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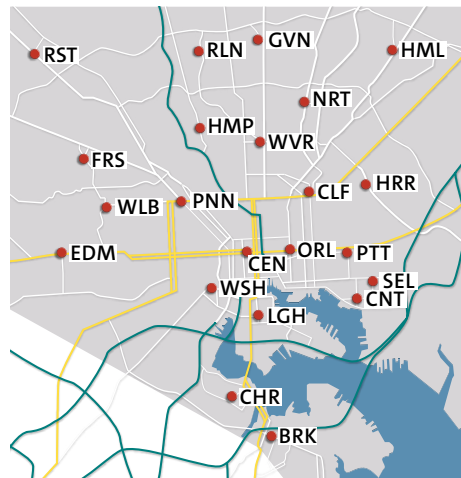
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The Pratt has partnered with BCIT and the Office of Statewide Broadband to give away 30,000 HP Chromebooks!

Check out eligibility requirements and stay updated on giveaway plans at [prattlibrary.org/getadevice](http://prattlibrary.org/getadevice)

# LETTER FROM THE CEO



**A**s we get ready for back-to-school season and students start setting new goals, I'm also looking at the future of the Pratt Library. In July, the Pratt wrapped up its fiscal year, and we're moving into the final year of our current strategic plan. This year we'll develop a new strategic plan focused on providing equitable access to information services, and opportunities for everyone we serve. We'll also focus our work on five key pillars of our current strategic plan.

**Financial Stability:** The Library continues to look for ways to strengthen our funding structure. A major focus moving forward will be the Pratt's aging infrastructure. We're conducting a full building assessment of all 22 Pratt locations to help us advocate for more funding at the city, state, and federal levels.

**Strategic Partnerships:** As we focus on infrastructure, in FY24 we'll look towards community partnerships that allow the Library to host pop-ups at different locations throughout Baltimore. This will be particularly important as Library buildings are under construction.

**Community Engagement:** We want to continue to ensure excellent customer service. We want to continue to receive feedback about what customers want from the library to incorporate into the upcoming strategic plan.

**Equitable and Responsive Programs:** This year, Pratt staff will be trained in new programming equity guidelines and we will launch a new equity dashboard to the public.

**Organizational Culture:** The Pratt Library is committed to maintaining an equitable, diverse, and inclusive workplace. This year, we'll reassess Human Resources processes to increase recruitment and maximize efficiency.

**Literacy:** This coming year, the Pratt will launch a new Digital Navigator program helping provide one-on-one tech support. We'll also continue efforts to connect more people through device lending and giveaways.

These are just a few of the upcoming plans for this year. You can see how the Pratt centered work around our strategic plan in the FY23 annual report now available at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org). I look forward to hearing your feedback as we plan for your library's future.

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

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**RUTH JOHNSON**

Reisterstown Rd. Branch  
June 2023

The next Meeting of the Boards of Trustees and Directors will be held Wednesday, September 20 at 5:15 p.m. Visit [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org) for details.



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## BRANCH UPDATES

### PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

The Pennsylvania Avenue renovation is almost complete! Take a look back at the progress from when the project started in April. The branch is scheduled to reopen in September, and you can join us for a Grand Reopening celebration on Saturday, September 30. Check out [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org) for more details.



### FOREST PARK

**The Forest Park Branch will be closing September 2, 2023 for a full-scale renovation.**

The Pratt is working with community partners to provide temporary library services. Details on those partnerships will be announced in near future. The renovation will expand the footprint of the library, and move the main entrance from busy Garrison Blvd. to a street-level entrance on Fairview Ave. Check out the plans below!



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# SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE

A big thank you to everyone who took part in Summer Break Baltimore 2023! More than 19,000 participants helped make this year's program a record-breaking success. This year the Pratt helped build home libraries for families by providing free books to keep in June, July, and August. Participants used raffle tickets to log the books they read and the programs they attended during the summer. More than 50,000 books were read. Monthly prize drawings occurred at 21 locations for four age groups, resulting in more than 252 prizes being awarded. Prizes included tickets to the Maryland Science Center, Baltimore Orioles games, giftcards, headphones, Baby Shark prize packs, and more!

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# MORE THAN 19,000 PARTICIPANTS



# MORE THAN 50,000 BOOKS READ





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## BACK TO SCHOOL

### ADULTS

#### Adult Back to School: Free Headshots

Saturday, September 2, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Creative Arts Center  
*Who says that Back to School has to be just for kids? Looking to make a new resume? Want to stand out on LinkedIn? The Pratt will be offering FREE professional headshots. Attendees will walk away with one photo to help their professional goals. Come dressed to impress. Photos and availability will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Photography services provided by Todd Dring Photography.*

#### The Effect of Books, Literacy, and Screen Exposure on the Brain: A Kennedy Krieger Conversation

Monday, September 11, 6:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Creative Arts Center  
*Join the Pratt Library in welcoming the Kennedy Krieger Institute for a program on literacy and childhood development. Understanding the full complexity of how our brains learn to read is critically important, and understanding how factors in our children's lives, like screen time, impact the development of this crucial skill. This session will discuss children's reading, literacy, and the impact of technology on both. Families and all ages are welcome for this program! There will be an interest-based, sensory activity for children during this presentation for parents.*

### TEENS

#### Information Literacy Crash Course

Saturday, September 2, 2:00 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.  
*Today, it's easier than ever today to find information. But how do you know if it's any good? Learn how evaluate information, find quality sources, and take advantage of library databases. If you can't make it to this program, stop by later in the month for an informational handout and activity.*

Students of all ages can find everything they need for a successful school year at [prattlibrary.org/back-to-school](http://prattlibrary.org/back-to-school).

#### Back to School Vision Board

Wednesday, September 6, 3:00 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
*Create academic success by designing a vision board that reflects your intent and goals for this school year.*

#### Back to School Earbuds

Tuesday, September 12, 3:00 p.m.  
Roland Park  
*New year, new look. Stop by the Roland Park Branch to create your own headphone holder and get a free pair of headphones to complete your look.*

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### Back to School Scavenger Hunt

September 1 – 30 | Waverly  
*Find the school supply pictures hidden in the children's area to fill our backpack and win a prize. One prize per child, while supplies last.*

#### Back to School Bash

Tuesday, September 5, 3:00 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
*Come celebrate the back-to-school season with us!*

#### DIY Back To School Craft

Tuesday, September 12, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
*Join us for an afternoon of fun designing your own pencil case and more! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.*



## CLASSES FOR HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS

Online class sessions where students can 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. To register visit [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org), email [computer.class@prattlibrary.org](mailto:computer.class@prattlibrary.org), or call 443-984-4944.

#### 1st Grade Homeschool Series

Tuesdays, September 12 – October 31  
10:00 a.m. | Virtual

#### 2nd Grade Homeschool Series

Tuesdays, September 12 – October 31  
11:30 a.m. | Virtual

#### 3rd Grade Homeschool Series

Tuesdays, September 12 – October 31  
1:30 p.m. | Virtual

#### 4th Grade Homeschool Series

Wednesdays, September 13 – October 25  
10:00 a.m. | Virtual

#### 5th Grade Homeschool Series

Wednesdays, September 13 – October 25  
11:30 a.m. | Virtual

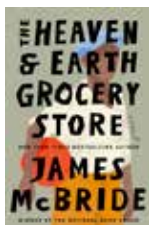
#### 6th Grade Homeschool Series

Wednesdays, September 13 – October 25  
1:30 p.m. | Virtual

# AUTHOR EVENTS

Some 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. Ask Pratt event staff for your parking voucher prior to or after the program.

## WRITERS LIVE!



**JAMES MCBRIDE**

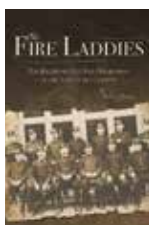
***The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store***

Wednesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

National Book Award-winning novelist James McBride (*The Good*

*Lord Bird*) returns with a story that centers on a neighborhood in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and the lives of its Jewish and African American residents.

## WRITERS LIVE!



**MARK HANNON**

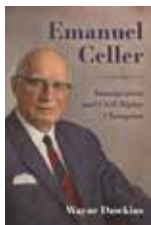
***The Fire Laddies***

Saturday, September 9, 3:00 p.m.  
Light St.

Author and retired firefighter Mark Hannon will provide an early history of the Baltimore City Fire

Department. The BCFD protected the city against the terrifying reality of fire that could kill hundreds in crowded theaters and factories and destroy many square miles of the city in a matter of hours. The author recounts the serious challenges the BCFD faced in the first year of the new century.

