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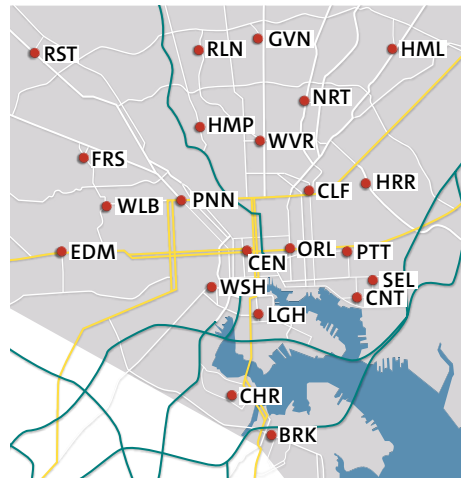
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Don't forget to complete your bookmark and visit Port Discovery before August 31!



CHECK OUT THE NEW KIDS CATALOG!

The Kids Catalog is a special edition of the Pratt's catalog designed specifically for children, with a focus on providing an interactive and visual experience that will make it easier and more fun for them to find what they are looking for.

Visit catalog.prattlibrary.org to try it out!

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LETTER FROM THE CEO



“One light feeds another. One strong family lends strength to more. One engaged community can ignite those around it. This is the power of the light we carry.”

— Michelle Obama
The Light We Carry

As an institution, the Enoch Pratt Free Library seeks to be a place that can ignite that light of learning, access, and opportunities for our community. This summer, thousands of Library customers are working together in that journey by participating in Summer Break Baltimore. Each month, the Pratt is giving away free books to participants of all ages to

help build home libraries across our city. All summer, children’s eyes have lit up as they discover not only can they take a book home, but it’s theirs to keep. The above quote, from one of our giveaway books, really shows the impact this one program can have.

The Pratt is also carrying light to our surrounding communities. In 2022, the American Library Association documented more than 1,200 attempts to censor or ban books. It’s the highest number of book challenges in the 20 years ALA has been compiling those statistics. Here in Maryland, 20 book challenges were reported involving 62 different titles. The vast majority of the books that were challenged were written about or by members of the LGBTQIA+ community or people of color.

The Pratt Library stands firmly against censorship. We want to make sure everyone has access to any book they choose to read. That’s why anyone in Maryland can sign up for a Pratt Library card. The Pratt carries all of the 13 most challenged titles of 2022. It is vital that everyone has the opportunity to see themselves reflected in literature. The light of access is one we are proud to carry.

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

CONGRATS TO THE BAKER AWARD WINNER & PRATT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



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PENNSYLVANIA AVE. RENOVATION

Pratt crews continue the hard work to transform the Pennsylvania Ave. Branch. Bookshelves are being moved, and a wall is down as the adult library space moves downstairs, and children's and teens move upstairs. The branch is expected to reopen this summer.





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Q&A WITH REBECCA ROMNEY, RARE BOOK SPECIALIST ON THE HISTORY CHANNEL'S PAWN STARS

Have you always had a passion for books from a young age?

I was certainly always a reader, but when I was young I never considered this particularly remarkable. I grew up in a family of scientists who were also avid readers, so I was raised in an environment where weekly trips to the library and dinner-table discussions of what we were all reading felt normal. Only in retrospect have I realized how lucky I was to have parents like that!

How did you get into the rare book business?

Accident. Before I saw the job listing for an introductory rare bookseller position, I didn't even know it was a job that existed. Or rather, I was sure that only people much more important/wealthy/educated than I were allowed to be part of the world of rare books and book collecting. But I was in the right place at the right time, and I went for it because it sounded like a dream job. Turned out: it was.

How can people find out if an old book they have is worth something?

Are there any tell-tale signs?

The current marketplace prizes first editions, so you should be looking for signs of that. More modern books might say "first edition" or have a number line ending in "1" on the copyright page (which publishers use to indicate it's a first). Other books are more difficult to identify, but you can start simply by a bit of internet research. If the date on the title page matches the date you find for the book's first publication — that doesn't mean it IS a first edition — but it does mean it's worth digging further. (Most books can be quickly disqualified this way.) Further, condition and completeness are very important on the marketplace. Condition is pretty straightforward, but completeness means that it should have all the parts it was issued with. A 1980 book missing its dust jacket may be a first edition, but that generally won't matter with the jacket lacking because it's incomplete. It's all a bit labyrinthine, admittedly — but that's the fun of it, learning as you go.

NEXT GENERATION BOOK COLLECTING: HOW GEN Z IS JOINING THE CENTURIES-LONG TRADITION

Saturday, July 8, 1:00 p.m.
Central Library

Book collecting is an endeavor that transcends generations, as there will always be people who care about preserving our cultural memory. However, collecting is also an immensely personal journey that reflects one's own tastes, interests, and background. This talk will explore how younger generations (especially Gen Z) have begun participating in this tradition, with particular emphasis on where their creativity has led them to explore collecting in ways not as often seen in older generations. Based largely upon Rebecca Romney's experience as co-founder and judge of the Honey & Wax Book Collecting Prize, it will be illustrated with a number of examples of exceptional collections built by former prize winners and honorable mentions.

Romney has appeared as the rare book specialist on the History Channel's show *Pawn Stars* since 2011; she was also featured in the documentary *The Booksellers*, which premiered at the 2019 New York Film Festival at Lincoln Center. Rebecca is the author of the book *Printer's Error: Irreverent Stories from Book History* (HarperCollins; with JP Romney); *The Romance Novel in English: A Survey in Rare Books, 1769-1999*; and *Jane Austen's Bookshelf* (forthcoming from Simon & Schuster).

This event is being held with the partnership of the Baltimore Bibliophiles. Registration for this event is encouraged. Refreshments will be provided. Free parking vouchers to park at no cost will be available.

ALL ABOUT MARYLAND

Free Weekly Public Tours of the Library

Wednesdays & Saturdays, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library

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

Lunch & Learn: Stolen: Kidnapping and Enslavement in Antebellum America

Thursday, July 13, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual
Join us for a talk with Dr. Richard Bell, the author of *Stolen*, a new book that tells the incredible story of five boys whose courage forever changed the fight against slavery in America. Their ordeal shines a glaring spotlight on the Reverse Underground Railroad, a black market network of human traffickers who stole away thousands of legally free African Americans to fuel slavery's rapid expansion in the decades before the Civil War. ASL interpretation will be available for attendees. Presented in partnership with the Maryland State Archives and the Maryland Four Centuries Project.

Meaningful Mencken: An Introduction to the H.L. Mencken Room

Thursday, July 13, 6:30 p.m.
Central Library, H.L. Mencken Room
The Pratt proudly houses the H.L. Mencken Room, a room of the Special Collections Department at the Central Library. Learn from the H.L. Mencken Room curator and librarian about why Mencken was meaningful as a journalist and find out what the H.L. Mencken Room has to offer, and how to search through it. This program is intended for audiences who are learning about Mencken for the first time, or know little about him. Register for this free event at prattlibrary.org.

Lunch & Learn: When Harry Met Elsey: Madness, Power, and Justice in Federal-Era Baltimore

Thursday, August 10, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual
Love. Sex. Intrigue. Deception. Conflict. Violence. Bigotry. Greed. All part of a true story set in 1800s Baltimore. At the heart of the story is the question of whether someone considered to be mentally ill could legally marry and, in a broader sense, enjoy the same rights as other citizens, a status much revered and spoken about idealistically during the early years of our republic. Come join Dr. Rob Schoeberlein, Baltimore City Archivist, as he discusses and takes questions about his recent Maryland Historical Magazine article, "When Harry Met Elsey: Madness, Power and Justice in Federal Era Baltimore," a 2022 Arline Custer Memorial Award winner. ASL interpretation will be available for attendees. Presented in partnership with The Maryland State Archives and The Maryland Four Centuries Project.

