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July 4th: Friday, July 3



For more resources on how the Pratt is supporting Black Lives Matter go to prattlibrary.org/equity

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Email aklein@prattlibrary.org or call 410-396-5305 with your name and mailing address.



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The mission of the Enoch Pratt Free Library is to empower, enrich, and enhance the quality of life for all through equitable access to information, services, and opportunity."



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THE PRATT IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL

Meet your career and education goals with a high school diploma!

Scholarships will be awarded to qualified applicants who will pursue coursework through a flexible, online format. Successful graduates will earn an accredited high school diploma and a certificate in one of 10 high-growth, high-demand career fields.

Career Online School offers:

- a 100% online, self-paced format to meet the needs of working adults.
- classes led by certified teachers.
- a personal academic coach to help you succeed.
- the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and a career certificate in 6 – 18 months.

Applications will be accepted in mid--August.

Applicants should be at least 19 years old and a resident of Baltimore City. Updates and more information on the application process will be available at prattlibrary.org.

DRIVE-IN WIFI

Wi-Fi is available outside of the branch locations below. You do not need a library card to access Wi-Fi. You do need to enter a password.

Network: epfl-wpa | **Password:** epfl-wpa

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LETTER FROM THE CEO



A Message from Pratt Library President & Chief Executive Officer Heidi Daniel

As summer approaches, and this country finds itself slowly emerging from one pandemic, it has brutally refocused on another disease, one that we have been fighting for generations: systemic racism. What happened to George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmed Aubrey, and so many of the other young Black lives that precede them confirm for us, yet again, that this disease is deep and persistent. It has to change.

As CEO of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in the City of Baltimore, the very least that I can do is acknowledge the presence and severity of this disease as its impact continues to do harm to our children, our families, and our community. Though I cannot fully understand the pain, fear, and anxiety that many of you — my Black and brown friends, family, work team, and colleagues — experience on a daily basis, there are two things for which you can be certain. First, I recognize that this pain, fear, and anxiety exist; and second, that the Enoch Pratt Free Library stands with our city and communities against systemic racism. Black lives matter, and Pratt leadership, staff, and the Board are committed to working towards an equitable Baltimore. This is the spirit in which Enoch Pratt founded our library system. We understand that it takes all of us — not just those directly impacted — to work towards this societal change.

As an institution, inclusive of our Board and staff, we have the unique ability to literally change lives — for you, for me, and for our city. We cannot stand quiet. There is just too much to do.

The Enoch Pratt Free Library is committed to advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion. Transformation must occur on the individual, collective, and institutional levels, and the Pratt Library can help achieve true and sustained equity through intentional and systemic library-community partnerships.



A Message from Pratt Library Board Chair Mychelle Farmer, M.D.

Pratt Board Supports the Library's Actions to Address Systemic Racism and Discrimination

The Pratt Board advocates for equity and justice for all people in the Baltimore area. We support the Pratt Library and the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA) as they condemn the recent acts of police violence which resulted in the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and Breonna Taylor in Louisville. Although these deaths have occurred recently, they reflect the continued challenge of systemic racism that we have not properly addressed in the US. The Pratt Board recognizes the importance of a critical review of societal factors contributing systemic racism in all its forms. We will work together as concerned citizens and Board members, to promote systems that respect human rights and dignity. Thought leaders in Baltimore, including the Pratt Board, will play a pivotal role to ensure a productive dialogue, informed by the needs and concerns of all community members. We look forward to the opportunity to plan and collaborate with the Pratt staff and with other esteemed systems within Baltimore.



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The next Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Directors will be held Wednesday, September 16, at 6:15 p.m.

ROAD TO REOPENING

PHASE I: MARCH 2020

- Library buildings are closed to the public
- In-person programming replaced by virtual programming
- Book returns are on hold
- New digital resources added for the public

PHASE II: JUNE 2020

- Library buildings remain closed to the public
- Contact-free Sidewalk Service begins at 8 locations
- Books By Mail service available
- Drive-In Wi-Fi at 8 locations
- All books can be returned at contact-free book drops
- Virtual programming continues

PHASE III: JULY 2020

- Library buildings remain closed to the public
- Wi-Fi hotspots are available for lending to customers
- Sidewalk Service & Books By Mail continue
- Bookmobile, Mobile Job Center, and Book Buggy deploy as neighborhood Wi-Fi hotspots
- Remote printing services begin at 8 locations
- Virtual programming continues

PHASE IV

- Limited library openings with social distancing measures in place
- Sidewalk Service & Books By Mail continue
- Drive-In Wi-Fi continues
- Virtual programming continues

**Focus will be on providing access to public computers, Wi-Fi, and library collections. Additional safety measures will be in effect at the guidance of health officials.*

FURTHER PHASES WILL FOCUS ON THE GRADUAL REOPENING OF LIBRARIES TO FULL SERVICE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FROM HEALTH OFFICIALS.

