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LETTER FROM THE CEO



As I write this we are in a very uncertain time in history. This spring we made the heartbreaking decision to close our library locations to protect both our customers and staff during the COVID-19 outbreak. As library professionals during troubling times it's our instinct to want to bring the community together. This time the best way for us to come together as a city was for everyone to stay apart. I'm so proud of library staff who stepped up immediately to build upon our virtual community to bring the library into so many people's homes.

We beefed up resources in the Pratt eLibrary to serve the thousands of customers who have signed up for digital library cards. Teen Center staff took home the library's 3D printers to help our partner Open Works Baltimore create personal protective gear for healthcare workers. Our Programming staff launched a Spring Reading program, virtual storytimes, and regular online events within days. Our popular Writers LIVE! author talks were converted to

Writers CRIBS! virtual author talks and house tours. Reference librarians continued to take your phone calls, emails, and conduct live online chats all from their homes. Workforce librarians quickly created Unemployment and Small Business Resources Guides and provided one-on-one email assistance to assist those facing financial hardships. Library leaders have partnered with Baltimore City Public Schools to help bridge the digital divide for students.

This is just a small sampling of all the things Pratt staff are doing. I can't wait to welcome everyone back in our doors. But during this time, I want to assure you that when we say the Pratt Library is always here for Baltimore, we mean it. And we will keep finding innovative ways to step up for our city no matter what.

Heidi Daniel
President & Chief Executive Officer

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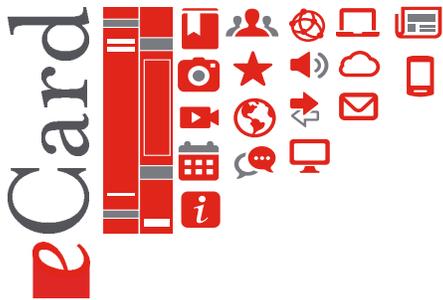
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World Book Online for Kids

This database was developed especially for young public library patrons. The site offers easy-to-read articles and a wealth of engaging multimedia, games, science projects, interactive tools, and activities.

Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos

World Book's excellent editorial content, rich media, and interactive features in Spanish.