Hot Off the Press: Courageous Voices for Maryland Suffrage

Saturday, August 26, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Poe Room
Through newspapers, pamphlets, photos, and other primary sources in the Pratt Library stacks, *Hot Off the Press* introduces writer Frances Ellen Watkins Harper and editor Edith Houghton Hooker, who covered the grassroots fight for women's rights, including abolition, safety, and suffrage, in the press and on the ground. You'll see it was a hard-won fight especially in Maryland, where the General Assembly didn't ratify the 19th Amendment until 1941 — and that the fight has re-started. Join librarians from the Periodicals and Special Collections Departments as they document the fight.



MY BROTHER'S KEEPER



Wednesday, July 26, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library

The Pratt is excited to present its second event of the Amplified Voices Series — My Brother's Keeper! This program will include a crucial conversation on the various issues and barriers that impact Black male youth in Baltimore City.

Nationally, young Black men complete high school at a significantly lower rate than their white peers and have much higher chronic absenteeism. As a city, Baltimore has several factors that affect the paths of our black male youth. There are many who face environmental and social pressures that make it difficult for them to succeed and thrive. This program aims to have an honest, open, and real discussion around the challenges that young black men in Baltimore face, and discuss possible pathways to supporting and uplifting those individuals.

Our panel will be moderated by Baltimore's very own D. Watkins, and will include Aaron Maybin, CarlMichael "Stokey" Cannady, Wesley Hawkins, Dr. Lawrence Jackson, Kondwani Fidel, Wallace Peeples, and Elijah Miles from the Tendea Family for their expertise and insight.



MARYLAND HISTORY MINGLE WITH @SALVAGEARC

Monday, July 17, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library, Central Hall

Interested in magnet fishing? Wondering what privy digs are all about? Evan Woodard of @SalvageArc is coming to the Enoch Pratt Free Library for a LIVE event! Join the Pratt for a meet-and-greet with Evan, including a live Ask Me Anything session for questions about magnet fishing and history-driven @SalvageArc work. Registration at prattlibrary.org is required due to limited space. ID required for alcohol consumption. Refreshments provided by Bin 604 Wine + Spirits. Parking vouchers and ASL interpretation provided.

AUTHOR EVENTS

Some 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. Ask Pratt event staff for your parking voucher.



WRITERS LIVE! WESLEY LOWERY

American Whitelash: A Changing Nation and the Cost of Progress

Thursday, July 6, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Wesley Lowery will discuss how racial progress in the United States has historically been followed by a prejudiced backlash. The author relays that the election of President Obama continued this trend with the Trump presidency and a rise in white supremacist violence. Wesley Lowery will be joined in conversation by bestselling author D. Watkins.

Wesley Lowery was part of a *Washington Post* team that was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting in 2016 for their coverage of fatal police shootings in the United States. He is the author of *They Can't Kill Us All: Ferguson, Baltimore, and a New Era in America's Racial Justice Movement*.

D. Watkins is the author of five books, an editor-at-large for *Salon*, and a University of Baltimore lecturer.

All registered attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book.

WHAT ARE YOU READING, WESLEY LOWERY?



Built from the Fire by Victor Luckerson

Been waiting years for this project by Victor Luckerson to drop, telling not just the story of the 1920 Tulsa Race Massacre, but also of the community that survived it.



KING: A Life by Jonathan Eig

I just started reading Jonathan Eig's definitive biography of Martin Luther King, which from its first pages paints a more human portrait of the man than I've read elsewhere.

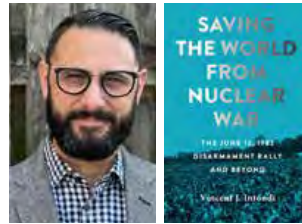


My Face Is Black Is True by Mary Frances Berry

During this age of reckoning and reparation, it's important to remember that we are not the first to grapple with these questions. Mary Frances Berry tells the story of Callie House, the formerly enslaved woman who led one of the America's first movements for reparations.

Check out Wesley's reading list from the Pratt!
Visit catalog.prattlibrary.org

MEET THE AUTHOR!



VINCENT INTONDI

Saving the World from Nuclear War

Saturday, July 8, 1:00 | Hamilton

Vincent Intondi will summarize his research into the role of Black civil rights leaders in the anti-war movement since Hiroshima/Nagasaki, and the internal politics and political after-effects of the million-person rally for nuclear disarmament held in New York City in 1982. He will also reflect on the current UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

WRITERS LIVE!



STEVEN LEE

The Story of Mr. Thomas Carney: A Maryland Patriot of the American Revolutionary War

Tuesday, July 11, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library, Poe Reading Room & Virtual

The Story of Mr. Thomas Carney is the first book on a Maryland African American military man of the Revolutionary War. A free Black enlistee from the Eastern Shore, Thomas Carney was a heroic soldier who served in both the Maryland Line and the Continental Army. Written by the Baltimore native author Steven Xavier Lee, the book is an allegory for adults in the format of a storybook for youths.



MEET THE AUTHOR!

MARK HANNON

The Fire Laddies

Saturday, July 15, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.

Mark Hannon will provide an early history of the Baltimore City Fire Department. His latest book, *The Fire Laddies*, examines the fire department at the beginning of the twentieth century. The BCFD protected the city against the terrifying reality of fire that could kill hundreds in crowded theaters and factories and destroy many square miles of the city in a matter of hours. The men, machines, equipment, and horses of the nation's sixth largest city are examined here, along with the serious challenges they faced in the first year of the new century.

"Libraries are essential for healthy communities. Access to information is a right."

— Matthew M.

LET'S TALK ABOUT MARYLAND



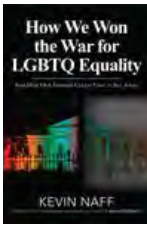
MIKITA BROTTMAN

An Unexplained Death: The True Story of a Body at the Belvedere

Wednesday, July 19, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Poe Reading Room & Virtual

Mikita Brotzman will join us to talk about her book, *An Unexplained Death: The True Story of a Body at the Belvedere*. The book, shortlisted for the 2018 ACLS Crime Writers' Association Gold Dagger Award for Non-Fiction, examines Rey Rivera's purported suicidal jump from the roof of the Belvedere Hotel in Baltimore's historic Mt. Vernon neighborhood. Certain details didn't add up for Brotzman, and she found herself researching the typical motives and mechanisms of suicide as well as the historic hotel's abundant history of suicide.

WRITERS LIVE!



KEVIN NAFF

How We Won the War for LGBTQ Equality: And How Our Enemies Could Take It Away

Thursday, July 20, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Poe Reading Room & Virtual

Award-winning journalist Kevin Naff will reflect on the past 20 years of the LGBTQ rights movement. The co-owner and editor of *The Washington Blade*, the nation's oldest LGBTQ newspaper, offers his insights into the progress that has been made as well as the current threats to overturn the movement's hard-fought gains.



WANT A CHANCE TO CHAT WITH THE AUTHORS? JOIN THE PRATT SOCIETY!



Throughout the year, the Library hosts a series of special events to recognize the significant contributions of those who support our work. From private receptions with speakers to behind-the-scenes events, the Pratt Society offers the opportunity to connect more fully with the Library and its mission.

With giving levels starting at \$1,000, your support will make a direct impact on the free programs and services provided by the Library every year. **To learn more, visit us at prattsociety.org or call us at 410-396-5275.**



CELEBRATING THE 2023 POETRY CONTEST FINALISTS WITH *LITTLE PATUXENT REVIEW*



Tuesday, August 15, 6:30 p.m.
Central Library, Poe Reading Room & Virtual

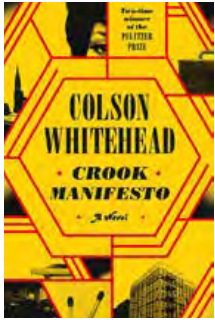
In celebration of the finalists of the 2023 Poetry Contest with the Enoch Pratt Free Library and *Little Patuxent Review*, join us for an evening of readings by finalists, Anne Rong, Eleanora Hyde, and Bruce Sager, as well as *Little Patuxent Review* contributor Lisa Park and *Little Patuxent Review* lead editor Chelsea Lemon Fetzer.

"Pratt is a free library with lots of great material. The staff is friendly. Locations are convenient. What a treat to have famous authors visit."

— Gilda D.