SIDEWALK SERVICE

ACCESS THE PRATT COLLECTION USING THESE SIMPLE STEPS:

1. Place holds on the materials you'd like to check out at prattlibrary.org or by phone.
2. Once you receive notification that your holds are ready, contact the designated branch to schedule your pick-up time.
3. Come to the designated branch at your scheduled time. **Please wear a face covering.**
4. Call or text the branch upon your arrival and wait at the social distancing markers at the pick-up table.
5. A staff member will bring out your materials and leave them on the pick-up table for you to retrieve.
6. Please use the book drop for all returns. *Excluding tablets, laptops, and mobile hotspots.*

HOURS & LOCATIONS:

Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Central Library

400 Cathedral St. | 410-396-5325

Brooklyn Branch

300 E. Patapsco Ave. | 443-984-4923

Northwood Branch

4420 Loch Raven Blvd. | 443-984-3912

Orleans Street Branch

1303 Orleans St. | 443-984-3917

Roland Park Branch

5108 Roland Ave. | 410-396-6059

Southeast Anchor Library

3601 Eastern Ave. | 443-984-3901

Walbrook Branch

3203 W. North Ave. | 443-984-4933

Waverly Branch

400 E. 33rd St. | 410-396-6089

COMING SOON

Edmondson Avenue Branch

4330 Edmondson Ave. | 443-984-4928

Herring Run Branch

3801 Erdman Ave. | 443-984-4929

Pennsylvania Avenue Branch

1531 W. North Ave. | 443-984-4938

Reisterstown Road Branch

6310 Reisterstown Rd. | 443-984-4931

OUR SAFETY PROCEDURES:

- Implement social distancing at all in-person services.
- All incoming materials will be quarantined for 72 hours.
- Customers must use the bookdrops to return all books, DVDs, Playaways and CDs — over-the-counter returns will not be accepted.
- Face coverings will be required for all staff handling materials.
- Staff must frequently wash their hands during shifts.

