister Sarah, they're in a race against time to get the sinister dummy and all the creatures he's brought to life back into the pages before he unleashes total pandemonium! Rated PG | 1 hr. 40 min.

Pumpkin Art

Thursday, October 20, 3:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Create a fun pumpkin mosaic picture.

Let's Do the Monster Mash! Storytime and Craft

Tuesday, October 25, 10:00 a.m. | Cherry Hill
*For this special seasonal storytime, we will read *Monster Mess* by Margery Cuyler and *Most Loved Monster* by Lynn Downey, accompanied by the famous song, "Monster Mash" and monster-themed rhymes. Following this storytime, we will craft our own monster paper bag puppets.*

Movie: *Hocus Pocus*

Wednesday, October 26, 2:45 p.m. | Walbrook
A curious youngster moves to Salem where he struggles to fit in before awakening a trio of diabolical witches that were executed in the 17th century. Can he and his new friends stop their nefarious plot before it's too late? Rated PG | 1 hr. 36 min.

Spooky Lanterns

Wednesday, October 26, 3:00 p.m. | Govans
Design your own spooky lantern using recyclable items.

All Hallows Read Storytime

Thursday, October 27, 1:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library

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