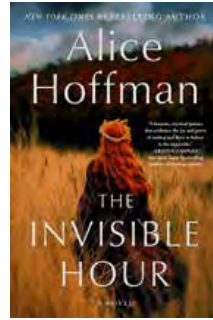
WHAT'S NEW

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



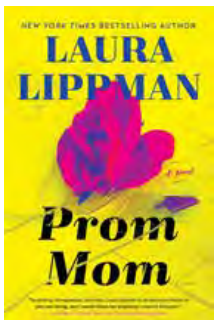
Crook Manifesto by Colson Whitehead

Ray Carney returns in a darkly funny tale of a city under siege that summons 1970s New York in all its seedy glory. This kaleidoscopic portrait of Harlem is also a sneakily searching portrait of the meaning of family.



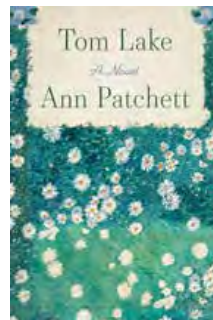
The Invisible Hour by Alice Hoffman

When Mia Jacob can no longer see a way to survive, *The Scarlet Letter* saves her. How could Nathaniel Hawthorne have so perfectly captured Mia's pain and loss? Through a journey of heartbreak, love, and time, she learns that time is more fluid than she can imagine, and that love is stronger than any chains that bind you.



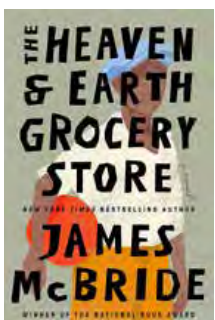
Prom Mom by Laura Lippman

Amber Glass is desperately trying to get away from her tabloid past as "Prom Mom" — the girl who allegedly killed her baby on the night of the prom after her date abandoned her to pursue the girl he really liked. But Amber is drawn back to the city of her youth and the prom date who destroyed everything she was reaching for.



Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

Laura's daughters beg her to tell the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider everything they thought they knew.



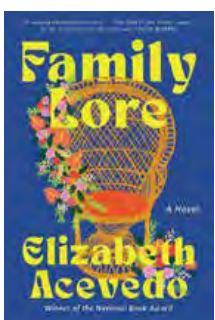
The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

In 1972, while working on a new development, a skeleton is found at the bottom of a well. Its identity and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the neighborhood. The truth reveals what people who live on the margins of white, Christian America must do to survive.



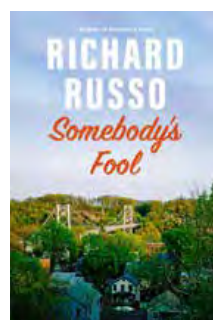
The Many Lives of Mama Love by Lara Love Hardin

Lara Love Hardin recounts her slide from soccer mom to opioid addict to jailhouse shot-caller and her unlikely comeback as a highly successful ghostwriter in this harrowing, hilarious, no-holds-barred memoir.



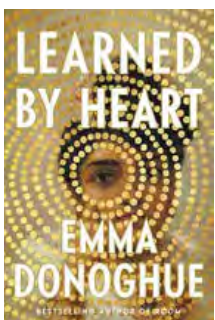
Family Lore by Elizabeth Acevedo

Flor has a gift: She can predict, to the day, when someone will die. So when she decides she wants a living wake — her sisters question her motives. Flor isn't the only person with secrets: Her sisters are hiding things, too. An indelible portrait of one family's journey through their history, helping them better navigate all that is to come.



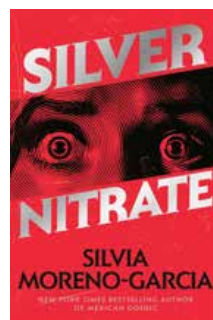
Somebody's Fool by Richard Russo

Ten years after the death of the magnetic Donald "Sully" Sullivan, North Bath is being annexed by its wealthy neighbor. When a decomposing body turns up in the abandoned hotel, the town's residents speculate on the identity of the unidentified body, and wonder who among their number could have disappeared unnoticed.



Learned By Heart by Emma Donoghue

Drawing on years of investigation and Anne Lister's five-million-word secret journal, *Learned By Heart* is the long-buried love story of Eliza Raine, an orphan heiress banished from India to England at age six, and Anne Lister, a brilliant, troublesome tomboy, who meet at the Manor School for young ladies in York in 1805 when they are both 14.



Silver Nitrate by Sylvia Moreno-Garcia

A thrilling meld of Mexican horror movies and Nazi occultism about the curse that haunts a legendary lost film. As the characters work together to unravel the mystery of the film and the obscure occultist who once roamed their city, they may find that sorcerers and magic are not only the stuff of movies.

ARTS @ THE PRATT

ADULTS

Learn to Knit

Saturday, July 8, 11:00 a.m. | Govans
Come join us as we learn the basics of knitting. Learn the skills you need to make your own wash cloth. Each participant will be given the supplies needed to complete the project. Participation is limited so please call 410-396-6098 to register.

Painting with Alcohol Inks

Saturdays, July 15 & August 19, 12:00 p.m. Waverly
Explore free-flowing and vibrant alcohol inks to make one-of-a-kind artwork. Facilitated by local artist Esta Baker. All supplies are provided by the library. This program is for adults only, space is limited. Workshop for beginners is July 15 and an Intermediate & Advanced workshop is August 19. Call 410-396-6053 or email wvr@prattlibrary.org to register.

DIY Crafts: Jewelry Making

Thursday, August 17, 6:00 p.m. | Govans
Learn the basic tools used for jewelry making. Space is limited, preregistration is required: call 410-396-6098 to register.

TEENS

Zines & Collages

Monday, July 10, 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 30, 2:00 p.m. Cherry Hill
Learn about the history and independent culture of zine-making, then create your own zine that shows off your interests!

Manga Drawing Lessons

Tuesdays, July 11 & 25, 3:00 p.m. | Govans
Tuesday, July 18, 3:00 p.m. | Virtual
Learn how to draw anime and manga characters step-by-step! No prior drawing experience is needed. Supplies and resources for the program will be available at the Govans Branch and online at tinyurl.com/mangadrawinglessonsweekly.

Papermaking Workshop for Tweens & Teens

Wednesday, July 12, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Learn how to make craft paper at home using recycled paper. We will be using shredded paper to make pulp, which can then be dyed to create beautifully textured sheets of paper that are perfect for crafts. Participants will also learn how to incorporate creative methods to decorate the handmade paper. This workshop is for tweens and teens ages 10 and older.

Teen Art Club

Thursdays, July 13 & August 10, 3:00 p.m. Hamilton
The Hamilton Branch welcomes ages 13 – 17 to its brand new Teen Art Club! Join us for an hour of relaxing creativity where artists of all experience levels will have the chance to brush up on their art skills by drawing a still life. Participants are encouraged to bring their preferred drawing tools but free materials will be provided.

Solar-Powered Zoetrope Workshop

Wednesday, August 23, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Zoetropes are primitive pre-film devices that create the illusion of motion when a sequence of images are spun at a high speed. The zoetropes we are making in this workshop will be electronic and fully solar-powered, using solar panels that are included in each kit. This workshop is suitable for children ages 10 and older. No experience with diy electronics necessary.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Drawingnoons!

Thursdays, July 13 – August 24, 3:00 p.m. Herring Run
Do you like comics, cartoons, sketches, and doodles? Then come spend an afternoon drawing at the Herring Run Branch.



REBORN RELICS: @SALVAGEARC'S RESURRECTED ARTIFACTS

Monday, August 14, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library

This exclusive exhibition will showcase the remarkable work of Evan Woodard, also known as @SalvageArc, whose mission is to recover, restore, and unearth the forgotten stories behind broken artifacts from the depths of history. These once-lost treasures span the late 1700s to the late 1800s, offering visitors a unique glimpse into the stories and lives of the people who once cherished them.

During this event, there will also be an interactive workshop, where you will learn basic restoration techniques, and reassemble your very own relic!

Refreshments provided. Parking vouchers available.



FOR THE RECORD: HIP-HOP CONVERSATIONS WITH DEVIN ALLEN

Wednesday, July 12, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library

Renowned photographer Devin Allen sits down with special guests to discuss the evolution of Hip-Hop culture over the past 50 years and engage the audience in a conversation about the artistry, fashion, and music of the culture.