Steps 1–2 Before you arrive



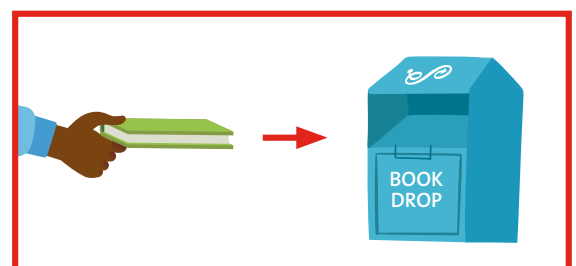
Steps 3–4



Step 5



Step 6

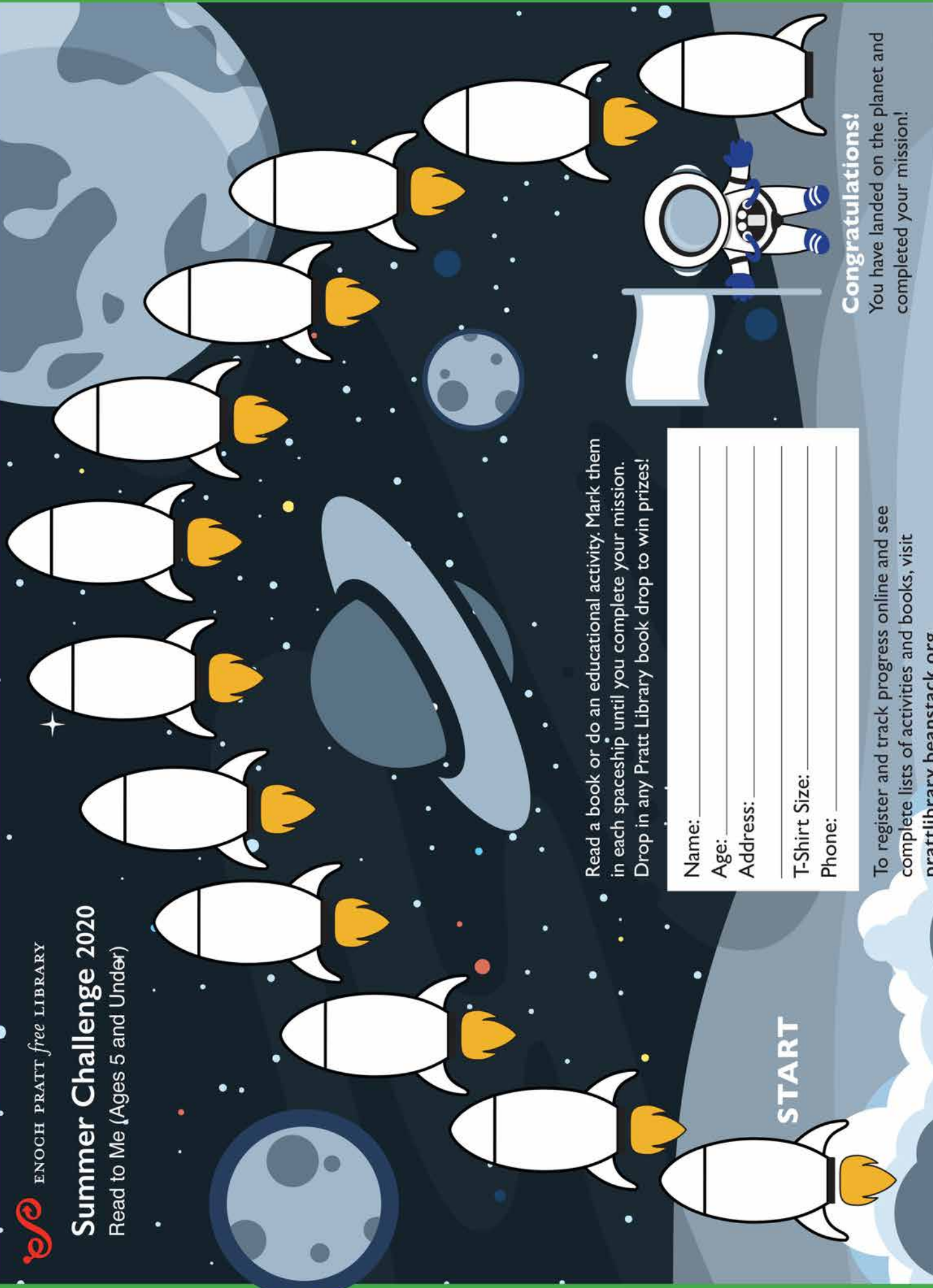


CAN'T MAKE IT TO A BRANCH? WE ALSO OFFER BOOKS BY MAIL.

Available to residents of Baltimore City. Call 410-396-5430 to request materials.

Summer Challenge 2020

Read to Me (Ages 5 and Under)



Read a book or do an educational activity. Mark them in each spaceship until you complete your mission. Drop in any Pratt Library book drop to win prizes!

Name:	_____
Age:	_____
Address:	_____
T-Shirt Size:	_____
Phone:	_____

To register and track progress online and see complete lists of activities and books, visit prattlibrary.beanstack.org.



Congratulations!

You have landed on the planet and completed your mission!



Summer Challenge 2020

School Age (6 – 12)

Congratulations!
You have landed on the planet and completed your mission!

Read a book or do an educational activity. Mark them in each spaceship until you complete your mission. Drop in any Pratt Library book drop to win prizes!

Name:	_____
Age:	_____
Address:	_____
T-Shirt Size:	_____
Phone:	_____

To register and track progress online and see complete lists of activities and books, visit prattlibrary.beanstack.org.

START





Summer Challenge 2020

Teens



Complete the Summer Challenge online!
 Visit prattlibrary.beanstack.org to register,
 track your progress, and earn prizes.

Instructions

If participating online: Log onto prattlibrary.beanstack.org and record activities on date completed. **If using a paper log:** Record the activity (such as reading a book or attending a virtual library program) and date completed. Once 10 items are completed, detach and return each form below to the bookdrop at the library.

Your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Visa Gift card. Complete this process 2 more times to complete the 30 day challenge.

Drawing dates will be: June 30th, July 16th, and August 13th.
Prizes available while supplies last.

To learn more about how to redeem your prizes and for the latest Summer Challenge updates, visit prattlibrary.org/summerchallenge

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Activity

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9. _____

10. _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Activity

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20. _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Activity

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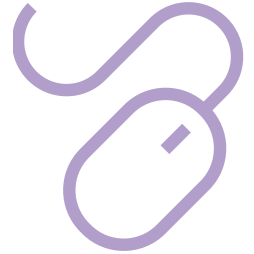


Summer Challenge 2020

Adult

Complete the Summer Challenge online!
Visit prattlibrary.beanstack.org to register,
track your progress, and earn prizes.

Imagine Your Story Entry Form



Place completed entry form in an envelope and drop in any Enoch Pratt Free Library book drop.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone Number (Optional): _____

Instructions

Tell us what you read between June 17 and August 12! You can do this in one of two ways:

Sign up for a free Beanstack account at prattlibrary.beanstack.org and log your books online, or fill out a paper entry form for each book you read, place in an envelope, and drop it in any Enoch Pratt Free Library book drop.