## WRITERS LIVE!



**SAMUEL FREEDMAN & WAYNE DAWKINS**

***Into the Bright Sunshine & Emanuel Celler***

Tuesday, September 12  
7:00 p.m.

Central Library & Virtual

Authors Samuel Freedman (*Into the Bright Sunshine*) and Wayne Dawkins (*Emanuel Celler*) will discuss their respective books on the Civil Rights Movement with a focus on the 1948 Democratic National Convention. They will be joined in conversation by Morgan State University multimedia journalism professor E.R. Shipp.

## WRITERS LIVE!



**R.L. STINE**

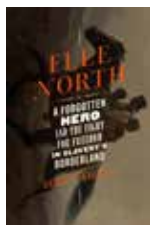
***Scariest Book Ever (Goosebumps House of Shivers)***

Saturday, September 16, 2:00 p.m.  
Central Library

Bestselling author R.L. Stine will

introduce a brand-new Goosebumps series that is sure to cause chills and laughs alike. You must register to attend this FREE event in person. All registered in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book. There will not be a book signing following the program.

## WRITERS LIVE!



**SCOTT SHANE**

***Flee North***

Tuesday, September 19, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

Pulitzer Prize-winning Baltimore journalist and author Scott Shane recounts the life of abolitionist

Thomas Smallwood (1801 – 1883), who bought his own freedom, and Hope Slatter, who shipped hundreds of people south from the Inner Harbor, often separating them from their families forever. Scott Shane will be joined in conversation by journalist Michael Fletcher.

## WRITERS LIVE



**JONATHAN LETHEM**

***Brooklyn Crime Novel***

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

Bestselling author Jonathan Lethem will discuss his latest novel that pulls apart the traditional crime novel

while examining a Brooklyn neighborhood over 50 years. Jonathan Lethem will be joined in conversation by author Lysley Tenorio.

## WRITERS LIVE!



**JASON REYNOLDS**

***There Was a Party for Langston***

Saturday, October 7, 2:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

Award-winning author Jason Reynolds will share his debut

picture book that celebrates the life and legacy of Langston Hughes. He will be joined in conversation by bestselling author D. Watkins. All registered in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book.

## PRATT TEST KITCHEN



**KARA MAE HARRIS**

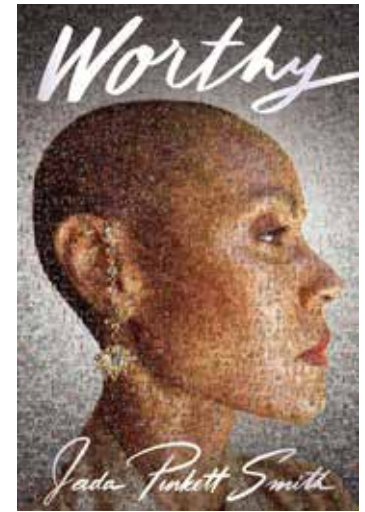
***Festive Maryland Recipes***

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

Kara Mae Harris will explore Maryland's culinary history through her most recent collection of holiday

recipes culled from her extensive research. From white potato pie and stuffed ham to Thanksgiving turkey with oysters and Italian Easter pies, join us for a journey into Maryland's food traditions.





**BROWN LECTURE SERIES: AARON NEVILLE**

***Tell It Like It Is***

Wednesday, September 13, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

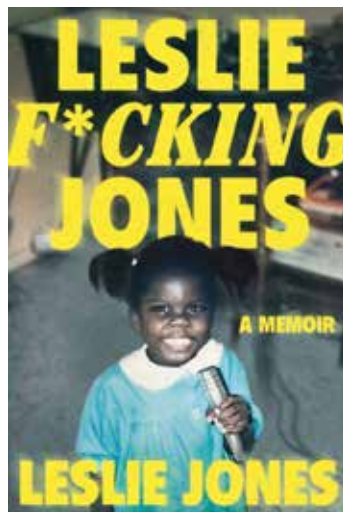
The Brown Lecture series is pleased to welcome legendary singer and songwriter Aaron Neville, who will tell his personal story of overcoming poverty, racism, addiction, and loss through faith, family, and music.

**BROWN LECTURE SERIES: JADA PINKETT SMITH**

***Worthy***

Wednesday, October 18, 7:00 p.m.  
Registration opens September 1, 10:00 a.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

The Brown Lecture Series is pleased to welcome Jada Pinkett Smith. Her new unconventional memoir *Worthy* is an invitation to join her adventure in search of love and self-worth. During this special event, Jada will recount her story in an intimate conversation with readers.



**BROWN LECTURE SERIES: LESLIE JONES**

***Leslie F\*cking Jones***

Thursday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library

The Brown Lecture Series invites you to spend an unforgettable evening with Leslie Jones and get to know the woman behind the laughs: tough yet full of love, uncompromising yet wise, and always completely hilarious. Leslie's audacious new memoir is a love letter to regular people just trying to make it day by day. Her story is proof that if you fight for yourself, you can live a bigger life than you ever imagined.

**BROWN LECTURE SERIES: MISTY COPELAND**

***The Wind at My Back***

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 7:00 p.m.  
Registration opens September 1, 10:00 a.m.  
Central Library & Virtual

The Brown Lectures Series is pleased to welcome Misty Copeland, the first African American principal ballerina at the American Ballet Theater, who will reflect on the impact that her mentor, Raven Wilkinson, had on her life and career. Ms. Wilkinson was the first African American woman to dance with a major ballet company, the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo.

**You must register to attend these FREE Brown Lecture Series events in person. All registered in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org). There will not be a book signing following the program.**

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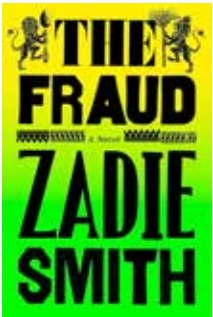
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*Here are the most anticipated books of September and October coming soon to the Pratt Library.*



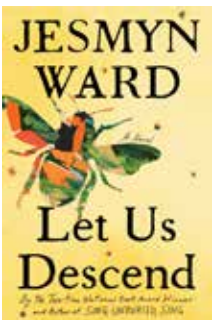
### **The Fraud by Zadie Smith**

The “Tichborne Trial” — wherein a lower-class butcher from Australia claimed he was in fact the rightful heir of a sizable estate and title — captivates all of England in 1873. Is Sir Roger Tichborne really who he says he is? Or is he a fraud? In a world of hypocrisy and self-deception, deciding what is real proves a complicated task.



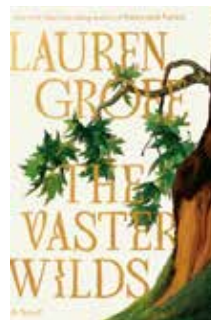
### **Holly by Stephen King**

Holly Gibney of the Finders Keeper detective agency is looking into the disappearance of Bonnie Dahl. Mere blocks from where Bonnie was last seen, live two octogenarian professors who are the picture of bourgeois respectability. But they are harboring an unholy secret and Holly must summon all her formidable talents to discover what the twisted professors are up to.



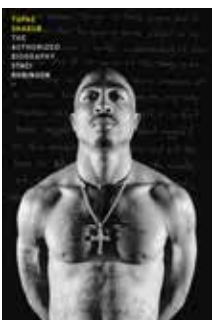
### **Let Us Descend by Jesmyn Ward**

Annis, sold south by the white enslaver who fathered her, is the reader’s guide through this hellscape of American slavery. As she struggles through the miles-long march, Annis turns inward, seeking comfort from memories of her mother and stories of her African warrior grandmother. Throughout, she opens herself to a world beyond this world, one teeming with spirits.



### **The Vaster Wilds by Lauren Groff**

A servant girl escapes from a colonial settlement in the wilderness. She carries nothing with her but her wits, a few possessions, and the spark of god that burns hot within her. What she finds in this terra incognita is beyond the limits of her imagination and will bend her belief in everything that her own civilization has taught her.



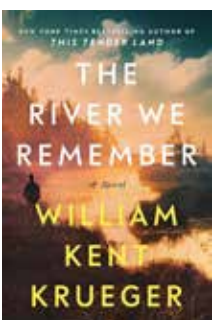
### **Tupac Shakur by Staci Robinson**

The only estate-authorized biography of the legendary artist Tupac Shakur, this book is a moving exploration of his life and legacy, with photos, mementos, handwritten poetry, and more. Staci Robinson — who knew Tupac from their shared circle of high school friends — unravels the myths and unpacks the complexities that have shadowed Tupac’s existence.