Brainfuse: Live Online Tutoring for Students

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- State-Aligned Skills Building
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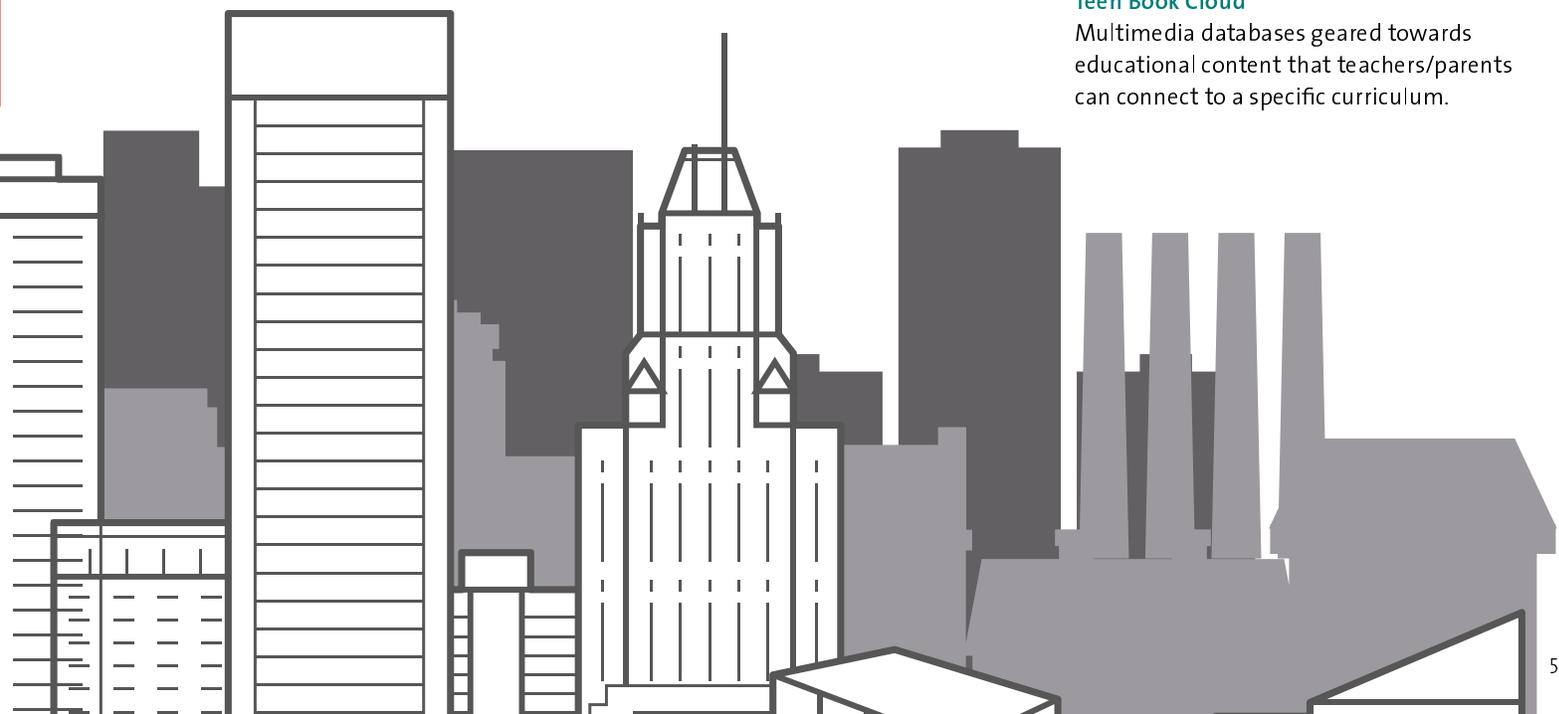
Scholastic Flix Series & Scholastic Teachables

Multimedia databases geared towards educational content that teachers/parents can connect to a specific curriculum.



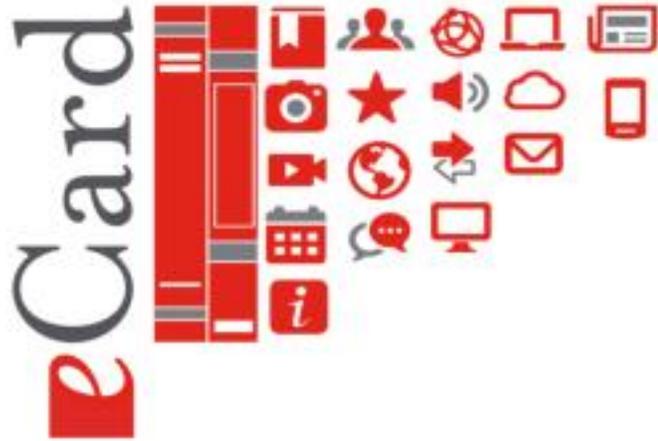
TumbleBooks, TumbleMath, & Teen Book Cloud

Multimedia databases geared towards educational content that teachers/parents can connect to a specific curriculum.



HARD AT WORK

Just because our buildings have closed doesn't mean we stop working to serve you. Take a look at some of what we've accomplished during the past weeks.



Thousands of people signed up for Pratt Library eCards to access digital resources.



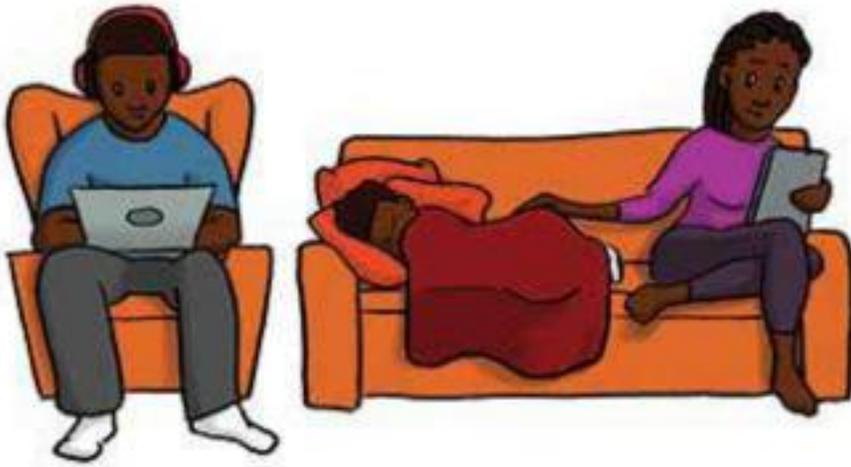
Children's Librarians launched Virtual Storytimes twice a week.