For each book you read, you'll have a chance to win one of three fabulous prizes:

- A swag bag full of surprises
- A gift certificate to a Baltimore restaurant or attraction
- A Domino's Pizza coupon

All readers will also be eligible for a chance to win the GRAND prize, a \$100 Barnes & Noble Gift Card.

To learn more about how to redeem your prizes and for the latest Summer Challenge updates, visit prattlibrary.org/summerchallenge

Title of Book Read: _____

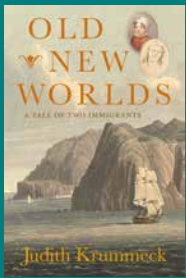
Author: _____

Write A Review (Optional): _____

You have my permission to post this review online.

VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENTS

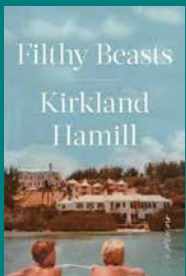
WRITERS CRIBS!



JUDITH KRUMMECK

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

Judith Krummeck is a writer, a broadcaster, and an immigrant. Since emigrating from South Africa in the late 1990s she has been the evening drive-time host for Baltimore's classical music station, WBJC, 91.5 FM, and she is the author of two books. *Beyond the Baobab* is a collection of essays about her immigrant experience, and *Old New Worlds* is a biographical memoir that intertwines the immigrant stories of Judith's great-great grandmother from England to Africa and — almost two hundred years later — her own from Africa to America.



KIRKLAND HAMILL

Thursday, July 16, 7:00 p.m.

Presented on Crowdcast

Presented in partnership with the Ivy Bookshop.

A fascinating window into the life of extreme privilege and a powerful story of self-acceptance, *Filthy Beasts* recounts Kirkland Hamill's unforgettable journey through luxury hotels and charity stores, private enclaves, and public shame as he confronts his family's many imperfections, accepts his unconventional childhood, and finally comes to terms with his own hidden secrets.

MEMOIR AUTHOR SHOWCASE

Thursday, July 23, 7:00 p.m.

Presented on Facebook & Crowdcast

Presented in partnership with the Ivy Bookshop.

Celebrate Year of the Woman with local memoirists, featuring:

Gwen Van Velsor has written two memoirs.

Follow That Arrow, published in 2016, details her experience walking the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage in Spain. Her recent memoir, *Freedom Warrior*, focuses on solo parenting her toddler while her husband was deployed with the National Guard.

Elisa Estrella's work has appeared in the *Baltimore Fishbowl* and the Brooklyn Film & Arts Festival. She has completed her MFA in Creative Writing and Publishing Arts from the University of Baltimore. Her memoir, *Luz*, shares the story of growing up American-Dominican in Brooklyn, New York, in the 1970s.

Sheri Booker is a writer, poet, spoken-word artist, photographer, and teacher. She has an MFA in Creative Nonfiction from Goucher College. Her memoir, *Nine Years Under*, is about coming of age in a Black funeral home in Baltimore.

CELEBRATING THE 2020 LITTLE PATUXENT REVIEW POETRY CONTEST

Tuesday, August 18, 6:30 p.m.

Presented on Crowdcast

The finalists for the 2020 Poetry Contest read along with one of the contest judges as well as last year's winner.

Dave Eberhardt, the 2020 Poetry Contest winner, was born March 26, 1941. He retired in 2010 from 33 years of work in the criminal "INjustice" system. As a peace protester, he was incarcerated at Lewisburg Federal Prison for pouring blood on draft files. His action took place in 1967 with Father Phil Berrigan and two others in protest of the Vietnam War. He's published three books of poetry: *The Tree Calendar*, *Blue Running Lights*, and *Poems from the Website*, *Poetry in Baltimore*. He has completed a peace movement memoir, *For All the Saints: A Protest Primer*.

Shane Moritz, a 2020 Poetry Contest finalist, was born in Oregon, educated in Arizona, and spent his formative years in Australia. He got his MFA from Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville. He teaches writing in Baltimore.

Kelechi Nwankwoala, a 2020 Poetry Contest finalist, is a Creative Writing and Biology double-major at Johns Hopkins University.

Jalynn Harris, the 2019 Poetry Contest winner, is a poet, educator, and book designer from Baltimore. She founded SoftSavagePress for the sole purpose of promoting visual and literary works by Black people. She earned her MFA from the University of Baltimore, where she was the inaugural recipient of Michael F. Klein fellowship for social justice. Her work has been featured in *Transition Magazine*, *Little Patuxent Review*, *Scalawag*, and elsewhere. *Exit Thru the Afro* is her first poetry chapbook.