This program is produced in collaboration with the Baltimore Museum of Art (BMA) and inspired by The Culture: Hip Hop and Contemporary Art in the 21st Century, on view through July 16, 2023, at the BMA. The Culture features For the Record, an interactive digital archive that invites visitors to submit their hip-hop memories online and in the exhibition galleries.



SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE

June 1 – August 31

WHAT IS SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE?

Summer Break Baltimore is a fun program for all ages that encourages literacy and learning in our community. The fun starts June 1, 2023, at every Pratt location!

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Stop by your nearest Pratt location to register.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Pratt will have fun in-person activities, monthly drawings, and events all summer long! You'll receive a Summer Break Baltimore t-shirt when you register, while supplies and sizes last. Visit the Library every month in June, July, and August to pick up your free book. Books must be collected within their respective months (June book in June; July book in July; August book in August). Read books and attend Library programs to be entered into monthly prize drawings for gift cards, tickets to local experiences, prize packs, and more. Stop by your nearest Pratt Library location to redeem your raffle tickets each time you read a book or attend a program.

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

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

SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE

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Magic with Mike Rose

Saturday, July 8, 11:00 a.m. | Edmondson Ave.
Wednesday, July 26, 3:00 p.m. | Northwood
Mike Rose presents a show that consists of impossible magic tricks and off the wall comedy all themed around friendship and kindness.

Explore with Wildlife Adventures

Tuesday, July 11, 10:30 a.m.
Washington Village
Monday, August 7, 4:00 p.m. | Canton
Wednesday, August 9, 10:30 a.m. | Waverly
Thursday, August 10, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Tuesday, August 22, 2:30 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.

Join Wildlife Adventures to learn about animals and how to be a friend to animals and the world around us.

A Better World with The National Aquarium

Monday, July 17, 1:00 p.m. | Hampden
Tuesday, July 18, 11:00 a.m. | Roland Park
Wednesday, July 19, 1:00 p.m.
Forest Park

Are you interested in arts, crafts, games, and helping the environment? If so, join the National Aquarium Henry Hall Fellows and enjoy presentations from youth conservationists on the issues facing Baltimore's environment — from trees to carbon sinks and more. We hope to see you there! The Henry Hall Fellowship is a program for Baltimore City and County High School students. Fellows discuss environmental justice and urban conservation topics. The Fellowship aims to create fine environmental stewards for Baltimore City.

Animal Rescuers with Eco Adventures

Tuesday, July 18, 2:00 p.m.
Cahill Recreation Center, 4001 Clifton Ave, Baltimore, MD 21216 (near the Walbrook Branch) Registration required.
Thursday, July 20, 2:00 p.m. | Hampden
Yikes! There is an animal in trouble and it needs our help! This is the time to call all animal lovers to work together and test our kindness, teamwork, and devotion to help save our animal friends that are injured, sick, displaced, or lost! Honorary Animal rescuers will become part of a team involved in an important hands-on "mock" animal rescue operation. Then meet some of Eco Adventure's LIVE rescued animals and learn what YOU can do to help! If one person can make a difference, imagine what hundreds can do?

Science Heroes: Saving Earth Together

Wednesday, July 19, 2:00 p.m. | Herring Run
Monday, July 31, 1:00 p.m. | Patterson Park
Science and stories collide in this brand new interactive STEM program! Two unlikely heroes must learn to WORK TOGETHER to stop a super polluting mastermind! Throughout the story, you'll help the performer conduct amazing science experiments all about air pressure, the laws of motion, chemical reactions, and much more! Presented by Talewise.

Dance & Bmore: FazaFam Family Jam

Thursday, July 20, 1:00 p.m. | Govans
Friday, July 21, 1:00 p.m.
Central Library, Children's Day Room
Dance Bmore's FazaFam brings together music, dancing, and games that inspire good times for young and old. FazaFam's original music takes you back to old school grooves with new school moves from Pop to R&B, Salsa and Neo Soul. CJay and Team FazaFam create a playful interactive dance party that brings the whole family together to Dance Bmore fit and fun!

Arianna Ross: The Fastest Plane

Wednesday, July 26, 10:00 a.m.
Councilwoman Rita R. Church Community Center (near the Clifton Branch)
Go around the world in 45 minutes! Travel back in time and across the world, landing in a time when animals could talk and some people could understand them. Space is limited and registration is required. This program will take place at Councilwoman Rita R. Church Community Center located at 2101 St Lo Dr., Baltimore, MD 21213.

Can You Come Out and Play?

Saturday, July 29, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.
Saturday, August 5, 11:00 a.m.
Central Library
Wednesday, August 9, 11:00 a.m.
Patterson Park
Danny Joe and his puppet pals from Danny Joe's Tree House would like to meet you for a play date. Learn more about Danny Joe's Tree House at dannyjoestreehouse.com.

Piñata Making Workshop

Tuesday, August 8, 1:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Wednesday, August 23, 11:00 a.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Join the Artesanas, an award-winning and 2017 Best of Baltimore folkloric group of talented women at the Creative Alliance, to learn how to make a traditional piñata. This program is best for children ages 3+ with the help of an adult. This program has limited spaces and pre-registration is recommended. Please call the branch to register.

Voices of Carmen

Tuesday, August 8, 5:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Voices of Carmen is a musical adaptation of the opera Carmen. Set in a high school, the musical brings a contemporary spin to this iconic story that is filled with fresh, yet familiar, renditions of George Bizet's compositions, as well as a dozen original songs performed in the styles of Pop, Hip Hop, and R&B. Enjoy excerpts from this vibrantly staged and choreographed piece featuring Baltimore youth that examines how we de-escalate conflicts and manage our social emotional health. Presented by Dance & Bmore.

Stories + Dance = JOY

Wednesday, August 23, 10:30 a.m.
Northwood
Join choreographer, dancer, and educator Kelly King in a playful, movement-centered performance and demonstration. We'll warm up our brains and bodies, listen to a story, and add movement as we go. We'll dance the story with and without words, then listen to it again. Leave the performance ready to move and play while learning.

Rock & Rhyme with Mr. Jon

Thursday, August 24, 11:00 a.m.
Washington Village
Wednesday, August 30, 11:00 a.m. | Canton
Join Mr. Jon (winner of multiple Parents' Choice Awards) for a concert for the whole family! This musical comedy show will have everyone dancing and laughing along. 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.

SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE

ADULTS

Silver Angels

Thursdays, July 13 & 27, August 10 & 24
10:00 a.m. | Herring Run
Senior citizen group meets bi-weekly for programs and events of interest in the community and city.

DIY Terrarium Workshop

Saturday, July 22, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly
Join us as we partner with Waverly Ace Hardware and learn how to create your own terrarium! This program has limited space and pre-registration is recommended. For registration please call 410-396-6089

Adult Bingo

Monday, August 7, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Join us for an afternoon of fun and prizes. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

TEENS

STEM Words Scavenger Hunt Bingo

July 3 – 31 | Roland Park
Pick up your Bingo card from the Teen desk and search within the library for items related to STEM fields.

3D Printing

July 1 – August 31 | Govans
Design a 3D-printed miniature at home and print it out at the Govans Branch! Ask a librarian to find out how to create your own models using TinkerCAD, a free browser-based 3D-modeling design software, or to find free models through Thingiverse, a thriving design community for discovering, making, and sharing 3D printable things!

Games at Govans

July 1 – August 31 | Govans
Start a D&D or TTRPG adventure, play your favorite games, or make a new favorite with a wide selection of board, dice, and card games available in the Govans Branch!

Tween Games

Tuesdays, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22
3:00 p.m. | Forest Park
Hangout with your friends and play multiplayer games like Smash Brothers and Mario Kart!

Pixel Art Keychains

Wednesday, July 12, 1:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Join us to create visual art pieces in pixels using plastic perler beads.

Make Your Own Button

July 24 – 29, 1:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Bring your favorite pictures from movies, TV shows, games, something you drew, or a photo of yourself to make into a button. Don't have a printer at home? Print out your pictures at the branch with help from the Library staff.