### **Touched by Walter Mosley**

Martin Just wakes up one morning with two new innate pieces of knowledge: Humanity is a virus destined to destroy all existence. And that he is the Cure. Stalked by the embodiment of death who seeks to destroy all life. Martin must convince his family of the danger and get them to engage with him in a battle beyond all imagining.



### **The River We Remember by William Kent Krueger**

In 1958, as the people of Jewel, Minnesota, gather on Memorial Day, Jimmy Quinn is found dead. Investigation of the murder falls to Sheriff Brody Dern. As the town teeters on the edge of more violence, Dern struggles not only to find the truth of Quinn’s murder but also put to rest the demons from his own past.

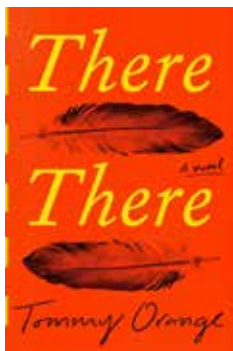


### **Thicker Than Water by Kerry Washington**

Chronicling her life’s journey thus far, Kerry Washington reveals how she faced a series of challenges and setbacks, effectively hid childhood traumas, met extraordinary mentors, and crossed the threshold into stardom and political advocacy, ultimately discovering her truest self and with it a deeper sense of belonging.



# ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK



## THERE THERE BY TOMMY ORANGE IS THE 2023 CHOICE FOR ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK

*One Maryland One Book is a program of the Maryland Center for the Book at Maryland Humanities.*

### ABOUT THE BOOK

A wondrous and shattering award-winning novel that follows 12 characters from Native communities. They converge and collide on one fateful day at the Big Oakland Powwow and together this chorus of voices tells of the plight of the urban Native American — grappling with a complex and painful history, with an inheritance of beauty and spirituality, with communion and sacrifice and heroism.

### BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Join the Enoch Pratt Free Library and Maryland Humanities for an exploration of the book *There There* by Tommy Orange. FREE copies of the book are available at branches on a first-come, first-served basis as sponsored by Maryland Humanities.

Monday, September 11, 12:30 p.m.  
Zeta Center | 4501 Reisterstown Rd

Tuesday, September 12, 11:00 a.m.  
Autumn Health Care

Monday, September 18, 6:00 p.m. | Walbrook

Saturday, September 23, 1:30 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.

Thursdays, September 28 & October 12  
6:00 p.m. | Northwood

Thursday, September 28, 6:30 p.m. | Govans

Wednesday, October 11, 9:30 a.m.  
Roosevelt Recreation Center  
1221 W. 36th St.

Saturday, October 14, 11:00 a.m. | Herring Run

Monday, October 16, 6:30 p.m. | Canton

Wednesday, October 18, 1:00 p.m. | Light St.

Thursday, October 19, 2:00 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library

Thursday, October 19, 5:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

Saturday, October 21, 11:00 a.m.  
Central Library, Poe Reading Room & Virtual

Wednesday, October 25, 11:30 a.m.  
Keswick Wise & Well Center | 700 W. 40th St.

Thursday, October 26, 6:30 p.m.  
Washington Village

Monday, October 30, 2:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill

Thursday, November 2, 1:30 p.m.  
Patterson Park

Thursday, November 9, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly

Monday, November 13, 6:00 p.m. | Orleans St.

Thursday, November 16, 6:00 p.m. | Hamilton

### RELATED PROGRAMS

#### East Baltimore Walking Tour: Mapping the Reservation

Saturdays, September 9 & October 7  
10:00 a.m. | South Broadway Baptist Church  
211 S. Broadway

Join the Pratt Library and Ashley Minner, a community-based artist, scholar, and an enrolled member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, for a walking tour of major points of Baltimore's "reservation." The walk will be about a mile long, and will leave from the South Broadway Baptist Church. Please wear comfortable shoes and climate-appropriate clothes. Registration for this event is required as space is limited.

#### Native American History & Local Areas of Significance

Saturday, October 28, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.

Join us for a presentation by Nicholas Courtney and Dr. Elizabeth Rule on the eras of federal Indian policy and areas of cultural significance in Baltimore.



## MENCKEN DAY 2023

Saturday, September 9

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium &  
H.L. Mencken Room

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

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

2:00 p.m. the 2023 Mencken Memorial Lecture (live and streaming)

This year's lecture will be delivered by DeWayne Wickham.

Mr. Wickham is the founding dean of the School of Global Journalism & Communication at Morgan State University and currently the public editor of the *Baltimore Banner*.

Mr. Wickham has previously worked at the *Baltimore Sun*, *Richmond (Va.)*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Black Enterprise* magazine, *CBS News*, *BET News* and *USA TODAY*, where he wrote a nationally-syndicated opinion column for 30 years.

He is the author of three books, *Woodholme*, *A Black Man's Story of Growing Up Alone*; *Bill Clinton and Black America* and *Fire At Will* and is also a founding member and former president of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ).



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## EXHIBITS

### CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EDDIE & SYLVIA BROWN AFRICAN AMERICAN DEPARTMENT AND THE JUANITA C. BURNS MEMORIAL READING ROOM

Central Library, Annex

From Enoch Pratt's progressive vision for a public library in 1882, to Louise Kerr's instrumental 1943 lawsuit in upholding that vision, to the original support of Juanita C. Burns and an unforgettable November night in 2001 with Toni Morrison and a surprise announcement from Eddie and Sylvia Brown — the history of the African American Department is a history of the Pratt Library itself. Now on display in the Annex at Central Library, come learn the history of one of the only departments of its kind in the entire country.

We will be celebrating the African American Department's 20th anniversary throughout November! Keep an eye on [calendar.prattlibrary.org](http://calendar.prattlibrary.org) for details.



## YOUR PRATT JOURNEY

### VIVIAN'S JOURNEY

Libraries are an integral part of my life. Growing up in Baltimore, my neighborhood library was the Walbrook Branch. I found a world of adventure, imagination, creativity, and academic pursuits. I remember fondly the staff sharing books with me and having a special space for me to do my homework every day after school. This experience enhanced my love for libraries. No matter where I lived or traveled in this country, it was important for me to visit that city's libraries.



The Pratt Library was instrumental to me during my undergraduate and graduate studies. I conducted research using primary and secondary resources found at the Pratt. My educational trajectory was not possible without helpful staff and their vast knowledge of resources. The library became my sanctuary.

As a student of history, primary sources are what historians thrive for in order to tell the story of the past. It was breathtaking to see all the books and other materials on African Americans and their contributions. I became captivated by the allure of finding out more about a cultural group of people — including my ancestors — who were brought to the shores of this nation in captivity. It became a lifelong passion that allowed me to share the knowledge by teaching others about African American history.

My professional road to the Pratt began in 1983 as a Young Adult librarian. I left after three years to work in other public and academic libraries before returning to claim my dream. In 2000, I was hired as the first manager of the newly anticipated African American Department. Upon my arrival, the future Eddie and Sylvia Brown African American Department and Carla D. Hayden Annex was a blueprint on an architect's drawing board. Construction for the new building began in 2002 and was completed by the late summer of 2003.

I saw the vision unfold before my eyes as construction began and the addition took shape. I began turning a 13,000-book collection into a full-fledged department. In addition to the book collection, other resources include magazines and journals, vertical files, microfilm, digital resources, and ephemeral materials. I hired staff, developed policies, created exhibits, marketed the department, enhanced the collection, and garnered community support. Also, many programs and trainings were developed for customers throughout the city and around the state about the African American experience. This road is well traveled and I am grateful for the opportunity of a lifetime.

November 3, 2023, marks the 20th anniversary of the department's opening. As we gather this year to "Celebrate 20 years of Excellence," the next twenty will be just as exciting and monumental.

**Vivian Fisher** is the Deputy Chief of Public Services at the Pratt Library/State Library Resource Center. She previously served as head of the African American Department.

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

### VINTAGE BALTIMORE BASEBALL

Central Library, 2nd Floor

How 'bout them O's, hon? The Pratt Library and Digital Maryland are home to thousands of pieces of our city's great history, and we thought what better way to celebrate our fantastic baseball team than a little trip down memory lane. Enjoy a selection of vintage Orioles memorabilia as well as charming anecdotes from the early years of Birdland history. Check out the whole collection at [digitalmaryland.org](http://digitalmaryland.org)!



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We are deeply grateful to donors at every level, all of whom make it possible for the Enoch Pratt Free Library to continue providing the essential services that people in Baltimore, and across the state of Maryland, rely on.

