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ENOCH PRATT YOUTH COLLECTIVE (EPYC)

Building young people for the future. Teens in grades 9 – 12 can earn volunteer hours, build skills, and prepare for college and careers with the Enoch Pratt Youth Collective.

The next EPYC cohort begins in the fall. Fall applications close September 5. For more information visit prattlibrary.org/EPYC

LETTER FROM THE CEO



The fall is always an exciting time at the Pratt Library. Temperatures may be cooling down but activities at the Library are not! In the next few months we'll be welcoming a host of authors and public figures including (to name just a few) Robin Wall Kimmerer, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Ian McEwan, and Tom Colicchio. Check in for details on this season's roster of stars coming to Baltimore. For many programs, attendees receive a free book as well. We are proud to serve as a center for culture, connection, and discussion where access is always free.

In addition to speakers, the Pratt offers a wide variety of other programs across the city. From homework help to crafters, from storytimes to STEAM-to-Go kits, from digital drop-ins to devices for loan, from workforce

development to health initiatives, the options are too numerous to name. We hope you'll peruse the pages of *Compass* and prattlibrary.org to learn more about the thousands of opportunities that we have to offer each season.

On that note, expanding these opportunities is our priority and we're continually working to improve our existing branches, as well as to add new locations. We recently celebrated the ribbon cutting of our second Pratt Anywhere location, this one inside the Rita Church Community Center in Northeast Baltimore. We're also breaking ground on a new full-service branch in Park Heights. This is a significant moment for our city and for a neighborhood that deserves a modern library space designed to meet the needs of the community. We're honored to partner with city leaders, funders, and local residents to bring this vision to life. Coming soon as well will be a brand new branch in the Johnston Square neighborhood. Stay tuned!

Whether you're looking for a quiet place to work or study, connect with others, or explore something new, the Pratt Library is here for you. We hope to see you soon.

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

TOWN HALL MEETING WITH THE CEO

Tuesday, September 2, 6:00 p.m. | Hampden
Saturday, October 11, 11:00 a.m. | Northwood

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

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The next Meeting of the Boards of Trustees and Directors will be held Wednesday, September 10 at 5:15 p.m. Visit prattlibrary.org for details.

BUILDING UPDATES



NORTHWOOD BRANCH

The Northwood Branch reopened on July 28 after a full HVAC replacement. Check out the photos of customers enjoying the updated space.

BROOKLYN BRANCH

The Brooklyn Branch is closed for renovations including an HVAC replacement and new furniture. The branch is expected to reopen in fall of 2025.

HERRING RUN BRANCH

The Herring Run Branch will open in September after receiving a new HVAC system.

JOHNSTON SQUARE BRANCH

The Johnston Square Branch is almost complete. This new location will have approximately 7,500 square feet of library space, a shared community room, and residential facility 24-hour access to some resources. A Grand Opening is planned November. Stay tuned for more information.

PARK HEIGHTS BRANCH

On August 27 we broke ground on the new Park Heights Branch. The Park Heights community has waited a long time for a library of its own, and we're thrilled to see this project moving forward. The new Library will be a place where people of all ages can gather, learn, and connect. We're proud to have raised \$6 million toward this project — including the largest private gift in the Pratt Library's history from Rheda Becker and Bob Meyerhoff — and we're grateful to all of our donors who are helping make this vision a reality.

REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH

The Reisterstown Road Branch will open in September after receiving a new HVAC system.



OLD-SCHOOL OPULENCE: SENIORS PROM

Tuesday, September 30, 5:30 p.m.
Central Library

Join us for a night inspired by the charm and glamour of times when life was easier, parties were legendary, and joy was contagious! Dress to impress with a hint of vintage flair — sparkle is encouraged!

Prizes will be awarded for categories such as cutest couple, sharpest dresser, best dancer, etc. so put your best foot forward!

Light refreshments and beverages will be served.

This program is recommended for individuals 55+; however, couples and singles 18+ are welcome! Registration required, no exceptions. ID REQUIRED for alcohol consumption. IDs will be checked.

"It is an absolutely amazing space with wonderful and knowledgeable Librarians."

— Brandon H.

SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE

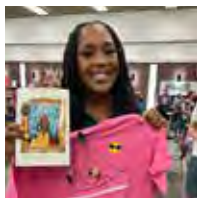
Thanks to everyone who participated in Summer Break Baltimore 2025! This year we helped create home libraries for families by giving away more than 32,000 books.

Thank you to the many donors who helped make Summer Break Baltimore possible! If you'd like to make a gift to the Pratt Library to help provide books for families across the city, please visit prattlibrary.org/give.



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BACK TO SCHOOL

ALL AGES

Back to School Bingo!

Tuesday, September 9, 4:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Join us for a fun afternoon of Bingo along with back-to-school-themed prizes! All ages welcome!

TEENS

Back-to-School Supplies & Decoration

Monday, September 1, 3:30 p.m.
Patterson Park
Grab some supplies and personalize your gear for school. Items to decorate will be available while supplies last.

Back to School: Notebook Decoration

Tuesday, September 2, 3:30 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Get organized and ready for class by customizing a personal notebook or binder! Use art supplies like washi tape, custom scrapbook cutouts, markers, and more. You may bring your own, but notebooks and binders will be provided while supplies last.

Back to School: Bullet Journal Decorating

Tuesday, September 2, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Get organized and ready for class by customizing a personal bullet journal! Use washi tape, sticker, markers, and more to decorate it your way. Journals and decorative materials will be provided while supplies last.

Teen Craft: Back-to-School Vision Boards

Tuesday, September 9, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden
Ready for the new school year? Come make your own vision board to help plan your goals for the new school year!

Back to School: Vision Board for Teens

Tuesday, September 9, 3:30 p.m.
Cherry Hill
Join us for a fun and creative back to school vision board session where students can set goals, express dreams, and get motivated for a successful academic year. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

Anime Club: Back-to-School Trivia Edition

Wednesday, September 10, 3:00 p.m.
Orleans St.
Come test your memories of your favorite series, learn facts about anime that may be new to you, and earn special prizes for correct answers and good sportsmanship! Each participant will leave with a notebook, pen, pencil, and highlighter for school, in addition to any anime-themed prizes they might win.

Pack a Pencil Case

Thursday, September 11, 3:00 p.m.
Roland Park
Start the school year off on the right foot. Create a custom pencil case and pack it with school supplies.

College Info Session in Spanish with Will Salzman

Friday, September 5, 3:30 p.m. | Patterson Park
Monday, September 22, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Learn about the college admissions process and available resources. Presented in Spanish by Will Salzman of Towson University. Ideal for teens and families.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Make Your Own Shoe Charms!

Friday, September 5, 3:30 p.m.
Central Library
Use air dry clay to make some new shoe charms! Start off the new school year in style with your creation. For kids ages 5 and up.

Back to School Crafternoon: Dot Markers

Monday, September 8, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Give our dot markers a try at this easy back to school crafternoon. You can use one of our patterns or make your own design.

Crafternoon: Decorate Your Own Pencil Case

Tuesday, September 23, 3:30 p.m. | Light St.
Join us for a crafty afternoon! Decorate your own pencil case with a beautiful design all your own. All materials provided.



KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!

IBI ZOBOI

First Day Around the World

FREE COPY!

Wednesday, September 10, 4:00 p.m.
Cherry Hill

A lyrical celebration of the first day of school across every continent explores what going back to school looks like for children in countries around the world!

CLASSES FOR HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS

Online classes for home schooled students presented by the Pratt Center for Training and Technology. Learn the basic components of the computer, develop writing skills using Microsoft Word. Use interactive programs and websites to enhance language, critical thinking, and logic.

Classes begin the week of September 7.

1st Grade Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

2nd Grade Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.

3rd Grade Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.

4th Grade Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.

5th Grade Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.

6th Grade Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.

AUTHOR EVENTS

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

WRITERS LIVE!



FRANCES MURPHY DRAPER
Prayer and Pen

Wednesday, September 3, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

A collection of Carl Murphy's original prayers. Frances Murphy Draper will be joined in conversation by Karsonya Wise Whitehead, host of *Today with Dr. Kaye* on WEAA 88.9 FM.

WRITERS LIVE!



A'LELIA BUNDLES
Joy Goddess

Thursday, September 4, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

A vibrant, deeply researched biography of A'Leia Walker. A'Leia Bundles will be joined in conversation by Pulitzer Prize-winning op-ed columnist E.R. Shipp.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



CRAIG KOFI FARMER
A Method for Magic and Misfortune

FREE COPY!

