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Earn free admission to the Aquarium by joining the Read to Reef Book Club, for Baltimore area students in fifth grade or younger. Bookmarks available beginning in October.

aqua.org/read

LETTER FROM THE CEO



Welcome to a very special edition of *Compass*. This month's magazine is a little bigger than normal. That's because we have so much going on at the Enoch Pratt Free Library this fall for you to enjoy. The Pratt has expanded hours across our 22 locations to give more people an opportunity to browse books, attend programs, use our computers, and more. We will continue to follow all health and safety protocols to keep our customers and staff safe. We're also ramping up our programming and resources for students headed back to school. One Book Baltimore returns this fall for its fourth season encouraging 7th and 8th graders to bond over the same book. A blockbuster lineup of writers and speakers are set to appear on the Pratt stage. We're celebrating several anniversaries at our branches. The new Pratt Test Kitchen is launching a series of programs, and so much more.

All of these amazing programs are thanks to the generosity of our private donors. While the state and city help the Pratt keep our doors open, all library programming is funded through private support. That means every author event you attend, each storytime families enjoy, each online tutoring session a student uses is all made possible through the generosity of library supporters.

Just in the past 18 months, private donors helped the library buy hot spots to provide free home internet access to those who are disconnected. They funded the new Library of Things, allowing Baltimore City teens to check out free instruments, technology, tablets, arts equipment, and more. Private support helped the library launch Career Online High School, an online program helping adults earn their high school diploma. They continued to fund popular author programs presented virtually. And donors made it possible for more than 12,000 customers of all ages to build their own home libraries through Summer Break Baltimore.

In this issue of *Compass*, we recognize those donors who help make the Pratt what it is in our community. Thank you.

Heidi Daniel, *President & CEO*



THE FREE TO BMORE PODCAST RETURNS THIS FALL FOR ANOTHER SEASON!

Check out our first episode later this September featuring Raguel Broy, Director of Trauma Training with the Baltimore City Department of Health. Hear about Roberta's House in October's episode.



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HAMPDEN REOPENING

On Monday, July 12, Mayor Brandon Scott, Pratt Library CEO Heidi Daniel, and other dignitaries cut the ribbon on the Hampden Branch after a two-year renovation project. The renovation doubled the usable space of the historic 121-year-old branch creating a new meeting room, public restrooms, and expanding the children's area. "This is what community is all about. This is what Baltimore looks like when we come together and partner to invest in places, in spaces, in institutions that benefit the whole community," said Mayor Scott. The ribbon cutting was followed by a day of community celebration.



DOORS OPEN BALTIMORE STORYTIME

Saturday, October 23, 10:30 a.m.
Hampden Branch

Celebrate Doors Open Baltimore with a special storytime at the recently renovated Hampden Branch! Enjoy books, rhymes, and songs related to cityscapes, architecture, and construction. This indoor program has limited attendance, and pre-registration is required. To register, please call the Hampden Branch at 410-396-6043.

Organized by the Baltimore Architecture Foundation (BAF), Doors Open Baltimore is the free citywide festival of architecture and neighborhoods that invites thousands of people to explore the city and make meaningful connections to the built environment. For more details, visit doorsopenbaltimore.org.



SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE

A big thank you to everyone who took part in Summer Break Baltimore 2021! More than 12,000 participants helped make the new program one of the most successful ever. This year, the Pratt helped build home libraries for families by providing Summer Break boxes in June, July, and August, with each box filled with a book, a prize, and more. 20,000 boxes were picked up or mailed to kids, teens, and adults across Baltimore City. Participants used scratch off cards and the website to log the books they read and activities they did throughout the summer. More than 13,000 books were read. Weekly prize drawings had 52 big winners.

A special thank you to all donors who supported Summer Break Baltimore, including Lord Baltimore Capital Group & American Trading and Production Corporation. This program would not be possible without you.



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LOGGED**

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READ**

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received
by readers**

BACK TO SCHOOL



STUDENT RESOURCES

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

LIVE ONLINE TUTORING & HOMEWORK HELP: ALL AGES

Brainfuse HelpNow

You're just a click away from expert tutors, one-on-one homework help, skills building, and a 24-hour writing lab.

The New Writing Lab now offers two types of assistance

Live Writing Assistance: Connect with an online tutor for expert writing assistance with our live help feature.

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ONLINE REFERENCE MATERIALS: K – 12TH GRADE

Gale eBooks

Find a robust collection of online reference materials with over 13,000 resources on subjects like arts, business, education, law, science, engineering, and more.

Gale In Context

Breaks down reference materials by age and educational level.

eBOOKS FOR STUDENTS

TumbleBook Library: K – 6th Grade

Over 1,100 titles for elementary schoolers with no waiting and no holds.

TeenBookCloud: 7 – 12th Grade

A curated database of eBooks and other digital content featuring over 1,000 titles including student-favorite graphic novels, classic literature, National Geographic videos, and more.

MATH HELP: K – 6TH GRADE

TumbleMath

A collection of math focused eBooks, lesson plans, games, and quizzes.

HOMESCHOOL COMPUTER CLASSES

To register for classes, call 443-984-4944.

Email address required to participate.

ELEMENTARY CLASSES

FOR HOMESCHOOLED STUDENTS.

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

1st Grade Home School Class Session

Tuesdays, September 7 – October 26, 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 3rd Grade Home School Session

Tuesdays, September 7 – October 26, 11:30 a.m.

4th & 5th Grade Home School Sessions

Tuesdays, September 7 – October 26, 1:30 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSES

FOR HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS.

Learn the basic components of the computer, develop writing skills using Microsoft Word and computation skills using Microsoft Excel. Use interactive programs and websites to enhance language, critical thinking, and logic. Develop PowerPoint Presentations.

6th & 7th Grade Home School Sessions

Wednesdays, September 8 – October 27
10:00 a.m.

