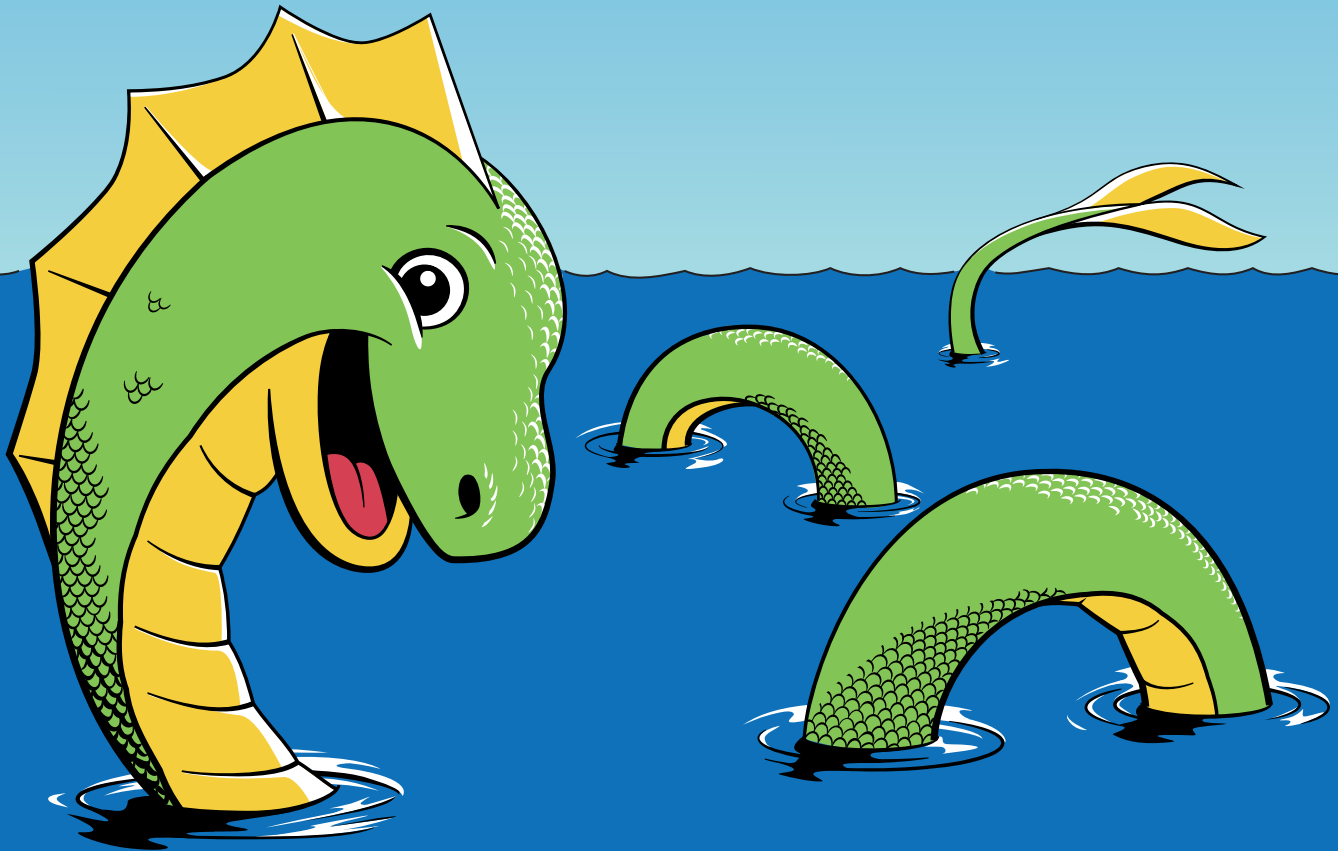


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This program brings together some of the brightest creatives, entrepreneurs, artists, and innovators to inspire the next generation to follow its passions and pursue excellence in its chosen paths. Through interactive workshops, storytelling, and hands-on experiences, participants will gain practical tools, creative insight, financial knowledge, and wellness strategies — all while being empowered to dream big and see themselves as future creators, leaders, and icons.

Scan the QR code below to learn more about the Community Empowerment Symposium inspired by Carmelo’s Hall of Fame journey, which runs into the fall of 2026, hosted across the Pratt Library’s branches.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Using Sports as Infrastructure for Community Transformation with Duane Kinnon
Thursday, June 4, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library

Building a Better Baltimore through Youth Partnerships with Kerry Watson
Thursday, June 11, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library

There’s A Story In Every Name with Dr. K. Zauditu-Selassie
Thursday, July 30, 6:00 p.m. | Light Street

ABOUT HOUSE OF MELO

House of Melo was a landmark cultural exhibit honoring Baltimore native Carmelo Anthony on the occasion of his 2025 induction into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. The exhibit was on view at the Central Library from October 2025 – January 2026. Although the exhibit has ended, the Community Empowerment Symposium will continue through 2026.



prattlibrary.org/house-of-melo

This event requires or recommends registration. Visit calendar.prattlibrary.org for registration info.

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PRATT FREE MARKET

A judgment-free, accessible, modern, and bright FREE grocery store located at the Southeast Anchor Library. The market is stocked with produce, dry goods, and more by generous local partners and serves as a hub for food and nutrition-based community programming.

HOURS

Fridays: 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Third Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

PANTRY ON THE GO!

On the fourth Friday of the month, the Pratt Free Market serves as a Pantry on the Go! location in partnership with the Maryland Food Bank, giving away free produce in a farmers market-style setup outside the Library.

VOLUNTEER AT THE PRATT FREE MARKET

We are looking for volunteers to help with distribution and inventory at the market. Visit us online to learn more.

More information at prattlibrary.org/pratt-free-market

LETTER FROM THE CEO



I am incredibly excited about all of the things the Pratt has cooked up for you all this summer. Summer Break Baltimore is back for another amazing season of reading, fun events, and an incredible free t-shirt for completers.

This year's t-shirt design features Chessie, the lovable Baltimorean cryptid of folklore. Much like other seldom seen "sea monsters," this Chesapeake Bay native is only spotted once in a blue moon, and this time, Chessie is bringing a summer of library challenges and fun up from the depths of the bay! These warmer months of the year are a great time to explore the city, visit a new-to-you library, and fall into a good book.

Participants of the Summer Break Baltimore program are in for quite a fun time with a bingo gameboard that will make any reader want to keep coming back to the library, even after they finish, to bask in the glory of finding their next amazing library discovery.

Read more details about this year's summer reading program on page 4 of this issue of *Compass*.

