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LETTER FROM THE CEO

“I am an example of what is possible when girls from the very beginning of their lives are loved and nurtured by people around them. I was surrounded by extraordinary women in my life who taught me about quiet strength and dignity.” — Michelle Obama

First Lady Michelle Obama often speaks about the importance of lifting up women across the world. That is something that strikes close to my heart when I think about the female mentors I’ve had over the years and when I look at my young daughter and the women who will nurture and support her along the way.

2020 marks a very important year for women. It is the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, guaranteeing a woman’s constitutional right to vote. At the Enoch Pratt Free Library, we are celebrating what is being called The Year of the Woman. I can’t think of a better way to kick it off than a new photo exhibit on the 2nd floor of our Central Library showcasing the work of Amanda Lucidon, an Official White House photographer for Michelle Obama. The exhibit, which will be on display starting February 11, contains intimate photos from Lucidon’s new book *Chasing Light*. The book provides a peek at life inside the White House along with some never-before-seen photographs of Michelle Obama. We are so proud to provide access to this exhibit to all of Baltimore.

In addition, we’re excited to be able to welcome the photographer herself, Amanda Lucidon, to the Pratt Central Library on February 11. Her appearance is part of the exciting new Hackerman Foundation Best & Next Speaker Series. This new series allows the Pratt to engage photographers, filmmakers, thought leaders, artists, and others for free public programming. None of this would be possible without the generosity of the Hackerman Foundation.

2020 will be an incredibly exciting year at the Library, with programming surrounding the Year of the Woman. I can’t wait for you to see what we have in store.

Heidi Daniel
President & Chief Executive Officer

The First Lady hugs her daughters Sasha and Malia as they visit the Great Wall of China in Mutianyu, China, March 23, 2014.

See more of Amanda Lucidon’s photos on page 10.

Above and cover photo courtesy of Amanda Lucidon from her book Chasing Light (Ten Speed Press/Penguin Random House).

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The next Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Directors will be held Wednesday, March 4, at 6:15 p.m. in the Central Library.

Writers LIVE! An Artist’s Evolution: Shinique Smith in Conversation with Cara Ober

January 7, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium

Join us for a conversation between creatives about Shinique Smith’s practice and how growing up in Baltimore influenced her path as an artist. She will be in conversation with Cara Ober, founding editor of BmoreArt, Baltimore’s daily online art magazine and biannual print journal.

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Typically, books will be available for purchase from the Ivy Bookshop or Greedy Reads at a signing following the program.

BRUCE KATZ
The New Localism: How Cities Can Thrive in the Age of Populism
Tuesday, January 21, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
Urban experts Bruce Katz and Jeremy Nowak reveal where the real power to create change lies and how it can be used to address our most serious social, economic, and environmental challenges.

CLIFFORD THOMPSON
What It Is
Thursday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
In What It Is, Clifford Thompson turns for guidance to the wisdom of writers he most admires: James Baldwin, Albert Murray, and Joan Didion.

CAITLIN DOUGHTY
Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs?: Big Questions from Tiny Mortals About Death
Wednesday, February 5, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
Caitlin Doughty blends her mortician’s knowledge of the body and the intriguing history behind common misconceptions about corpses to offer factual, hilarious, and candid answers to 35 distinctive questions posed by her youngest fans.

ED MALISKAS
John Brown to James Brown: The Little Farm Where Liberty Budded, Blossomed, and Boogied
Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.
Central Library, African American Department
John Brown to James Brown delves into a distinctively American saga as it unfolds on one small piece of farm property in rural Western Maryland.

JERRY MITCHELL
Race Against Time: A Reporter Reopens the Unsolved Murder Cases of the Civil Rights Era
Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
Presented in partnership with OSI-Baltimore.
In Race Against Time, Jerry Mitchell takes readers on the twisting, pulse-racing road that led to the reopening of four of the most infamous killings from the days of the Civil Rights Movement, decades after the fact.

Love for Lucille
Thursday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
On the 10th anniversary of Lucille Clifton’s passing, join the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the Clifton House, and Zora’s Den in a celebration of her generous spirit and writing.