Although space limitations make it impossible for us to list everyone who helps make our programming and outreach possible, we are enormously grateful to those who contribute to the Pratt. We couldn't do it without you!

*Thank you to the following donors who have helped support the construction of a new Library in the lower Park Heights neighborhood... we look forward to sharing more information about our first branch in more than 15 years soon!*

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## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

### ADULTS

#### Dance Performance: Jóvenes en Acción

Wednesday, September 20, 6:30 p.m.  
Central Library, Central Hall

*This performance troupe brings together Latin American teens to encourage self-expression and promote team building through traditional Mexican and Latin American dance. Led by dancers, choreographers, and educators from Monterrey, Mexico, library patrons will enjoy this performance that highlights the dances, steps, and routines that represent Latin American identity, culture, and heritage.*

#### Folkloric Dance Class with Artesanas

Tuesday, October 3, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Central Library, Creative Arts Center  
*Join the Pratt Library in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month by taking a FREE Folkloric Dance class with Artesanas! Learn the dances, steps, and routines that represent Latin American identity, culture, and heritage. Space for this course is limited so registration is required. Please come wearing comfortable shoes and be ready to move!*

### TEENS

#### Movie: Selena

Saturday, September 16, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly  
Monday, September 18, 4:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.

*The true story of Selena, a Texas-born Tejano singer who rose from cult status to performing at the Astrodome, as well as having chart-topping albums on the Latin music charts. 1997 | Rated PG | 2 hr. 7 min.*

#### Self Portraits in the Style of Frida Kahlo

Tuesday, September 26, 3:45 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
*Frida Kahlo is an iconic and beloved Mexican artist who was especially well known for her self portraits. Join us to recreate one of Frida Kahlo's self portraits.*

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### Hispanic Heritage Fact Find and Who's Who

September 15 – October 14  
Southeast Anchor Library  
*Learn about Hispanic people who have achieved, created, and performed great things through an interactive fact find in the library.*

#### DIY Children Maracas

Tuesday, September 19, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
*Join us for an afternoon of fun as you design your very own Maracas! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call the Cherry Hill Branch at 410-396-1168.*

#### Family Movie: Vivo

Saturday, September 23, 2:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Children's Department  
*This family-friendly adventure comedy is an animated musical that features 11 original songs. It follows an adventurous and music-loving capuchin monkey as he makes a perilous journey from Havana to Miami to pursue his calling and ambitions in show business. 2021 | Rated PG | 1 hr. 39 min.*

#### Sugar Skulls with Artesanas

Monday, October 23, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook  
Tuesday, October 24, 5:30 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
Friday, October 27, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton  
Saturday, October 28, 1:00 p.m.  
Central Library  
*Join Creative Alliance's Artesanas to celebrate Latinx culture! Sugar skulls and sugar art has been a tradition since the 17th century during the Day of the Dead celebrations. Come make your own sugar skulls! All supplies included.*

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## MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

On July 26, the Pratt Library hosted My Brother's Keeper, its second event of the Amplified Voices Series. A panel featuring Wallace "Wallo267" Peeples, Aaron Maybin, CarlMichael "Stokey" Cannady, Wesley Hawkins, Dr. Lawrence Jackson, Kondwani Fidel, and Elijah Miles, and moderated by D. Watkins, discussed the various issues and barriers that impact Black male youth in Baltimore City.





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### ADULTS

#### Crochet Club

Thursdays, September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19  
3:00 p.m. | Walbrook

Learn and practice the art of crochet. Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own! Sign up by calling 410-396-0935.

#### Adult Craft: Pumpkin or Apple Wood Slices

Saturday, September 16, 1:30 p.m.

Northwood

Monday, September 25, 6:00 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

Wooden plaques cut to look like plump pumpkins or apples when you paint them and add decorative leaves and stems. Space is limited. Please call the branch to register.

#### In Stitches Club

Saturdays, September 23 & October 28  
10:30 a.m. | Canton

Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, needlepoint, or have another favorite craft, bring your work in progress for a morning of crafting, conversation, and camaraderie.

#### Celebrate Autumn Paint Night

Thursday, September 28, 6:00 p.m. | Light St.  
Local artist Dirk Joseph provides step-by-step instructions for you to create your very own landscape painting. Seating is limited. Call 410-396-1096 or email [lgh@prattlibrary.org](mailto:lgh@prattlibrary.org) to register.

#### Calligraphy for Beginners

Saturday, September 30, 2:00 p.m. | Hamilton  
Introduction to brush calligraphy. Space is limited. To register, please call 410-396-6088 or email [hml@prattlibrary.org](mailto:hml@prattlibrary.org)

#### Candle Making

Tuesday, October 17, 2:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
Join us as we make a custom candle with various fragrance options. This program has limited spaces. To register, call 410-396-1168.

#### Fall DIY Decor

Tuesday, October 17, 2:30 p.m. | Orleans St.  
Come paint wooden pumpkins to spruce up your fall decor.

#### DIY Crafts: Fall Luminary

Thursday, October 19, 6:00 p.m. | Govans  
Turn a mason jar into a luminary to light up your way! All materials included.

#### Acrylics Pour Painting

Saturday, October 21, 12:00 p.m. | Waverly  
Join local artist Esta Baker for fall-themed acrylics pour painting. Space is limited, please call 410-396-6089 to register.

### TEENS

#### 3D Book Decorating

Wednesday, September 6, 3:00 p.m.

Roland Park

Decorate a 3D book. Re-create your favorite book cover or create a custom one.

#### Get Creative: Watercolors!

Thursdays, September 7 & October 5  
3:00 p.m. | Hamilton

Join us for an hour of easy-going watercolor painting. All skill levels are welcome!

#### Decorative Pumpkin Makeover

Wednesday, October 4, 3:30 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

Makeover decorative pumpkins using recycled book pages or colored paper.

#### DIY Zines for Tweens & Teens

Wednesday, October 11, 3:00 p.m. | Orleans St.

Bring in your original writing, photos, and artwork to make a zine to express yourself!

#### Beginning Art Class: Introduction to Drawing From Still Life

Tuesdays, October 17 & 24, 3:00 p.m.

Reisterstown Rd.

A beginner's charcoal and pencil drawing class. Learn the basics about drawing still life. Class is limited to 10 participants.

#### Mini Marble Pumpkins

Monday, October 30, 4:00 p.m.

Washington Village

Make a unique painted pumpkin creation using a paint marbling technique.

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### Kid's Paint Night!

Mondays, September 18 & October 30  
4:00 p.m. | Reisterstown Rd.

Show off your creativity! This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0948.

#### Crafternoon: Autumn Hoot Owl

Wednesday, September 20, 3:00 p.m.

Govans

Learn facts about these amazing raptors and make an owl craft for fall.

#### Autumn Leaf Pop Art

Saturday, September 23, 3:30 p.m.

Orleans St.

Create a piece of pop art that brings the outdoors right to your wall!

#### Children's Painting

Monday, September 25, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill

Create a masterpiece! This program has limited spaces. To register, call 410-396-1168.

## FINAL FRIDAYS: LIVE MURAL WALK

Friday, September 29

12:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Central Library

For the month of September, join us for a Live Mural Exhibition!

Do you enjoy the large murals around Baltimore City? Have you ever wondered how they are conceived? Join the Pratt Library in an artwalk program to watch mural artists create in real time! We will have four local artists painting in our beautiful Central Hall ALL DAY on Friday, September 29, along with a DJ, an art activity, and refreshments.

Join us for a special panel on civic art and beautification of urban space at 6:00 p.m.



## ARTIST IN RESIDENCE



### MEET THE 2024 PRATT ARTIST IN RESIDENCE, HOESY CORONA

#### Welcome to the Pratt Library! What intrigued you about becoming an artist-in-residence at the Library?

Thank you! I was immediately drawn to the possibility of having a studio within the iconic Central Library with the opportunity to engage library visitors in the creative process. This artist residency is such a thrilling addition to Baltimore's arts ecosystem!

#### What can customers expect from your programs at the Library?

Library visitors can expect opportunities to participate in diverse methods of making art — from crafting one of a kind prints to transforming hats into wearable headdresses.

#### How do you plan to use Library resources while creating your art?

I will be using the many Library resources as reference material for the creation of new artworks that consider the human aspect of our shifting climate.

#### What advice would you give an aspiring artist?

Keep making art. Keep questioning everything. Find your own voice. Learn from artists you admire. Make the impossible possible. Get paid for your art.