Banking on Ice Cream

Thursday, August 3, 1:00 p.m. | Roland Park
It's time to put your money where your mouth is and decorate your own ceramic ice cream cone bank.

STEM Day: Stop Motion Movies

Wednesday, August 9, 1:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Explore storytelling through stop-motion animation. Learn how to use the stop-motion software, create a story, and edit it.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Cardboard Construction: A Summer Cabin

Saturday, July 1, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Children's Dept.
Build a child-size summer cabin, decorate it, and make it cozy for children to enjoy it all summer long at the library. For families with children ages 6 – 12.



Book Scavenger Hunt

July 3 – August 31 | Walbrook
Come grab a scavenger hunt flyer, find all the books listed, and win a prize!

Stomp Rockets

Mondays, July 3, 17, & 31, August 28
12:30 p.m. | Hamilton
Create a rocket and launch it using air power!

Indoor Fun Time!

Friday, July 7, 1:00 p.m. | Northwood
Go through a tape maze, play skee ball, and have a relay race — all inside! Join us for an afternoon of fun activities.

Leaf Printing

Monday, July 10, 2:00 p.m. | Patterson Park
Gather plants and make a fabric print.



SUPPORT A SUMMER OF FUN @ THE PRATT

This summer, the Pratt is the place to be! With free programming, camps, book giveaways, and so much more, the Library is working hard to keep the whole family engaged this summer. And we can't do that without you!

Your support is a valuable gift to the thousands of students who rely on the library each summer to keep learning and prepare for school in the fall.

Make a difference today! Visit us online at prattlibrary.org/summer.

Talk with Your Hands

Tuesday, July 11, 11:00 a.m. | Brooklyn
Create stories through Indian Classical Dance. This multilingual program is an entertaining, international, dynamic program that weaves the power of dance, theatre, music and storytelling together. This program will be in English and Spanish.

Puffy Sidewalk Paint Party

Tuesday, July 11, 1:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Love to draw? Love to be creative? Come out to the Orleans Street Branch as we decorate the back sidewalk using puffy sidewalk paint.

Children's Library Bingo

Tuesday, July 11, 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 2, 2:30 p.m.
Cherry Hill
Join us for a fun afternoon of fun and prizes! Learn library skills and discover your library while playing "Library Bingo."

Make Your Own Sock Puppets!

Wednesday, July 12, 3:00 p.m. | Herring Run
Come make your own sock puppets where the only limit is your imagination.

LEGOvans Fridays

Fridays, July 14 & 28, 3:00 p.m. | Govans
Create with library LEGO bricks. Registration recommended for groups of four or more. To register, call 410-396-6098.

Indoor Obstacle Course

Saturday, July 15, 1:30 p.m. | Hampden
Come ready to play and learn at our indoor obstacle course! Preschoolers and toddlers will enjoy a variety of activities.

Light Street Lab

Monday, July 17, 2:00 p.m. | Light St.
Join us for hands-on STEAM activities for kids.

Card Games for Kids

Tuesdays, July 18 & August 1, 1:00 p.m.
Forest Park
Learn to play popular card games with a regular deck of playing cards.

Library Karaoke

Saturday, July 22, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Come to the Library to sing your heart out!

Kid's Paint Night!

Mondays, July 31 & August 28, 4:00 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.
Show off your creativity and have fun! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0948.

Pirate Joke Scavenger Hunt

August 1 – 29 | Waverly
Find the answer to the pirate joke hidden in the children's area to win a prize. One prize per child, while supplies last.

Trivia Scavenger Hunt

August 14 – 16 | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Roland Park
What is the tallest animal? What is a group of fish called? What is the largest bird? These questions and more can be answered in a scavenger hunt! Search for the answers and win a prize!

Final Fridays



Cosplay Costume Creative

FINAL FRIDAYS: COSPLAY COSTUME CREATIVE

Friday, July 28, 5:30 p.m. | Central Library
Welcome to Final Fridays, an after-hours program series brought to you by the Pratt Library. We are opening up the beautiful Central Library for interest-based activities outside of normal operating hours on the final Friday of every month.

For the month of July, join us for a Cosplay Costume Creative!

Looking to show off your costume before Otakon? Can't make it to DC this year, but want in on the action? Come celebrate creativity in character at the Enoch Pratt Free Library's own Cosplay Creative! Join us fully clad for a night of K-pop, karaoke, and a costume contest with prizes. The Chatime Bubble Tea Truck (@chatimemdwheels) will be here on Cathedral Street outside Central Library to give out FREE Bubble Tea at 5:30 p.m., while supplies last! We will also have all of your other favorite Asian snacks onsite to enjoy.

All ages are welcome for this program.

Please note: Fake weapons are not allowed; this includes swords, guns, staves, or any other similar device. In addition, all costumes must fully cover the wearer.

BEYOND BMORE: YOUR TICKET TO TRAVEL

Thursday, August 3, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library, Poe Room

Join the Pratt Library in welcoming Beyond Bmore for an educational workshop on all things 21st-century travel! Beyond Bmore founder Brian K. Oliver will talk about solo travel, conquering fears of traveling, thrifty pointers for finding airfare and hotels, travel in a post pandemic world, tips for being prepared for passport applications, and more.

The Pratt will be providing FREE passport photos at this event on a first-come, first-serve, staff availability basis! Staff will be on hand to sign attendees up to come back to the library for full Passport Services. Space for this program is limited, registration is required. Register at prattlibrary.org



PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Mystery of the Library

July 3 – 31, All Day | Walbrook

Can you solve the mystery of the Library? Ask a librarian for the first clue! Then come back the next day for more puzzles!

Teen Video Game Night

Thursdays, July 6 & 27, August 10 & 24
6:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

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

Paper Clip Jewelry

Tuesday, July 11, 2:00 p.m. | Hampden

Come make cute jewelry for yourself or your loved ones. Get creative and show off your artistic skills by making this fun craft.

Healing with Art

Wednesday, July 12, 2:00 p.m. | Light St.

Local artist Mica Johnson offers a creative, therapeutic activity to navigate the stages of grief. Using colors that represent different emotions, each mosaic creation will be unique. Take & Make kits will be available for those who are unable to attend, while supplies last.

Bad Art in the Library

Wednesday, July 12, 3:00 p.m. | Waverly

Let's enjoy an afternoon of painting, sculpture, or any kind of art you want, as long as it's really, really, bad. All materials will be provided.

Kitchen Science

Monday, July 17, 2:00 p.m. | Light St.

Let's be scientists with common household items you can find in your kitchen! Conduct fun science experiments and explore concoctions!

Anime Night

Monday, July 17, 6:00 p.m.

Washington Village

Join us while we watch anime, have some snacks, and socialize.

Future Makers: Electric Vehicles

Tuesday, July 18, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill

Thursday, August 24, 11:00 a.m. | Roland Park
Build an electric car that can zip and zoom! Assemble axles and bearings on an adjustable platform, using unique connectors and lightweight materials. Then, race!

Swag Your Journal

Tuesday, July 18, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 19, 2:00 p.m.

Reisterstown Rd.

Come in, get a free journal, and unleash your creativity to decorate it. Washi tape, paints, magazines, and markers are available to craft the most imaginative personalization of your journal.

Marvel Cinematic Universe Trivia

Wednesday, July 19, 3:00 p.m. | Orleans St.

Enjoy some snacks and show off your MCU movie/comic-book trivia genius! Excelsior!

Southeast Teen Chill Zone

Wednesday, July 19, 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 17, 3:00 p.m.

Southeast Anchor Library

The Teen Chill Zone is a safe space for teens to gather, unwind and converse. The motto for this group is Gather, Grow, Learn, and Explore!

Watercolor Exploration

Tuesdays, July 25 & August 22, 3:00 p.m.

Hamilton

Ages 13 – 17 are welcome to join us for our continuing exploration into the medium of watercolor! Learn new techniques or simply come and brush up on old ones.

Emoji Notebooks

Tuesday, August 8, 2:00 p.m. | Hampden

Happy? Sad? Silly? Express your emotions by making emoji mini notebooks with the Hampden branch.

Guerrilla Art

Tuesday, August 8, 2:00 p.m. | Light St.