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What It Is
Thursday, February 27, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
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CRISTAL WILKINSON
The Birds of Opulence
Tuesday, February 4, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
At once tragic and hopeful, The Birds of Opulence is a story about another time, rendered for our own. The residents of Opulence struggle with vexing relationships to the land, to one another, and to their own sexuality. As the members of the youngest generation watch their mothers and grandmothers pass away, they live with the fear of going mad themselves and must fight to survive.

An Evening with Evelyn from the Internets
Thursday, February 27, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
Join us for an evening with Evelyn from the Internets: humor writer, digital storyteller, and host of Say It Loud, a PBS Digital Studios series that celebrates Black culture, context, and history.

Maryland poets, it’s that time again! The Pratt Library is proud to team up with the Little Patuxent Review for our annual poetry contest.

Deadline is March 1, 2020
Full details at prattlibrary.org/poetrycontest

Typically, books will be available for purchase from the Ivy Bookshop or Greedy Reads at a signing following the program.

Full events calendar at prattlibrary.org
In a box in my parents' house in a neighborhood in downtown Baltimore sits a stack of 8.5” x 5” cards with photos and profiles of important black historical figures. At every meal during Black History Month they'd set a card up at an empty space on our dining room table and we'd spend the meal talking about the person profiled in a tradition they dubbed “Dinner Guests.” Some people save a place for Elijah; we saved a place for Shirley Chisholm. The conversations always centered around achievement rather than overcoming. In what I would later realize was a stunning bit of narrative alchemy, they taught us black history lessons that weren’t remarkable because of all the oppression they involved but because of the extraordinariness of the black people at their center.

I thought of this tradition on my first date with my now-husband David. We talked for four hours about the best dinners we’d ever had, the boisterous, convivial parties his aunt and uncle threw at their home, and my parents’ Dinner Guests tradition. I now know that we were setting an intention for ourselves, and the places that we would find comfort, belonging, and transformation. But we didn’t know that then. All we knew was that we liked to eat and we liked to talk and we wanted to keep doing those things, preferably simultaneously, for a long time. Which is as good a foundation for a relationship as any.

I, again, thought of the empty setting at my parents table that had once held space for Dr. Charles Drew and Gwendolyn Brooks as I prepared to bring David home for the first time. He was going to be in Baltimore for a conference and my mother told me I should come down and bring him over.

My parents welcomed David into the house and my mother asked if he had enough time for a tour of the family photos. She ushered him into the dining room where, on one side of the table, hangs a painting I’d commissioned of my mother’s grandfather, NA Smith, baptizing his uncle in a river. Opposite that painting hung two photos of the slave cabin where NA Smith was born. “This is where we begin,” my mother said.

I’ve never taken the photographic tour of my parents’ house. How often does one ask for explanations of things that one should just know about through the osmosis of family history? I knew the people in the photos and I could call to mind most of the anecdotes that they’d provoke, though I could never do it like my mother. My mother has the memory of a griot. Our family’s story spills out of her, spontaneously and authoritatively, a life force all its own. This isn’t something I take lightly. The stories of black life in this nation have never been as well-kept as the stories of white life. We inherit a narrative that is full of sand. There are so many on the outside who want our histories of achievement erased, so we have to save the space for them—in ourselves and in our midst.

“This is where we begin,” she said. NA Smith, my mother’s grandfather, was conceived in slavery but born in freedom. It’s a sentence I know by heart, as every year we celebrated his birthday as NA Smith Day, the day our story began. This is the start of our America.

She led him into the living room, taking care to give the background of every photo—family vacations, class photos the subject was not interested in taking, wedding candids, the painstakingly restored images of black people in sepia tone and formal wear: NA Smith, his wife EP, and their children. Free. Arching toward the future.

We rounded the living room, pausing at every bookshelf and side table, dozens of frames on every surface, and then down a hall back to the dining room. She ended back in the dining room, now on the other side, in front of the painting of NA Smith baptizing his son in a river based on a photo that was nearly 100 years old.

I don’t know where a family’s story ends. Perhaps it never does, as long as someone exists who is searching for it. Every family’s story is a tale of becoming, sometimes through oppression, sometimes through achievement, and sometimes simply through the current of time. We were born grasping after freedom, in a house that could not hold us; every day we get closer to our destination, our features come into view. They can see us now from their seat at the table; we’re coming home.