In addition to our Summer Break Baltimore programming, our staff have curated a schedule of amazing events celebrating Pride, Juneteenth, Black Music Month, and so much more. Anyone who knows me knows that I am a huge music fan. Throughout the year, our branches host live music, and this summer is no exception. Join Pratt as we bring the inspiring and invigorating experience of seeing and hearing live musicians to branches throughout the community. I hope to see you soon at the library!

Chad Helton, President & CEO, Enoch Pratt Free Library

TOWN HALL MEETING WITH THE CEO

Saturday, June 6, 11:00 a.m. | Hamilton

Saturday, August 1, 11:00 a.m. | Orleans St.

Meet Pratt Library President & CEO Chad Helton. 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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JUNETEENTH & BLACK MUSIC MONTH

ADULTS

Black Music Month Movie Series & Discussion

Mondays, June 1 – 29, 12:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Celebrate the contributions of African-Americans to the musical legacy of America each Monday in June. Discussion to follow the movie.

Summer of Soul

(2021 | Rated PG-13 | 1 hr. 58 min.)

The Soloist (2009 | Rated PG-13 | 1 hr. 57 min.)

All Eyez on Me (2017 | Rated R | 2 hr. 20 min.)

Get on Up (2014 | Rated PG-13 | 2 hr. 18 min.)

I Wanna Dance With Somebody

(2023 | Rated PG-13 | 2 hr. 26 min.)

Juneteenth Craft

Thursday, June 4, 2:30 p.m. | Patterson Park
Make a hanging ornament wreath and keychain.

Canvas & Culture:

Juneteenth Acrylic Painting

Monday, June 8, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
In honor of Juneteenth, join us for a guided acrylic painting session that reflects the spirit of freedom, resilience, and Black heritage. Featuring local artist Esta Baker.

Adult Game Night:

Black Music Month Bingo

Thursday, June 18, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly
Test your knowledge of legendary artists, iconic hits, and influential genres that have shaped the soulful sounds of Black music.

Juneteenth Trivia

Thursday, June 18, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
We will cover the history, significance, and traditions of the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the end of slavery in the U.S.

TEENS

Raise Nation Presents Scratch Social: An Interactive DJ Workshop

Thursday, June 4, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Get ready to scratch and mix your way with Raise Nation! This fun, youth DJ workshop is for ages 10 – 18.

Teen Crafts: Juneteenth Flag Making

Monday, June 15, 3:00 p.m. | Govans
Make a Juneteenth flag and learn about the holiday.

Juneteenth: Liberation Flag Workshop

Monday, June 15, 3:30 p.m. | Johnston Square
Tuesday, June 16, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Thursday, June 18, 1:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Create a visual representation of what Juneteenth means to you.

Teen Craft: Juneteenth Bracelets & Buttons

Tuesday, June 16, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden
Make your own Juneteenth-themed glass-bead bracelet and pinback button!

Juneteenth: DIY Foil Decorations

Wednesday, June 17, 3:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Use metallic press-on foil to make a striking silhouette.

Collage About It: Juneteenth

Saturday, June 20, 2:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Create collages inspired by the history and spirit of Juneteenth.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Hand Games & Songs

Tuesday, June 2, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Join us as we learn classic hand games that have been passed down in Black American culture.

Crafternoon: Romare Bearden & Jazz Craft

Tuesday, June 2, 3:30 p.m. | Canton
Create a mixed media collage of a jazz instrument inspired by Romare Bearden's art using paint, paper, markers, and crayons.

Culture and a Craft: Black Music Icons of Pennsylvania Avenue

Saturday, June 6, 3:30 p.m. | Pennsylvania Ave.
Learn about Baltimore's iconic Royal Theater and the musicians who performed there, then design your own "first record" using vinyl records and chalk markers.

Monday Movies & Craft

Mondays, June 8, 3:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Celebrate Black Music Month with a screening of Pixar's Soul and a craft.

Juneteenth Crafternoon: Freedom Butterflies

Friday, June 12, 3:30 p.m. | Pennsylvania Ave.
Join us for a read-aloud of They Built Me for Freedom by Tonya Duncan Ellis. We'll explore the symbolism behind the butterflies featured in Tonya's story, then create our own "kaleidoscope" of Juneteenth butterflies!

Craft & Learn: Juneteenth

Monday, June 15, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Learn about the history and meaning of Juneteenth, while making holiday-themed bracelets.

Black Music Celebration Pins!

Tuesday, June 16, 2:00 p.m. | Northwood
Make pins to honor some of the timeless icons of the Black music scene!

Juneteenth Crafternoon: Beaded Bracelets

Tuesday, June 16, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Celebrate Juneteenth and create a fun beaded bracelet!

Black Music Month BINGO

Wednesday, June 17, 1:00 p.m. | Southeast Anchor Library
Jam out to popular tunes and get BINGO!

Let's make Jubilee Tea!

Tuesday, June 23, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Learn the tradition and significance of why red foods are eaten on Juneteenth and make a hibiscus-infused iced tea to share.