Using different mediums, teens will make creative art statements and express themselves in unique ways.

Lux for the Low

Wednesday, August 16, 3:00 p.m. | Orleans St.

Living the budget life isn't easy but it doesn't mean you have to substitute chicest for cheapest. Come visit us to create stylish yet sustainable room décor, adding a little luxury to any space or dorm room.

Open Mic Night

Wednesday, August 16, 3:30 p.m. | Herring Run

Let your voice be heard! Participants can read one of their beloved poems, sing a portion of a song, or sing along in karaoke. For more info please contact the Herring Run Branch Library at 410-396-0996.



TEEN WRITING CONTEST

Congratulations to Farah Stringer, the winner of the Pratt Library Teen Writing Contest, centered around the theme of kindness. Stringer is a Baltimore City Schools senior. Her essay, "Thank you Simone," a tribute to one of her friend's for a brave act of kindness, was chosen from amongst 158 entries.

Here's a small excerpt:

"Being kind can be just saying "bless you" or "thank you". It can also be taking time to show someone you care, let them know you're already there for them, a shoulder to cry on, a pen to help make a point, a fence that defends, standing strong for them, with them, when they are in need."



ENOCH PRATT YOUTH COUNCIL

The Enoch Pratt Youth Council (EPYC) is designed to give Baltimore City teens grade 9 – 12 the opportunity to earn service learning hours and gain the experience necessary to build resumes and life skills.

The next EPYC cohort begins in the fall. For more information visit prattlibrary.org/support-us/volunteer.

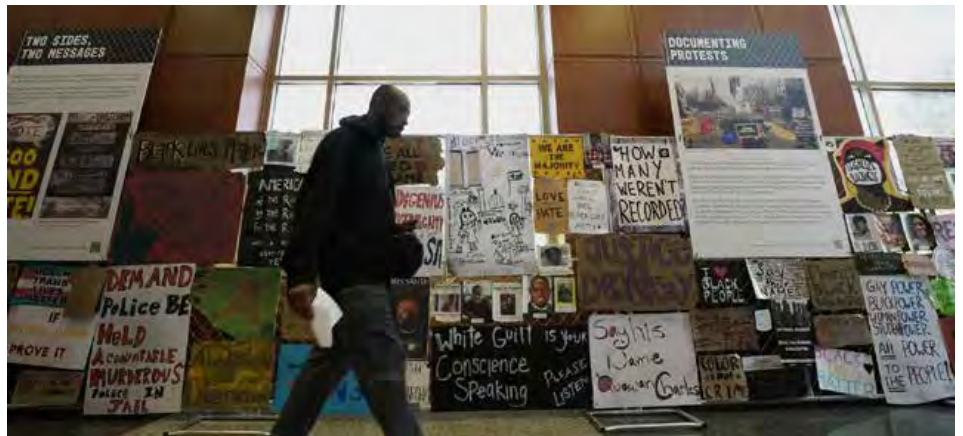
BLACK LIVES MATTER MEMORIAL FENCE EXHIBIT

The Pratt Library's exhibit, The Art & Preservation of Protest, honors the Black Lives Matter Memorial Fence Artifact Collection and consists of hundreds of reproductions of signs, as well as original artifacts, grouped in such themes as LGBTQIA+, Feminism, memorials for the deceased, and more.

In the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd by police, widespread protests outside the White House forced the installation of additional security fencing. For months, activists attached signs, banners, and other artifacts to protest the treatment of Black and Brown people by police, and to demand solutions to many societal issues including racism, LGBTQIA+ rights, women's rights, and more. In January 2021, items were removed from the fence for historic preservation as the Black Lives Matter Memorial Fence Artifact Collection.

The collection and its exhibition at the Central Library would not be possible without the partnership between the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the DC Public Library, the Library of Congress, and Howard University. Artifacts were collected by Nadine Seiler and Karen Irwin with assistance from Aliza Leventhal. Pratt Library staff digitized the artifacts, while DC Public Library provided the metadata. All told, the collection and exhibit are the result of heroic efforts spanning hundreds of hours of labor, and are an homage to and a continuation of the necessary and urgent resistance and storytelling of antiracist activists across the country.

The exhibit will be on display in the Annex at the Central Library through August 14.



ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Another class has graduated from the Pratt's Adult Online High School. This May, 10 graduates attended a special ceremony to receive their diplomas. Senator Mary Washington offered remarks and awarded the graduates with their diplomas.

For more information on Adult Online High School check out prattlibrary.org/online-high-school-diploma



“I wanted to show my kids that anything is possible if you work towards it.”

— Jonathan, Pratt Library Adult High School Graduate



“I want to finish my diploma so that I could make myself and my family proud. I felt like I owed that to myself to be successful and get better jobs.”

— Whitney, Pratt Library Adult High School Graduate



Online High School is supported by the David and Barbara B. Hirschhorn Foundation.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

ADULTS

ADULT BACK TO SCHOOL: SPEEDFRIENDING HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, August 31, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library, Creative Arts Center
Join the Pratt for a quick, painless, and fun way of meeting new people in the area — SpeedFriending! Start with a rapid fire friend-making round robin, followed by a FREE happy hour. Registration at prattlibrary.org is required due to limited space. ID required for alcohol consumption.

ADULT BACK TO SCHOOL: FREE HEADSHOTS

Saturday, September 2
10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Central Library, Creative Arts Center
Looking to make a new resume? Want to stand out on LinkedIn? Come get a FREE professional headshot. Attendees will walk away with one photo to help their professional goals. Come dressed to impress. Available on a first-come, first-served basis. Photography services provided by Todd Dring Photography.

TEENS

DIGITAL VISION BOARD

Wednesday, August 23, 3:00 p.m.
Orleans St.
Create a digital vision board for the upcoming school year to set goals and picture accomplishing them!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

CRAFTERNOON: BACK TO SCHOOL

Monday, August 21, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Join us for a Back to School craft.

BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO

Monday, August 21, 6:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Join us for an all-ages Bingo! Prize packs will help you get ready for going back to school.

BACK TO SCHOOL CRAFTERNOON

Tuesday, August 22, 1:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Come decorate school supplies to prepare you for the new school year.

BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO

Thursday, August 24, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Before heading back to school, stop by the Library for a bingo game.

FILMS @ THE PRATT

ADULTS

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Saturday, July 1, 2:30 p.m. | Herring Run
Saturday, July 8, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
Wednesday, July 19, 12:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Friday, July 21, 1:00 p.m. | Forest Park
Saturday, August 12, 1:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Horror/Sci-fi | 2022 | *Rated PG-13* | 1 hr. 42 min.

Do The Right Thing

Monday, July 3, 5:30 p.m. | Northwood
Drama/Comedy | 1989 | *Rated R* | 2 hr.

Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania

Friday, July 7, 1:00 p.m. | Forest Park
Saturday, July 15, 1:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Wednesday, August 16, 12:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Action/Adventure | 2023 | *Rated PG-13*
2 hr. 5 min.

Space Jam

Thursday, July 13, 5:30 p.m. | Patterson Park
Comedy | 1996 | *Rated PG* | 1 hr. 27 min.

Hidden Figures

Saturday, July 22, 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Roland Park
Drama/History | 2016 | *Rated PG* | 2 hr. 7 min.

Toy Story

Thursday, July 27, 3:00 p.m. | Patterson Park
Adventure | 1995 | *Rated G* | 1 hr. 21 min.

Plane

Saturday, July 29, 2:30 p.m. | Herring Run
Action/Thriller | 2023 | *Rated R* | 1 hr. 42 min.

Knock at the Cabin

Saturday, August 5, 2:00 p.m. | Herring Run
Horror/Mystery | 2023 | *Rated R* | 1 hr. 50 min.

Fight Club

Monday, August 7, 5:30 p.m. | Northwood
Thriller/Drama | 1999 | *Rated R* | 2 hr. 33 min.

Clueless

Thursday, August 10, 5:30 p.m.
Patterson Park
Comedy/Romance | 1995 | *Rated PG-13*
1 hr. 50 min.

Missing

Friday, August 11, 1:00 p.m. | Forest Park
Thriller/Mystery | 2023 | *Rated PG-13*
1 hr. 51 min.