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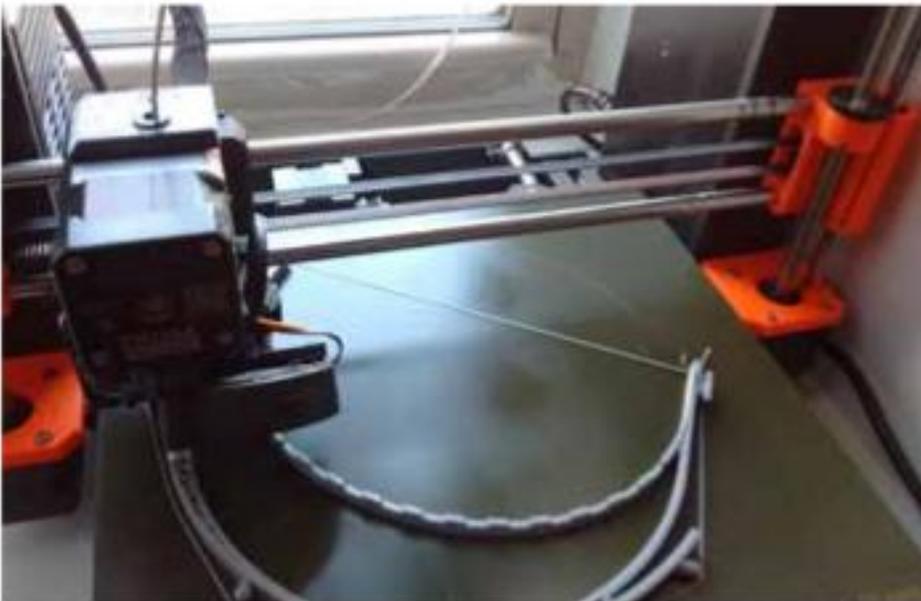
Digital Equity Coordinator launched a Facebook LIVE Tech Time program to answers people's technology questions.



Librarians operated reference services from home by live chat, email, and phone.



Workforce librarians created an Unemployment Guide and Small Business Guide to help those who've suffered financially. They also provided one-on-one consultations through email.



Pratt staff took home the library's 3D printers to print personal protective equipment for healthcare workers in partnership with Open Works Baltimore.



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EXHIBIT

How Long Must We Wait?

The Story of Women's Suffrage

Excerpts from the exhibit in the
Carla D. Hayden Wing of the Central Library,
on display through October 31, 2020.

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which gave the legal right to vote (suffrage) to women. Generations of activists fought for this groundbreaking legislation, and their heroic efforts are crucial to our national story.

Suffragists faced harassment, public ridicule, and, at times, physical violence from opponents of women's equality. Deep divisions arose within the suffrage movement over race, class, goals, and tactics, reflecting a nation with a legacy of racial slavery and gender inequality.

The bold promise of the 19th Amendment fell short in critical aspects following its passage. In a racist backlash, southern states used literacy tests, poll taxes, and other discriminating tactics to disenfranchise African Americans. It has taken decades of civil rights protests and additional legislation to ensure voting rights — and the efforts continue.

This exhibit explores the complex history of the U.S. suffrage movement and the pioneering activists who fought for a just and equitable society, with a special focus on both Maryland and African American suffragists — women who have long been sidelined from the official narrative.

1648 Margaret Brent stands before the Maryland General Assembly asking for the right to vote. Brent argues that as a landowner and executor of the estate of Leonard Calvert, Maryland's first governor, she has the right to two votes.