8th Grade Home School Sessions

Wednesdays, September 8 – October 27
11:30 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

FOR HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS

Learn the basic components of the computer. Develop writing skills using Microsoft Word. Use interactive programs and websites to enhance language, critical thinking, and logic. Workplace Readiness Skills: (Resumes writing, cover letters, and follow up letters). SAT prep.

9th – 12th Grade Home School Sessions

Wednesdays, September 8 – October 27
1:30 p.m.

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Please fill out the form at prattlibrary.org, and a librarian will get back to you within two business days to confirm a date and time. Same day appointments are not available.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 2021

Wednesday, September 15
6:00 p.m. | Virtual

Curious about resources to support your young learner as we go back to school? Get the scoop about the Pratt Library's free resources to ensure student learning success.

AUTHOR EVENTS

Some events require registration, visit calendar.prattlibrary.org to register. ASL interpretation will be available to attendees. Copies of most books are available for purchase from the Ivy Bookshop. Parking information is available at prattlibrary.org

Due to the evolving health restrictions, library programs may be moved to a virtual platform. Please check prattlibrary.org before attending a library program.



WRITERS LIVE! GEORGE TAKEI

Wednesday
September 29, 6:30 p.m.

Central Library
Central Hall

George Takei is known around the world for his founding role as Hikaru Sulu, helmsman of the Starship Enterprise, in the acclaimed television series *Star Trek*. He will be in conversation about his life and work.



WRITERS LIVE! HENRY WINKLER

Tuesday
October 12, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library
Central Hall

Henry Winkler has enjoyed over four decades of success in Hollywood and continues to be in demand as an actor, producer, and director. He will be in conversation about his life and work.

WRITERS LIVE!

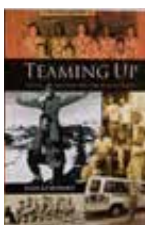


KAT CHOW

Seeing Ghosts: A Memoir

Tuesday, September 7, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium

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IVAN LESHINSKY

Teaming Up

Thursday, September 9, 6:30 p.m.
Light St. Branch

WRITERS LIVE!



RICHARD ANTOINE WHITE

I'm Possible

Thursday, October 7, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
Presented in partnership with Greedy Reads.

POETRY & CONVERSATION



WICKED WOMAN PRIZE WINNER LORI JAKIELA & JUDGE NANCY NAOMI CARLSON

Thursday, October 14, 6:30 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
& Virtual

BROWN LECTURE SERIES



MARITA GOLDEN

The Strong Black Woman: How a Myth Endangers the Physical and Mental Health of Black Women

Tuesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.
Virtual

Presented in partnership with the Reginald F. Lewis Museum.

WRITERS LIVE!



DROR POLEG

Rethinking Real Estate

Wednesday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium

Presented in partnership with Neighborhood Impact Investment Fund.

WRITERS LIVE!



JAMES HAN MATTSON, SARA LAUTMAN, AND EMILY DANFORTH

Thursday, October 21, 7:00 p.m.
Virtual

WRITERS LIVE!



ARNOLD LEHMAN

Sensation: The Madonna, The Mayor, The Media, and the First Amendment

Wednesday, October 27, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
& Virtual



Q&A WITH ROXANE GAY

What impact have public libraries had on your life?

Public libraries were where I nurtured my love of reading. My mom took my brothers and I to the library each week and I marveled that we were allowed to borrow as many books as we wanted, for free and when we returned those books, we could borrow even more. I read voraciously and well beyond my age-level and every book was a new adventure. There is a direct line between public libraries and who I am today.

You recently launched your own publishing imprint to amplify underrepresented voices. Could you talk about why representation is so important?

Representation matters for many reasons. We all want to see some aspect of our reality in the culture we consume. We aren't looking for mirrors, we're just looking to be seen and known and understood in some way. When we have representation we also get to see what might be possible for ourselves. It truly opens the world up and everyone deserves that.

What advice would you give a young person with ambitions to be a writer?

If you want to be a writer, write. I do not mean that simplistically. But a lot of newer writers focus on the end result instead of how they will get there. While it is important to understand the publishing process and the challenges you may encounter, none of that will matter if you haven't written something good, something interesting, something necessary. So first, write, as often and consistently as is possible within the constraints of your life. Take yourself seriously as a writer. Respect yourself as a writer. And respect what you write instead of diminishing it.

BROWN LECTURE SERIES ROXANE GAY

Wednesday, October 6, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library, Central Hall
Presented in partnership with CityLit Project.

Roxane Gay is an author and cultural critic whose writing is unmatched and widely revered. Her work garners international acclaim for its reflective, no-holds-barred exploration of feminism and social criticism. She will be in conversation about her life and work.



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO THE BROOKLYN AND GOVANS BRANCHES!

GOVANS
Saturday, September 18, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Govans
Enjoy a musical concert, door prizes, and treats to go!

BROOKLYN
Saturday, September 25, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Featuring 1920s music, frisbee golf, and memorabilia from the last 100 years. A story time and craft with the book Millions of Cats published that same year!

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Saturday, February 5, 2022
Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel (202 E Pratt St.)

YOUR PRATT JOURNEY

JEN'S JOURNEY

My library journey started with my grandfather.



When we were kids, he would take us to the North Point Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library every week. I remember the smell of the library on Saturday mornings, the long, yellow-spined row of Nancy Drew books I worked my way through as a nine-year-old, as well as Encyclopedia Brown, Ramona Quimby, and, as I edged toward my preteen years, S.E. Hinton, Lois Duncan, and J. R. R. Tolkien. My family was working class, lucky enough to have a week's vacation at Ocean City every year, but as a child I never got to travel outside of Eastern Baltimore County much, except in books — to Hong Kong and Japan with Nancy Drew, to Middle Earth with Tolkien, to Terabithia with C.S. Lewis and Katherine Paterson.