A Man Called Otto

Saturday, August 12, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly
Drama/Comedy | 2022 | *Rated PG-13*
2 hr. 10 min.

Anastasia

Thursday, August 24, 3:00 p.m.
Patterson Park
Musical/Family | 1997 | *Rated G* | 1 hr. 34 min.

Fall

Friday, August 25, 1:00 p.m. | Forest Park
Thriller/Survival | 2022 | *Rated PG-13*
1 hr. 47 min.

Stand and Deliver

Saturday, August 26, 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Roland Park
Drama | 1988 | *Rated PG* | 1 hr. 45 min.

Black Adam

Saturday, August 26, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
Action/Adventure | 2022 | *Rated PG-13*
2 hr. 5 min.

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Creed III

Saturday, July 1, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly
Tuesday, July 11, 10:15 a.m. | Hamilton
Drama/Sport | 2023 | *Rated PG-13*
1 hr. 56 min.

Minions: The Rise of Gru

Thursday, July 6, 1:30 p.m. | Northwood
Comedy | 2022 | *Rated PG* | 1 hr. 27 min.

Batman: Hush

Monday, July 17, 1:00 p.m. | Forest Park
Animation/Action | 2019 | *Rated PG-13*
1 hr. 21 min.

Isle of Dogs

Monday, July 17, 3:00 p.m. | Govans
Comedy/Adventure | 2018 | *PG-13* | 1 hr. 41 min.

Shazam! Fury of the Gods

Wednesday, July 26, 12:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Saturday, August 26, 1:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Action | 2023 | *Rated PG-13* | 2 hr. 10 min.

Avengers: Infinity War

Thursday, August 3, 1:30 p.m. | Northwood
Action/Sci-fi | 2018 | *Rated PG-13*
2 hr. 29 min.

Legend of the Millennium Dragon

Monday, August 21, 1:00 p.m. | Forest Park
Action/Fantasy | 2011 | *Rated PG-13*
1 hr. 38 min.

CHILDREN & FAMILY

Strange World

Saturday, July 1, 1:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Adventure/Comedy | 2022 | *Rated PG*
1 hr. 42 min.

Pokémon Detective Pikachu

Monday, July 3, 1:00 p.m. | Forest Park
Adventure/Fantasy | 2019 | *Rated PG*
1 hr. 45 min.

Aladdin

Monday, July 3, 5:00 p.m. | Reisterstown Rd.
Musical/Family | 1992 | *Rated G* | 1 hr. 30 min.

Shrek

Wednesday, July 5, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly
Comedy | 2001 | *Rated PG* | 1 hr. 30 min.

Lilo & Stitch

Tuesday, July 18, 10:30 a.m. | Northwood
Comedy | 2002 | *Rated PG* | 1 hr. 25 min.

Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation

Thursday, July 20, 5:00 p.m.
Washington Village
Thursday, August 24, 3:30 p.m. | Govans
Comedy | 2018 | *Rated PG* | 2 hr.

Luca

Thursday, July 27, 3:30 p.m. | Govans
Saturday, July 29, 2:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.
Comedy/Fantasy | 2021 | *Rated PG*
1 hr. 41 min.



DC League of Super-Pets

Saturday, July 29, 1:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Adventure/Action | 2022 | *Rated PG*
1 hr. 40 min.

Sonic The Hedgehog 2

Monday, August 7, 1:00 p.m. | Forest Park
Adventure/Comedy | 2022 | *Rated PG*
2 hr. 2 min.

Monsters, Inc.

Wednesday, August 9, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly
Comedy/Adventure | 2001 | *Rated G*
1 hr. 32 min.

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

Thursday, August 10, 5:00 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.
Action | 2018 | *Rated PG* | 1 hr. 57 min.

PAW Patrol: The Movie

Tuesday, August 15, 10:30 a.m. | Northwood
Adventure/Comedy | 2021 | *Rated G*
1 hr. 28 min.

SPOTLIGHT ON EDMONDSON AVE. →



ADULTS

Scrapbook Journaling

Saturdays, July 8 & August 5, 1:30 p.m.
Bring your own photographs, poetry, collages, and more, and journal with us at the Library! Share your stories as you scrapbook and journal as a community. We will provide some fun scrapbooking supplies.

National Poetry Month Open Mic Night

Mondays, July 17 & August 21, 6:30 p.m.
The Edmondson Avenue Branch is hosting an open mic poetry reading. We invite participants to bring their original poems and share them with the community! Readings are limited to 5 minutes per person.

Drama and Dice for Adults!

Thursdays, July 27 & August 24, 5:00 p.m.
The sound of dice, the sting of defeat, the thrill of victory — what's not to like about role-playing games? Ready your dice for a tabletop roleplaying game adventure or try out a card or board game. Character sheets and dice provided. Bring your friends!

Creative Workshopping: The Basics!

Thursdays, July 20 & August 17, 5:30 p.m.
Creative writing is not just an art form, it is a skill — and when you are trying to hone your craft, it doesn't have to be done alone! Teens are invited to bring their poems, stories, screenplays, and storyboards to the Edmondson Avenue Branch and participate in a workshop where they can present and pitch their stories while getting feedback from their peers.

Drama & Dice Gaming

Saturdays, July 22 & August 19, 1:30 p.m.
Ready your imagination and your dice for a tabletop roleplaying game adventure, or try out a card or board game. Character sheets and dice provided.

Checkmate! Chess at the Library

Mondays, July 31 & August 28, 5:00 p.m.
Whether you are new to the game, or you love chess and are looking for a fun competitive match, come join us for an enjoyable evening! All ages welcome!

TEENS

Graphics & Classics:

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Thursday, July 13, 5:00 p.m.
Read a classic work of literature or a graphic novel adaptation, then join us in our book club. This month, we'll find intrigue and magic in the forest in A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Sand Castles at the Library

Saturday, August 12, 1:00 p.m.
Can't go to the beach? Come to the Library instead! We will be making sand castles. We will be using a special sand that will harden over time so you can keep your sand castle creation all year long!

Family Storytime

Saturdays, July 29 & August 26, 11:00 a.m.
Stories, movement, songs, and our most fun activities. Come ready to move, laugh, and learn together. For families with children ages 2 – 5. All abilities welcome.

REISTERSTOWN ROAD'S POLLINATOR GARDEN

The Reisterstown Road Branch created a pollinator garden on April 27. Pratt staff and the community pulled weeds, dug up earth, shoveled a ton of top soil, and planted all types of plant life.



LIVE MUSIC

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New World Outreach Jazz Orchestra Summer Concert

Monday, July 17, 6:30 p.m. | Northwood
The New World Outreach Jazz Orchestra, under the direction of Ronald Rolling, is a grassroots organization dedicated to bringing Big Band Jazz to a number of communities in and surrounding Baltimore, Maryland. The mission of NWOJO is to keep the rich, musical tradition, that has inspired so many, alive in the hearts and minds of society, with specific components concentrating on educating youth and young adult members of society. With ensembles ranging from as few as two, to as many as twenty-five pieces. NWOJO is capable of fulfilling any need for quality, live musical performances.

Abe Ovadia

Saturday, July 22, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.
As Musicvox Guitars describes, Abe Ovadia is a "jazz virtuoso, one of the most innovative guitarists of our time." Having emerged as one of the preeminent guitarists on the New York City jazz scene, Times Square New York City says, "You can always count on him to happily claim the responsibility of playing some world-class jazz." He holds a bachelor's degree from Berklee College of Music and a master's from New York University's highly acclaimed jazz performance program. He is also a recipient of the Best Guitarist of 2016 Award from Hot House Jazz Magazine. Said best by NEA Jazz Master Todd Barkan, "Powerfully lyrical guitarist Abe Ovadia explores the inner and outer frontiers of some of the most heartfully expansive music of our age." Joining Abe will be Anthony Pocetti, the pianist in the United States Army Field Band, Jazz Ambassadors.

Bob Burke

Saturday, August 5, 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.