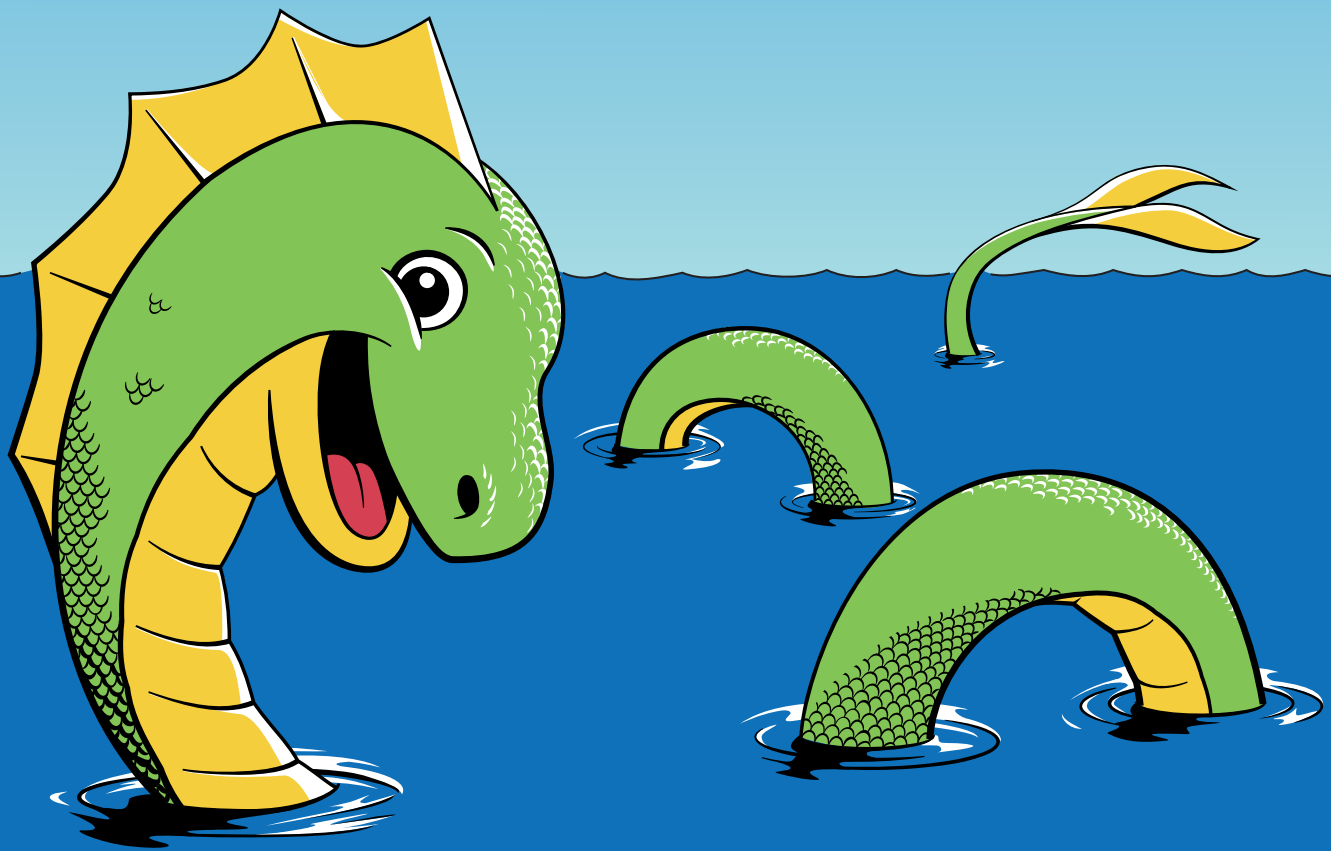
Black Music Month Dance Party

Friday, June 26, 3:30 p.m. | Hampden
Come dance with us to some of the greatest hits for Black Music Month! Boogie to jazz, hip-hop, R&B, and more from Black artists, old and new!

Black Music Month Crafternoon: Jazz Inspired Collage

Monday, June 29, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Join us to make a jazz-inspired collage.

SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE



June 15 – August 15

WHAT IS SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE?

Summer Break Baltimore is a free celebration of reading and learning for all ages. This summer, you're invited to play BINGO with Chessie the Chesapeake Bay sea monster! Winning is as easy as reading, exploring Baltimore, and discovering all the resources your local Pratt Library branch has to offer.

HOW TO PLAY:

Register: Sign up and receive a paper BINGO board beginning June 15 at any Pratt Library location. You can also sign up to play online using Beanstack at prattlibrary.beanstack.com. All participants will receive one free book to keep and kickstart their summer reading!

Play BINGO: Complete four activities in a row (across, up-and-down, or diagonally) to win. You can cross them off on your paper card or mark them complete in Beanstack.

Win prizes: Show your completed BINGO board at your neighborhood library to receive a limited edition Summer Break Baltimore 2026 t-shirt or alternative prize!

Completing one BINGO row will automatically earn you one raffle entry for more summer fun, including admission to the Maryland Science Center and National Aquarium, a Maryland Zoo family membership, a Nintendo Switch 2, and more. The more BINGO activities you complete, the more chances you have to win!

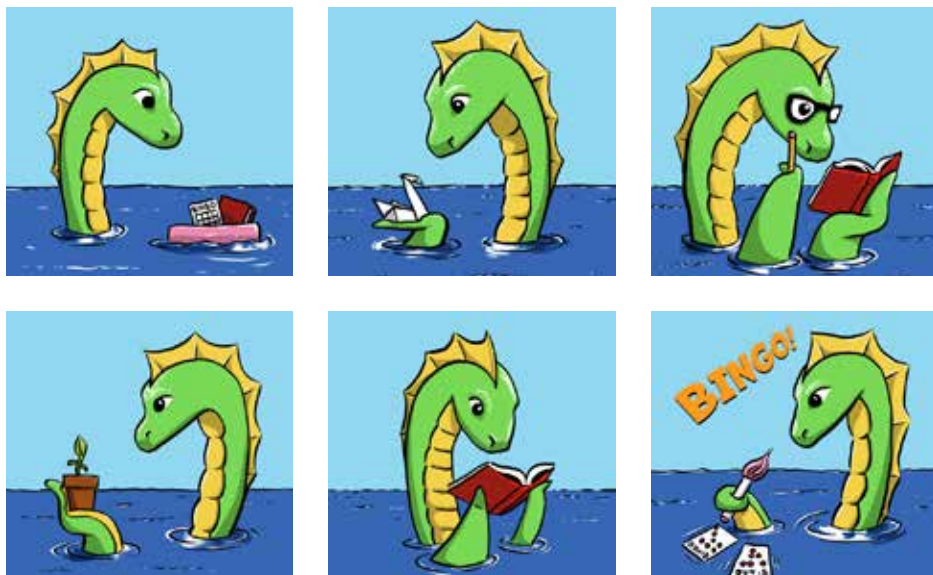
All completion prizes are available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.

You must be registered for Summer Break Baltimore with either a phone number or email address to win a drawing prize.

Scan the QR code to learn more!



SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE



CHESSIE'S BIG BASH

Celebrate Summer Break Baltimore at a Pratt Library branch near you on Saturday, July 11! Chessie's Big Bash will mark the midpoint of this year's summer learning BINGO challenge for all ages.

Join the fun at a participating branch for special Chesapeake Bay and sea monster scavenger hunts, raffles, summer crafts, and special guests at every location. Discover how you can contribute to the health of rivers, streams, and the harbor in our City — this summer and beyond!

All Summer Break Baltimore prizes and event materials are first-come, first-served, while supplies last.

Chessie's Big Bash: Brooklyn

Saturday, July 11, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

Join Masonville Cove, the nation's first Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership, at the Brooklyn Branch. Learn more about the local waterways Chessie calls home and meet a few crawly critters! Show your summer reading pride with an airbrush tattoo by Airbrush Unlimited.