Thursday, September 11, 4:00 p.m.
Patterson Park

A boy discovers magic — along with a hidden darkness — in his town in this propulsive and heartfelt middle grade novel.

BROWN LECTURE SERIES



SHAKA SENGHOR
How to Be Free

FREE COPY!

Thursday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Shaka Senghor reveals how he transformed his life. Shaka Senghor will be joined in conversation by Karsonya Wise Whitehead, host of *Today with Dr. Kaye* on WEAA 88.9 FM.

WRITERS LIVE!

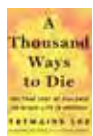


KRISTINA GADDY
Go Back and Fetch It

Monday, September 15, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

This songbook makes early Black Atlantic music accessible and playable for today's musicians. Kristina Gaddy will be joined in conversation by banjo maker, researcher, and musician Pete Ross.

WRITERS LIVE!



TRYMAINE LEE
A Thousand Ways to Die

Tuesday, September 16, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

An exploration of the generational impact of guns on the Black experience in America. Trymaine Lee will be joined in conversation by author D. Watkins.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



SONIA SOTOMAYOR
Just Shine!

FREE COPY!

Wednesday, September 17, 5:30 p.m.
Central Library

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor shows readers how helping others shine makes the whole world brighter. Sonia Sotomayor will be joined in conversation by author Mindy Thomas.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



ADAM GIDWITZ
A Tale Dark & Grimm

FREE COPY!

Friday, September 19, 4:00 p.m. | Roland Park

Hansel and Gretel walk out of their own story and into eight other classic Grimm (and Grimm-inspired) fairy tales.

WRITERS LIVE!



JULIETTE WELLS
on Jane Austen's Mansfield Park

Saturday, September 20, 3:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Literary scholar Juliette Wells will discuss Jane Austen's complex tale of social class and morality.

YA WRITERS LIVE!



LAKITA WILSON
Pretty Girl County

FREE COPY!

Wednesday, September 24, 4:00 p.m. | Walbrook

A story of ex-BFFs from PG County, Maryland.

WRITERS LIVE!



IAN MCEWAN
What We Can Know

FREE COPY!

Thursday, September 25, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library

A genre-bending new novel full of secrets and surprises. Ian McEwan will be joined in conversation by Tom Hall, host of WYPR's *Midday*.

WRITERS LIVE!

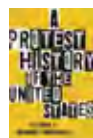


JENS LUDWIG
Unforgiving Places

Tuesday, September 30, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

A revelatory portrait of gun violence in America's most famously maligned city. Jens Ludwig will be joined by *Baltimore Banner* investigative reporter Justin Fenton.

WRITERS LIVE!



GLORIA J. BROWNE-MARSHALL
A Protest History of the United States

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

The history of protest movements and rebellion in the United States. Gloria Browne-Marshall will be joined in conversation by *Baltimore Beat* editor-in-chief Lisa Snowden-McCray.

WRITERS LIVE!



OSITA NWANEVU
The Right of the People

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

A case for a political and economic agenda to fulfill the promise of American democracy and revive faith in the American project. Osita Nwanevu will be joined in conversation by *New York Times* Opinion columnist Jamelle Bouie.

YA WRITERS LIVE!



TIFFANY D. JACKSON
The Scammer

FREE COPY!

Thursday, October 9, 5:30 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.

A freshman girl's college life is turned upside down when her roommate's ex-convict brother moves into their dorm and starts controlling their every move.

WRITERS LIVE!



FRAN WILDE
A Philosophy of Thieves

Thursday, October 9, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

A thrilling, high-tech adventure heist wrapped in a gas-lamp fantasy where thieves are entertainment for the wealthy.

WRITERS LIVE!



DORA MALECH & JEANNIE VANASCO
Trying x Trying & A Silent Treatment

Saturday, October 11, 3:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Join us for a reading and conversation with poet Dora Malech and memoirist Jeannie Vanasco.

YA WRITERS LIVE!



AMBER MCBRIDE
The Leaving Room

FREE COPY!

Tuesday, October 14, 4:00 p.m. | Hampden

A hauntingly beautiful, ultimately hopeful novel-in-verse about a girl in between life and death.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



WALLACE WEST
Dogtown

FREE COPY!

Wednesday, October 15, 4:00 p.m. | Northwood

Two dogs embark on an adventure to find their forever homes.

YA WRITERS LIVE!



GEORGE O'CONNOR
Asgardians: Loki

FREE COPY!

Tuesday, October 21, 4:00 p.m. | Light St.

A new graphic novel saga about the Norse gods.

WRITERS LIVE!



TOCHI ONYEBUCHI
Racebook

Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Excavating the Internet of the late 1990s and early 2000s, *Racebook* explores how the writer and public intellectual Onyebuchi is today, was formed in that crucible.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



STEPHANIE BRICK
The Secret Doors of Cannondale

FREE COPY!

Wednesday, October 22, 3:30 p.m. | Roland Park

A fantastical coming-of-age journey of friendship, belonging, and self-worth.

WRITERS LIVE!



KEISHA BLAIN
Without Fear

Wednesday, October 22, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

An account of how Black women made human rights their's. Keisha Blain will be joined in conversation by author and historian Martha Jones.

WRITERS LIVE!



TOM COLICCHIO
Think Like a Chef

FREE COPY!

Thursday, October 23, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library

Tom Colicchio celebrates the 25th anniversary of his first cookbook. Tom Colicchio will be joined in conversation by Tom Hall, host of WYPR's *Midday*.

WRITERS LIVE!



KAY WHITE DREW
Stress Test

Saturday, October 25, 2:00 p.m. | Light St.

A memoir of medical training in 1970s Baltimore amid sexism and racism. Kay White Drew will be joined in conversation by writer and scientist Susan Keatley.

WRITERS LIVE!



ERIC FONER
Our Fragile Freedoms

Wednesday, October 29, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

An insightful guide to our history and why it matters. Eric Foner will be joined in conversation by Sherrilyn Ifill, founding director of the 14th Amendment Center for Law & Democracy at the Howard University School of Law.

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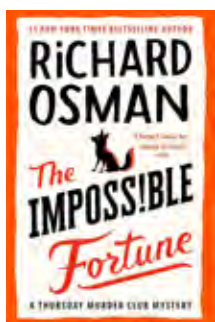
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WHAT'S NEW

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



The Impossible Fortune by Richard Osman

It's been a quiet year for the Thursday Murder Club. But when Elizabeth meets a wedding guest who's in trouble, kidnapping and death are hot on their heels once more. A villain wants access to an uncrackable code and will stop at nothing to get it. Plunged back into action once more, can the gang solve the puzzle and a murder in time?



Mate by Ali Hazelwood

Serena Paris is orphaned, pack-less, and one of a kind. With her enemies closing in on her, Koen Alexander is her last option — if he'll have her. But power-hungry Vampyres and Weres are not the only threats chasing Serena. Sooner or later, her past is bound to catch up with her — and Koen might be the only thing standing between her and total annihilation.



What We Can Know by Ian McEwan

2014: A great poem is read aloud and never heard again. For generations, people speculate about its message, but no copy has yet been found.
2119: An academic stumbles across a clue that may lead to the lost poem, a story is revealed of entangled loves and a crime that destroy his assumptions about people he thought he knew intimately well.



The New Book by Nikki Giovanni

Nikki Giovanni's extraordinary final collection speaks to the fury of our current political moment while reflecting on the tragedies and triumphs of her early life. *The New Book* is a towering work of protest against the divisions of our time, leavened with moments of joy and reflection about her indelible legacy, her family history, and the small pleasures of her richly lived life.



We the People by Jill Lepore

The U.S. Constitution is among the oldest constitutions in the world but also one of the most difficult to amend. Jill Lepore, Harvard professor of history and law, explains why in *We the People*, the most original history of the Constitution in decades — and an essential companion to her landmark history of the United States, *These Truths*.



The Wilderness by Angela Flournoy

An era-defining novel about five Black women over the course of their 20-year friendship as they move through the dizzying and sometimes precarious period between young adulthood and midlife. Flournoy captures with disarming wit and electric language how the most profound connections over a lifetime can lie in the tangled, uncertain thicket of friendship.