Steven Leyva, a *Little Patuxent Review* editor, was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and raised in Houston, Texas. His poems have appeared or are forthcoming in *2 Bridges Review*, *Scalawag*, *Nashville Review*, *jubilat*, *Vinyl*, and *Prairie Schooner*. He's a Cave Canem fellow and author of the chapbook *Low Parish* and *The Understudy's Handbook* which won the Jean Feldman Poetry Prize and is forthcoming from Washington Writers' Publishing House. Leyva holds an MFA from the University of Baltimore, where he is an assistant professor in the Klein Family School of Communications Design.

CELESTE DOAKS VISIONS OF THE FUTURE: VOTING, ACTIVISM, AND ART

Thursday, August 20, 7:00 p.m.

From Shirley Chisholm to Michelle Obama and beyond, Black women and politics have been inextricably intertwined. And now, as more minority women enter and win local races, the Black female voting block is proving its importance. As we move toward this year's presidential election, how will Black women keep their seat at the table and engage with politics? Please join us for a lively panel with women of color who will discuss their specific involvement with politics through participation, activism, and art.

Poet and journalist **celeste doaks** is the author of *Cornrows and Cornfields* and editor of the poetry anthology *Not Without Our Laughter*. Her chapbook, *American Herstory*, was the first-place winner in Backbone Press's 2018 chapbook contest; it contains poems about Michelle Obama. Her work has appeared in multiple online and print publications including *Ms. Magazine*, *The Rumpus*, *The Millions*, *Huffington Post*, *Chicago Quarterly Review*, and *Asheville Poetry Review* among others. Currently, she teaches creative writing at the University of Delaware.

WE CAN HELP YOU FIND A JOB — OR CREATE YOUR OWN

JOB SEARCH FAQ

Lina Bertinelli, *Workforce Librarian*

Searching for work is often said to be a full time job in itself. If you are feeling overwhelmed by the process or need some advice, we are here to help. You can get guidance and feedback from a Workforce Librarian by emailing job@prattlibrary.org.

1. What companies are hiring right now?

Web-based business, remote customer service platforms, healthcare systems, shipping and delivery companies, and essential businesses like grocery stores and pharmacies are all hiring right now. The Mayor's Office of Employment Development has been sharing local opportunities on their website and social media pages, updated daily. Visit their website at moed.baltimorecity.gov or follow them on Twitter and Facebook: @BaltMOED

2. How should I answer salary expectation questions on an application?

It depends on how the application is set up. If you can write in or choose "negotiable," that's your best option. You want to defer the salary conversation to later in the hiring process. The next best option is to include a range. Be honest but reasonable, and base your answer on what similar positions are paying. You can find information about the average salary for your desired position on websites like ONETonline.org and careeronestop.org.

3. Is it okay if my resume is two pages?

For most jobs, you want your resume to be as short as possible while still conveying your worth and being readable. If you have more than five years of relevant experience in increasingly responsible roles, you probably want to use a second page instead of decreasing font size or using confusing formatting. However, you may still want to make some cuts. Give your most relevant and recent jobs more space on your resume, and keep less relevant positions minimal (or take them off entirely if they're early in your career). If you're not sure what to leave off, you can email your resume to a Workforce Librarian at job@prattlibrary.org or submit it to the Resume Lab on JobNow Job Coaching, a database available with your library card through the Pratt Library website.

4. How do I explain my employment gap during an interview?

Be honest but brief about the reason for the employment gap, highlight any skills you gained during that time, and show enthusiasm for the current opportunity. A shorter gap (six months or less) can typically be explained by saying you were looking for the right position, and then segue into why the job you're interviewing for matches your criteria. For longer gaps, explain the reason in a sentence or two, then describe how you stayed connected to your career, through education, volunteering, or maintaining your network. Let the interviewer know that the reason for the gap is over and emphasize what you can bring to the organization. Regardless of the length or reason for the gap, prepare your explanation before the interview and practice it in a mirror or with a friend. For expert advice to really hone your answer, practice your response with an Interview Coach on JobNow Job Coaching.

5. How can I stay motivated when I feel like I'm not making any progress in my job hunt?

Don't think of job searching as one activity with only one goal (getting the job). Finding a job is a multi-step process and focusing on the steps, instead of the outcome, gives you more control in your job search. You can't guarantee that you'll have a job offer by the end of the week, but you know that you can create an outline for a cover letter (that you'll tailor when you apply for a specific job). It can also be helpful to have an "accountability buddy." If you know someone else who is looking for work, schedule time to check in to offer support and keep each other on track with your goals.