Chessie's Big Bash: Central Library

Saturday, July 11, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Central Library

Enjoy a performance by Black Cherry Puppet Theatre about the lore and history of the Chesapeake Bay, and explore eco-friendly activities with Blue Water Baltimore and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Chessie's Big Bash: Northwood

Saturday, July 11, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Northwood

Join us for a scientific adventure at the Northwood Branch, with environmental educators and eco-friendly crafts galore. Eric Energy will join the fun at 1:30 p.m. for an interactive slime show!

Chessie's Big Bash: Southeast Anchor Library

Saturday, July 11, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Southeast Anchor Library

Enjoy special performances at the Southeast Anchor Library, including a bilingual performance by Latin-Grammy nominated Mamá Elena and a performance by Black Cherry Puppet Theatre about the lore and history of the Chesapeake Bay.

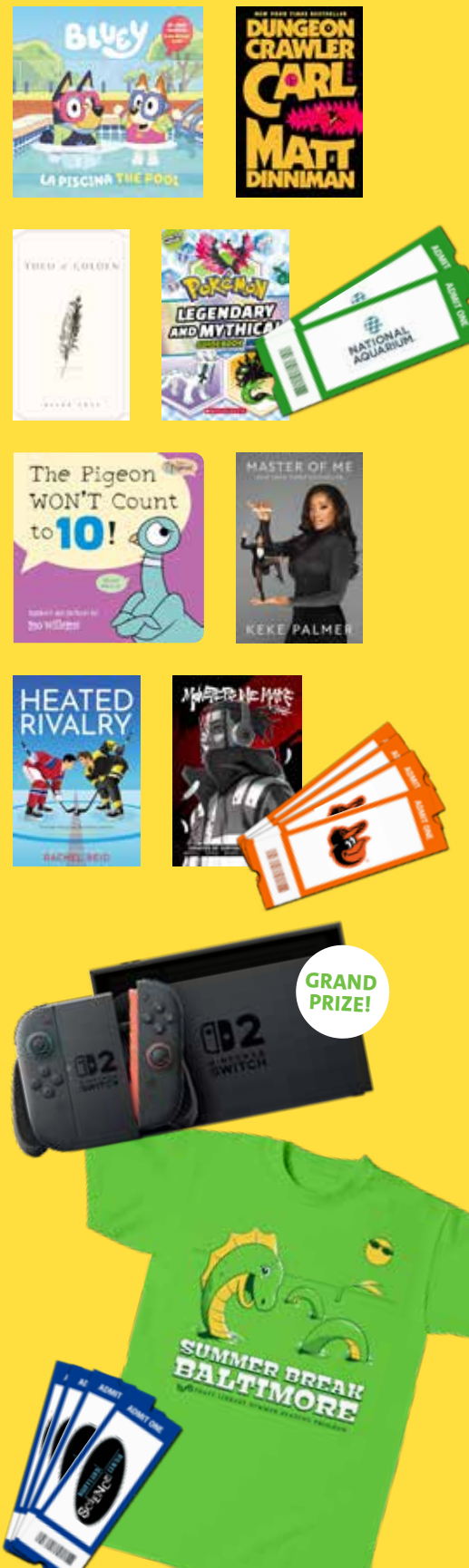
Chessie's Big Bash: Edmondson Ave.

Saturday, July 11, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.

Explore cryptid creatures with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and celebrate Chessie by creating your very own sea monster. Airbrush Unlimited will also be on hand providing temporary tattoos.

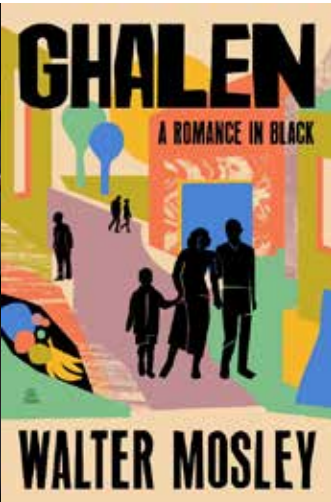
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WRITERS LIVE! WALTER MOSLEY *Ghalen*

Wednesday, June 10, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library & Virtual

Walter Mosley spins magic once again in this beautiful novel that explores the lives of Black characters and one remarkable family through a lens both universal and unique. It touches on the lives of those whose deepest thoughts and motivations are seldom explored — including the neurodivergent, the incarcerated, and the immigrant tortured by their past — characters who will stay with you and change how you see the world. Walter Mosley will be joined in conversation by Paul Coates, founder of Black Classic Press.

WRITERS LIVE!



ED DOYLE-GILLESPIE

The Slow Lament of Dying Ice

Saturday, June 6, 2:00 p.m. | Hampden

In this new collection of poems, Gillespie once again demonstrates how he is truly a master of his craft. Each poem in *The Slow Lament of Dying Ice* will transport the reader to smoke-filled cafes, shadowy conversations whispered over glasses of crimson wine, and cobble stones leading the reader to stories they'll never forget.

WRITERS LIVE!



EARL ARNETT

A Jazz Romance

Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Earl Arnett recounts episodes from his life with wit, incisive clarity, and the wounded wisdom of a widower still besotted with his late wife — Ethel Ennis, Baltimore's First Lady of Jazz — and the quietly epic life they lived. Earl Arnett will be joined in conversation by jazz historian Scott Brown.

WRITERS LIVE!



TERRI J. HAYNES

The Daughter of Shiloh

Saturday, June 13, 1:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.

A Tuskegee student is injured in a church stampede and while recovering, helps investigate missing funds and a possible murder, finding unexpected love along the way.

LET'S TALK ABOUT MARYLAND



CHARLES HOLDEN

Republican Populist

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

A fascinating political portrait of Spiro T. Agnew from his pre-vice presidential career through his scandal-driven fall from office and beyond, this book is a revelatory examination of Agnew's role as one of the founding fathers of the modern Republican Party and of the link between Agnew's "people's party" and the fraught party of populists and businessmen today.

WRITERS LIVE!



JASON GREEN

Too Precious to Lose

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

Fueled by a new understanding of his own roots, Green traces his paternal family through a century of life in a single place. Seeking answers to deeply personal, contemporary questions about belonging, he finds that and more truths from the compassionate, communal-led lives of his forebearers. Jason Green will be joined in conversation by Karsonya Wise Whitehead, host of *Today with Dr. Kaye* on WEEA 88.9 FM.

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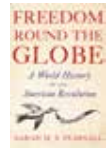
DAVID SILVERMAN

The Chosen and the Damned

Wednesday, June 17, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

The epochal story of race in America is typically understood as a Black and White issue. *The Chosen and the Damned* restores the defining role Native people have played, and continue to play, in our national history.