1840 Abolitionists Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton meet and lay the groundwork for a movement focused on women acquiring legal rights.

1792 British author and philosopher Mary Wollstonecraft publishes *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*, calling for women to be offered the same educational opportunities as men.

1848 A women's rights convention is held in Seneca Falls, New York, where Stanton presents the Declaration of Sentiments, outlining women's legal grievances and an agenda for a women's rights movement that includes a demand for woman suffrage.



Photograph of large crowd of suffragists who took part in Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage procession of May 9, 1914, gathered on the steps of the U.S. Capitol (those in front line, white dresses with sashes, singing "The Woman's March"), advocating a federal amendment securing women's right to vote / Records of the National Woman's Party, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress.



Susan B. Anthony (left) and Elizabeth Cady Stanton (right) / Records of the National Woman's Party, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress.

The end of the Civil War brought renewed focus on women's suffrage. After the National Woman's Rights Convention of 1866, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony formed the American Equal Rights Association (AERA) that worked to "secure Equal Rights to all American citizens, especially the right of suffrage, irrespective of race, color, or sex."

Ongoing pickets outside the White House began in early 1917, but when the U.S. entered World War I later that year, the women faced angry, violent mobs. Arrested for trespassing, several women went on hunger strikes. Prison officials beat and force-fed the women. When the public heard about this brutal treatment, public opinion shifted in the suffragists' favor.



Lucy Burns in Occuquan Workhouse, Washington / Records of the National Woman's Party, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress.

1851 Sojourner Truth delivers her "Ain't I a Woman?" speech at a women's rights convention in Akron, Ohio. Truth's speech calls for equality for women of all races.

1872 Susan B. Anthony and 13 other women attempt to vote in the presidential election. Anthony is arrested and fined \$100, which she refuses to pay. Victoria Woodhull becomes the first woman to run for president.

1881 Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Matilda Joselyn Gage publish the first volume of *History of Woman Suffrage*.

1866 Leaders at the 11th National Women's Rights Convention in New York form the American Equal Rights Association (AERA) "to secure Equal Rights to all American citizens, especially the right of suffrage, irrespective of race, color or sex."

1878 The first woman suffrage amendment is introduced in Congress, but does not pass.

1895 The National Federation of Afro-American Women (NFAAW) is founded under the leadership of Margaret Murray Washington, the first national organization representing African American women.

LIFTING AS WE CLIMB

African American Women and the Suffrage Movement

African American women fought for voting rights from the suffrage movement's inception. By adding their voices to the political system through the vote, they believed they could demand greater equality not only for themselves, but for all black people. Their race consciousness and emphasis on the collective black struggle are critical parts of the African American suffragists' story. As they pursued the women's suffrage agenda in their communities, they emphasized voting rights as a powerful weapon against racial discrimination and a means to uplift the race.

Suffragists such as Ida B. Wells-Barnett and Mary B. Talbert argued that black women's votes were critical to passing antilynching laws and ending the terrorism of racial violence perpetrated against African Americans, particularly in the South.

African American women's participation in the suffrage movement continued with the national black women's club movement. By the end of the 19th century, rival organizations merged to create the National Association of Colored Women (NACW) with Mary Church Terrell as its first president. It was the largest federation of African American women's clubs in the nation, and its department of women's suffrage was notable for the duration of the movement. Nannie Helen Burroughs helped found The Women's Convention (WC) of the National Baptist Convention, which later became the largest body of African American women in the nation.



Mary Church Terrell / Library of Congress.



Nannie Helen Burroughs / Library of Congress.



Mary B. Talbert from *Champion Magazine*, September 1916 / Library of Congress, Rare Book and Special Collections Division

1896 The NFAAW merges with other clubs to form the National Association of Colored Women (NACW) with Mary Church Terrell as its first president.

1907 Harriet Stanton Blatch, daughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, founds the Equality League of Self-Supporting Women (later renamed the Women's Political Union) to recruit more working-class women to the suffrage movement.