Learn more about Hoesy, his work, and upcoming programs at [prattlibrary.org/artists](http://prattlibrary.org/artists)

### 7TH ANNUAL BALTIMORE COMEDY FESTIVAL

Friday, September 1, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library, Central Hall

Each year since its inception in 2017, the Baltimore Comedy Festival (BCF) has brought 50 – 100 professional comedians from around the U.S. to Baltimore for six days of LIVE showcases at multiple venues throughout downtown Baltimore and around the city.

This year, the Enoch Pratt Free Library is thrilled to be hosting a lineup of local and national comedians in our beautiful Central Hall, FREE of charge! Join us for a night of laughs and libations with your Baltimore community. Beer and wine will be served.

This year's lineup includes comedians Michael Furr, Maria Sanchez, Mike Smith, Niki Fuchs, Elizabeth Norman, Ronald James, Travis Blunt, and headliner Pierre Benu.

This program is 18+. Space for this program is limited and registration is required. ID REQUIRED for alcohol consumption. IDs will be checked.



### DOORS OPEN BALTIMORE 10TH ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF WITH JESSICA HENKIN



Thursday, October 5, 6:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium

Join the Baltimore Architecture Foundation and Baltimore Heritage for the Doors Open Baltimore 10th Anniversary kick-off with guest Jessica Henkin, co-founder, producer, and host of "Stoop Story Telling."

Doors Open Baltimore is an annual event that celebrates Baltimore's diverse cultural tapestry by highlighting its vibrant neighborhoods, captivating architecture, and distinctive spaces, both grand and intimate, that contribute to the city's exceptional charm.



### MODERN POP ART EXPERIENCE: "CEREALISM" WITH MICHAEL ALBERT

Wednesday, September 13  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Southeast Anchor Library

Thursday, September 14  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Waverly

Saturday, September 16  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Central Library

Join the Pratt Library in welcoming artist Michael Albert for his Modern Pop Art Experience, where we will take recycling packaging to a fine-arts level! Come use everyday materials, like cereal boxes, to create your own unique piece of collage art. Simple and fun, you will never see your recyclables the same way again. No experience required, all ages welcome! All materials included, but feel free to bring your favorite cardboard food packaging for use in your art! Cereal boxes recommended.



# LEARN COMPUTER SKILLS

~~\$60 for a computer class.~~

**FREE** computer classes at the library!

## MARYLAND STEM FESTIVAL

### TEENS

#### 3D Printing

September 2 – October 31 | Govans  
*Design a 3D printed miniature at home and print it out at the Govans Branch! Ask a librarian about using TinkerCAD and Thingiverse!*

#### Teen 3D Printing Club

Mondays, September 4 – October 30  
4:30 p.m. | Central Library, Earl Teen Center  
*Teens (ages 12 – 18) are invited to learn about the 3D design and printing process with Teen Center staff and print out their own creations. Beginners are welcome! Any designs we don't have time to print on this day will be finished and made available for pickup later on.*

#### STEAM Self-Portrait

Saturday, September 16, 1:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
*Using math concepts and the science of colors, learn how to paint a portrait of yourself or anyone on an egg carton.*

#### Fun with Drones

Monday, September 25, 3:30 p.m. | Walbrook  
*Fly drones while hanging out with friends!*

#### Kitchen Science

Tuesday, September 26, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.  
*Let's be scientists with common household items you can find in your kitchen! Conduct fun experiments and explore concoctions!*

#### STEM Challenges

Tuesdays, October 10 & 24, 2:30 p.m.  
Walbrook  
*Explore experiments, engineering challenges, and demonstrations with fun hands-on STEM activities! Materials will be provided.*

#### Color-changing Lemonade Potion

Monday, October 16, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
*Join us as we make a magical color-changing lemonade potion using Butterfly pea flower syrup! Explore the science behind this spooky color change and learn what other natural foods contain the same mysterious ingredient.*

#### STEM Day: Spooky Bots

Wednesday, October 25, 3:00 p.m.  
Roland Park  
*Explore robotics by building a robot on the head of a toothbrush.*

#### Tween STEAM: Monster Slime

Wednesday, October 25, 3:30 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
*Tweens can make their own spooky-themed slime and learn about the chemical components that make it fun and gooey.*

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### Tinker Tuesdays

Tuesdays, September 5 – October 31  
3:30 p.m. | Canton  
*Come explore different STEAM stations with your favorite adult. Tinker with engineering tools, complete science projects, construct structures with building blocks, and more!*

#### Light Street Lab

Tuesday, September 5, 3:30 p.m. | Light St.  
*Join us in the Light Street Lab for hands-on STEAM activities for kids.*

#### Cup & String Telephones

Tuesday, September 5, 3:30 p.m.  
Patterson Park  
*Learn about how sound travels by making and using a cup and string telephone.*

#### STEAM Wednesdays

Wednesdays, September 6 – October 25  
11:00 a.m. | Central Library, Children's Dept.  
*Learn something new about Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math while creating and experimenting with various materials. For children in developmental ages 4 – 8 and their grown-ups. All abilities are welcome with assistance available.*

#### Let's Explore: 3D Printing

Thursdays, September 7 & October 5  
3:00 p.m. | Hamilton  
*Learn how to take an idea from design to final print using picture books for inspiration.*

#### STEAM: Construction

Tuesday, September 26, 3:30 p.m.  
Northwood  
*Join us to build towers that reach for the sky!*

#### Homemade Slime

Tuesday, October 3, 3:30 p.m. | Patterson Park  
*Make homemade slime using glue and borax.*

#### Make a Cobra Wave

Monday, October 16, 3:00 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
*Experience the "explosive" chain reaction that occurs when potential energy converts to kinetic energy with this fun, hands-on STEAM activity with popsicle sticks.*

#### STEAM Crafternoon: Kaleidoscopes

Monday, October 16, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly  
*Come create your own kaleidoscope.*

#### Spooky Pet Plants

Monday, October 23, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.  
*Many common house plants can be grown in a jar of water. Decorate a jar to look like a creepy monster, or a cute critter, and place a sprout inside. Watch your pet plant grow and stretch its arms!*

#### STEAM: Plants & Leaves

Tuesday, October 24, 3:30 p.m. | Northwood  
*How do plants grow? What makes leaves fall every autumn? Find out in this program!*

#### What Is Augmented Reality?

Saturday, October 28, 2:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Children's Dept.  
*Learn and have fun with various apps using augmented reality. For families with children ages 3 – 12.*

"The Library has a lot to offer and it's free and affordable."

— LaTonya M.



## LIVE MUSIC

### ADULTS



#### Hip Hop Harmony: The Grand Battle of DJs

Thursday, September 14, 6:30 p.m.

Central Library, Central Hall

We are excited to host an electrifying event, *Hip Hop Harmony: The Grand Battle of DJs*, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of hip hop! This event aims to bring together legendary and rising DJs from around Baltimore City to showcase their skills, pay homage to the rich history of hip hop, and create a memorable experience for all attendees. With a fusion of music, culture, and competition, the event will be an immersive celebration of the genre that has influenced generations. Let the battle begin!

#### Mt. Vernon Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra

Friday, September 22, 12:00 p.m.

Central Library, Central Hall

Mt. Vernon Virtuosi presents "From Bach to Broadway" to begin their third season of noontime concerts at the Library.

#### Light Street Listening Lounge

Thursdays, September 21 & October 12

6:30 p.m. | Light St.

The Light Street Listening Lounge is a monthly exploration of the Pratt Library's vast collection of music. One-hit-wonders will be the focus in September and October's theme will be candy.

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### Music & Movement Storytime

Wednesdays, September 6 – October 25

10:30 a.m. | Hamilton

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.

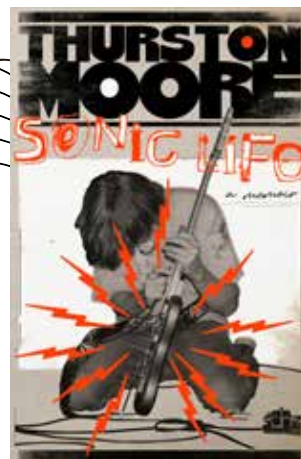
#### Music & Movement Storytime

Mondays, September 11 – October 30

4:00 p.m.

Canton Church on the Square  
1025 S. Potomac St.

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 2 – 5. This program will take place at the Church on the Square at 1025 S. Potomac St, Baltimore, MD 21224.