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EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

Access these resources and more at prattlibrary.org/research/database

JobNow (NEW)

JobNow, powered by BrainFuse, is designed to support every step of the job search process. Your Pratt library card gives you access to online coaches, interview prep, resume help, adult learning materials, and other career resources.

Virtual Reference Library

Significant number of reference books and research materials specifically related to business and job search prep (ex. Resume building)

JOIN US ONLINE FOR:

WORKFORCE WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m.

Learn tips and tools to boost your job search. Topics include creating a resume, writing a cover letter, and interviewing strategies.

INFO SHARES

Tuesdays, July 28 & August 25, 3:00 p.m.

Short presentations and lists of resources related to a loose theme. Throughout, we'll encourage you to share what works (or doesn't!) and what you need to know for your specific needs.

July: Marketing

August: Evolving your strategies in times of change.

THE PRATT IS HERE FOR ALL YOUR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS NEEDS

Katy Troeschel, *Business Librarian*

Whether you're making money in a side gig, thinking of starting a business, or looking to expand your operations, the Business Center of the Enoch Pratt Free Library can help. There are infinite ways to work for yourself, but we know getting started can be daunting, especially if you've always worked for others. I'll never forget the look on a patron's face when I told him he doesn't have to have a degree to open his own business. If you're not sure how to get started, we can help you navigate the resources and regulations you need to know about — no classes or degree required.

Our upcoming Info Shares will teach small businesses how to create marketing materials and strategies for creating new service models that keep money coming in. Recent virtual classes have covered finding COVID-19 resources and guidance for nonprofits. Our grants librarian has continued to offer consultations to nonprofits on getting grant-ready and accessing Financial Directory Online.



In 2018, the library implemented Entrepreneur Academy, which gives aspiring entrepreneurs the foundational knowledge to start their own ventures through a series of seven

classes. Our Fall cohort had 25 graduates — all women! While we can't meet in person, we can still share sample business plans and connect entrepreneurs with the resources to write their own. The Business Center has all of the tools to help you master researching your industry and determine what your business has to offer customers. We can share company histories, show you where to find contracting opportunities, and teach you how to research potential customers in a specific area.

Whether you're just getting started or are looking to take it to the next level, we can connect you with pertinent information for your unique venture. Email us at bc@prattlibrary.org to connect.

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

Access these resources and more at prattlibrary.org/research/database

Gale OneFile Business

Understand the activities of companies and industries worldwide with coverage on accounting, economics, finance, and marketing as well as business theory and practice.

Business Insights: Essentials

Detailed information for domestic and international companies and associations, including information on corporate hierarchical structures, investment reports, corporate chronologies and company histories, brands and product information, and more.

Foundation Directory Online: Essentials

Search over 108,000 foundations, corporate giving programs, and grantmaking public charities in the U.S.

Foundation Grants to Individuals

Search over 10,000 foundation programs that fund students, artists, researchers, and other individual grantseekers.

Entrepreneurship: Gale Business

Learn how to plan, fund, start or manage your small business.

Entrepreneurship: Gale OneFile

This resource provides access to academic journals and magazines perfect for both business school students and entrepreneurs.

Gale Business: Plan Builder

Learn how to turn small business ideas, plans, and finances into a comprehensive business plan with this step-by-step online planning tool for starting, managing and optimizing a business or nonprofit.

Legal Forms

A wide selection of legal forms including real estate contracts, wills, pre-marital agreements, bankruptcy, divorce, landlord/tenant contracts, and many others. These forms are appropriate for use in Maryland and reflect Maryland law and legal practices. A comprehensive Maryland attorney directory and a dictionary of legal definitions are also included.

Mergent Archives

Research corporate history; business descriptions; in-depth financial statements; and more, with this archive of over 180,000 documents covering over 100 countries and industries.

Mergent Intellect

Get access to private and public U.S and international business data, industry news, facts and figures, executive contact information, the ability to access industry profiles, and much more.

Mergent Online

MergentOnline offers information on 11,000 U.S. public companies and 17,000 non-U.S. public companies. Included are detailed company histories, business descriptions and financial statements.

Morningstar Investment Research Center

This database offers analysis on 1,700 stocks, 2000 mutual funds, and 300 exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

ReferenceUSA: Business Database

A directory database of over 11 million U.S. businesses. Search by company name, type, size or location of a business or a combination. Parent/subsidiary information is also available.

Value Line

Value Line provides investors with the most accurate and independently created research information available, in any format they choose, and teaches them how to use it effectively to help meet their financial objectives.

Virtual Reference Library

Significant number of reference books and research materials specifically related to business and job search prep.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

All programs take place online and may require registration. Full details for each program can be found at calendar.prattlibrary.org.