Truly by Lionel Richie

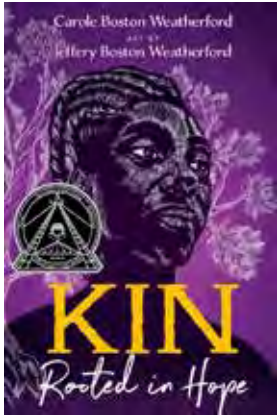
In this intimate, deeply candid memoir, Lionel Richie revisits hilarious and harrowing events to inspire all who doubt themselves or feel their dreams don't matter. He chronicles lessons learned during his unlikely story of remarkable success — his dramatic transformation from painfully shy, "tragically" late bloomer to world-class entertainer and composer of love songs that have played as the soundtrack of our lives.



Racebook: A Personal History of the Internet by Tochi Onyebuchi

When Tochi Onyebuchi realized that his acclaimed science fiction and fantasy storytelling career had been centrally preoccupied with race, it prompted him to consider his responsibilities as a Black writer in the Internet age. Excavating the Internet of the late 1990s and early 2000s, *Racebook* explores how the writer and public intellectual Onyebuchi is today, was formed in that crucible.

ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK



THE 2025 ONE MARYLAND, ONE BOOK SELECTION IS *KIN: ROOTED IN HOPE* BY CAROLE BOSTON WEATHERFORD WITH ART BY JEFFERY BOSTON WEATHERFORD.

SYNOPSIS

Carole and Jeffery Boston Weatherford's ancestors are among the founders of Maryland. Their family history there extends more than three hundred years, but as with the genealogical searches of many African Americans with roots in slavery, their family tree can only be traced back five generations before going dark. And so from scraps of history, Carole and Jeffery have conjured the voices of their kin, creating an often painful but ultimately empowering story of who their people were in a breathtaking book that is at once deeply personal yet all too universal.

Carole's poems capture voices ranging from her ancestors to Frederick Douglass to Harriet Tubman to the plantation house and land itself that connects them all, and Jeffery's evocative illustrations help carry the story from the first mention of a forebear listed as property in a 1781 ledger to he and his mother's homegoing trip to Africa in 2016. Shaped by loss, erasure, and ultimate reclamation, this is the story of not only Carole and Jeffery's family, but of countless other Black families in America.

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

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, September 13, 1:30 p.m. | Patterson Park
Thursday, September 25, 6:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Saturday, October 4, 11:00 a.m. | Walbrook
Monday, October 6, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Monday, October 6, 6:00 p.m. | Light St.
Monday, October 13, 6:30 p.m. | Canton
Monday, October 27, 6:00 p.m. | Roland Park

BYOB BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Don't want to read an assigned book? Stop by these book clubs to talk about whatever you like to read!

BYOB (BRING YOUR OWN BOOK)

Wednesdays, September 3 & October 1
5:00 p.m. | Southeast Anchor Library

NO PRESSURE BOOK CLUB!

Thursday, September 11, 4:00 p.m.
Patterson Park

SHOW & TELL BOOK CLUB

Mondays, September 15 & October 20
4:00 p.m. | Walbrook

STORIED SILVERS: BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesdays, September 17 & October 15
1:00 p.m. | Central Library

SHUT UP & READ AT SOPHOMORE COFFEE

Saturday, September 20, 10:00 a.m.
Sophomore Coffee

Show up with a book to read on your own AND enjoy a free coffee or tea on the library! Library staff will be on site to give book recommendations. Space is limited. Registration required. One coffee or tea drink per participant. Register at prattlibrary.org.

NORTHWOOD BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, September 25, 6:00 p.m.
Northwood

SHUT UP & READ AT MINISTRY OF BREWING

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

Ministry of Brewing

Show up with a book to read on your own AND enjoy a free drink on the library! Library staff will also be on site to give book recommendations. Registration required, and is limited to those ages 21+. Register at prattlibrary.org.



CELEBRATING THE LAUNCH OF *AMERICA'S FUTURE* WITH WASHINGTON WRITERS' PUBLISHING HOUSE

Saturday, September 27, 3:00 p.m. | Central Library & Virtual

Join us for readings and discussion that showcase the Washington Writers' Publishing House's new anthology, *AMERICA'S FUTURE: poetry & prose in response to tomorrow*.



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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

ADULTS

Poetry Online Discussion of Martín Espada

Saturday, October 18, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual
Join us online for a discussion of the poetry of Martín Espada. For more information or to get on the Poetry Events email list, email poetry@prattlibrary.org.

Build Your Own Clay Instrument

Wednesday, October 22
10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. | Central Library
Saturday, October 25, 2:00 p.m. | Hampden
In this hands-on workshop with Melissa Hyatt Foss, we will learn about musical instruments that have been made across Central and South America for thousands of years and learn to build our own working clay rattles. Registration required, register at prattlibrary.org.

TEENS

Sugar Skulls with The Artesanas

Wednesday, September 24, 3:30 p.m.
Patterson Park
Thursday, October 2, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Join The Artesanas from Creative Alliance and craft your own sugar skull.

Papel Picado and Flores de Papel

Wednesday, September 24, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Thursday, October 9, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Join The Artesanas from Creative Alliance and craft your own papel picado flag and beautiful flores de papel.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Guess Who: Hispanic Heroes

Monday, September 15, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with an exciting game! Work in a team to match each hero with their remarkable accomplishments and discover the incredible contributions of Hispanic individuals throughout history.

Hispanic Heritage Month Who's Who

Tuesdays, September 16 – October 14
4:00 p.m. | Southeast Anchor Library
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with an interactive fact-finding activity in the library! Explore the stories and accomplishments of Hispanic individuals who have made significant contributions in the arts, sciences, sports, and beyond.

Air Dry Clay Creations for Hispanic Heritage Month

Tuesday, September 23, 3:30 p.m.
Cherry Hill
Join us as we learn about contemporary Hispanic artist and potter Roberto Lugo and create some pottery of our own. All supplies will be provided. Please call 410-396-1168 to register.

Hispanic Heritage Month Game Night

Monday, October 6, 3:30 p.m. | Northwood
Come test your knowledge of Latin America through games, trivia, and music.

Music Everywhere with Teresa Jiménez

Wednesday, October 8, 10:30 a.m. | Waverly
Wednesday, October 15, 10:30 a.m.
Brooklyn
Music Everywhere with Teresa Jiménez is an interactive music, movement, and percussion session for kids and their grown-ups. Get ready to sing, dance, shake, and move to songs in English and Spanish.

"I get peace there and they always have something nice going on inside each branch you go to."

— Michelle W.



KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!

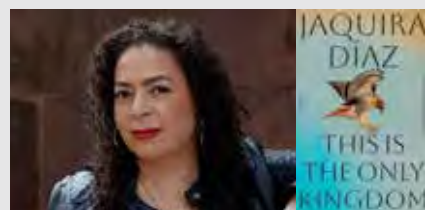
ALYSSA REYNOSO MORRIS

Gloriana, Presente: A First Day of School Story

FREE COPY!

Wednesday, September 17, 10:30 a.m.
Southeast Anchor Library

On the first day of elementary school, Abuela soothes Gloriana's nerves by telling her stories about la República Dominicana. But as soon as Gloriana enters the classroom, the tropical scenery crumbles and la música is replaced with English phrases she does not understand. Abuela recognizes echoes of her own immigration journey and she gently guides Gloriana towards newfound confidence.



WRITERS LIVE!

JAQUIRA DÍAZ

This Is the Only Kingdom

Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

An epic novel of a mother and daughter wrestling with the aftermath of a murder, set against the backdrop of a tightknit, working-class barrio in Puerto Rico. Jaquira Díaz will be joined in conversation by storyteller and poet Adrian Gaston Garcia.

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It's going to be another exciting year at the Pratt and we are so excited to welcome you back to the Central Library for a robust series of events just for you. This fall, we are pleased to welcome **Ian McEwan, Tom Colicchio, Shaka Senghor, Kardea Brown**, and many others.

As always, members of the Pratt Society will receive exclusive invitations to dinners and receptions with notable speakers, virtual Q&As with library leaders, and special behind the scenes events. Our hope is that this year's line-up connects you with those who share your passion and belief in the Pratt Library and its ability to build a better Baltimore.

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READ TO REEF

— CHILDREN & FAMILIES —

Craft-In Movie: *Moana 2*

Tuesday, September 23, 3:00 p.m.

Orleans St.