Set a place for us. We’re coming home; we’re hungry and we have so much to talk about.
In Freedom’s Name
February 3 – 29 | Central Library

In Freedom’s Name is an exhibition that commemorates the many contributions of African Americans in Maryland who have served in uniform as early as 1634 through today. The traveling exhibit, curated by the Maryland Military Historical Society (MDMHS) and Stevenson University’s Department of Public History & Humanities, provides historical context for the accomplishments of African American Marylanders in each of 12 major eras. The first major exhibit of its kind in Maryland, it is also among the largest traveling installations produced in the U.S.

“20 And odd Negroes”: 1619 and the Introduction of Slavery in America
January 4 – 24 | Govans Branch
January 25 – February 15 | Brooklyn Branch
February 16 – March 7 | Hamilton Branch
March 8 – 28 | Southeast Anchor Library
March 29 – April 18 | Light Street Branch

In August 1619, an English ship named the White Lion sailed into the James River and landed near present-day Hampton Roads, Virginia. On board were “20 And odd Negroes” who had likely been stolen from a Portuguese slave ship. This exhibit commemorates 400 years since they involuntarily set foot in the British colony at Jamestown, and in so doing wrote the earliest chapters of the African American experience.

Undesign the Redline
January 1 – 24 | Central Library
Jan. 26 – March 31 | Southeast Anchor Library

Undesign the Redline is a framework for unearthing our most deep, systemic, and entangled crises. This interactive exhibit, workshop series, and curriculum explores the history of structural racism and classism, how these designs compounded each other from 1938 Redlining maps until today, and how we can come together to undesign these systems with intentionality.

RELATED PROGRAMMING:

DOCUMENTARY & DISCUSSION:
GAINING GROUND
Washington Village Branch
Saturday, January 4, 3:30 p.m.

In the midst of the economic meltdown, Gaining Ground explores the innovative, grassroots organizing efforts of the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI).
**HOUSING RIGHTS PRESENTED BY RIGHT TO HOUSING ALLIANCE**

Orleans Street Branch  
Friday, January 10, 10:30 a.m.

The Right to Housing Alliance is a human rights organization led by low-income residents building a movement to transform the housing system in Baltimore to value the principles of human rights.

**FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER’S WORKSHOP**

Herring Run Branch  
Saturdays, January 18 & February 15, 10:00 a.m.

Information about real estate agents, down payments, grants, and loan programs for first-time homebuyers. Presented by Belair Edison Neighborhoods, Inc.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOMEOWNERSHIP INFORMATION SESSION**

Govans Branch  
Thursday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.

**BALTIMORE’S CIVIL RIGHTS HERITAGE: SHAPING THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT**

Central Library  
Monday, January 27, 6:30 p.m.

Brooklyn Branch  
Thursday, February 20, 6:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Avenue Branch  
Thursday, January 30, 6:30 p.m.

Southeast Anchor Library  
Tuesday, February 25, 6:30 p.m.

Baltimore Heritage has spent three years documenting Baltimore’s Civil Rights legacy for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Join the organization’s executive director, Mr. Johns Hopkins, to learn more of how Baltimore has shaped the Civil Rights Movement for over 100 years.

**INTRO TO HOME-BUYING WORKSHOP**

Cherry Hill Branch  
Thursday, February 6, 6:00 p.m.

Forest Park Branch  
Thursday, February 20, 6:00 p.m.

**MLK DAY EVENTS**

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**CENTRAL LIBRARY**

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Lecture: D.O.P.E. Dad 101  
Sunday, January 19, 3:30 p.m.  

**NORTHWOOD BRANCH**

Adult Trivia: MLK Edition  
Monday, January 13, 6:00 p.m.

**WASHINGTON VILLAGE BRANCH**

Documentary & Discussion: In Remembrance of Martin  
Monday, January 27, 6:00 p.m.

———— TEENS ————

**PATTERSON PARK BRANCH**

Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Wednesday, January 15, 3:30 p.m.

———— CHILDREN & FAMILIES ————

**CENTRAL LIBRARY**

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration 2020: “A Celebration of Freedom”  
Sunday, January 19, 2:00 p.m.  
*Featuring tenor Charles Sullivan, former soloist with the Morgan State University Choir.*

**HERRING RUN BRANCH**

MLK Themed Book Share  
Tuesday, January 21, 3:30 p.m.