But my journey didn't only include books — I remember checking out REM's *Reckoning* and *Fables of the Reconstruction* as well as Ella Fitzgerald LPs as a teenager, music I'd never hear on the radio in the tiny Eastern Shore town to which my family moved. It also provided necessary resources for a difficult time in my life. When I graduated college and moved to Baltimore City, the first thing I did was get a library card from the Central Branch of the Enoch Pratt Library. It was the early nineties, I hadn't come out yet, and I remember picking up *The Price of Salt*, *The Second Sex*, and an LGBT handbook at a library sale. They were my first "queer" books, my first exploration of identify in a time before the Internet, and in the years to follow, Enoch Pratt became my go-to place to digest important works of lesbian and gay authors. It was also the place at which I embarked on my journey as a professional writer, when I attended my first CityLit Festival in 2006.

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Of course, the pinnacle of my library journey is when I discovered a copy of one of my own novels, *The Tide King*, at the Central Branch. From young reader to writer to author, the library has played an integral part in my journey every step of the way.

Jen Michalski is the author of three novels, *The Summer She Was Under Water*, *The Tide King* (both Black Lawrence Press), and *You'll Be Fine* (NineStar Press), a couplet of novellas entitled *Could You Be With Her Now* (Dzanc Books), and three collections of fiction. Her work has appeared in more than 100 publications, including *Poets & Writers*, *The Washington Post*, and *Literary Hub*, and she's been nominated for the Pushcart Prize six times. She lives in Carlsbad, California, with her partner and dog.

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

WRITERS LIVE!



JEN MICHALSKI & JAMES MAGRUDER

Tuesday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium

Presented in partnership with CityLit Project.

Jen Michalski and James Magruder will be in conversation about their latest books, *You'll Be Fine* and *Vamp Until Ready*.



MENCKEN DAY

Saturday, September 11

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium

Honoring the Memory, Career, and Bequest of Henry Louis Mencken.

10:30 a.m. Mencken Society Annual Meeting

2:00 p.m. The 2021 Mencken Memorial Lecture

The 2021 Mencken Memorial Lecture will be presented by **Michael Downs**. A former newspaper reporter, Michael Downs is the author of three books, including most recently the novel, *The Strange and True Tale of Horace Wells, Surgeon Dentist*. He directs the graduate program in professional writing at Towson University, where he teaches courses in creative writing, publishing, and freelance writing.



"I love the library and have been very impressed with how they've shifted to still provide their valuable services during the pandemic."

— Stacey P.

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

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The Pratt Society represents individual donors who, through their annual contributions of \$1,000 or more, help keep our programming free and accessible at the Pratt. This fall, Society members will be invited to join us for special events with Roxane Gay, Henry Winkler, and others. For more information visit us at prattsociety.org or call Chris Lewis, the Library's Individual and Corporate Giving Manager, at 410-396-5275.

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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



ADULTS

Cuban Literature in the Age of Black Insurrection: Manzano, Plácido, and Afro-Latino Religion

Wednesday, October 13, 7:00 p.m. | Virtual
Matthew Pettway is joined in conversation with panel members from the Instituto Interdisciplinario y Micultural from the Universidad de Puerto Rico, Recinto Rio Piedras on his most recent book, Cuban Literature in the Age of Black Insurrection: Manzano, Plácido, and Afro-Latino Religion. Joining this discussion is Mayra Santos-Febres, María Elba Torres Muñoz, and Félix Joaquín Rivera Rodríguez. This conversation will be in Spanish.

An Afternoon of Poetry with Gil Arzola

Saturday, October 23, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Baltimore author Rafael Alvarez will emcee.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Take & Make:

Monarch Migration Suncatcher

September 1 – 30 | Central Library
Available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Please call 410-396-5402 to confirm availability.

Take & Make: Las Luminarias

September 15 – October 15 | Northwood
All supplies included, available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.

Nazca Lines

Saturday, September 18, 3:30 p.m.
Washington Village
Create your own version of the Peruvian Nazca lines. This indoor program is limited to 15 participants and pre-registration is required. To register, call the Washington Village branch at 410-396-1099.

Hispanic Heritage Month: Sidewalk Chalk Murals

Tuesday, September 28, 3:30 p.m.
Roland Park
In honor of Mexican muralist Diego Rivera, we will create a sidewalk chalk mural. This outdoor program is limited to 10 participants and pre-registration is required. To register, call 410-396-6099 x35503.

Altar-Making with the Creative Alliance's Artesanas

Thursday, October 14, 5:30 p.m. | Virtual
Celebrate life and new beginnings with Creative Alliance's Artesanas! Learn about the traditions of Día de los Muertos and altar making during this virtual event.

Cultural Traditions Storytime: Día de los Muertos

Saturday, October 16, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual
Join the Enoch Pratt Free Library and Artesanas from the Creative Alliance for a special edition of storytime! We'll read a book exploring the cultural traditions and celebration of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and learn about creating an ofrenda (altar) at home.

Take & Make: DIY Maracas

October 18 – 30 | Reisterstown Rd.
Wood markers or acrylic paint are recommended. Call 410-396-0948 to request your maracas, available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

Community Altar-Making Workshop with the Creative Alliance's Artesanas

Tuesday, October 26 3:00 p.m.
Patterson Park
Learn the traditions of Día de los Muertos and altar making. Bring a portrait of a loved one to honor, and place it on our community altar. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required. To register, call 410-396-0983.



EPYC

ENOCH PRATT YOUTH COUNCIL

JOIN EPYC!

Information Sessions:

Saturdays, September 18 & 25, 11:00 a.m.
Central Library, Teen Center

The Enoch Pratt Youth Council (EPYC), formerly known as Community Youth Corps (CYC), is a revamped program designed to give Baltimore City teens the opportunity to earn service learning hours that are needed to graduate, as well as help gain the skills and experience necessary to build resumes, life skills, and expand their educational experience beyond just volunteering. By participating in this program, teens ages 13 – 18 will also play a role in assisting the brainstorming and creation of library programs of all types that are introduced and executed throughout the system.