1913 Alice Paul and Lucy Burns organize a suffrage parade in Washington, D.C., the day before President Woodrow Wilson's March 4 inauguration. Over 8,000 people attend.

1904 Dr. Anna Howard Shaw becomes president of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association.

1910 The Woman's Political Union (WPU) organizes one of the first large suffrage parades in New York City.

1915 Carrie Chapman Catt becomes president of NAWSA for the second time. Catt allows NAWSA chapters to deny membership to African American women.



Women's Suffrage in Maryland

When Margaret Brent stood before the Maryland General Assembly in 1648 asking for the right to vote, she did not know she would later be viewed as the first suffragist in the United States. Brent argued that as a landowner and executor of the estate of Leonard Calvert, Maryland's first governor, she had the right to two votes. Her request was denied, and women would wait almost 300 years before gaining the right to vote.

Despite its early start, Maryland was one of the last states to ratify the 19th Amendment. It did so on March 29, 1941, and the vote wasn't certified until 1958. Maryland's journey was fraught with conflicts between suffrage groups, racism, and strong opposition as it bumped into long-held Maryland traditions.

Early on, some municipalities allowed women to vote in local elections. In 1900, women voted in a special municipal bond election in Annapolis, and in 1908, Anna Baker Maxwell, Jane Clark Howard, and Lillie Deringer Kelley were the first women to vote in a municipal election in Still Pond.

The presidential election of 1916 rallied suffragists all over the country. Authorities soon began to harass and arrest the protesting women. Though given the option to pay a fine, most chose jail time to show their commitment to the cause. They were sent to the Occoquan Workhouse in Virginia and faced horrible conditions during their incarceration. Among the arrested were Marylanders Julia Emory and Lucy Branham.



Julia Emory, pointing to the "jailed for freedom" pin she received / Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, photograph by Harris & Ewing.



Lucy Branham in Occoquan prison dress, 1919 / Records of the National Woman's Party, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress.



Rendering of Margaret Brent / Library of Congress, Manuscript Division, National American Woman Suffrage Association records.

1916 Jeanette Rankin of Montana becomes the first woman elected to the U.S. Congress.

1918 President Wilson addresses the Senate, giving formal support of a federal voting rights amendment. The amendment falls two votes short of passage.

1920 Tennessee becomes the 36th state to ratify the 19th Amendment. Ratification becomes official and all women achieve the vote.

1917 The National Woman's Party pickets in front of the White House. Suffragists are arrested for obstructing traffic; some are sentenced to months in prison. Alice Paul and others protest by going on hunger strikes and are physically beaten and force-fed.

1919 Wilson convenes a special session of Congress on May 19; the House approves the amendment on May 21 followed by the Senate on June 4.

HAMPDEN BRANCH RENOVATION

A major makeover is underway at the Pratt Hampden Branch, an historic library location that has been serving the Baltimore community since 1900. Improvements include digging out the basement of the building to allow for a new meeting room space and public restrooms. A new ramp system will make the branch handicapped accessible. Upgrades will also be made to the main floor of the library. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of summer, with reopening planned for Fall 2020. In the meantime, Pratt staff are serving the community at the nearby Hampden Family Center located at 1104 W. 36th St.



Summer Challenge 2020

IMAGINE YOUR STORY

Activities, reading challenges, and prizes for all ages.

June 17 – August 12 all Pratt locations
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CHILDRENS

Complete activities to earn prizes!
Track your progress online using Beanstack or pick up a paper gameboard with activities at any branch.

Register and receive a book!

Complete 12 activities to finish the Summer Challenge and earn a Summer Challenge t-shirt, book, and invitation to our end of summer party!

Go above and beyond:
Complete 48 activities to earn a \$5 giftcard.

TEENS

Choose any activity from the list at prattlibrary.org/summerchallenge.

Write the date and the activity you participated in. For every 10 completed activities, you win a prize and are entered in a drawing.

Limit 3 prizes.

Activities Include

- Read a book of your choice.
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- Read a magazine or newspaper.
- Draw a new cover to your favorite book.
- Write or tell your own story.

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ADULTS

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