**WALBROOK BRANCH**

Children’s Author Visit: Sharon Langley  
Saturday, January 18, 3:00 p.m.  
*Sharon Langley will discuss the picture book A Ride to Remember: A Civil Rights Story.*

**Dr. Mae Jemison**

Wednesday, February 19, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Central Hall

Astronaut, engineer, entrepreneur, physician, and educator, Dr. Mae Jemison is at the forefront of integrating the physical and social sciences with art and culture to solve problems and foster innovation. Jemison leads 100 Year Starship®, a global initiative seed funded through a competitive grant from DARPA to ensure the capabilities for human travel to another star within the next 100 years while transforming life on Earth.

Jemison served six years as a NASA astronaut and was the first woman of color in the world to go into space aboard a joint space shuttle mission with the Japanese space agency.

This program is part of ongoing 2020 Women’s Vote Centennial Initiative conversations at the Pratt Library.

*The Brown Lecture Series is supported by the Eddie C. and C. Sylvia Brown Foundation.*
BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS

_______ ADULTS _______

CANTON BRANCH
Baltimore in the 1950s: A Mid-Century Look at People, Places, and Priorities
Saturday, February 8, 2:00 p.m.
At Dnipro Ukrainian Club: 3101 O’Donnell St. (across the street from the Canton Branch).
Presented by Jack Burkert from the Baltimore Museum of Industry.
Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and Francis Harper: 19th Century Freedom Fighters
Saturday, February 8, 2:00 p.m.
At Dnipro Ukrainian Club: 3101 O’Donnell St. (across the street from the Canton Branch).
Presented by Jack Burkert from the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Let’s Make History!
Saturday, Feb. 22, 2:00 p.m.
Create print, video, or audio art using equipment in the Creation Station and recording studio. Pizza included!
to register, call 410-396-5486 or email teen@prattlibrary.org.

EDMONDSON AVENUE BRANCH
Black History Month Trivia
All of February

GOVANS BRANCH
Manga Drawing Lessons
Monday, February 3, 3:30 p.m.
To celebrate Black History Month, we’ll focus on African American characters in anime, manga, and comics!
Teen Creative Writing: Making A Zine
Monday, February 10, 3:30 p.m.
We’ll focus our discussions and creations about race and history!
Teen Book Discussion
Monday, February 24, 3:30 p.m.
We’ll focus on African American and African characters in comics and literature!

HAMILTON BRANCH
Teen Movie Night: Black Futures Month Series
Wednesdays, February 5 & 19, 3:00 p.m.
Watch and discuss afromuturistic movies with us! Think Black Panther and Janelle Monae.

NORTHWOOD BRANCH
Black History Buttons
Thursdays, February 13 & 20, 3:45 p.m.

REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH
African American Poets Blackout Poetry
Monday, February 3, 4:00 p.m.

ROLAND PARK BRANCH
Button Making
Tuesday, February 4, 3:30 p.m.
Create your own buttons with inspirational quotes from African Americans.

WASHINGTON VILLAGE BRANCH
Freedom Quilt Squares
Saturday, February 1, 3:30 p.m.
Please visit the branch or call 410-396-1099 to register.
Black History Trivia
Wednesday, February 12, 3:30 p.m.

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CENTRAL LIBRARY
Little Leaders Book Club
Mondays, February 3 – 24, 11:00 a.m.
Each week, we’ll make art or explore STEM projects based on one person from the book Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History — Alma Woodsey, Thomas Bessie Coleman, Dr. Mae Jemison, and Nina Simone.

CHERRY HILL BRANCH
Black History Trivia
Friday, February 28, 3:30 p.m.

EDMONDSON AVENUE BRANCH
Black History Trading Cards
All of February

LIGHT STREET BRANCH
The Life of Harriet Tubman
Saturday, February 22, 11:00 a.m.
Reenactor Gina Lee will share the story of Harriet Tubman’s life.

SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY
Black History Month Fact Find
All of February

WASHINGTON VILLAGE BRANCH
Documentary & Discussion:
Soul Food Junkies
Monday, February 3, 6:00 p.m.
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Films @ the Pratt

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Once Upon a Time in Hollywood
Saturday, February 8, 1:30 p.m.