WRITERS LIVE!



SARAH PEARSALL

Freedom Round the Globe

Tuesday, June 23, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

In a groundbreaking global exploration of the ideas that drove the American Revolution, a prize-winning historian shines a light on the defiance of marginalized peoples all over the world. Sarah Pearsall will be joined in conversation by award-winning journalist and author Elaine Weiss.

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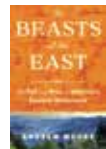
SARAH J. JACKSON

A Second Sight

Thursday, June 25, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Sarah J. Jackson, presents an appraisal that situates Black mediamakers at the vanguard of telling the American story. Brilliant, urgent, and illuminating, *A Second Sight* is an authentic and candid grappling with a discordant thread in the American fabric and, in tracing a bolder vision for the nation, presents a way forward. Sarah J. Jackson will be joined in conversation by *Baltimore Beat* CEO Lisa Snowden.

WRITERS LIVE!



ANDREW MOORE

The Beasts of the East

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

Follow Andrew Moore as he meets conservationists, hunters, biologists, and nature lovers as they confront herculean challenges: How can we enable wildlife migration in the midst of suburban sprawl? Are these success stories viable in the long term? When humans and wildlife come in close contact, how do we define wilderness? Andrew Moore will be joined in conversation by WYPR's Senior News Analyst Tom Hall.

WRITERS LIVE!



KAT STODDARD

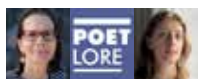
Wasp's Nest

Saturday, July 11, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton

A modern retelling of *The Philadelphia Story*,

Wasp's Nest is a witty, gripping love triangle unfolding over the course of seven chaotic days at a Cape Cod wedding. Kat Stoddard will be joined in conversation by novelist Lacey Dunham.

CELEBRATING THE 2026 POETRY CONTEST FINALISTS WITH *POET LORE*



Tuesday, July 14, 6:30 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual



Join us to celebrate the finalists of the 2026 Poetry Contest, judged by *Poet Lore*. Christina Daub, Nnenna Aduaka, Christina Borgoy,

and Carol Buell will read, and the Executive Editor of *Poet Lore*, Emily Holland, will emcee.

CLOSING CELEBRATION WITH HACKERMAN RESIDENTS ANNIE HOWE & TAYLOR JOHNSON



Wednesday, June 3, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library

Join us for a closing celebration of the Enoch Pratt Free Library's 2025 – 2026 Hackerman Artist & Writer in Residence program with Annie Howe and Taylor Johnson. Annie and Taylor will share work they produced during their residencies — including new poems and papercuts — while also reflecting on the collaborations and community connections that shaped their time with the Library.

The program will conclude with a Q&A, giving you the opportunity to engage directly with the residents. Join us in celebrating the power of creativity and its impact in Baltimore and beyond. Light refreshments will be served.

Funding for the Pratt Hackerman Artist & Writer in Residence program has been provided through the generosity of The Hackerman Foundation.



TEENS: GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LIBRARY!

TEEN LIBRARY BOARD

The Teen Library Board is an experiential program through which Baltimore City teens in grades 9 – 12 will earn service learning hours, learn leadership skills, gain mentorship from Library leaders and board members, and contribute to teen initiatives at the Pratt Library.

Applications for the 2026 – 2027 board open in August. Visit prattlibrary.org/teen-board for information on how to join.

WHAT'S NEW

Here are the most anticipated books of June, July, and August coming soon to the Pratt Library.



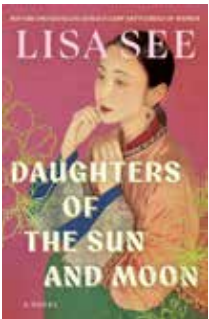
The Missed Connection by Tia Williams

An intensely romantic, deliciously sexy tale about a woman searching for her handsome seatmate on a European flight — and the unexpected places her hunt for love leads her.



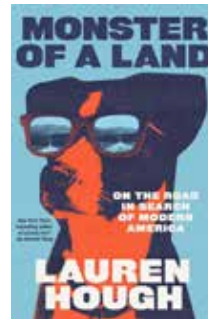
Big Little Truths by Liane Moriarty

Ten years have passed since we saw the women of *Big Little Lies* — Madeline, Celeste, Jane, Renata, and Bonnie. When a strange man begins asking supposedly innocent questions, this tightly connected group of women must finally face the full repercussions of the big little truths they have and haven't shared with their kids.



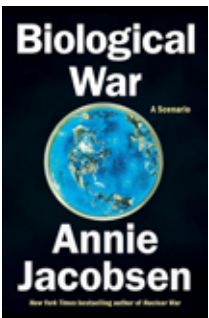
Daughters of the Sun and Moon by Lisa See

Lisa See draws on the vibrancy and turmoil of post-Civil War Los Angeles to tell the story of three Chinese women who managed to survive and, eventually, thrive, despite all odds.



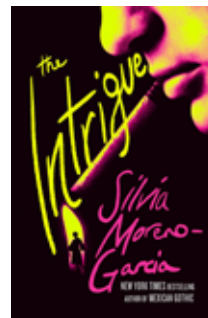
Monster of a Land: On the Road in Search of Modern America by Lauren Hough

Part travelogue, part social commentary, and 100% Lauren Hough, *Monster of a Land* unites her poignant vulnerability, her hilarious narrative voice, and her razor-sharp insights into a journey that will show us how far we've come as a country, and how far we still have to go.



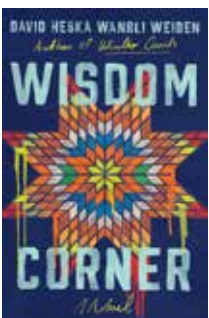
Biological War: A Scenario by Annie Jacobsen

A lab accident, a bio-attack, a global pandemic, and the collapse of human society. In this essential new book, based on dozens of new interviews with experts with high-level political, governmental, medical, and military responsibility, Annie Jacobsen examines this very scenario.



The Intrigue by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Venture into the streets of a small town where a patina of convention and good manners conceals a cauldron of avarice and lust. A sizzling noir about desire, danger, and greed, in which seduction is the ultimate con.



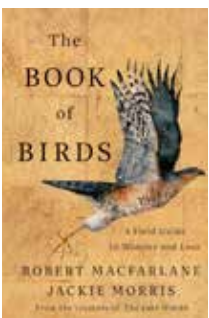
Wisdom Corner by David Heska Wanbli Weiden

A thriller about life — and death — from the award-winning author of *Winter Counts*. Virgil Wounded Horse is desperately trying to escape his past as a hired vigilante on the Rosebud Indian Reservation. But when a legendary figure from the reservation is murdered, Virgil is forced to return to the job.