## WRITERS LIVE! THURSTON MOORE

### *Sonic Life: A Memoir*

Thursday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library

Registration opens September 1  
10:00 a.m.

Thurston Moore, founding member of Sonic Youth, will discuss his passionate memoir tracing the author's life and art — from his teen years as a music obsessive in small-town Connecticut, to the formation of his legendary rock group, to 30 years of creation, experimentation, and wonder.

In the spirit of *Just Kids* by Patti Smith, *Sonic Life* offers a window into the trajectory of a celebrated artist and a tribute to an era of explosive creativity. It presents a firsthand account of New York in a defining cultural moment, a history of alternative rock as it was birthed and came to dominate airwaves, and a love letter to music, whatever the form.

## MEET BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MUSIC DIRECTOR JONATHON HEYWARD

Tuesday, September 26, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's new music director Jonathon Heyward will discuss his life, music career, and his path to Baltimore. He will be joined in conversation by Pratt Library President and CEO Heidi Daniel.

Jonathon Heyward is the music director for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. He originally trained as a cellist and chamber musician and has held the position of Assistant Conductor at both the Boston Conservatory opera department and the Boston Opera Collaborative, Associate Director of the Hampstead Garden Opera Company in London, Assistant Conductor of the Hallé Orchestra, and most recently Chief Conductor of the Nordwestdeutsche Philharmonie.

Prior to the program, beginning at 6:45 p.m., join us for a chamber music performance by members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

# TEENS: DON'T MISS OUT ON THE LIBRARY OF THINGS!

## SNAP SOME PHOTOS!

~~\$279 for a GoPro Hero7 Camera.~~

**FREE** to check out from the library!  
with your library card



## WANT TO LEARN GUITAR?

~~\$300 for an average guitar.~~

**FREE** to borrow from the library!  
with your library card

## GET YOUR GAME ON!

~~\$199.99 for a Nintendo Switch Lite.~~

**FREE** borrow from the library!  
with your library card



## INTERESTED IN CODING?

~~\$199.99 for a Cue Coding Robot.~~

**FREE** check out from the library!  
with your library card

Learn more at [prattlibrary.org/library-of-things](http://prattlibrary.org/library-of-things)

# JUST FOR TEENS

## Manga Drawing Lessons

In-Person Tuesdays, September 5 & 19, October 3 & 17, 3:00 p.m.

Online: Tuesdays, September 26, October 10 & 24, 3:00 p.m.

Govans

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

## Fitness to Fashion 101 with Sir Prentiss

Tuesdays

September 5 – October 31

4:30 p.m. | Central Library, Earl Teen Center  
*Teens (ages 12 – 18) are welcome to attend this 8 week series workshop on fitness and fashion! Fitness 101 will provide body-positive guidance in nutrition, fitness, skincare, hygiene, and building confidence. Fashion 101 will assist in gaining the knowledge, skills, and experience to enter the fashion industry as a runway model and/or print model. Teens of all sizes and heights are welcome.*

## Chess in the Afternoon

Wednesdays, September 6 & October 4

2:30 p.m. | Waverly

*Novice or seasoned chess players, come join us for some board time! Learn how to play chess, practice your chess skills, or play a casual game with your neighborhood librarian at the Waverly Branch.*

## Manga Club

Wednesdays, September 6 & October 4  
3:30 p.m. | Herring Run

*Join us for manga discussions and anime show reviews!*

## Martial Fusion Bootcamp

Wednesdays, September 6 – October 25

4:00 p.m. | Central Library, Creative Arts Center  
*Martial Fusion Boot Camp is a blending of traditional martial arts movements and pop culture. Individuals will learn how to stay fit and focused while expressing themselves through music and movement, as well as develop self-defense-based skills, personal awareness and confidence while learning fundamental skills in boxing, kickboxing, and fitness. The goal is for each student to graduate with a white belt, along with a certification of level one (white belt). Registration required. A parent or guardian must complete a waiver for participation.*



## Thea Washington's Shining Stars Teen Acting Workshop

Thursdays

September 7 – October 26

4:00 p.m. | Central Library, Earl Teen Center  
*The Pratt Library presents an exciting opportunity for aspiring teen actors with an 8-week series acting workshop designed to prepare them for the world of commercials, TV, and film. Led by acclaimed Casting Director/Producer Thea Washington C.S.A., known for her work with HBO, Marvel, and Netflix, this program offers interactive training activities and invaluable insights. Open to teens ages 12 – 18. Registration is required. Register at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).*



## Anime Hour

Thursdays, September 7 – October 26

4:00 p.m. | Patterson Park

*Join Patterson Park's new Anime Hour. We'll watch your favorite anime and discuss what manga you're loving.*

## Anime Club

Thursdays, September 7 & October 5

5:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.

*Pop into the Edmondson Avenue Branch for Anime Club! Talk about your favorite series, learn about Japanese culture, and join in a craft or activity.*

## DIY Teen Fashion: Iron-on Patches

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

Cherry Hill

*Personalize your clothing by adding iron-on patches! Bring an article of clothing that you would like to freshen up with new decor. We will have a collection of cool and cute patches for you to choose from.*

## Dungeons & Dragons Hangout

Thursdays, September 21 & October 19

5:30 p.m. | Northwood

*Looking for a new D&D group? Maybe you haven't ever played, but want to try the game? Come to our Dungeons and Dragons Hangout! Teens and Adults are welcome. We will have some D&D supplies available. You are welcome to bring your own as well.*

## The ABC's of Financial Planning

Saturday, September 23, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.

*It's never too early to begin your financial planning journey. Heath Carelock of Carelosophy Social Impact Solutions, LLC. facilitates this informative and interactive workshop to build a lifelong foundation for financial literacy. Parents of teens and tweens are also encouraged to attend.*

## Our Origami Hour

Thursdays, September 28 & October 26  
3:00 p.m. | Hamilton

*Join us for an hour of fun, beginners origami! Materials will be provided for all who participate.*

## National History Day

Thursday, October 12, 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Roland Park

*Join us to find out more about choosing a National History Day topic and where to begin your research. We'll talk about the theme, the different types of projects, finding resources for research in the Library's collection, and how to put everything together to showcase your interest and understanding.*

## Youth Writers Rock: The Tormentors

Friday, October 27, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.

*National Stop Bullying Day is October 11. Join us to view a short film, The Tormentors, written and produced by Youth Writers Rock. Meet one of the writers and film's actors who will lead a discussion about bullying and conflict resolution.*

## Teen Summit

Friday, October 27, 3:30 p.m. | Walbrook

*A roundtable of teens talking about different topics and concerns in today's society that affects them indirectly and directly.*

*"So many good resources including chrome books and hotspots for kids. Great high quality events and really fun summer reading program this summer."*

— Meghann S.

*"Libraries are a net social good, and should be communally enjoyed."*

— Kelvin P.



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Scavenger Hunt!

September 5 – October 31 | Reisterstown Rd.  
Visit the Library to participate in themed scavenger hunts and win a prize!

## Bookworm Bros Bookclub

Saturdays, September 9 & 23,  
October 7 & 21, 11:00 a.m. | Northwood  
Join fellow bookworms as we share our favorite stories or books. You are welcome to bring your books to share as well.

## Family Yoga with Peaceful Warriors

Saturdays, September 9 & 23,  
October 7 & 21, 1:00 p.m. | Northwood  
Join us for Family Yoga at the Pratt! During class we will focus on deep breathing, releasing stress, and mindfulness activities, as well as poses and postures that stretch and release. Family yoga encourages families to work together to find balance, build trust and connection, and create moments of joy and relaxation. Space is limited. Register in advance.

## Field Day with Unmatched Athlete

Saturday, September 16  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Govans  
Join Unmatched Athlete and the Pratt Library for activities and games at the Govans Branch! There will be an obstacle course scavenger hunt for youth ages 7 – 18 and a tic-tac-toe relay for everyone age 5 & up. All families are welcome to attend this FREE event!

## Community Reads: King & King

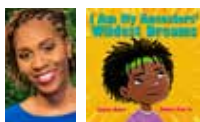
Saturday, September 23, 11:00 a.m. | Govans  
Join us for a reading and short discussion of King & King by Linda de Haan and Stern Nijland, followed by a family-friendly activity. Participating children will receive a FREE copy of the book while supplies last. Presented by Community Reads.

## Tania Moore:

### *I Am My Ancestors' Wildest Dreams*

Tuesday, September 19  
10:30 a.m. | Orleans St.