CANTON BRANCH
Marianne & Leonard: Words of Love
Saturday, January 25, 11:00 a.m.

Eve's Bayou
Saturday, February 29, 11:00 a.m.

EDMONDSON AVENUE
The Best of Enemies ◊
Monday, February 24, 5:00 p.m.

HERRING RUN BRANCH
Crawl
Wednesday, January 15, 3:30 p.m.

Fences ◊
Saturday, February 1, 2:00 p.m.

Race ◊
Saturday, February 22, 2:00 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH
The Weekend
Monday, January 6, 5:00 p.m.

Don't Let Go
Monday, January 13, 5:00 p.m.

Angel Has Fallen
Monday, January 27, 5:00 p.m.

Good Boys
Monday, February 3, 5:00 p.m.

Love Jones ◊
Wednesday, February 5, 5:30 p.m.

Do the Right Thing ◊
Wednesday, February 12, 5:30 p.m.

REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH
The Learning Tree ◊
Thursday, January 9, 6:00 p.m.

Selma ◊
Saturday, January 18, 1:00 p.m.

Glory
Saturday, February 29, 1:00 p.m.

ROLAND PARK BRANCH
Where Angels Fear to Tread
Wednesday, February 5, 10:30 a.m.

SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY
Ma
Saturday, January 4, 2:00 p.m.

The Intruder
Saturday, January 18, 2:00 p.m.

Fences ◊
Saturday, February 1, 2:00 p.m.

For Colored Girls ◊
Tuesday, February 18, 2:00 p.m.

WAVERLY BRANCH
Isn't It Romantic
Thursday, February 13, 5:30 p.m.

Race ◊
Thursday, February 20, 5:30 p.m.

HERRING RUN BRANCH
Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw
Saturday, January 4, 2:00 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH
Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw
Monday, February 24, 5:00 p.m.

REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH
Hairspray
Thursday, January 23, 3:30 p.m.

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse
Thursday, February 20, 3:30 p.m.

ROLAND PARK BRANCH
Aladdin
Wednesday, January 8, 12:30 p.m.

Queen of Katwe
Wednesday, February 5, 12:30 p.m.

WALBROOK BRANCH
Tokyo Godfathers
Friday, January 10, 3:00 p.m.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

CENTRAL LIBRARY
The Lion King (2019)
Saturday, January 11, 2:00 p.m.

Cool Runnings
Saturday, January 25, 2:00 p.m.

Frozen
Saturday, February 22, 2:00 p.m.
Includes a sing-along! Costumes encouraged!

CANTON BRANCH
Dora and the Lost City of Gold
Saturday, January 4, 11:00 a.m.

The Lion King
Saturday, February 1, 11:00 a.m.

CLIFTON BRANCH
In Remembrance of Martin ◊
Wednesday, January 15, 3:00 p.m.

Jackie Robinson ◊
Friday, February 21, 3:00 p.m.

HAMILTON BRANCH
Microcosmos
Wednesday, January 15, 3:00 p.m.

The Cookie Tree
Wednesday, January 29, 3:00 p.m.

Sherlock Jr.
Wednesday, February 12, 3:00 p.m.

Dora and the Lost City of Gold
Wednesday, February 26, 3:00 p.m.

HERRING RUN BRANCH
The Lion King (2019)
Saturday, January 25, 2:00 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH
Penguins of Madagascar
Saturday, January 11, 2:00 p.m.

Home
Saturday, February 15, 2:00 p.m.

REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH
Cinderella
Wednesday, January 8, 3:00 p.m.

The Princess and the Frog
Tuesday, February 4, 3:30 p.m.

Glory Road ◊
Thursday, February 6, 6:00 p.m.

The Lego Ninjago Movie
Tuesday, February 18, 3:30 p.m.

ROLAND PARK BRANCH
Aladdin (1992)
Thursday, January 16, 5:00 p.m.

Shaun the Sheep
Saturday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 20, 5:00 p.m.

Maryland Public Television’s Indie Lens Pop-Up Series

ALWAYS IN SEASON ◊
Clifton Branch
Thursday, February 6, 5:30 p.m.