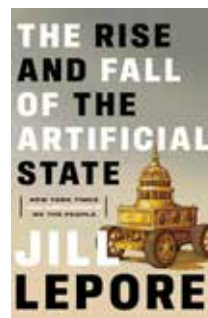
Cool Machine by Colson Whitehead

An exuberantly entertaining novel that brings to life 1980s New York in the magnificent final volume of Whitehead's Harlem Trilogy.



The Book of Birds: A Field Guide to Wonder and Loss by Robert Macfarlane & Jackie Morris

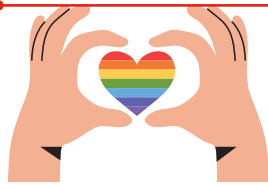
The Book of Birds shows readers not just how to identify birds, but also how to identify with them. Macfarlane and Morris conjure the unique spirit of nearly 50 once-common species in this love letter to the thrilling variety and mysteries of birdlife, and a clarion call to halt the rapid depletion of our skies.



The Rise and Fall of the Artificial State by Jill Lepore

The Rise and Fall of the Artificial State demonstrates how technology has corroded global democracy, leading to the destruction of both human community and capacity for self-government. Despite its abundance of dire facts, is not a funeral dirge; rather, it's an inspiring wake-up call to identify and dismantle this heinous system.

PRIDE MONTH



ADULTS

Pride Bingo for Adults

Thursday, June 4, 5:30 p.m. | Johnston Square
Learn about Pride Month in an open, inclusive environment while enjoying great company. Winners will receive fun prizes!

Read With Pride: *Disco Witches of Fire Island* by Blair Fell

Saturday, June 6, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.
Hit the dance floor with a coven of queer witches on 1980s Fire Island in this gay fantasy romance about finding magic, love, and family in the face of tragedy.

Pride in Me

Saturday, June 27, 2:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Come create a beautiful picture based on the theme "Pride in Me."

TEENS

Pride Fan Making

Tuesday, June 2, 3:00 p.m. | Waverly
Beat the heat with us this Pride Month as we design our own fans to celebrate!

The Power of Pride: Custom Clothing DIY

Wednesday, June 3, 3:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Create a custom clothing item for Pride Month with fabric paint, puff paint, and pins. Upcycle your own piece of clothing — or decorate a tote bag we provide.

Build Your own Flag

Thursday, June 11, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Use perler beads to create the flag that represents you. Staff will lead the activity in English and Spanish.

Pride Jewelry

Monday, June 15, 1:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Make pride-themed jewelry and learn about LGBTQ fashion history.

Pride Blackout Poetry with Jessica McHugh

Monday, June 15, 3:30 p.m. | Light St.
Wednesday, June 17, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden
Wednesday, June 24, 3:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Create art that explores and celebrates identity and community, while reclaiming the power of Pride from works and authors who've tried to dull the indomitable LGBTQIA+ shine.

Teen Activity: Rainbow Sticker Painting

Tuesday, June 23, 3:00 p.m. | Govans
Celebrate Pride by painting with stickers!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Crafternoon: Paper Plate Fan

Monday, June 8, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Celebrate Pride and beat the summer heat by decorating your own paper plate fan with lots of bright colors.

Pride Month Crafternoon: Rainbow Abstract Art

Tuesday, June 9, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Use all of the colors of the rainbow to make some art!

Pride Swag!

Thursday, June 11, 2:00 p.m. | Northwood
Make a pin and fuse bead creation to share your Pride!

Pride Paper Chains

Saturday, June 13, 11:00 a.m. | Hampden
Turn your favorite pride flag into a paper chain! Show your pride and support for everyone to be themselves! Make your own to take home, or help us make a giant rainbow for the library.

Pride Cinema: *Beauty & the Beast* (1991)

Thursday, June 18, 5:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Watch Beauty and the Beast and honor the film's lyricist, Howard Ashman who received a posthumous Oscar for his work on the title song. After the film we'll talk about how Ashman's experience as a gay man living through the AIDS crisis shaped the movie we all know and love today.

Pride Crafternoon: Wool Wrap Rainbow

Saturday, June 20, 3:30 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Every stripe on the pride flag has a meaning — can you name them all? Explore the symbolism behind the iconic rainbow — then make your own "wool wrap" rainbow out of cardboard and colorful yarn!

DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH

CREATIVE LIVES, ADAPTIVE PRACTICES: A CONVERSATION CENTERING DISABILITY, ACCESS, & ARTISTIC INNOVATION

Thursday, June 25, 1:00 p.m.
Central Library

Join us for this interactive program, which brings together artists and creatives for an open, informal conversation about the realities of navigating creative practice with disability.

BALTIMORE: THE CITY OF ACCESSIBLE ARTS SECOND ANNUAL PUBLIC CONVENING

Wednesday, July 8, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

This accessible, hybrid gathering brings together artists, cultural organizations, and disability communities to explore how Baltimore can continue growing as a more inclusive and accessible arts city.

BALTIMORE'S 4TH ANNUAL DISABILITY PRIDE ARTS FEST

Saturday, July 18, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Central Library

Make Studio, a nonprofit art center and collective of disabled artists, is proud to once again present Baltimore's 4th Annual Disability Pride Arts Fest! In partnership with the Maryland Department of Disabilities and the Pratt Library, the fest will feature workshops, performances, and resource offerings from over a dozen disability and arts organizations.

All are invited to come together to learn and to celebrate creativity, human diversity, and people with disabilities and their many contributions to society.

MARYLAND 250

ADULTS

AFAM Department Book Club

Saturday, June 13, 12:00 p.m. | Central Library
In honor of America at 250, we will be discussing African Founders: How Enslaved People Expanded American Ideals by David Hackett Fischer.

American History Trivia

Tuesday, June 23, 6:30 p.m. | Central Library
From presidents to poet laureates, test your knowledge of American history and culture!

The American Founding & the Black Experience

Thursday, June 25, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join us for a presentation by local Historian Bradley Austin as he talks about America and it's founding.

Rare Book Open House: Maryland 250

Friday, July 10, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Central Library
Celebrate the founding of the United States through Maryland's history. A curated selection of rare books, historic documents, and ephemera from the Special Collections department's holdings will be on display in the Special Collections Reading Room.