Get into the aquatic spirit with a screening of Disney's Moana 2! Make a paper lei and immerse yourself in Moana and Maui's latest adventure to find the lost island of Motufetu. 2024 | Rated PG | 1 hr. 40 min.

Crafternoon: Cupcake Liner Octopus

Monday, September 29, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Join us for a crafty afternoon! We're making cupcake liner octopus crafts. Once you're done gluing all those legs, give your octopus a wavy body, some googly eyes, and a great big smile!

Under The Sea Crayon Resist Art

Wednesday, October 1, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Draw your favorite aquatic animals or a vibrant coral reef. Then, add watercolors to your artwork to reveal stunning effects!

Read to Reef Crafternoon: Sponge Paint an Aquarium

Monday, October 6, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Join us for an aquatic crafternoon to celebrate the start of Read to Reef. You'll get to create your own aquarium scene using sponge paints.

Ocean Slime Time!

Tuesday, October 7, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Make some slime with some fishy add-ins and get excited to visit the aquarium with our Read to Reef program. Make sure to sign up this October to get free tickets to the National Aquarium!

Wednesday Crafternoon: Jellyfishing!

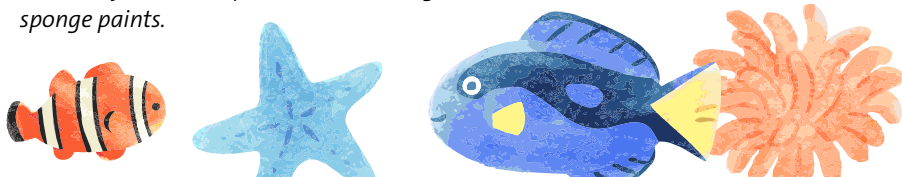
Wednesday, October 8, 3:30 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Spend this crafternoon making colorful jellyfish out of coffee filters at the Pennsylvania Avenue Branch!

Bottle Cap Fish Craft

Thursday, October 9, 11:00 a.m.
Roland Park
Have an ocean's worth of fun after storytime by making fish out of bottle caps and designing your own underwater fun.

Sea Creature Clothespin Puppets

Wednesday, October 15, 3:30 p.m.
Cherry Hill
Celebrate our fall Read to Reef collaboration with the National Aquarium by crafting your own clothespin sea creature. All supplies will be provided. Registration is encouraged. Call 410-396-1168 to register.



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



MEND-IT FAIR WITH STATION NORTH TOOL LIBRARY

Thursday, September 11, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library

Bring your clothing and textiles in need of mending (think rips, patching, missing buttons, etc.) to the Southeast Anchor Library where a team of expert volunteers from the Station North Tool Library will be on hand to help you extend the life of your wearable items! Items will be reviewed and mended on a first-come, first-served basis.



KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!

ROBIN WALL KIMMERER

Bud Finds Her Gift

FREE COPY!

Friday, September 5, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library

Infused with warmth, humor, and insight, and beautifully illustrated by Naoko Stoop, the first picture book by renowned author and Indigenous ecologist Robin Wall Kimmerer inspires readers to treasure nature's generosity and the gifts each one of us can share with the Earth. Robin Wall Kimmerer will be joined in conversation by librarian Kit Ballenger

MEET THE NEW HACKERMAN ARTIST & WRITER IN RESIDENCE, ANNIE HOWE & TAYLOR JOHNSON

The Hackerman Artist & Writer in Residence program welcomes one visual artist and one writer for an 11-month-long residency at the Pratt. Visit prattlibrary.org/in-residence for more information.

Q&A WITH ANNIE HOWE, HACKERMAN ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Tell us a bit about yourself and your background as an artist.

I make papercuts that are used for illustration, surface design and three dimensional work. I got into making papercuts as gifts for friends and family because the materials were approachable. Today, years into my career as a paper cut artist, I blend the traditional roots of my art form with a contemporary design. When combined with various fabrication methods and materials, I have found paper cutting to be a versatile and flexible medium that is fantastic for many projects and design challenges.

Why is it important for libraries to have artists working in residence?

I think libraries are always on the forefront of innovation. They serve as hubs for access to information and development of ideas. Having artists working in residence is another exciting way for libraries to continue to engage and connect with customers in a way that offers new experiences.

What can we expect from your residency?

I will produce a series of 4x8 free standing paper cut panels or what I call a Papercut Panorama. Historically, Panoramic images were designed so that the viewer could feel like they were in the middle of place or event depicted in the image. Libraries are terminals to unimagined travels! Placing a Papercut Panorama in the library that uplifts stories and offers a way for visitors to interpret them at their own pace and time would be a meaningful way to embark on a journey to unimagined places.

I look forward to meeting and talking with tons of visitors to the library and sharing the fun and approachable medium of papercutting. I hope lots of people will join me for a workshop or event and try it out for themselves. Throughout the course of my residency I plan to offer lots of ways for customers to engage with the process of the panorama from in person to online options.

What's your advice for young aspiring artists?

When I first started I did not have any experience in doing a lot of things like a book cover illustration or designing a product but I was able to figure it out. Still to this day, each time someone reaches out to ask me if I could do a new project I may not know how to do it but I know how to find out how to do it or ask someone where to find the information. This will serve you very well. I also think you do not have to make artwork that everyone loves or engages with, you have to make art you like and you will find your audience and niche.



Q&A WITH TAYLOR JOHNSON, HACKERMAN WRITER IN RESIDENCE

Tell us a bit about yourself and your background as a writer.

I'm a poet inspired to write by the liberatory and communal sounds of go-go music from DC, the self-determining spirit of black art makers across time, and language's "sacred motivation as poetry," as said by Édouard Glissant. I've published one book of poems, *Inheritance*, and I'm currently working on my second book of poems. I love to follow my curiosities through language, and I look forward to sharing those paths and findings with the community that I'll meet in Baltimore.

Why is it important for libraries to have writers working in residence?

I think writers are often typified as artists who work in siloed environments, reporting from their isolation and looking down upon the world. However, I find that conversation and exchange with other people is important to my process as a poet. I believe that having a poet working in a library is one way to see in real time the work of what goes into poems, that witnessing that work might inspire others to write or to have a greater connection to the process of the books that the library holds. One reason I'm excited to be in residence at the Enoch Pratt Free Library is to have the opportunity to research the early Maryland archives in the library, and to create poems from that research.

What can we expect from your residency?

I'm looking forward to holding office hours in the library, exchanging poems with the people who come through, and building relationships with the community that frequents the library branches that I'll get to visit. More than anything, I'm excited to be a poet among people who are interested in writing, to be working on new poems and to share my process of creation with the community in Baltimore.

What's your advice for young aspiring writers?

I think young writers would greatly benefit by being in community with writers of all ages. What I loved most about being a poet in DC when I was younger was the opportunity to build community with my peers, and with elders in the city. Additionally, I believe it's important to read widely in order to hear your own voice and to refine your sensibilities based on the language of others, to enter into the great conversation of writers across time. Reading everything inside and outside of my interests has been crucial to my development as a poet.



MEET AND CELEBRATE OUR NEW HACKERMAN ARTIST AND WRITER IN RESIDENCE, ANNIE HOWE AND TAYLOR JOHNSON

Wednesday, September 24, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Central Library

Enjoy refreshments, papercuts, and poetry, and see for yourself why these luminaries were chosen from a pool of extraordinary creatives to be our new Hackerman Artist and Writer in Residence.

Scan the QR code to register!



GOT A CREATIVE KID?

~~\$30/session for a kid's art class.~~
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ARTS @ THE PRATT

ADULTS

Painting Class with Natural Materials: The Full Earthy Experience

Tuesday, September 9, 5:30 p.m.

Central Library

Learn how to make your own paints from plants, earth pigments, and handcrafted brushes.

Autumn Tote Bags: Intergenerational Art Program

Saturday, September 6, 1:00 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

Create a pretty canvas bag for autumn using stencils and fabric paint. This program is designed for adults and children to participate together, so bring your mini-me(s)! Space is limited. Call 410-396-0946 to register.

Charm City Connections:

An Improv Welcome to Baltimore

Saturday, October 11, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Hampden

Explore the world of improv while forging new friendships. Led by seasoned facilitators, this event offers a unique opportunity to break the ice, have a ton of fun, and dive into the art of spontaneous collaboration.

Step-by-Step Painting: Autumn Gnome

Saturday, October 18, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

Get into the spirit of fall during our step-by-step painting class. Supplies are limited. Please call 410-396-0946 to register.