Hamilton Branch
Monday, February 24, 5:30 p.m.

Roland Park Branch
Thursday, January 23, 6:00 p.m.
In this documentary, descendants of the victims and perpetrators of lynching are working together to heal a violent history.

THE FIRST RAINBOW COALITION ◊
Roland Park Branch
Thursday, January 2, 6:00 p.m.
Banding together in one of the most segregated cities in post-war America, the Rainbow Coalition changed the face of 1960s Chicago politics and created an organizing model for future activists and politicians.

Full events calendar at prattlibrary.org
Amanda Lucidon, *Chasing Light*

Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.

Amanda Lucidon is an award-winning documentarian, filmmaker, and former freelance *New York Times* photographer who served as an official White House photographer responsible for documenting First Lady Michelle Obama and President Barack Obama from 2013 to 2017. One of only a few female White House photographers in history, Lucidon's work has been honored by Pictures of the Year International, National Press Photographers Association Best of Photojournalism, and the White House News Photographers Association, among others.

Lucidon's photographs of First Lady Michelle Obama were compiled and released in the books *Chasing Light* and *Reach Higher* (an adaption for young readers). The collection of 150 candid photographs was combined with Lucidon's reflections on documenting the former First Lady's lauded efforts to fight childhood obesity, ensure educational options for girls around the world, and provide support to military veterans and families. These efforts reflected a new side of one of the world's most admired public figures.

An accomplished speaker on many topics, Lucidon speaks about the intersection of politics and art. Her talks draw from her time working within the Obama Administration and show how crucial photography and visual images have been to our understanding of the world around us and to achieving political change in the ongoing fight for civil rights and social justice. She is currently a photographer, filmmaker, *New York Times*-bestselling author, and public speaker. Lucidon is also the co-founder of Grounded, an organization that combines arts and mindfulness practices to reduce violence and address trauma. She lives in Memphis, Tennessee, with her husband and daughter.

Books will be available for purchase at a signing after the program.

Speaker series made possible by The Hackerman Foundation.


Above photos of Amanda Lucidon (left) taken by Alan Spearman and (right) by Lawrence Jackson.
Left: The First Lady attends the Beyoncé concert with friends and family at the M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, Maryland, June 10, 2016.
Center: President Obama and Mrs. Obama share a moment in the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House, March 27, 2015.

Right: First Lady Michelle Obama participates in a discussion with President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Freida Pinto, and students at R.S. Caufield Senior High School in Unification Town, Liberia, June 27, 2016.

**What Does 2020 Have in Store for You?**

**Yoga for Everyone**

Deep breathing, relaxation, basic yoga poses, and stretching — these mixed-level classes are open to those brand new to yoga. Bring your own yoga mat. Presented by instructors from BYFree.

**Central Library**
- **New Year, New Healthy Habits**
  - Wednesdays, January 8 – 29, 6:00 p.m.
- **Conquering Debt**
  - Wednesday, January 15, 12:00 p.m.
- **Genealogy Circle Meeting: Historic Maryland Newspapers Project**
  - Saturday, January 18, 10:30 a.m.
  - Led by Pamela McClanahan, Digital Projects Librarian with University of Maryland Libraries.
- **How to Start and Maintain a Nonprofit**
  - Thursday January 23, 1:00 p.m.
  - Led by Shana Roth-Gormley, Pro Bono Coordinator Community Law Center.
- **Investing 101**
  - Wednesday, February 12, 12:00 p.m.
- **One Less Victim: Self-Defense Workshop**
  - Wednesday, February 12, 5:30 p.m.
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  - Saturday, February 22, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  - Network, discover local resources, and attend presentations.

**Canton Branch**
- **Strength Training for Seniors**
  - Saturday, January 18, 2:00 p.m.
  - Led by Emily Socolinsky of Fivex3 Training.

**Cherry Hill Branch**
- **Jamercise**
  - Wednesdays, January 8 – February 26, 4:30 p.m.
  - Call 410-396-1168 to register.
- **Jamercise Advanced**
  - Thursdays, January 9 – February 27, 4:30 p.m.
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**Herring Run Branch**
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**Hamiton Branch**
- **Yoga for Beginners**
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  - Led by Surya Allamraju of Sunshine Yoga.
- **Mindful Meditation**
  - Mondays, January 6, 13, & 27, February 3, 10, & 24, 10:00 a.m.
  - Thursdays, January 9 – February 27, 12:00 p.m.
  - Led by Surya Allamraju of Sunshine Yoga.