PROGRAMS ON DISCORD

Pratt Teens on Discord!

All of July and August, 10:00 a.m.

Come on over to the Pratt Teens Discord server to hang out and talk games. Must be under the age of 19 to join.

D&D Office Hours

Wednesdays, July 1 – August 26, 2:00 p.m.

Join the Pratt Teens Discord server, and have all your D&D questions answered.

Manga Drawing Lessons

Mondays, July 6 – August 31, 2:00 p.m.

Draw and discuss your favorite manga and anime characters, live on Discord!

Tales For Teens: Fairy Tales

Friday, July 24, 2:30 p.m.

Explore the well-known (and little-known) fairy tales that we've all come to love.

Music Showdown

Monday, August 10, 6:00 p.m.

How well do you know music? Go head-to-head with fellow music lovers and name that song or artist!

Tales For Teens: Greek and Norse Mythology

Friday, August 21, 2:30 p.m.

Explore the exciting world of Greek Mythology and see how it has influenced popular series like Harry Potter and Percy Jackson.

PROGRAMS ON GOOGLE HANGOUTS

Zine & Comics Workshop Hangout

Thursdays, July 2 – August 27, 5:00 p.m.

Join us for a workshop via Google Hangouts where you can learn how to make your own comics and zines! All skill levels and styles welcome.

QuaranTEEN Online Book Group

Fridays, July 3, 17, & 31, 3:00 pm

Want to hang out with other teens and talk about books? For teens in grades 7 – 12. There is no assigned reading, just read what you like and then tell us about it.

PROGRAMS ON CROWDCAST

Music Therapy

Mondays, July 6, 13, & 20, 1:00 p.m.

Explore how music and emotions are connected, how music can help us express our emotions, and how to use music to help us move through difficult emotions. Presented by Darcy Lipscomb O'Daniel, MT-BC, owner and Clinical Director at Notable Progressions Music Therapy Services.

MORE VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Imagine Your Story in Emojis

All of July

Use your creative voice and embrace the power of emojis. Write your story, real or imaginary, using 140 characters or less.

Maryland During COVID-19: Stories From Baltimore Teens

All of July

During these homebound weeks in Baltimore, we have a unique opportunity to share, learn, and communicate how different generations respond to this ongoing COVID-19 health crisis in Baltimore, the United States, and the world. This is a project to document that response by collecting first-hand accounts through oral history interviews between teens and their parents or guardians, in the style of StoryCorps. Stories will be cataloged, archived, and made publicly available through the Pratt Library's Special Collections Dept. online. There will also be a raffle for gift-card prizes!

Beginner Comedy & Improv for Teens!

Monday, July 6 – Thursday, July 9, 2:00 p.m.

Led by Charm City Comedy! This class is a perfect starting point for anyone wanting to get into acting, motivational speaking, politics, stand-up, improv, or sketch comedy.

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesdays, July 7 & August 4, 3:00 p.m.

What do you love most about your library? What's missing? Let us know! You can help find books, games, and create programs that you and your friends will love!

"Imagine Your Story" with Media Rhythm Institute's Online Summer Camps

July 7 – August 6, 3:00 p.m.

The Media Rhythm Institute, a collective of youth arts programs that create opportunities for teens to explore their passions, is offering two camps. Teens in grades 8 – 12 can curate a visual art project in ChannelMe Media camp or produce their own music project as part of iRead iRhyme camp.

The Book Review

Tuesdays, July 14 & August 18, 4:00 p.m.

Chat about great young adult literature. Get great reviews on books including sci-fi, fantasy, drama, nonfiction, and graphic novels.



PRATTCON 2020

Imagine Your Story!

A day of fantastical virtual programs

Saturday, July 18

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Barbara Perez Marquez
The Cardboard Kingdom Presents:
Exploring Creativity!

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Rick Wright
Drawing with Rick!

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Doomtastic
Panel on fairytale roots in fantasy

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Kahoot Trivia
All things Comics Trivia

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Mica Fetz
D&D with Dungeon Master Mica

Check prattlibrary.org for more details.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

All programs take place online and may require registration. Full details for each program can be found at calendar.prattlibrary.org.

PROGRAMS ON ZOOM

Carrie Sue Ayvar: Once Upon a Time / Habia Una Vez

Wednesday, July 1, 11:00 a.m.

Storyteller Diane Macklin: Succotash Tales

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

Explore the richness of African American stories and traditions with Diane Macklin.

Disguise A Stuffed Animal Challenge

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

Arianna Ross: The Fastest Plane

Wednesday, July 8, 11:00 a.m.