Design a Fall Wooden Door Hanger

Thursday, October 23, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill

Create your own personalized fall wooden door hanger! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

TEENS

Teen Photography Club

Mondays, September 8 – October 27

4:00 p.m. | Central Library

Join us for an 8-session teen photography club. Learn the fundamentals of photography, including camera basics, composition, lighting techniques, and photo editing.

Off Script: Teen Improv Workshop

Tuesday, September 16, 3:30 p.m.

Cherry Hill

Wednesday, September 17, 3:15 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

This teen improv acting workshop is all about quick thinking, real connection, and owning the moment — on stage and in life. Presented in partnership with The Treasure Box.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Felt Pals

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

Friday, October 3, 3:15 p.m.

Central Library

Make a stuffed buddy with felt and fun accessories. For families with children ages 4 – 13.

Fall Crafternoon

Tuesdays, September 9 & 23, 3:30 p.m.

Canton

Join us for an afternoon of fall-themed arts and crafts. We'll explore various art techniques, materials, and styles.

Library Card Celebration

Saturday, September 13, 3:00 p.m.

Roland Park

September is National Library Card Month.

Use stickers, ribbons, and more to keep your library card in a very special holder.

Crafternoon: DIY Library Card Holders

Tuesday, September 16, 4:00 p.m. | Hampden

Decorate a library card holder or wristlet!

Whether you're showing off a brand-new card or giving your longtime favorite some flair, you'll be ready to flash your library style.

Fall into Dot Art Fun

Monday, September 22, 3:00 p.m.

Roland Park

Make scenes using dot art markers and more! Use your imagination and celebrate the arrival of autumn.



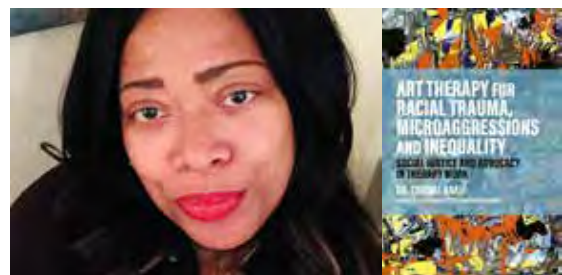
FINAL FRIDAYS

CHALK THE BLOCK: WHIMSICAL WORDS

Friday, September 26, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Central Library

Enjoy a festival-like atmosphere, with live music, interactive art activities, games, refreshments, and the opportunity to stroll through our "chalk gallery" and chat with local artists.



WRITERS LIVE!

CHIOMA ANAH

Art Therapy for Racial Trauma, Microaggressions and Inequality

Saturday, September 20, 2:00 p.m.

Waverly

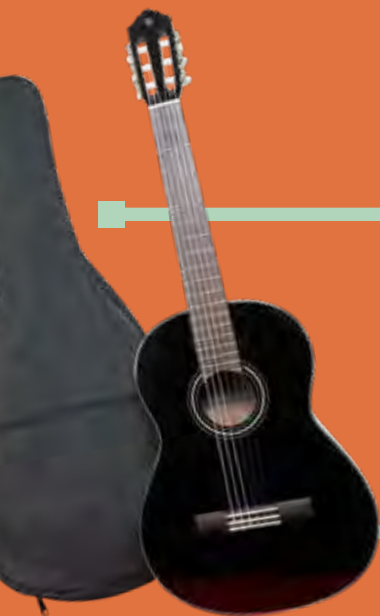
Confronting systemic injustices and paving the way towards a more inclusive, culturally responsive, and effective practice, Dr. Chioma Anah examines how art therapy can be used as a tool in addressing racial trauma.

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

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MARYLAND STEM FESTIVAL

TEENS

Makerspace Wednesday: T-shirt to Tote Bag

Wednesday, September 3, 4:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

Turn an old t-shirt into a cool tote bag! Bring your own shirt or pick one from the library's awesome donated collection. Let's get crafty and go green!

Learn to Code with Sphero

Thursday, September 25, 3:00 p.m.

Roland Park

Learn how to code Sphero bolts using block coding and complete a fun activity.

Teen STEM: Build Your Own Solar Robot!

Wednesday, October 22, 3:30 p.m.

Cherry Hill

Explore renewable energy through assembling and customizing your own solar-powered robot.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Building Block Club

Thursdays, September 4 – October 30

4:00 p.m. | Waverly

Join our building block club and let your imagination run wild! Each session is a chance to explore new building challenges, collaborate with friends, and unleash your creativity.

Play-Doh Day: Squishy Circuits

Tuesday, September 16, 3:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

Get hands-on with a playful STEM activity! Use Play-Doh to build simple circuits and explore how electricity works — all while squishing, shaping, and creating!

Wind Powered Car Construction

Wednesday, October 8, 3:30 p.m.

Cherry Hill

Flex those STEM muscles and join us as we assemble our own wind powered cars. Call 410-396-1168 to register.

Sensory Scientists

Wednesday, October 15, 11:00 a.m.

Edmondson Ave.

Little ones will become sensory scientists as they explore the world through touch, sight, smell, and temperature. From experimenting with ice cubes to dancing on textured tiles, it will be a fun-filled morning of sensory play!

Makerspace Wednesday: Vibrobots

Wednesday, October 15, 4:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

Get ready to build something that buzzes, spins, and zooms! In this hands-on workshop, tweens (ages 9 – 12) will design and build their own vibrating mini-robots using simple materials and real motors.

Elastic Engineering

Tuesday, October 21, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook

Get ready to rev up your creativity and engineering skills as we explore the science of energy. In this hands-on workshop, build your very own rubber band-powered car. To register, please call 410-396-0935.



LIVE MUSIC

Sing & Play with Baltimore Choral Arts

Wednesday, September 17, 10:30 a.m.

Canton

Wednesday, October 22, 10:30 a.m.

Northwood

Children will experience singing, creative movement, and listening to musical stories that spark their imagination.

Serving Up Wisdom Luncheon: Blues History & Live Performance with Baltimore Blues Society

Wednesday, September 17

10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Central Library

Baltimore Historian and Baltimore Blues Society Board Member Bradley Alston will serve up an exciting musical overview of the blues and its times including live music from some of the region's most talented blues musicians. Registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Mt. Vernon Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra

Friday, October 3, 12:00 p.m.

Central Library

The orchestra returns to the Library for another Friday noontime concert with their founder and conductor, Amit Peled.

Rock & Rhyme with Mr. Jon

Friday, October 10, 11:00 a.m. | Hampden

Using songs, rhymes, books, and puppets, Mr. Jon and his silly friend George the Monkey will entertain you with a show for the young and young at heart.

Learn about Jazz with the Baltimore Jazz Alliance

Tuesday, October 21, 4:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

Baltimore Jazz Alliance's five-piece band introduces children to jazz music through jazzy versions of children's songs.

Peabody at the Library

Monday, October 13, 6:00 p.m.

Roland Park

Wednesday, October 22, 3:00 p.m.

Walbrook

Monday, October 27, 6:00 p.m.

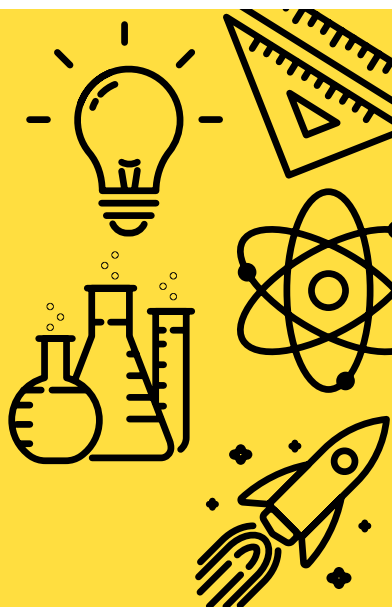
Waverly

Please join us for an informal classical music performance presented by student musicians from Peabody Conservatory. All ages welcome!

CELEBRATE THE MD STEM FESTIVAL AT THE PRATT LIBRARY

Saturday, November 1 | Central Library

Join us at the Central Library on November 1, in celebration of this year's MD STEM Festival. Theme? Energy! Have a science spectacular time with Eric Energy, gather around for a STEM-themed storytime about Whirligigs, connect with local partners and organizations, or participate in other STEM-themed activities around the library! In the end, you will learn that: "Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be transformed from one form to another."