**Writers LIVE!**

**Dr. Neal Barnard**

**Your Body in Balance: The New Science of Food, Hormones, and Health**

Central Library, France-Merrick Creative Arts Center
Thursday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.


Books will be available for purchase after the program.

Writers LIVE! programs are supported in part by a bequest from The Miss Howard Hubbard Adult Programming Fund. Reopening activities are made possible in part by a generous gift from Sandra R. Berman.
HERRING RUN BRANCH
Stepping at the Pratt
Thursdays, January 2, 16, 23, & 30, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays, January 4, 11, & 25, February 1, 8, 22, & 29, 11:00 a.m.

LIGHT STREET BRANCH
MixxedFit
Thursdays, January 9 – 30, 6:30 p.m.
Led by Ciera Moore.

NORTHWOOD BRANCH
Ask an Urban Beekeeper
Thursday, January 30, 6:00 p.m.
An introduction to beekeeping with Michelle Bailey-Hedgepath of BeeMore.

SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY
Zumba Classes
Saturdays, starting February 1

My Gym Community Class
Sundays, January 12 & February 9, 2:00 p.m.
Presented by Eclectic Soul Yoga. One adult must attend with each child under 5 years old.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP: WORKING TOGETHER ACROSS DIFFERENCES
Sunday, January 19, 2:00 p.m.
Presented by facilitator Brittany T. Oliver.
Families are encouraged to attend together.

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Family Yoga
Sundays, January 12 & February 9, 2:00 p.m.
Presented by Dr. Nicole Bossard of TGC Consulting, Inc. Call 410-396-6053 to register.

WALBROOK BRANCH
Teen Photography Workshops
Saturday, January 25 & February 22, 2:00 p.m.

WASHINGTON VILLAGE BRANCH
Animation Action
Saturday, January 25, 3:30 pm
Learn about and experiment with green screen and stop-motion animation. Space is limited, please visit the branch or call 410-396-1099 to register.

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TEENS

CHERRY HILL BRANCH
Beautiful Hair Tips for the New Year
Saturday, January 11, 1:00 p.m.

CLIFTON BRANCH
Teen Finance Club
Saturdays, starting February 1, 11:00 a.m.

EDMONDS AVENUE BRANCH
LifeHacks: Teach Yourself to Treat Yourself
Thursday, February 13, 2:30 p.m.

HAMILTON BRANCH
Adulting 101
Wednesday, January 8, 3:00 p.m.
Monday, February 10, 3:00 p.m.
Want to know how to file your taxes, write a resume, change a tire, start a business, or look for an apartment?

PATTERSON PARK BRANCH
New Year’s Party
Thursday, January 2, 3:30 p.m.
We’ll write resolutions and talk about effective planning strategies for reaching our goals. Snacks will be provided.

Teen Toolkit: Financial Literacy
Monday, January 13, 4:00 p.m.

Let’s Talk Food Systems!
Tuesday, January 21, 4:00 p.m.
This activity will be the launch of teen garden programs at the Patterson Park Branch.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLANNING
Tuesday, February 18, 4:00 p.m.

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Computer Gaming Tournament
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COMMUNITY WORKSHOP: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS
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Presented by facilitator Brittany T. Oliver.
Families are encouraged to attend together.

GOVANS BRANCH
My Gym Community Class
Saturdays, January 11 & 25, 11:00 a.m.
Call 443-984-4922 to register

FOREST PARK BRANCH
MyPlate Introduction
Monday, January 27, 4:00 p.m.
Kids and caregivers can learn about the new dietary guidelines taught in schools with a fun craft about food choices. Snacks will be provided.

NORTHWOOD BRANCH
Send a Smile Drive
All of January
Help us collect toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotions, and body wash to donate to the Loch Raven VA Clinic. On February 3, help us put together the care packages!

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Killers of the Flower Moon
The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI
David Grann
Wednesday, January 15, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library