Teens 13 – 18 years old and their parents are invited to attend either information session about the NEW Enoch Pratt Youth Council (EPYC) that will be launching this October! You will have two opportunities to join us, September 18 and 25 both at 11:00 a.m. at the Central Library, Teen Center. For those who are unable to attend in person there will be an option to view virtually.

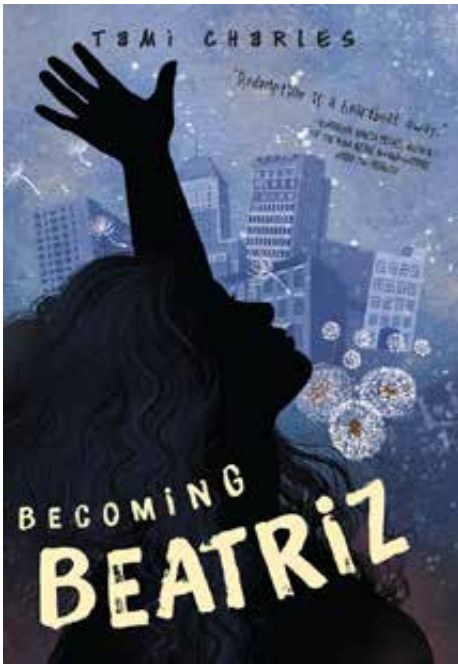
Register at prattlibrary.org

“Love this library! So many wonderful books, both fiction and nonfiction surrounded in a majestic building.”

— Andrea S.



THIS YEAR'S SELECTION FOR ONE BOOK BALTIMORE IS *BECOMING BEATRIZ* BY TAMI CHARLES.



young people to see themselves in the books they read, especially if this is something they aren't used to. Finding yourself and your community in the pages of a book can be very empowering," says author Tami Charles, "It's wonderful to share this space with these fabulous authors."

Students across the city will take part in a wide range of OBB activities including visits with the author, student-led discussions with community organizers, and workshops with local artists — all with the aim of amplifying youth voices and engaging them in thinking about their dreams. Emmanuel Faulkner, who has been managing the project at BCPS, has seen a positive impact, "Our students enjoy the unique opportunity to interact and question authors about their writing process, character development, profession, and current events. The spark of inspiration that is clearly visible during and after our author visits inspires our teachers to build upon it." Tami Charles will visit in October and December and One Book Baltimore will culminate with a showcase of student projects later in the winter. With its focus on the power of the arts, *Becoming Beatriz* is sure to inspire some beautiful work!

"We are proud to partner with the Enoch Pratt Free Library to bring One Book Baltimore into its fourth year, as we have seen how literature is a powerful tool that can uplift community and foster meaningful dialogue on topics that matter to Baltimore's youth," says John Brothers, President of the T. Rowe Price Foundation which founded the initiative with the Pratt and City Schools.

This fall, every 7th and 8th grader in Baltimore City Public Schools will receive an extra gift with their back-to-school materials — a copy of *Becoming Beatriz*, a book chosen specially for them as part of One Book Baltimore. Now in its fourth year, the city-wide initiative aimed at uniting kids around "one book" and creating opportunities for conversation, connection and self-expression, will welcome author Tami Charles to Baltimore.

Featuring a young Afro-Latina main character who faces the repercussions of gun violence in her family and community, *Becoming Beatriz* picks up on similar themes to past One Book Baltimore selections, including *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone, *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds, and *We Speak for Ourselves* by D. Watkins. Each year the OBB committee, which includes student readers, selects a book that touches on topics relevant to Baltimore youth. "It's important for

One Book Baltimore is a collaboration between the T. Rowe Price Foundation, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore City Public Schools, and other community partners.

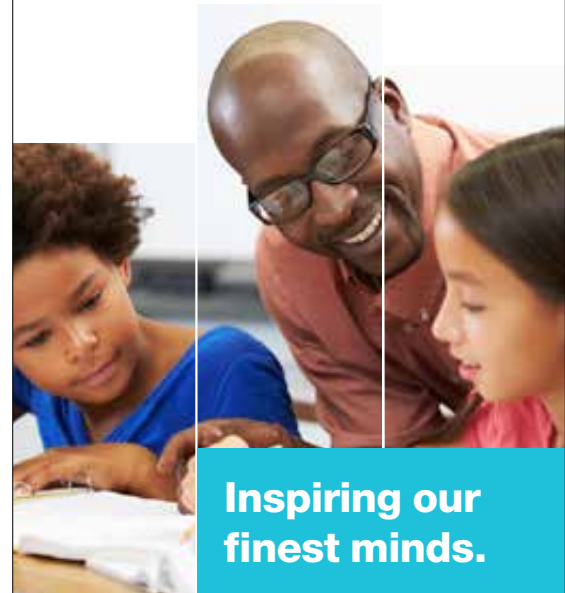
CHECK OUT *BECOMING BEATRIZ* FROM YOUR LOCAL BRANCH TODAY!

RELATED EVENTS

One Book Baltimore 2021 Kickoff Event!
Thursday, October 7, 10:00 a.m. | Virtual
Tami Charles will be in conversation with WBAL-11 anchor Mindy Basara.

One Book Baltimore: Community Dream Boards!
Beginning October 7 | All Pratt Locations
Starting in October, create a representation of your dreams to add to the dream boards that will be on display at all Pratt library locations.