HEALTH & WELLNESS

ADULTS

Chair Yoga

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m. | Hampden
This multi-level class will reach people who wish to use a mat and/or a chair, and will offer standing positions that enhance balance. Provided by Action in Maturity and led by Margee Greenberg.

Jamercise with Ginger

Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill & Virtual
Combine the benefits of a cardio-aerobic workout with elements of dance.

Nature in Mind

Saturdays, September 6 & October 4
10:00 a.m. | Central Library
Join us for some restorative nature-based activities. Be prepared for a short walk to a nearby green space. Presented by the Center for Nature Informed Therapy.

Zumba®!

Mondays, September 8 – 29, 6:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Merengue, bachata, cumbia, soca, dance hall, and salsa your pulse up with Nicaraguan sensation, Maria Gabriela! Email mariagaldana@gmail.com to register.

Medicare Simplified

Monday, September 8, 6:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Tuesdays, September 9 & October 7, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 27, 1:00 p.m.
Central Library
Saturday, September 13, 1:00 p.m. | Light St.
Mondays, September 15 & October 6
6:00 p.m. | Northwood
Saturday, October 25, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly
Gain a better understanding of your options in Medicare (and Medicaid) and how to best achieve your goals for healthcare protection regardless of your budget.

Basic Life Skills

Tuesday, September 16, 11:00 a.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Learn life skills that to better understand yourself, get along with others, and tools that can help with day-to-day activities.

Stop Smoking with Tobacco Free Baltimore

Tuesdays, September 16 & October 7
2:30 p.m. | Central Library
Tobacco Free Baltimore is part of the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD), connecting smokers on the journey to be smoke free with patches and gum.

Rambling Readers

Thursdays, September 18 & October 16
10:00 a.m. | Central Library
Join a walking book club! Rendezvous outside Central Library.

Talking Pawpaws with TreeBaltimore

Tuesday, September 23, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library
We'll sample fruit and share tips for preparing and sourcing pawpaws in Baltimore City and beyond.

Project ENCORE: Transformation Thursdays

Thursday, October 9, 11:00 a.m.
Central Library
A monthly empowerment series designed to support returning citizens and justice-impacted individuals through reentry-focused programming and holistic wellness resources. For more information, contact projectencore@prattlibrary.org

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, October 11, 10:00 a.m.
Central Library
Donate blood at the Library! Register at prattlibrary.org.

On Your Feet! Joyful Strategies for Better Balance and Mobility with Yoga Therapist Terry Roth Schaff

Saturday, October 18, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
Join certified IAYT yoga therapist, Terry Roth Schaff, for a fun program that will help you improve your balance, posture, gait, and develop greater ease in movement.

TEENS

Kitchen Science: Healthy After School Snacks

Tuesday, September 30, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
Learn how to make tasty after-school snacks to boost your brain energy. Presented by Julie Eugenio, Community Programs Manager of TasteWise Kids.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Teddy Bear Yoga

Tuesday, September 9, 4:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Bring your favorite stuffie and together you'll learn Teddy Sun Salutation, Bear Breath, mindfulness exercises, and more.

Mini Golf at the Library!

Saturday, October 25, 12:00 p.m.
Central Library
We'll set up a mini golf course that's fun for the whole family.

HEAL-A-THON: A JOURNEY FROM HURT TO HEALING

Tuesday, October 21, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Central Library

This impactful event is dedicated to Domestic Violence Awareness, offering a safe, empowering space to highlight the effects of this matter. Through powerful testimonies, trauma-informed healing stations, and access to mental wellness resources, Heal-a-thon addresses the deep wounds caused by domestic violence — offering pathways to restoration and support. For more information, email oeefp@prattlibrary.org.

WRITERS LIVE!

EARL HOLT, JR.

Unkle Earl

Saturday,
October 4, 2:00 p.m.
Waverly

Bronchiolitis
Obliterans

Organizing Pneumonia (BOOP) is a disease that affects approximately 5 to 10 million people that live in the United States. Most people that are diagnosed with BOOP respond well with steroids such as prednisone. Cases in which the underlying cause of BOOP is unknown are labeled as idiopathic. The cause of Unkle Earl's BOOP was unknown. However, as a consequence, his lungs were scarred, resulting in the need for a double lung transplant. The purpose of his book is to provide education and awareness to eliminate the stigma and fear associated with organ donation and transplantation that exists in minority and marginalized communities. Earl Holt Jr. will be joined in conversation by Keith Holt.



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ALL ABOUT MARYLAND

ADULTS

Free Weekly Public Tours of the Library

Wednesdays & Saturdays, 2:00 p.m.

Central Library

Discover the services the Pratt Library has to offer with a free tour of the Central Library. Take a peek behind the scenes and at the Library's collections, and learn a brief history and architectural information about the building.

Jennifer Bishop: Five Decades of Photography in Baltimore

Thursday, September 4, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

The Pratt Library is pleased to host photographer Jennifer Bishop who has been living and photographing in Baltimore City since 1975. She will share her work and will talk about what it means to be a working artist; balancing life, work, and creative interests.

Lunch & Learn

Flee North: A Forgotten Hero and the Fight for Freedom in Slavery's Borderland

Thursday, September 11, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual
Join Scott Shane, the author of *Flee North: A Forgotten Hero and the Fight for Freedom in Slavery's Borderland*, to hear the astonishing story of Thomas Smallwood, born into slavery near Washington, who bought his freedom, became a shoemaker and began organizing mass escapes from slavery from Washington, Baltimore and the surrounding counties. Presented in partnership with the Maryland State Archives and the Maryland Four Centuries Project.

The Baltimore Bibliophiles Present:

Mark Samuels Lasner

Saturday, September 13, 1:00 p.m.

Central Library

Longtime Baltimore Bibliophiles member Mark Samuels Lasner will tell of his collecting failures — the books, manuscripts, and artworks which he saw and (mostly) could afford, but he was too stupid, bewildered, cheap, or unimaginative to buy.

Genealogy Circle: Using the Pratt's Periodicals Department to Research Your Family History

Saturday, September 27, 10:30 a.m.

Central Library

Spend some time in the Periodicals Department to learn what newspaper, and other genealogical, resources are available. Bring a flash drive to save your findings!

History with Hopkins:

A Walking Tour of Federal Hill

Thursday, October 2, 5:30 p.m. | Light St.

Join Baltimore Heritage Director Johns Hopkins (the person, not the university) on a one-hour walking tour of the Federal Hill neighborhood and Federal Hill Park. This leisurely stroll will start and end at the Light Street Branch. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring water. Registration is required; call 410-396-1096 or email lgh@prattlibrary.org.

Serving Up Wisdom: Exploring Baltimore's Historic Black Cemeteries

Wednesday, October 15

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Central Library

Join us for an exploration of the challenges of preserving and documenting historic Black cemeteries. We'll be joined by Nancy Bramucci Sheds and Dr. Elgin Klugh. Registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org.



MENCKEN DAY 2025

Saturday, September 13, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Central Library

Honoring the memory, career, and bequest of Henry Louis Mencken.

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Special Collections Reading Room will be open all day with a pop-up exhibit commemorating HL Mencken's coverage of the Scopes Trial on its 100th anniversary.

10:30 a.m. Mencken Society Annual Meeting (open to the public) in Wheeler Auditorium.

2:00 p.m. 2025 Mencken Memorial Lecture in Wheeler Auditorium (live and streaming).

This year's lecture will be delivered by author and historian Ed Larson. Recipient of the Pulitzer Prize in History with a Ph.D. in history and a law degree from Harvard, former University of Georgia history and law professor Edward Larson is the author of 15 books and over 100 articles. His books range from bestsellers on revolutionary America to his prize winning history of the 1925 Scopes Trial, Summer for the Gods. His next book, Declaring Independence: Why 1776 Matters, is due out in November 2025.

"It is an amazing resource, great books, numerous locations, and fabulous events."

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SPOOKY PROGRAMS

ADULTS

Maryland Mayhem: Scoundrels, Spies, and Sinners in the Free State

Tuesday, October 7, 6:30 p.m.

Central Library

Join us for a discussion of shady characters and unfortunate episodes in Maryland including a cross-country blackmail scheme involving a psychic and a lesbian millionaire.

Lunch & Learn

Macabre Maryland: Halloween Tales from the Archives

Thursday, October 9, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual

Explore strange collections that reveal fascinating insight into Maryland life and lore. Presented in partnership with the Maryland State Archives and the Maryland Four Centuries Project.