Storyteller Diane Macklin: Fables Rule!

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

ScienceTellers Present "Dragons: Return of the Ice Sorceress"

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

Thursday, August 20, 4:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, July 14, 11:00 a.m.

Code a Fairy Tale in Scratch

Monday, July 13, 4:00 p.m.

Learn the programming language Scratch.

Music with Mr. Jon

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

Saturday, July 25, 11:00 a.m.

Draw-Along Party

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

Roll dice and play games to decide what wild creations to draw next. All ages and experience levels welcome!

Storyteller Diane Macklin:

Small Wonders and Stupendous Feats

Wednesday, July 22, 11:00 a.m.

Animal Tales: Fantastic Creatures and Where They Are Found

Thursday, July 23, 4:00 p.m.

Go on a magical journey to the mystical destination of six new and exciting animal ambassadors.

Eco Adventures: Rainforest Adventure

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

Learn about the importance of saving our rainforests and what role you can play in conservation wherever you may live!

Puppet Sing Along

Tuesday, July 28, 11:00 a.m.

Magic with Bill Packard

Thursday, July 30, 4:00 p.m.

Dance & Bmore: Bmore Family Theater

Saturday, August 1, 11:00 a.m.

A fun and interactive program where creative tools are used to educate youth and families about fire safety, disaster preparedness, conflict resolution, nutrition, self confidence, and finding joy in reading.

The Giggling, Wiggling Bookworm

Monday, August 3, 6:00 p.m.

Draw A Fairy Tale Character

Tuesday, August 4, 4:00 p.m.

Janice the Griot

Wednesday, August 5, 11:00 a.m.

Get Into the Groove: "A Story of Hip Hop" with A Squared

Saturday, August 8, 2:00 p.m.

An immersive performance that takes the audience through the four elements of hip hop: breakdance, DJ, emcee, and graffiti.

STEM Story and Sensory Bottles

Monday, August 10, 4:00 p.m.

Bubble Magician Meadow Perry

Monday, August 10, 6:00 p.m.

GameOn! Fitness Community Class

Wednesday, August 12, 11:00 a.m.

Eco Adventures: What's In Your Backyard?

Thursday, August 27, 4:00 p.m.

Meet the native animals in your backyard!

PROGRAMS ON FACEBOOK

Pratt Virtual Storytime: Live!

Mondays & Thursdays, July 2 – August 27
11:00 a.m.

Cardboard Capers

Thursday, July 2, 4:00 p.m.

Craft fairytale castles using recycled materials.

Create a Magic Bubble Wand

Friday, July 3, 4:00 p.m.

Digital Resources: Family Health & Fitness

Tuesday, July 7, 10:00 a.m.

Create Your Own Story in a Jar

Wednesday, July 8, 1:00 p.m.

Build a Bird Feeder

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

Create a bird feeder from recycled materials.

Make a Nature Mandala

Friday, July 10, 4:00 p.m.

Frozen in July

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

Pretend it's winter with fun activities.

Bubble Fun

Monday, July 20, 4:00 p.m. | Ages 5+

Thursday, August 6, 4:00 p.m. | Ages 2 – 5

Learn how to make your own bubbles at home using simple materials.

Sing Along for Young Children

Tuesday, July 21, 10:00 a.m.

Harry Potter Birthday Party

Friday, July 24, 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate the Boy Who Lived with crafts and snacks you can make at home.

Family Fun Movement and Rhythm

Saturday, July 25, 2:00 p.m.

Explore African-influenced movements of the Caribbean and Latin America while learning a fun energetic dance routine to Calypso Rhythms.

Batik Wall Hanging

Tuesday, July 28, 4:00 p.m.

Salt Painting

Monday, August 3, 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate International Clown Week, and create a salt painting of a clown.

"Imagine Your Story" with Puppets

Friday, August 7, 4:00 p.m.

Make your own puppet and puppet theater. Then, imagine your story!

Make Your Own Dreamcatcher

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

Russian Folklore Storytelling

Wednesday, August 12, 1:00 p.m.

Make a Glass Xylophone

Thursday, August 13, 4:00 pm

Art You Can't Resist

Friday, August 14, 4:00 p.m.

Rock Painting

Friday, August 28, 4:00 p.m.

PROGRAMS ON CROWDCAST

Learn How to Plant with UME Baltimore City Master Gardeners

Monday, July 6, 4:00 p.m.

Anansi Story and Craft

Monday, July 27, 4:00 p.m.

My Gym Community Class

Wednesday, July 29, 11:00 am

Sing, dance, and move in this virtual My Gym Community Class!

Egg Carton Seed Pods

Monday, August 24, 4:00 p.m.



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