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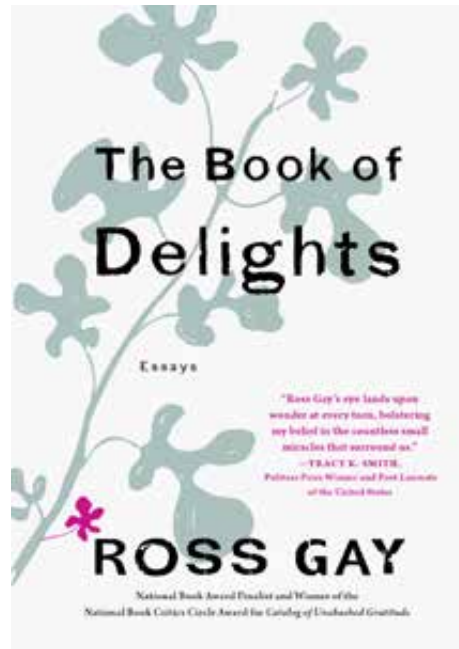
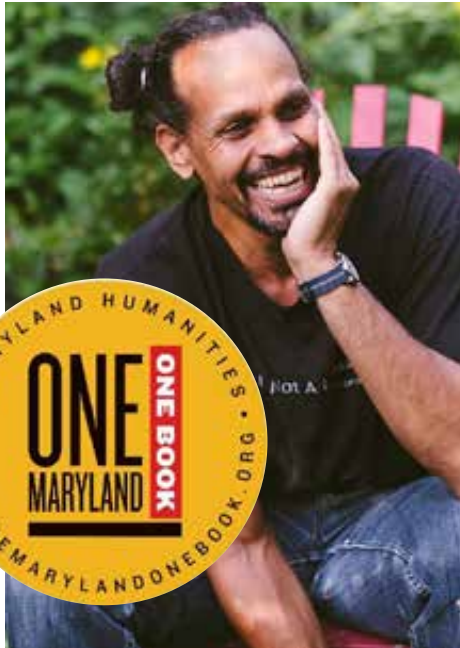
Inspiring our finest minds.

We're proud to partner with Enoch Pratt Free Library and Baltimore City Public Schools on One Book Baltimore to connect communities and inspire youth.

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ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK



THE BOOK OF DELIGHTS BY ROSS GAY IS THE 2021 CHOICE FOR ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK.

What if everyone read one book at the same time? People in communities across Maryland are reading and discussing *The Book of Delights*. Check it out, read it, and join in a discussion.

In *The Book of Delights*, one of today's most original literary voices offers up a genre-defying volume of lyric essays written over one tumultuous year. The first nonfiction book from award-winning poet Ross Gay is a record of the small joys we often overlook in our busy lives. Among Gay's funny, poetic, philosophical delights: a friend's unabashed use of air quotes, cradling a tomato seedling aboard an airplane, the silent nod of acknowledgment between the only two black people in a room. But Gay never dismisses the complexities, even the terrors, of living in America as a black man or the ecological and psychic violence of our consumer culture or the loss of those he loves. More than anything else, though, Gay celebrates the beauty of the natural world — his garden, the flowers peeking out of the sidewalk, the hypnotic movements of a praying mantis.

The Book of Delights is about our shared bonds, and the rewards that come from a life closely observed. These remarkable pieces serve as a powerful and necessary reminder that we can, and should, stake out a space in our lives for delight.

Check out the print, audio, or digital book from the library catalog. More information on the Maryland Humanities website.

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



WRITERS LIVE! ROSS GAY MARYLAND HUMANITIES TOUR

Tuesday, October 5, 7:00 p.m. | Virtual

In partnership with Maryland Center for the Book at Maryland Humanities, the Pratt Library and the Ivy Bookshop will co-host Ross Gay for a stop on the virtual 2021 One Maryland One Book Author Tour. Local Partners include: CityLit Project, Farm Alliance of Baltimore, and CHARM: Voices of Baltimore Youth. Registration is free, but required.

RELATED EVENTS

The Book of Delights Personal Journal Starter Kit

Starting September 1 | Northwood
Begin your own journaling experience with this take-and-make kit. Available beginning September 1 and while supplies last on a first-come, first-served basis.

Take and Make: Desktop Zen Garden

September 13 – 30 | Clifton
In addition to joining the discussion, create your own mini Zen garden. We'll provide the supplies, you provide the imagination and positive vibes! While supplies last.

Edmondson Avenue Book Club

Saturday, September 25, 2:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.

Light Street Book Club

Monday, September 27, 6:00 p.m. | Light St.
This event will be held in person. If you'd like to attend virtually, please contact the branch at 410-396-1096 or lgh@prattlibrary.org.

One Maryland One Book Discussion

Thursday, September 30, 6:30 p.m.
Govans & Virtual

Saturday, October 9, 2:00 p.m. | Herring Run

Saturday, October 16, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor

Thursday, October 21, 5:30 p.m. | Hamilton

Thursday, October 21, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly

Monday, October 25, 1:00 p.m.
Keswick Wise & Well Center for Healthy Living & Virtual

Presented in partnership with The Keswick Wise & Well Center. Call the Wise & Well Center for Healthy Living at 410-662-4363 to register for your preferred option.

Pratt Page-Turners Book Club

Saturday, October 16, 11:00 a.m.

Central Library & Virtual

Registration is required to attend in-person. Email fjc@prattlibrary.org to register.

Delights of Resiliency

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

Patterson Park

Brooklyn Best Book Club

Wednesday, October 20, 3:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

Book Bites

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

Washington Village



The cooking and sharing of food is at the very heart of our human experience. Whether in the kitchen, the backyard, the neighborhood spot, or the ice cream truck, food brings people together. Food is history, food is survival, and food is love.

Now more than ever, we need that togetherness. And with that in mind we're excited to announce the launch of Pratt Test Kitchen, an opportunity for Baltimoreans of all ages to learn and cook together with programs that promote culinary literacy and highlight healthy eating, cultural history, and food access.

Pratt Test Kitchen programs are aimed at helping our community become even more self-sufficient with cooking demos (dependent on COVID-19 precautions) and our popular Take & Make Kits that include key ingredients. Just as important will be the conversations and resources highlighting the intersection of food and social justice, starting with conversations highlighting community garden leaders, providing fresh food right in our city.

We have some special authors lined up, including **Padma Lakshmi**, **Michael Twitty**, and **Toni Tipton-Martin**, and their events will of course be free to the public. Conversations will revolve around their work in the industry, as well as how they understand the intersection of food and social justice. These events will be held in-person as COVID-19 allows.