Join author Tania Moore to celebrate the release of *I Am My Ancestors' Wildest Dreams*. Perfect for young readers ages 4 – 8, this debut picture book calls on our youngest readers to celebrate their place in a venerated legacy while inspiring them to see themselves as the next generation's leaders: their ancestors' wildest dreams. Participants will receive a FREE copy of the book.



## Thinking Ought To Be Fun

Thursday, September 21, 3:30 p.m. | Govans  
Learning to think effectively for yourself is a great deal of fun! Discover that it's never too early to learn to have fun using the mind in clear, practical, and focused ways. For children ages 8 – 11 and their caregivers. Registration is required. To register, please call the Govans Branch at 410-396-6098.

## Dogs Educating & Assisting Readers: Children Reading to Therapy Dogs

Saturdays, September 23 & October 28  
11:30 a.m. | Waverly  
DEAR Program improves reading skills by encouraging children to read one-on-one with a Fidos Therapy Dog and Trained Volunteer. Children ages 5 – 10 will read for 15 – 20 min. A parent/guardian must sign a permission slip or have one on file prior to participating. Ticket and book required. Space will be dependent upon the number of dogs available to visit on each particular day.

## Magical Fall Fest

Saturday, September 30  
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Govans  
Magic show by Myklar, the Magician. Face painting, arts & crafts. Light refreshments served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Govans Library.

## Banned Book Bingo for Children

Monday, October 2, 4:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill  
Join us to celebrate Banned Books week with bingo, an interactive way for young readers to learn about banned books and to celebrate the right to read without censorship.

## Felt Pal

Thursdays, October 12 & 26, 4:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Children's Dept.  
Make a stuffed pal with felt, stuffing, and glue! For families with kids 6-12!

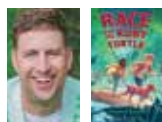
## — READ TO REEF PROGRAMS —

## Stephen Bramucci:

### *Race for the Ruby Turtle*

Monday, October 16  
3:00 p.m. | Reisterstown Rd.

Presented in partnership with the National Aquarium, in celebration of the Fall 2023 season of the Read to Reef Book Club. Meet author Stephen Bramucci and celebrate the release of *Race for the Ruby Turtle*, a heartfelt middle grade eco-adventure story full of friendship and self-discovery. Participants will receive a FREE copy of the book, while supplies last.



## Library Go-Fish

October 2 – 31 | Washington Village  
Don't know what to read or just can't decide? Pick a card from our Library's fish bowl for a great book suggestion.

## Create a Watery Wonderland

Monday, October 2, All Day  
Southeast Anchor Library  
Help decorate the Children's Area for Read to Reef.

## Read to Reef Bookmark Buddy

Monday, October 2, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.  
Create a paper bookmark in the shape of an aquatic creature. Your customized companion will join you through all the books you read, and hopefully get to visit its friends at the aquarium!

## Crafternoon: Light-Up Jellyfish

Monday, October 2, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly  
Create your own light-up jellyfish craft.

## Read to Reef Crafts: Jellyfish

Thursday, October 12, 3:30 p.m.  
Southeast Anchor Library  
Come to the Library to do a craft centered on jellyfish!

## Crafternoon: Sea Turtle

Wednesday, October 18, 3:00 p.m. | Govans  
Learn facts about these ocean reptiles and make a sea turtle craft.

**NATIONAL AQUARIUM**  
**Read to Reef**  
**BOOK CLUB**

**Earn free admission to the National 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.**

[prattlibrary.org/read-to-reef](http://prattlibrary.org/read-to-reef)



# LOOKING FOR STREAMING SERVICES?

~~\$9.99/month for Netflix | \$6.99/month for Apple TV+ | \$14.99 for Hulu~~

**FREE** to stream on Hoopla and Kanopy!  
with your library card



## FILMS @ THE PRATT

### ADULTS

#### *Guy Ritchie's The Covenant*

Saturday, September 2, 2:00 p.m.  
Herring Run  
War/Action | 2023 | Rated R | 2 hr. 3 min.

#### **Storm Center: Film and Discussion on Libraries and Challenged Books**

Saturday, September 16, 1:00 p.m. | Hamilton  
In celebration of Banned Books, watch and discuss the 1956 film Storm Center. Bill Barry will facilitate a discussion after the screening. 1956 | Not Rated | 1 hr. 26 min.

#### *Avatar: The Way of Water*

Saturday, September 30, 1:00 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.  
Sci-fi/Action | 2022 | PG-13 | 3 hr. 12 min.

#### *Fast X*

Monday, October 9, 10:15 a.m. | Hamilton  
Action/Adventure | 2023 | Rated PG-13  
2 hr. 21 min.

#### *Knock at the Cabin*

Monday, October 23, 5:00 p.m. | Brooklyn  
Mystery/Horror | 2023 | Rated R | 1 hr. 50 min.

#### *Knives Out*

Saturday, October 28  
11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. | Roland Park  
Mystery/Comedy | 2019 | Rated PG-13  
2 hr. 11 min.

#### *Nope*

Saturday, October 28, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly  
Horror/Sci-fi | 2022 | Rated R | 2 hr.

### TEENS

#### *Sonic the Hedgehog*

Thursday, September 7, 4:00 p.m.  
Northwood  
Adventure/Comedy | 2020 | Rated PG  
1 hr. 39 min.

#### *Batman: Under the Red Hood*

Saturday, September 16, 2:30 p.m.  
Herring Run  
Action/Adventure | 2010 | Rated PG-13  
1 hr. 16 min.

#### *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.*

Tuesday, September 12, 10:15 a.m. | Hamilton  
Saturday, September 16, 1:00 p.m. | Light St.  
Drama/Comedy | 2023 | Rated PG-13  
1 hr. 46 min.

#### *Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings*

Monday, September 25, 3:00 p.m. | Govans  
Action/Adventure | 2021 | PG-13 | 2 hr. 12 min.

#### *Smoke Signals*

Monday, October 2, 4:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
Drama/Indie | 1998 | Rated PG-13  
1 hr. 29 min.

#### *Indian Horse*

Monday, October 16, 4:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
Drama | 2017 | Not Rated | 1 hr. 41 min.

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### *Encanto*

Thursday, September 21, 6:00 p.m.  
Northwood  
Family/Comedy | 2021 | Rated PG  
1 hr. 42 min.

#### *Strange World*

Saturday, September 9, 2:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Children's Dept.  
Saturday, October 21, 1:00 p.m. | Light St.  
Adventure/Comedy | 2022 | Rated PG  
1 hr. 42 min.

#### *The Angry Birds Movie*

Thursday, September 14, 5:00 p.m.  
Washington Village  
Family/Comedy | 2016 | Rated PG  
1 hr. 37 min.

#### *Puss in Boots: The Last Wish*

Monday, September 25, 4:00 p.m.  
Reisterstown Rd.  
Adventure/Comedy | 2022 | Rated PG  
1 hr. 40 min.

#### *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile*

Thursday, September 28, 3:30 p.m. | Govans  
Animation | 2022 | Rated PG | 1 hr. 46 min.

#### *Hocus Pocus*

Friday, October 6, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly  
Thursday, October 19, 6:00 p.m. | Orleans St.  
Fantasy/Comedy | 1993 | Rated PG  
1 hr. 35 min.

#### *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*

Saturday, October 7, 2:00 p.m. | Herring Run  
Adventure/Comedy | 2023 | Rated PG  
1 hr. 32 min.

#### *Wallace & Gromit:*

#### *The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*

Thursday, October 19, 6:00 p.m. | Northwood  
Adventure/Family | 2005 | Rated G  
1 hr. 20 min.



## HEAL-A-THON: A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS EVENT

Saturday, October 14, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Creative Arts Center

Dana's Daughters Inc. in partnership with the Pratt Library presents Heal-a-thon, a domestic violence awareness event.

Join us for an afternoon of purpose, awareness, restoration, and healing featuring interactive workshops, survivor stories and testimonials, spoken word, fitness, vendors, and a word from Pratt Library CEO, Heidi Daniel.



# GET A WORKOUT!

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**FREE** yoga, zumba, and jamercise classes at the library!

## SPOTLIGHT ON BROOKLYN



### ADULTS

#### Brooklyn Branch Best Book Discussion Ever!

Thursdays, September 21 & October 19  
6:00 p.m. | Virtual

*Let's get together and discuss the books we've been reading. Bring a friend!*

#### Spanish Language Coffee Chat

Mondays, October 2 & 30, 5:00 p.m.