Maryland 250 Paint Night

Wednesday, July 15, 3:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Enjoy a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere and connect with others while creating a Maryland-inspired masterpiece.

A History of America in 10 Maps

Saturday, July 18, 2:00 p.m. | Central Library
Get hands-on with maps from the Pratt's historic collection, and see how they can show us about everything from colonization and the Revolutionary War to industrialization and westward expansion, the Black experience, the World Wars and beyond!

Author Talk: *The American Revolution & the Fate of the World*

Saturday, July 25, 3:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join University of Maryland professor Dr. Richard Bell as he discusses his latest work, The American Revolution & the Fate of the World.

TEENS

Tween & Teen Craft:

America 250 Star Shakers

Tuesday, June 30, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden
Make your own star-shaped shaker fidget!

Craftmaking: Do It Yourself American Star Ornaments

Tuesday, June 30, 3:00 p.m. | Herring Run
Create an American star ornament.

Baltimore's Graffiti Street: Maryland 250 Popsicle Fence Art

Thursday, July 2, 12:00 p.m. | Patterson Park
Learn about the national treasure that is Baltimore art, and even contribute with your own graffiti art on a popsicle stick fence!

Teen Activity:

Maryland 250 Flag Decorating

Thursday, July 2, 3:00 p.m. | Govans
Make a flag and learn about the 250th Anniversary of the USA.

Decorate a Tote Bag:

Maryland Pride & America 250

Thursday, July 2, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Decorate a canvas tote bag inspired by Maryland's wildlife, artists, and scientists. All supplies will be provided, and staff will lead the activity in English and Spanish.

Teen Maryland 250 Trivia

Monday, July 6, 2:00 p.m. | Johnston Square
Think you know the history of Maryland? Do you know the weird and wacky facts about the state you live in? Come compete and learn with other teens!

Fascinating Fascinators

Wednesday, July 8, 3:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Make an ornate hat in the style of those popular at Baltimore's Preakness!

Blue Crab Creations

Thursday, July 9, 12:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Come learn interesting facts about the Chesapeake Bay and decorate a wooden blue crab silhouette.

Tall Tales of Maryland & the Chesapeake Bay: Despicable Pirates, 3,000-Year-Old Oyster Shells & Cannibal Crabs!

Saturday, July 11, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.
Chesapeake Troubadour Jefferson Holland presents a delightful program of original tall tales, epic poems, and songs inspired by the people and places of the Bay.

Pennant Making

Tuesday, July 14, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly
Make a pennant of your favorite teams across leagues and time.

Maryland Hat Design

Wednesday, July 15, 1:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Customize your own Maryland-themed trucker hat.

Maryland 250 Teen Collaborative Quilt

Monday, July 27, 3:00 p.m. | Central Library
From the Calico Cat to Pigtown, celebrate the 250th anniversary of our state by designing and decorating a quilt square celebrating the sights and symbols of Maryland and learn some quilting basics.

Teen Karaoke & Maryland Music

Wednesday, July 29, 2:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Step into Club Hamilton, belt out your favorites, and learn a little about Maryland music history.

Revolutionary D&D: Fight for Freedom

Thursday, July 30, 5:30 p.m. | Northwood
Join us for a special game of Dungeons & Dragons themed around a revolution in honor of Maryland 250.

Color Your Own Holographic Maryland Flag Stickers

Tuesday, August 4, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden
Learn about the history of the Maryland flag, then make your own custom-colored Maryland flag sticker; complete with a fun holographic coating!

Paint a Maryland Terrapin

Wednesday, August 12, 1:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Paint your very own ceramic turtle inspired by the iconic Maryland terrapins.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Celebrate America 250! Guess That State

July 1 – 31 | Southeast Anchor Library
Come celebrate our country's 250th birthday. Test your knowledge about our states and territories.

Shooting Star Papercraft

Wednesday, July 1, 10:00 a.m. | Orleans St.
Create a fun shooting star craft just in time for the 4th of July!

Popsicle Stick Rockets!

Wednesday, July 1, 12:00 p.m. | Herring Run
Join us for a special storytime and craft to celebrate the country's 250th birthday.



DIY Bow Ties & Semiquincentennial Party

Wednesday, July 1, 12:30 p.m.

Central Library

Citizens and residents, come and enjoy snacks while making your own DIY bow ties. For families with kids 11 & under.

Red, White, and Blue Wreaths

Wednesday, July 1, 1:30 p.m. | Roland Park
Decorate a wreath for the fourth of July and America's 250th birthday.

My Maryland Flag

Thursday, July 2, 2:00 p.m. | Northwood
Create a flag to show what Maryland means to you!

Library Trivia Challenge: Maryland 250

Thursday, July 2, 3:30 p.m. | Walbrook
Test your knowledge of our state and country in this kids trivia game!

Fireworks in a Jar

Monday, July 6, 3:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Create fireworks in a jar and learn the scientific process behind it.

Early American Children's Games

Monday, July 6, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Learn some of the games kids were playing around the time of the American Revolution.

Maryland 250 Crafternoon:

Rockets Red Glare

Monday, July 6, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Use scratch paper to create your own fireworks display.

Quilt Squares

Tuesday, July 7, 2:00 p.m. | Patterson Park
Celebrate Maryland 250 by learning about quilting and making your own quilt square

Maryland 250 Trivia

Friday, July 10, 3:00 p.m. | Herring Run
Think you know everything there is about the American Revolution? Come compete with your friends and win fun prizes!

Kids Care! Protest Sign Workshop

Saturday, July 11, 11:00 a.m. | Hampden
Come learn how kids can make a difference and make your own protest sign!

Crafty Crabs of Maryland

Tuesday, July 14, 11:00 a.m. | Hamilton
We'll read a book about Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay and make a fun blue crab craft inspired by one of the state's most famous creatures.



Crafternoon: Your Story Told Through Flags

Tuesday, July 14, 3:30 p.m. | Canton

Using different-colored tissue paper, create a suncatcher shaped like a flag to add to your window.

Lighting Up History: A Fireworks Storytime

Saturday, July 18, 11:00 a.m.

Johnston Square

Discover the sparkle behind fireworks! We'll explore their history and create our own dazzling firework-themed craft.

Maryland 250: Dear Congress...

Saturday, July 18, 3:30 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

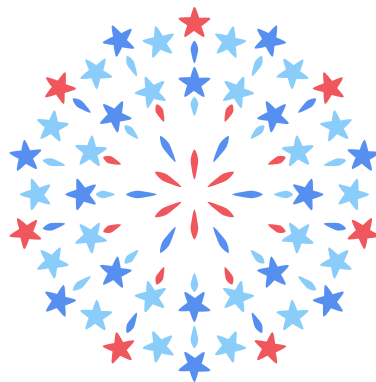
Learn how bills are signed into law with an interactive game — then write a letter to Congress suggesting changes you would like to see in our community.