Participants will also learn the history of our very own local businesses, providing guidance for aspiring small business owners. Pratt Test Kitchen will include an interview series with **Chris Franzoni**, founder of Eatmore Baltimore. Local restaurants will be participating in this series, kicking off with Clavel in October.

So grab a seat and a plate. We're cooking up something very special this fall.

Visit prattlibrary.org/pratt-test-kitchen to learn more.

PRATT TEST KITCHEN COMMUNITY FEATURE: CLAVEL

Saturday, October 2, 4:00 p.m. | Clavel (225 W. 23rd St.) & Virtual
The Pratt is teaming up with @EatmoreBaltimore to highlight local chefs. In October, we feature Carlos Raba from Clavel in conversation with @EatmoreBaltimore founder Chris Franzoni.

Carlos Raba was born and raised in Culiacán, Sinaloa by his Mom and 5 Aunts who taught him traditional cooking. He is a Black belt in Brazilian Ju Jitsu, a family man, and the Co-owner and Chef of Clavel.



PRATT TEST KITCHEN COMMUNITY FEATURE

Join us for a conversation with a Baltimore community innovator in the food justice space.

ATIYA WELLS

Thursday, September 16, 3:00 p.m. | Virtual
September's feature is Atiya Wells, Executive Director of Backyard Basecamp Inc. (BLISS Meadows). Hosted by Northwood Branch manager, Kinshasa Vargas-Pile.

TRUDEE WOODEN

Thursday, October 21, 3:00 p.m. | Virtual
Featuring Trudee Wooden, Garden Manager at Patterson Park. Hosted by Northwood Branch manager, Kinshasa Vargas-Pile.

—CHILDREN & FAMILIES—

HEALTHY LITTLE COOKS: POWER UP YOUR FOOD!

Tuesdays, September 21 & October 19
4:30 p.m. | Virtual
*Get your MOVE on and FOOD on by joining Healthy Little Cooks for fun and easy after school recipes, as we learn all about POWERING UP our bodies and food! If you're a foodie that likes to get groovy in the kitchen, then this is the perfect class for you.
September: Power Up Your Brain!
October: Power Up Your Smile!*

A GHASTLY GOOD TIME



ADULTS

EDGAR ALLAN POE OPEN HOUSE

Friday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Central Library, Poe Room
Purloined letters, tell-tale artifacts, an oblong box, and more! Descend into the maelstrom with librarians from the Special Collections Department and view original treasures from the Edgar Allan Poe Collection.

HAUNTED MARYLAND: IT'S SUPERNATURAL HON

Monday, October 4, 6:00 p.m. | Virtual
With its mountain hollows, its lonely salt marshes, and its centuries-old architecture, Maryland is indeed a very spooky place. Join us for scary folk tales and ghostly communications that will send shivers down your spine just in time for Halloween. This is part one of The Dark Side of Maryland, a series of programs being presented by the Pratt's Maryland Department during the month of October.

LUNCH AND LEARN

MYSTERIOUS MARYLAND: STORIES OF THE BIZARRE AND UNEXPLAINED FROM THE STACKS OF THE MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES

Thursday, October 14, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual
Get into the Halloween spirit with an hour of strange sightings, unsolved mysteries, and bizarre news. The mysterious intrigues us, especially at this time of year, so please join us in exploring the stranger side of Maryland history through our unique collections at the Maryland State Archives. Join Lead Reference Archivist and Search Room Coordinator, Rachel Frazier, as she shares spooky stories from the depths of the stacks. Presented in partnership with The Maryland State Archives and The Maryland Four Centuries Project.

MEDIUMS, MAGICIANS, AND THE OUIJA BOARD: A SPIRITUALIST HISTORY OF BALTIMORE

Monday, October 18, 6:00 p.m. | Virtual
Do spirits return, and can we communicate with the dead? Baltimore's Spiritualists thought so, but magicians worked to

disprove them. Learn about spirit mediums, the Ouija Board, and Baltimore's group of amateur magicians, the Demons Club. Featuring Mike Rose, a local magician, magic historian, and author. This is part two of The Dark Side of Maryland, a series of programs being presented by the Pratt's Maryland Department during the month of October.

MARYLAND MAYHEM: SCOUNDRELS, SPIES, AND SINNERS IN THE FREE STATE

Monday, October 25, 6:00 p.m. | Virtual
Maybe you've heard of some of Maryland's most notorious crimes, such as the conspiracy to assassinate Abraham Lincoln or the murder of Sister Cathy, subject of the popular Netflix series, The Keepers. But what about some of its lesser-known criminal transgressions? Join us for a discussion of some of these shady characters and unfortunate episodes. This is part three of The Dark Side of Maryland, a series of programs being presented by the Pratt's Maryland Department during the month of October.

WITCH'S BREW: TRUE TALES AND FOLKLORE OF WITCHCRAFT IN COLONIAL MARYLAND

Friday, October 29, 6:00 p.m. | Virtual
Join us this Halloween season as we explore the spooky stories of Maryland's witchy past. Hear true tales and folklore from across the state and find out what Colonial Maryland was really like for those accused of witchcraft. Can you tell fact from legend? This is part four of The Dark Side of Maryland, a series of programs being presented by the Pratt's Maryland Department during the month of October.

TEENS

SPOOKY TERRARIUMS

Tuesday, October 26, 4:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

TAKE & MAKE: SPOOKY CANDLE JARS

October 1 – 30 | Brooklyn

TAKE & MAKE:

PAPER BAG MONSTER PUPPETS

October 1 – 30 | Central Library
Call 410-396-5402 to confirm availability.

TAKE & MAKE: GHOST

POM POM POPPERS

October 5 – 23 | Pennsylvania Ave.

MONSTER SLIME

Monday, October 18, 3:15 p.m. | Brooklyn
Mix googly eyes, glitter and other ingredients to create spooky monster slime. This indoor program is limited to 15 participants and pre-registration is required. To register, call 410-396-1120.