Daryl Davis & Seth Kibel

Saturday, August 19, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
Daryl Davis graduated from Howard University with a degree in Jazz and was later personally trained by legendary Blues, Boogie Woogie, and Rock'n'Roll pianists Pinetop Perkins and Johnnie Johnson. In addition to being a pianist and vocalist, Daryl is also a professional actor, author, and lecturer now residing in Maryland. Apart from leading The Daryl Davis Band, he has worked with Elvis Presley's Jordanaires, Chuck Berry, The Legendary Blues Band, Percy Sledge, Sam Moore, Nappy Brown, and many others. Seth Kibel is one of the Mid-Atlantic's premier woodwind specialists, working with some of the best bands in jazz, swing, and more. Wowing audiences on saxophone, clarinet, and flute, Seth has made a name for himself in the Washington/Baltimore region and has won 28 Washington Area Music Awards (Wammies).

"I was very pleased by the staff and all the good information that they have for you at the Library."

— Virginia S.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, July 22, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Central Library, Creative Arts Center

Let's roll up our sleeves together and save up to three lives for each donation! The Library is pleased to host the American Red Cross to collect blood from our community.

Potential donors will go through a screening process, donate a pint of blood, and receive a snack afterward. Registration is highly recommended, although there may be room for walk-ins. Register at prattlibrary.org.

General questions may be answered here: redcrossblood.org/faq. Otherwise, you are welcome to contact the Business, Science, & Technology Department at 410-396-5317 or bst@prattlibrary.org.



FINAL FRIDAYS: BRANDON WOODY & UPENDO X NO PIX AFTER DARK

Friday, August 25, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library, Central Hall

Welcome to Final Fridays, an after-hours program series brought to you by the Pratt Library. We are opening up the beautiful Central Library for interest-based activities outside of normal operating hours on the final Friday of every month.

Join us in welcoming special guests Brandon Woody & UPENDO and Aaron Dante of *No Pix After Dark* for an evening of conversation, music, and community building in Pratt's grand Central Hall. Award-winning podcaster Aaron Dante will interview Brandon as guests enjoy refreshment, and then UPENDO will take the stage to fill the space with vivacious improvisation, creating a sound like no other and bringing together a wide spectrum of music lovers!

Registration at prattlibrary.org is required due to limited space. ID required for alcohol consumption. Refreshments provided by Bin 604 Wine + Spirits. Parking vouchers provided.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

ADULTS

Adult Book Discussion

Saturday, July 8, 11:00 a.m. | Herring Run
The Last Thing He Told Me by *Laura Dave*.
A page-turning thriller about a woman
who's found the love of her life — until he
disappears.

Book Club

Mondays, July 10 & August 14, 6:00 p.m.
Orleans St.
Come join us the second Monday of every
month for book club!

Pratt Page-Turners Book Club

Saturday, July 15, 11:00 a.m.
Central Library, Poe Reading Room & Virtual
Join us for a discussion of The Reading List
by *Sara Nisha Adams*. This program has a
hybrid format. Participate either in person or
on Zoom.

Photo Book Meet-up

Thursdays, July 20 & August 24, 5:30 p.m.
Central Library
Come to the Fine Arts department where
you can get an introduction to the Library's
photo book collection (most of which can
be checked out) and meet other photo/art
book enthusiasts. Feel free to bring your
own books to share as well. This casual
get-together will be facilitated by one of our
Fine Arts librarians. Whether you are new
to photo books or have years of interest this
program will offer insights to all.

Brooklyn Branch Best Book Discussion Ever!

Thursdays, July 20 – August 17, 6:00 p.m.
Brooklyn
Let's get together and discuss the books
we've been reading. Bring a friend!

Hamilton Book Club: The Guest List

Thursday, July 20, 6:00 p.m. | Virtual
Let's gather and discuss *Lucy Foley's The Guest
List*. This discussion will take place virtually.
We will resume in-person next month! Visit
prattlibrary.org for streaming details.

Northwood Branch Book Discussion Group

Thursday, July 27, 6:00 p.m. | Northwood
Join us as we discuss *From Scratch*, a memoir
by *Tembi Locke*

Book Discussion

Thursday, July 27, 6:30 p.m. | Govans
Read and discuss *Lessons in Chemistry: a
Novel* by *Bonnie Garmus*.

Book Bites: The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch

Thursday, July 27, 6:30 p.m.
Washington Village & Virtual
Join us as we discuss *The Last Lecture* by
Randy Pausch. To request a copy of the book,
please call the Washington Village Branch
at 410-396-1099. Visit prattlibrary.org for
streaming details.

Adult Book Discussion

Saturday, August 12, 11:00 a.m. | Herring Run
In Cold Blood by *Truman Capote*. The
iconic non-fiction book about the 1959
violent murders of a Kansas family and its
repercussions.

Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, August 17, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Join us for a discussion of *Summer on the
Bluffs* by *Sunny Hostin*.

Hamilton Book Club: The Best Kind of People

Thursday, August 17, 6:00 p.m.
Hamilton & Virtual
Let's gather and discuss *The Best Kind of
People* by *Zoe Whittall*. This discussion will
take place both virtually and in person. Visit
prattlibrary.org for streaming information.

Pratt Page-Turners Book Club

Saturday, August 19, 11:00 a.m.
Central Library, Poe Reading Room & Virtual
Join us for a discussion of *Babel* by *R.F.
Kuang*. This program has a hybrid format.
Participate either in person or on Zoom.

Northwood Branch Book Discussion Group

Thursday, August 24, 6:00 p.m. | Northwood
Join us as we discuss *Barbara Kingsolver's
Demon Copperhead*.

Book Bites: Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid

Thursday, August 24, 6:30 p.m.
Washington Village & Virtual
Join us as we discuss *Such a Fun Age* by
Kiley Reid. To request a copy of the book,
please call the Washington Village Branch
at 410-396-1099. Visit prattlibrary.org for
streaming information.

TEENS

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursdays, July 6 & August 3, 3:00 p.m.
Hamilton
Join us for a different kind of book club!
In July, we'll talk about *Secrets of Camp
Whatever* by *Chris Grine*. In August, we'll
talk about *Swim Team: Small Waves, Big
Changes* by *Johnnie Christmas*. Didn't read
the book? Join us anyway!



SNEAK PEEK AT SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

WRITERS LIVE! JAMES MCBRIDE *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store: A Novel*

Wednesday, September 6,
7:00 p.m. Central Library, Wheeler
Auditorium
National Book Award-winning novelist
James McBride, author of *The Good Lord
Bird*, returns with a story that centers
around a neighborhood in Pottsville, PA,
and the lives of its Jewish and African
American residents.



WRITERS LIVE! R.L. STINE *Scariest.Book.Ever (Goosebumps House of Shivers #1)*

Saturday, September 16, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Central Hall)
Bestselling-author *R.L. Stine* will
introduce a brand-new *Goosebumps*
series that is sure to cause chills and
laughs alike. A new cast of villains and
monsters awaits as you dive into the
Scariest.Book.Ever.



FINAL FRIDAYS: SPIRITS & SPIRITS! SPIRITS TASTING & SPOOKY SEASON

Friday, October 27, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Central Library
For the Month of October, join the Pratt
Library in welcoming spooky season —
spirits style! Come get your spooky on
while you sip and savor your favorite local
alcohol spirits in the beauty of Central
Library! Participants will be able to sample
products from five local distilleries while
enjoying spooky entertainment in Central
Hall. Registration at prattlibrary.org is
required due to limited space. ID required
for alcohol consumption. This event is
being held in partnership with *McClintock
Distilling, Sagamore Spirit, Old Line Spirits,
KO Distilling, and Los Hermanos Tequila*.

NO PIX AFTER DARK & STACEY ABRAMS

NO PIX AFTER DARK

The *No Pix After Dark* Podcast was LIVE at the Pratt Library this May. Host Aaron Dante interviewed Pratt CEO Heidi Daniel about her love of libraries and great work of the Pratt in front of a crowd of 200 people.

STACEY ABRAMS

More than 700 people were inside the Central Library to hear from politician, entrepreneur, and author Stacey Abrams. Abrams was a speaker during the Pratt's Brown Lecture series in conversation with WEEA's Dr. Kaye Wise Whitehead. You can check out a copy of Abrams's new thriller *Rogue Justice* at any Pratt location.





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