*Want to improve your English skills? Come by for conversation in English and Spanish to help improve your spoken English! Coffee and Snacks Provided.*

#### Afternoon Knit & Crochet Circle

Tuesday, October 10, 3:00 p.m.

*Come join our Knitting and Crochet Circle and get inspiration or just hang out with other crafters.*

### TEENS

#### Healing with Storytelling

Tuesday, September 5, 1:00 p.m.

*Join DiscoverME/RecoverME for the final story-sharing session in this series aimed at cultivating spaces of acknowledgment, appreciation, respect, understanding, and love.*

#### Teen Video Game Night

Thursdays, September 7 & October 5  
6:00 p.m.

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

#### Anime Club

Thursdays, September 14, October 12 & 26  
4:00 p.m.

*Come hang out with your friends, eat snacks, and watch your favorite anime on our big screen projector!*

#### Teen Craft: Bubble Wand Earrings

Thursday, September 21, 4:00 p.m.

*Need to add a little color to your wardrobe? Join our fun and easy craft program, where you will make your very own pair of colorful upcycled bubble wand earrings!*

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### Family Storytime

Thursdays, September 7 – October 26  
10:30 a.m.

*Stories, movement, songs, and our most fun activities. Come ready to move, laugh, and learn together. For families with children ages 2 – 5. All abilities welcome.*

#### Crafternoon

Thursdays, September 7 & 21  
October 5 & 19, 12:00 p.m.

*Join us in the Children's Center bi-weekly for a fun, book-based craft!*

#### Library Tour

Tuesday, September 12, 2:00 p.m.

*Take your little ones on a fun and interactive tour of the Library! Children and their families will learn about all the sections of the Library and the services we provide.*

#### Yoga for Little Readers

Wednesday, September 27, 11:00 a.m.

Friday, October 27, 11:00 a.m.  
*Little ones (and their grown ups!) will enjoy fun and calming yoga moves with ribbon wands, scarves, music, and more.*



## SNEAK PEEK AT NOVEMBER

#### WRITERS LIVE! WALTER MOSLEY

Wednesday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.

Registration Opens September 18  
10:00 a.m. | Central Library, Central Hall  
*Bestselling author Walter Mosley will discuss his new novel Touched.*

#### DOO WOP DANCE WITH DEATH: A 1950'S MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

Thursday, November 2, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

*When a death on the dance floor turns this Doo Wop party foul, it's up to you to figure out whodunit and get the dance back on track!*

#### KID'S WRITERS LIVE! RENÉE WATSON

Thursday, November 2, 10:30 a.m.

Central Library, Creative Arts Center

*Meet author Renée Watson and celebrate the release of Ways to Build Dreams. Participants will receive a FREE copy of the book, while supplies last.*

#### ONE BOOK BALTIMORE KICK-OFF

Tuesday, November 7, 11:00 a.m.

Central Library, Central Hall

*We'll announce the 2023 selection for One Book Baltimore!*

#### WRITERS LIVE! LIZA MUNDY

Thursday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium

*Acclaimed author Liza Mundy returns to discuss her new book The Sisterhood: The Secret History of the Women of the CIA.*

#### BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CHAMBER MUSIC INTERLUDE

Tuesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m.

Central Library, Central Hall



# LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTLED



## ADULTS

### **Haunted Maryland: It's Supernatural Hon**

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 p.m.  
Central Library, Poe Reading Room  
*Join the Maryland Department for age-old folk tales and ghost stories.*

### **Ghoulish Jamboree with Aurora Gorealis**

Thursday, October 12, 6:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Creative Arts Center  
*Join Aurora Gorealis for a spooky shenanigans party! Come in your best costumes for this chilling celebration. Space is limited, register at prattlibrary.org*

### **Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus. A One-Man Stage Play.**

Saturday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.  
Canton Church on the Square  
1025 S. Potomac St.  
*A new, one-man play adapted from Mary Shelley's classic novel. Written and performed by Greg Oliver Bodine. Directed by Delisa M. White. This performance will take place next to the Canton Branch at the Church on the Square. Sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Library.*

### **Mediums, Magicians, and the Ouija Board: A Spiritualist History of Baltimore**

Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 p.m.  
Central Library, Poe Reading Room  
*Learn about spirit mediums, the Ouija Board, and Baltimore's group of amateur magicians.*

### **Poe LIVE: The Murders in the Rue Morgue with the National Edgar Allan Poe Theatre**

Saturday, October 21, 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Poe Reading Room  
*An audio drama adaptation of The Murders in the Rue Morgue. Written by Caroline Bennett, directed by Alex Zavistovich, original music by James Watson. In partnership with the National Edgar Allan Poe Theatre. Space is limited, registration required.*

## TEENS

### **Ghosts of Baltimore**

Monday, October 2, 6:00 p.m. | Hamilton  
Monday, October 16, 6:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Creative Arts Center  
Thursday, October 19, 6:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Teen Center  
Thursday, October 26, 6:00 p.m. | Light St.  
*Join Baltimore Ghost Tours as they regale you with ghost stories drawn from their award-winning tours.*

### **Spooky Eyeballs**

Wednesday, October 18, 3:30 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
*Make your own spooky eyeball decorations.*

### **Graphics & Classics Book Club: Dracula**

Thursday, October 19, 5:00 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.  
*Read a classic work of literature or a graphic novel adaptation, then join us for discussion of Dracula, by Bram Stoker.*

### **Drama & Dice: Mystery Investigation**

Thursday, October 26, 5:00 p.m.  
Edmondson Ave.  
*Gather your wits and your courage for a tabletop roleplaying game. Investigate a mystery and uncover spooky secrets. Teens and Adults are welcome.*

### **Spooky Movie: Happy Death Day**

Monday, October 30, 4:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
*Horror/Thriller | 2017 | Rated PG-13  
1 hr. 36 min.*

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### **Crafternoon: Bat Craft**

Tuesday, October 3, 3:30 p.m. | Light St.  
*Make a fun and easy hanging bat craft.*

### **Spooky Storytime with Aurora Gorealis**

Thursday, October 12, 10:30 a.m. | Brooklyn  
Friday, October 13, 10:30 a.m.  
Central Library, Children's Dept.  
*Settle in for some slightly spooky stories, songs, and rhymes with guest reader Aurora Gorealis!*

### **Friday the 13th with Aurora Gorealis**

Friday, October 13, 2:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Central Hall  
*It's Friday the 13th! Join us for a spooky and fun celebration of superstitions with Aurora Gorealis. All ages are welcome to this engaging afternoon of spooky fun.*

### **Haunted House Pictures**

Tuesday, October 17, 3:30 p.m.  
Patterson Park  
*Decorate a spooky haunted house picture.*

### **Crafternoon: Monster Bookmark**

Monday, October 23, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly  
*Design and create your own monster bookmark.*

### **Spooktacular Obstacle Course**

Saturday, October 28, 2:00 p.m. | Canton  
*Come try a fang-tastic obstacle course! Wear your fa-boo-lous costumes for a prize!*

### **Día de los Muertos Altar Making**

Saturday, October 28, 2:30 p.m. | Hampden  
Thursday, October 26, 4:30 p.m. | Brooklyn  
Monday, October 30, 5:30 p.m.  
Central Library, Central Hall  
*Celebrate life and new beginnings with Creative Alliance's Artesanas Mexicanas! Learn the traditions and art techniques of Día de los Muertos and altar making. Bring a portrait of a loved one to place on any of our community altars.*



## FINAL FRIDAYS: SPIRITS & SPIRITS

### **SPIRITS TASTING AND SPOOKY SEASON**

Friday, October 27, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
Central Library | All Ages

Bring the whole family for a night of performances and fun while you sip and savor your favorite local alcohol spirits in the beauty of Central Library! Everyone can enjoy the family shows, and adult participants will be able to sample products from five local distilleries while enjoying spooky entertainment. **Come dressed for the theme Spirits and Spirits, whatever that may be, to participate in costume festivities.**

Space for this program is limited and registration is required. ID REQUIRED for alcohol consumption. IDs will be checked.

This event is being held in partnership with McClintock Distilling, Sagamore Spirit, Old Line Spirits, KO Distilling, and Los Hermanos Tequila.

### **EVENT SCHEDULE**

**All Night:** Spirits Tastings, Astrology Readings

**5:30 – 6:00 p.m.** Tarot Readings

**6:00 p.m.** Family Show with Andy Morgan & Michael Jons

**6:00 p.m.** Screening of *The Dark Crystal*

**6:45 p.m.** Costume Celebration

**7:15 p.m.** Spooky Show with Andy Morgan & Michael Jons



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