Halloween Craft Wood Ornaments

Tuesday, October 14, 4:00 p.m.

Patterson Park

Come and create a fun Halloween ornament. Limited space. Registration is required, please call 410-396-0983 to register.

Unveiling Maryland's Monsters:

Legendary Cryptids from the Free State

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

Central Library

Explore the lore surrounding a loch-ness type creature who haunts the Chesapeake Bay, a goat-like humanoid hybrid who makes its home in the DC metropolitan area, and Maryland's very own bigfoot.

Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus.

A One-Man Stage Play.

Saturday, October 18, 7:00 p.m.

Canton Church on the Square

(1025 S. Potomac St.)

A new, one-man play faithfully adapted from Mary Shelley's classic 1818 novel. One actor. One hour. Suitable for adults and for children (ages 12 and over). Written & performed by Greg Oliver Bodine. Directed by DeLisa M. White. Sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Library.

Your Turn Board Game Group:

Blood on the Clocktower

Monday, October 20, 6:00 p.m. | Hamilton

Join us as we play the social deduction game Blood on the Clocktower. Space is limited, please register at prattlibrary.org.

Haunted Horror Trivia Night

Tuesday, October 21, 4:00 p.m.

Patterson Park

Test your knowledge of horror films and books in this exciting trivia game and win prizes!

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

Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 p.m.

Central Library

Learn about spirit mediums, the Ouija Board, and Baltimore's group of amateur magicians, the Demons Club.

Passion & Peril Book Club

Saturday, October 25, 3:00 p.m.

Southeast Anchor Library & Virtual

I Accidentally Summoned a Demon Boyfriend by Jessica Cage. Join us on Zoom or in person. Visit prattlibrary.org for Zoom information.

Movie & Coloring: Ghostbusters: Afterlife

Monday, October 27, 5:30 p.m. | Orleans St.

Join us as we relax by watching Ghostbusters: Afterlife while also coloring some on theme coloring sheets. Come for the movie, the coloring, or both.

2021 | Rated PG-13 | 2 hr. 4 min.

Haunted Maryland: It's Supernatural Hon!

Monday, October 27, 6:30 p.m.

Central Library

Join us for age old folk tales and ghost stories that will send shivers down your spine.

Witch's Brew: True Tales and Folklore of Witchcraft in Colonial Maryland

Wednesday, October 29, 6:30 p.m.

Central Library

Explore the spooky stories of Maryland's witchy past. Hear true tales and folklore from across the state and find out what Colonial Maryland was really like for those accused of witchcraft.

ADULT 'O WEEN: A Speed Friendship Event

Thursday, October 30, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

Come celebrate Halloween and make new friends! Play Human Bingo, Two Truths and a Lie, and Who Am I? Participate in our costume contest and win a prize!

TEENS

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens:

Terror in Ravenloft

Wednesdays, September 10 & 24,

October 8 & 22, 3:30 p.m. | Waverly

Welcome to the mysterious and dangerous world of Ravenloft! Join this beginner friendly 4-part session of D&D as we explore the classic horror setting.

Madness of Junji Ito with Charles Dunbar

Monday, September 29, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden

Wednesday, October 8, 3:00 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

This presentation explores Ito the man, the mangaka, and the fan himself — someone who took his passion and turned it into a career that has inspired countless others to pursue their own.

Spooky Board Games at the Library

Thursday, October 9, 4:00 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

Explore haunted houses, survive frightening monsters, and uncover strange mysteries in games like Betrayal at the House on the Hill or Arkham Horror.

Design Your Own Haunted House

Monday, October 13, 2:30 p.m. | Walbrook

Design a haunted house, making it as spooky as you want it.

Design a Spooky Mask

Tuesday, October 14, 2:30 p.m. | Walbrook

Join us to design a mask to be used with costumes or any other spooky occasion.

Ghostly Glow Lava Lamps

Wednesday, October 15, 3:30 p.m.

Orleans St.

Paint your own spook-tacular, glow-in-the-dark picture of a lava lamp using neon and UV-glow paints.

Humans vs Zombies

Wednesday, October 15, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Central Library

Join us for an epic showdown between the living and the undead. Test your survival skills in this thrilling game of tag.

Teen Zombie Makeup Workshop & Parade

Thursday, October 16, 3:30 p.m.

Central Library

Get into the spirit with a zombie makeup workshop, followed by an undead tour of the building.

Make a Color-Changing Crystal Ball

Monday, October 20, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Join Ms. Jackie in making a DIY crystal ball that magically changes colors.

Spooky STEM: Slime Making

Tuesday, October 21, 3:30 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.

Join us to make some colored slime and take it home with you!

Movie & Craft: Corpse Bride & Cobwebs

Wednesday, October 29, 3:00 p.m.
Orleans St.

Watch Corpse Bride and create a hanging cobweb circle with a fluffy spider friend at the center. 2005 | Rated PG | 1 hr. 17 min.

Paint & Snack Spooky Style

Wednesday, October 29, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.

Grab a paintbrush and join us for a spook-tacular paint & snack session!

Cemetaryium: Make a Cemetery Terrarium

Thursday, October 30, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Stop by the library to create a cemetery-inspired terrarium (Cemetaryium).

Teen Monster Mash

Thursday, October 30, 3:30 p.m.
Central Library

Celebrate all things spooky with the teen center! We'll have a silent disco, games, costume contest, and more!

Board Games: Frightful Fun

Thursday, October 30, 3:30 p.m.
Patterson Park

Play some board and card games designed for groups with a Halloween twist!

Film & Trivia: Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (2024)

Thursday, October 30, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly
Still haunted by Beetlejuice, Lydia's life is turned upside down when the portal to the Afterlife is accidentally opened. Stay after the credits for a fun trivia game about this film. 2024 | Rated PG-13 | 1 hr. 44 min.

— CHILDREN & FAMILIES —

Interactive Movie: Hocus Pocus (1993)

Monday, October 6, 4:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.

Join us for a magical movie experience with an interactive showing of Hocus Pocus. Come ready to watch, shout, eat, and dance with the movie! Props provided. Perfect for tweens but fun for all ages. 1993 | Rated PG | 1 hr. 36 min.

Yarn Spiders

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

Patterson Park

Learn about spiders and make a spooky spider decoration for your home.

Crafternoon: Spooky Papercrafts

Thursday, October 16, 4:00 p.m. | Hampden
Create your own creepy-cute paper skeletons and other spooky decorations.

Crafternoon: Pool Noodle Monsters

Monday, October 20, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Drop by for a slightly spooky crafternoon where we'll be making pool noodle monsters.

Spooky Stories & Haunted Houses

Tuesday, October 21, 3:00 p.m.

Patterson Park

Get into the Halloween spirit with a spooky story that will send shivers down your spine! After the story, draw your own haunted house, complete with ghosts, bats, and whatever eerie details you can imagine.

Craft-In Movie: Scooby-Doo on Zombie Island

Tuesday, October 21, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.

Have Scooby and the gang finally come face-to-face with real ghosts? Make some clothespin zombie puppets to take home and scare your friends this Halloween. 1998 | Rated TV-G | 1 hr. 17 min.

Wednesday Crafternoon:

Pumpkin Spice Slime

Wednesday, October 22, 3:30 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.

Create some spooky slime for Halloween.

Spooky Fun Crafternoon!

Saturday, October 25, 2:00 p.m. | Roland Park

Join us for some spooky arts and crafts!

Make all kinds of festive favorites in a spooktacularly fun crafternoon.

Graphic Novel Gatherings

Goosebumps: The Haunted Mask

Monday, October 27, 4:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.

Join us for a spooky-fun graphic novel book club featuring Goosebumps: The Haunted Mask! We'll chat about the creepy twists and turns of this thrilling story, then get creative by making our own masks to take home.

Crafternoon: Paper Bag Costume

Monday, October 27, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Come make your own paper bag costume. Start with a bag as your blank canvas, and use your imagination to turn it into any costume you want.

Sphero's Trick or Treat Adventure

Wednesday, October 29, 3:00 p.m. | Wallbrook
Use your coding skills to guide Sphero Bolt through a spooky Halloween maze!



WRITERS LIVE!