Maryland 250 Crafternoon:

Design a Maryland Flag

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

Celebrate Maryland's 250th birthday and design your own flag!



LIVE MUSIC

LAKIN DUCKER & JEFF MULLER: CRESCENT CITY SOUNDS

Saturday, June 13, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.

Lakin and Jeff perform a mix of traditional jazz and R&B classics, conjuring the sounds of the streets of New Orleans.

FATHER'S DAY JAZZ CONCERT WITH NEW WORLD OUTREACH JAZZ ORCHESTRA

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

Northwood

Celebrate Father's Day with great live music that all will surely enjoy.

JAZZ CONCERT WITH THE HOME COOKIN' QUARTET

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

Roland Park

Home Cookin' is a quartet of piano, bass, sax/clarinet, and trombone that pairs two young Peabody graduates with two older veterans of the Baltimore jazz scene.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Tuesday, July 7, 4:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

Bring family and friends to the library and showcase your talent! Play an instrument, solve a Rubik's Cube, or read a poem. Any talent is welcome!

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO BALTIMORE STEEL ORCHESTRA

Tuesday, August 4, 11:00 a.m.

Orleans St.

Enjoy a demonstration and performance by members of the ensemble.

BOB BURKE

Saturday, August 22, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.

Guitarist and former Pratt librarian Bob Burke returns to Light Street to rock the library with a mix of songs from the 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s.

Live music is supported by the William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund, creator of the Baker Artist Portfolios at BakerArtist.org

SPOTLIGHT ON HAMPDEN



SNEAK PEEK AT FALL

LIGHT ST. WRITERS EXCHANGE

Mondays, 6:00 p.m. | Light St. & Virtual
An ongoing read and critique group for writers with interest in all forms of writing. Learn more at prattlibrary.org.

TINKER TUESDAYS

Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m. | Canton
In this weekly program, children are invited to explore different STEAM stations with their favorite adult. Tinker with engineering tools, construct structures with building blocks, and more!

ORLEANS STREET CRAFTERS' CORNER

Wednesday, September 9, 10:30 a.m.
Work on your current crafting project while you find inspiration, exchange tips, and connect with fellow creatives!

SANKOFA FILM SERIES

Thursdays, September 17 & October 15
5:00 p.m. | Central Library
*September: The Piano Lesson
October: Black Orpheus*

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, October 10
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Central Library
Help save lives right here at your library!

BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursdays, October 29 & November 19
6:30 p.m. | Govans
*October: My Friends by Fredrik Backman
November: Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin*

PLUS: WRITERS LIVE!, STORYTIMES, BACK TO SCHOOL, SEASONAL PROGRAMS AND MORE!

ADULTS

Chair Yoga

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
Join us for a multi-level class that will offer a combination of sitting, standing, and balancing postures. The class is geared to seniors, and space is limited. This class is provided by Action in Maturity and led by Margee Greenberg.

Crochet Basics

Mondays, June 15 & 29, July 13 & 27, August 10 & 24, 6:00 p.m.
Every wanted to learn crochet but didn't know where to start? Come join us for a six week course on the very basics of crochet. Yarn and hook will be provided.

Maker Mondays

Mondays, July 20 & August 17, 6:00 p.m.
*Join us once a month as we get together to be crafty and make something special.
7/20 – Seashell Trinket Dishes
8/17 – Macrame Keychains*

DIY Beaded Plant

Saturday, July 11, 2:00 p.m.
Join as we make beaded plants and have a plant that you will never have to worry about watering.

TEENS

Teen Craft & Chat

Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m.
Calling all teen crafters and artists! Come make new things and make new friends at the same time! Bring your own supplies for whatever you're making and work on it in a creative and supportive social space — or use some of the limited supplies provided to make something new!

Teen Video Game Night

Wednesdays, June 3, July 1, 15, & 29, August 12 & 26, 3:00 p.m.
Bring your friends and choose your favorite from our selection of Switch and PS5 games to play on our branch's huge flat-screen TV!

Teen Board Game Night

Wednesdays, June 24, July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19, 3:00 p.m.
Come play games from our fun selection of new, classic, and weird board and card games!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Pokémon Card Swap

Friday, July 24, 3:30 p.m.
Gotta catch 'em all! Trainers are invited to the Library to trade your Pokémon cards and fill out your Pokédex. Meet other trainers and discuss your favorite Pokémon. No cards? No problem! Grab a free starter pack and join the fun! You can even make your own deck box.

Spider-Man Day Celebration

Saturday, August 1, 3:00 p.m.
The Spider-verse needs another hero just like you. Make some spider-crafts, play some spider-games, and make some spider-friends to save the day!

Sensory Salad Playdate

Friday, August 14, 11:00 a.m.
It's National Wellness Month, and our senses are a great way to ground us in our bodies and the world. Engage all your senses cutting or tearing up fragrant herbs and edible flowers and mixing them together in a salad for the eyes, hands, ears, and nose!

Back to School Bingo

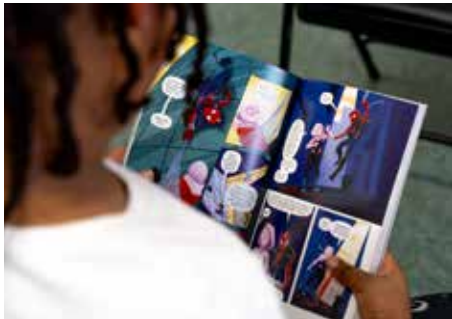
Saturday, August 15, 2:30 p.m.
Join us for a fun afternoon of Bingo along with back to school themed prizes! All ages welcome!

This event requires or recommends registration.

Visit calendar.prattlibrary.org for registration info and complete details on each program.

SPRING RECAP

The Pratt was busy this spring! The Women in Workforce Luncheon hosted by the Job and Career Center honored women working in Human Resources and Workforce Development. Authors like Fab 5 Freddy and Roseanne A. Brown drew crowds of all ages. The Pratt hosted a panel on trauma-informed care, discussing what is possible when public and private organizations collaborate to accomplish a common goal. The cello gang from the Mt. Vernon Virtuosi stopped by the Central Library to delight customers with a performance. And Baltimore City 4th and 5th grade students competed in the Battle of the Books at Morgan State University.





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