SPOOKY STORYTIME

WITH AURORA GOREALIS

Monday, October 18, 6:00 p.m. | Virtual
Settle in for some slightly spooky stories, songs, and rhymes with guest reader Aurora Gorealis of Shocktail Hour!

HAUNTED HOUSES

Thursday, October 21, 3:30 p.m.,
Patterson Park
Listen to a spooky story and make a haunted house picture. This indoor event is limited to 20 participants, and pre-registration is required. Please call 410-396-0983 to register.

SPOOKY STORYTIME

Thursday, October 21, 6:30 p.m.
Northwood
This indoor program is limited to 10 participants and pre-registration is required. To register, call 410-396-6076.

PAINTED PUMPKINS

Saturday, October 23, 3:30 p.m.
Washington Village
Paint your own mini pumpkin masterpiece! This indoor program is limited to 15 participants and pre-registration is required. To register, call 410-396-1099.

TAKE & MAKE: PUMPKIN PAINTING

October 25 – 30 | Reisterstown Rd.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Due to the evolving health restrictions, library programs may be moved to a virtual platform. Please check prattlibrary.org before attending a library program.

BROOKLYN

Register for programs at Brooklyn by calling 410-396-1120

Autumn Leaves Sensory Bottle

Thursday, September 16, 3:15 p.m.
Sensory bottles are fun and easy to make, and can help relieve anxiety and stress! This indoor program is limited to 15 participants and pre-registration is required.

CANTON

Register for programs at Canton by calling 410-396-8548

Canton Chalk Night

Thursday, September 9, 5:00 p.m.
Chalk the walk outside the Canton Branch! This outdoor program is limited to 10 participants and pre-registration is required.

Felt Succulents

Thursday, September 16, 4:00 p.m.
This indoor program is limited to 15 participants, and pre-registration is required.

Canton Crafternoon

Thursdays, September 23 & October 21 4:00 p.m.
Join us for an afternoon of crafts and open art play. This indoor program is limited to 15 participants, and pre-registration is required.

Zumbini with Kirsten

Wednesdays, October 6 – 27, 4:30 p.m.
Designed to let you and your little ones 0 – 3 years old wiggle, sing and learn together, the Zumbini™ program is where the science of child development meets the magic of Zumba®. This program is first-come, first-serve and spaces are limited. Please only bring ONE caregiver per child. Register at prattlibrary.org

Painted Leaf Wall Hanging

Thursday, October 7, 4:00 p.m.
This indoor program is limited to 15 participants, and pre-registration is required.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

Register for programs at Central by calling 410-396-5402

Monarch Migration Celebration

Wednesday, September 22, 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Celebrate the arrival of monarch butterflies in Baltimore by making art and learning about the butterfly life cycle. This indoor program is limited to two groups per time slot (at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., or 4:00 p.m.) and pre-registration is required.

Leafy Arts & Crafts

Wednesday, October 27, 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
This indoor program is limited to two groups per time slot (at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., or 4:00 p.m.) and requires pre-registration.

CHERRY HILL

Register for programs at Cherry Hill by calling 410-396-1168

Make a Fall Banner

Thursday, September 16, 5:00 p.m.
This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

EDMONDSON AVE.

Register for programs at Edmondson Ave. by calling 410-396-0946

Coloring Club

Thursday, October 28, 5:00 p.m.
This indoor program is limited to 5 families and pre-registration is required.

FOREST PARK

Register for programs at Forest Park by calling 410-396-0942

Disco Slime

Tuesday, September 14, 4:00 p.m.
This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

Turtle Dance Music: Tails and Tales!

A Music, Bubble and Comedy Dance Party

Saturday, September 18, 11:00 a.m.
In-person & Virtual
This show is crafted to be inclusive for all children, including children on the Autism Spectrum, and a great time for parents and caregivers! The in-person, outdoor portion of this program is limited to 10 participants and pre-registration is required.

GOVANS

Register for programs at Govans by calling 410-396-6098

Leaf It To Me: Fall Wreath

Wednesday, September 22, 3:30 p.m.
This indoor program is limited to 10 participants and pre-registration is required.

Something to Hoot About: Owl Puppets

Wednesday, October 20, 3:30 p.m.
This indoor program is limited to 10 participants and pre-registration is required.

Chemistry in the Library: Fast or Slow... Chemistry Makes It Go!

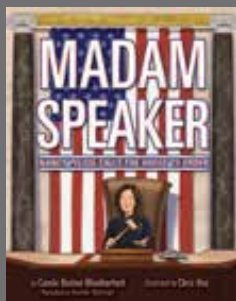
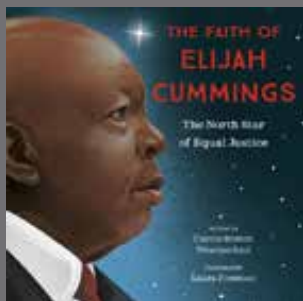
Saturday, October 16, 2:00 p.m.
Join a chemist from the Army Research Laboratory and the American Chemical Society and participate in hands-on experiments exploring the chemistry of reaction rates. For ages 7 and up (7 – 8 year olds must be accompanied by an adult). Registration required.

HAMILTON

Register for programs at Hamilton by calling 410-396-6088

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, September 8 & October 13 10:30 a.m.
Move, laugh, and learn together. For families with children ages 2 – 5. All abilities welcome. This indoor program is limited to 24 participants and pre-registration is required.



KIDS WRITERS LIVE! CAROLE BOSTON WEATHERFORD

Wednesday, October 13 6:00 p.m. | Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Baltimore native and Newbery Honor winner Carole Boston Weatherford profiles hometown heroes in *The Faith of Elijah Cummings: The North Star of Equal Justice* and *Madam Speaker: Nancy Pelosi Calls the House to Order*. These new children's books focus on breaking barriers, serving others, and leading for change. Join us in celebrating the launch of these books.