RICHARD KOPLEY

Edgar Allan Poe

Monday, October 6, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

A groundbreaking exploration of one of America's most iconic and misunderstood authors

Edgar Allan Poe: A Life is the most comprehensive critical biography of Poe yet produced, exploring his fascinating life, his extraordinary work, and the vital relationship between the two. Best known for his tales of mystery and the macabre, this legendary American author continues to intrigue and enthrall his devoted readers. Written by one of the world's leading Poe experts, this biography is a rich and rewarding study for the general reader as well as for the seasoned scholar. Richard Kopley combines a biographical narrative of Poe's enduring challenges — including his difficult foster father, his personal losses, his great struggles with depression and alcoholism, and the poverty that dogged his existence — with close readings of his work that focus not only on plot, character, and theme but also on language, allusion, and structure in a way that enhances our understanding of both. While incorporating past Poe scholarship, this volume also relates unknown stories of Poe culled from privately held letters unavailable to previous biographers, presenting a range of groundbreaking archival discoveries that illuminate the man and his oeuvre in ways never before possible.

This program is held in partnership with The Baltimore Bibliophiles.



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JOB & CAREER

ADULTS

Content Creation for Social Entrepreneurs with Catonya Lester

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

Central Library

In today's job market there are approximately 14,000+ jobs available in the area of Content Creation. In this workshop you will learn how to write compelling blogs and social media captions. Develop video content, filming, and editing. Design engaging graphics and visuals for social media and marketing.

Saturday ESOL Classes

Saturdays, September 6 – October 25

10:30 a.m. | Patterson Park

Learn English as a second language at the Patterson Park Branch with ESOL Instructor Marcia Froomer. All levels are welcome. Please stop by the branch, call 396-0983, or email ptt@prattlibrary.org to sign up.

How to Create An Explosive Resume

Wednesdays, September 10 & October 8

11:00 a.m. | Central Library

Learn how to write a winning resume using current tools and trending templates that recruiters and employers would be impressed by. Facilitated by Job and Career Center staff.

Land that Job! Test Your Interview Skills

Wednesdays, September 10 & October 22

1:00 p.m. | Central Library

We will take a deep dive into today's interviewing dos & don'ts infused with exciting mock interview exercises. Facilitated by Job and Career Center staff.

Re-entry Pathways Resource & Career Fair

Thursday, September 11

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Central Library

Join us for a unique event dedicated to providing valuable opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals. This event aims to connect attendees with on-the-spot hiring, career readiness attire, educational programs, and housing resources to support their successful reintegration into society. For more information, contact projectencore@prattlibrary.org.

ReCOUP Business Accelerator

Mondays & Wednesdays,

September 22 – November 5, 4:00 p.m.

Central Library

ReCOUP Business Accelerator Program will equip formerly incarcerated and justice impacted individuals with the tools they need to become successful entrepreneurs. In this 8-week program, individuals will learn all of the necessary skills to build and maintain a thriving business. At the conclusion of the program, we will assist each graduate with the costs to register their business legally in the State of Maryland. Registration is required. For more information, email projectencore@prattlibrary.org.

At Home Child Care for Beginners

Wednesday, October 1, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

Baltimore native Leslie Solomon has built a fleet of "at-home day cares," mentored others, and has over 20 years of experience in child care. She will guide participants on how to start, establish, and build an at-home day care business.

Workforce Wednesday: Improve Your LinkedIn with Tips from Harold Booker

Wednesday, October 1, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

Join in on relatable sessions on how to improve your LinkedIn profile to increase visibility and job success.

TEENS

College Info Session in Spanish with Will Salzman

Friday, September 5, 3:30 p.m.

Patterson Park

Monday, September 22, 3:30 p.m.

Southeast Anchor Library

Admissions 101: Come to the library to learn about the college admissions process and available resources. It will be presented in Spanish by Will Salzman of Towson University. Ideal for teens and families.

Ready, Set, Resumes: Teen Career Development

Wednesday, October 1, 3:00 p.m. | Orleans St.

Learn how to format a resume without having a long job history, receive guidance on what information may be relevant to include, and request strategies to help search for jobs you are interested in.

Future Forward Fest

Tuesday, October 14, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Central Library

Join us for a career exploration rally designed to inspire high school students. Discover diverse career paths, including underrepresented fields, alongside opportunities in tech, trades, and more. The day will feature music from a live DJ, interactive activities, and breakout sessions introducing exciting careers.



WRITERS LIVE!

CORY MCCRAY

The Apprenticeship that Saved My Life

Monday, September 29, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library

In this candid memoir, Cory McCray shares the highs and lows of his journey, illustrating the transformative power of skilled labor and mentorship. Individuals will discover how his experiences as an apprentice shaped not just his career but his life, providing him with the foundation to become a Maryland State Senator dedicated to empowering his community.

SPOTLIGHT ON ORLEANS ST.



ADULTS

Orleans Writing Group

Thursdays, September 18 & October 16
6:00 p.m.

Love to write? Written for years? Just getting started? Come join us at the Orleans Street Branch for a monthly writing group on the third Thursday of every month. In the group you will find people that help foster and uplift each other's writing as well as a place to improve your writing skills.

DIY Saturdays

Saturdays, September 27 & October 11
2:00 p.m.

Join us every month as we get together to be crafty and make things. Each month will be a new project that you can take home and enjoy afterwards.

*September: Butterfly Shadowboxes
October: Stuffed Pumpkins*

Movie & Coloring

Captain America: Brave New World

Monday, September 29, 5:30 p.m.

Join us as we relax by watching Captain America: Brave New World while also coloring some on theme coloring sheets. Come for the movie, the coloring, or both.
2025 / Rated PG-13 / 1 hr. 58 min.

Basics of Crochet

Monday, October 6, 6:00 p.m.

Ever wanted to learn how to crochet? Know how but a little rusty? Know how and want to share your knowledge with others? Then this class is for you. Each participant will get yarn, hook, and pattern to make a basic crochet project. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0970.

TEENS

Fall Teen Tealight

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

Adhere dried fall leaves and flowers to the inside of a glass jar with craft glue, then drop in an electric candle once the walls of the jar are dry. Flip the candle on, and enjoy the light flickering through the leaves on your jar!

Introduction to Screen Printing

Wednesday, September 17, 3:00 p.m.

Learn how to screen print your very own shirt. Attendees will learn about the art of screen printing and have the opportunity to print a t-shirt to keep.

Music Tasting for Teens

Wednesday, September 24, 3:00 p.m.

Is there an underrated song or musician you love? Then come check out this music-tasting event! Participants will each get 10 minutes to play music for the group, and to share who the artist is and why you enjoy their sound.

Anime Club: Main Character Mirrors

Wednesday, October 22, 3:00 p.m.

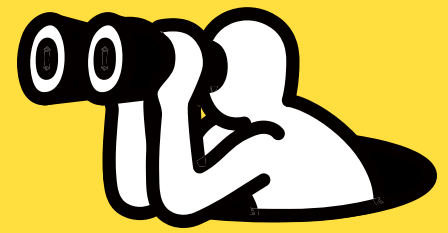
Use collage and paint supplies to add the most iconic features of your favorite anime character onto a cardboard frame for a circular mirror. Gaze into your mirror while getting ready, and embody your favorite character's energy and style!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

National Doodle Day: Door Doodles

Tuesday, September 2, 3:30 p.m.

It's National Doodle Day! Help us decorate the glass walls and doors of our Story Room with your incredible doodling skills and take home a doodle pad of your own!



SNEAK PEEK AT NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

WRITERS LIVE! JELANI COBB

Tuesday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library

Jelani Cobb will discuss his book Three or More is a Riot. He will be joined by The Atlantic's senior editor Vann Newkirk.

WRITERS LIVE! LISA LAWSON

Wednesday, November 5, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library

Lisa Lawsons will discuss her book Thrive. She will be joined by Tom Hall, host of WYPR's Middy.

OUR TIME KITCHEN FALL & WINTER DEMO SERIES

Mondays, November 10 & December 8
6:00 p.m.

Our Time Kitchen (117 W. 24th St.)

The Pratt Library is partnering with Our Time Kitchen to bring you a series of hands-on culinary workshops.

November's workshop will feature Ansaka Baltiore and Chef Dwayne of Somethang Delicious will be featured in December. Register at prattlibrary.org.

WRITERS LIVE! JOSHUA CLARKE DAVIS

Tuesday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library

Joshua Clarke Davis will discuss his book Police Against the Movement. He will be joined in conversation by attorney and former Maryland State Senator Jill P Carter.

WRITERS LIVE!

LAURIE GWEN SHAPIRO

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

Central Library

Laurie Gwen Shapiro will discuss her book The Aviator and the Showman.

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