Fraction Ball at the Library

Thursday, September 16, 3:30 p.m.
Join us for a game of Fraction Ball at the Library! Play on your own or as part of a team. This indoor program is limited to 6 participants and pre-registration is required.

Stomp Rockets

Thursday, October 21, 3:30 p.m.
Create a rocket and then launch it using air power! This indoor program is limited to 6 participants and pre-registration is required.

LIGHT ST.

Register for programs at Light St. by calling 410-396-1096

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, September 15 & October 13
10:30 a.m.
Move, laugh, and learn together. For families with children ages 2 – 5. All abilities welcome. This indoor program is limited to 10 participants and pre-registration is required.

DIY Craft: Birdhouse

Saturday, September 25, 2:00 p.m.
This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required. This event is made possible with the support of ACE Hardware, Federal Hill.

PATTERSON PARK

Register for programs at Patterson Park by calling 410-396-0983

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, September 1 – October 27
11:00 a.m.
Move, laugh, and learn together. For families with children ages 2 – 5. All abilities welcome. This indoor program is limited to 20 participants, and pre-registration is required.

Make Cents

Thursday, September 16, 3:30 p.m.
Learn about money and saving, and make a bank to take home. This indoor program is limited to 20 participants and pre-registration is required.

REISTERSTOWN RD.

Register for programs at Reisterstown Rd. by calling 410-396-0948

Garden at the Library

Thursday, September 16, 3:00 p.m.
Join the librarian in the garden to weed, pick herbs, and learn about the different flowers, herbs, and vegetables. This outdoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

Drive In Movie

Monday, October 18, 4:00 p.m.
Let's go to a drive in! Decorate your own box-car and settle in for a movie night. This indoor program is limited in space and pre-registration is required.

WALBROOK

Register for programs at Walbrook by calling 410-396-0935

Bookflix Bonanza

Monday, September 20, 2:00 p.m.
Complete a fun-filled Bookflix scavenger hunt and explore the various features of this digital resource. This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

WAVERLY

Register for programs at Wavery by calling 410-396-6053

Paper Airplanes

Tuesday, October 19, 4:00 p.m.
Build a basic paper airplane and test which launcher works best! This indoor program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required.

VIRTUAL

Pratt Virtual Storytime Live!

Thursdays, September 2 – October 28
11:00 am

French/English Family Storytime/ Contes en famille, français/anglais

Saturdays, September 11 & October 9
11:00 a.m.
For children under 12.

Fall Fun Storytime

Wednesday, September 22, 4:00 p.m.

Half Day Fun: LEGO Build & Share

Wednesday, October 6, 2:00 p.m.
Join us for a live LEGO® build! Try a challenge or just build and share your creation. You'll need: LEGO® bricks and your imagination

Drag Queen Story Hour

Thursday, October 28, 4:00 p.m.
Listen to stories about having pride in being yourself, told by Bambi Galore and special guests!

“The library is a wonderful place to get in touch with pages and pages of things outside oneself. Fantasy, adventure, self-help, and so much more.”

— Wanda M.



YA WRITERS LIVE! ELISE BRYANT

Friday, September 10, 7:00 p.m. | Virtual

Elise Bryant is the author of *Happily Ever Afters* and the forthcoming *One True Loves*. Don't miss out on a great conversation. Teens who attend this event will be able to receive a FREE copy of *Happily Ever Afters* by Elise Bryant while supplies last!



Register at prattlibrary.org



A TRIBUTE TO TUPAC

Thursday, September 16, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

This year marks 25 years since the death of Tupac Shakur. Join the Enoch Pratt Free Library in collaboration with the Roland Park Elementary/Middle school for an evening of remembering Tupac and his impact on the world. Middle school students will share in their own way what Tupac's life, music, and influence has made on them and the world.

CAREER RESOURCES



ENTREPRENEUR ACADEMY

Do you have a great idea for a small business but don't know how to launch it? Have you already started a business but are unsure how to take it to the next level? Are you interested in being your own boss? The Entrepreneur Academy teaches you everything you need to know about starting and running your small business but didn't know who to ask.

Fall Session will take place on Mondays, September 20 – November 8, 6:30 p.m.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- marketing research and business strategies
- financing options, including recordkeeping and taxes
- marketing your business
- developing your business plan

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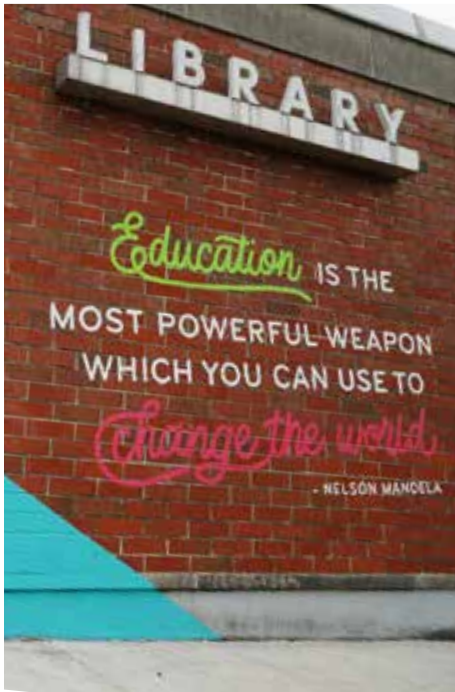
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NEW MURAL AT HAMILTON

People who've passed by the Hamilton branch recently have noticed a colorful new mural brightening up the exterior of the building. The mural, featuring a powerful quote from Nelson Mandela, is the creation of Baltimore-based artists White Coffee Creative Company and Insanely Dope Designs. Northwestern Mutual Mid-Atlantic sponsored the project. It's just the start of some outdoor improvements at the Hamilton branch. Work is underway transforming the courtyard of the building. Improvements include new railings, seating areas, and landscaping. These improvements are made possible by the generosity of donors to the Pratt Branch Improvement Fund. The courtyard project is expected to be complete later this fall.



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