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Library Friends Meetings

CITYWIDE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
Edmondson Avenue Branch
Saturday, September 21, 10:15 a.m.
FRIENDS OF THE CANTON BRANCH
Monday, September 16, 6:30 p.m.
FRIENDS OF THE LIGHT STREET BRANCH
Saturday, September 14 & October 12, 2 p.m.
FRIENDS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH
Wednesday, September 25, 6 p.m.
FRIENDS OF THE ROLLERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH
Thursdays, September 12 & October 10, 1 p.m.

Help Us Save Paper & Postage

You can now find the complete issue of Compass on the Pratt Library’s website, prattlibrary.org. If you receive the print version in the mail but would prefer to read online, you can ask to be removed from the mailing list. Email events@prattlibrary.org or call 410-396-5494 with your name and mailing address.

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Compass is published six times a year by the Marketing & Communications Department.

Enoch Pratt Free Library
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The mission of the Enoch Pratt Free Library is to provide equal access to information, services, and opportunities that empower, enrich, and enhance the quality of life for all.
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Ceiling detail from the Earl Center for Teen Learning and Leadership.
LETTER FROM THE CEO

“When years shall have passed away; when the founder and we his contemporaries have departed; when this City has doubled its population, and this Library, always growing, offers to the Baltimore of another century the works of authors now unborn; when Science shall have realized some of its proudest hopes, and answers have been found to some of the enigmas which now perplex mankind; while all the time this Institution has been faithful to its duty of disseminating among the people whatever is best in human thought, then let a balance sheet be struck and an estimate of this great benefaction be made up, then let some Baltimorean of the twentieth century stand where I am standing, and, seeing clearly the past as I see dimly the future, remind his fellow-citizens what they owe Enoch Pratt.”

Those are the words spoken by Baltimore Mayor James Hodges on January 4, 1886 during the dedication of the Enoch Pratt Free Library. Today, that future he saw dimly is a reality as the historic Central Library reopens after a $115 million restoration. The Library will come to life with authors whose works spark inspiration and conversation. The Business, Science, and Technology wing now includes a state-of-the-art Job and Career Center to help everyone who walks through the doors reach their fullest potential. The latest technology is available to all in the new Best & Next Department. Kids can dive into a world of imagination as they go under the sea in the new Children’s Library. The possibilities are endless for young adults with a new video and audio recording studio and an expanded Teen Reading and Resource Room.

For 133 years, the Pratt Library has indeed faithfully provided access to information for all. But I’m not sure even Mayor Hodges could have dreamt of the impact this Library would have on so many people. On behalf of every Marylander whose lives have been touched, I’m proud to be the one to stand here and say thank you, Enoch Pratt. What we owe you is beyond measure.

Heidi Daniel
President & Chief Executive Officer

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The next Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Directors will be held Wednesday, September 18, at 6:15 p.m. in Central Library.
HONORING THE MEMORY, CAREER & BEQUEST OF HENRY LOUIS MENCKEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
10 A.M. – 5 P.M.
CENTRAL LIBRARY

For the full details of the day’s events, including Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Will Englund’s Memorial Lecture, go to CALENDAR.PRATTLIBRARY.ORG/EVENT/MENCKEN_DAY_2019

Writers LIVE!

WRITERS LIVE! IS SUPPORTED IN PART BY THE MISS HOWARD HUBBARD ADULT PROGRAMMING FUND. THE BROWN LECTURE SERIES IS SUPPORTED BY THE EDDIE C. AND C. SYLVIA BROWN FAMILY FOUNDATION.
FOR THE FULL WRITERS LIVE CALENDAR, GO TO PAGE 15

REBECCA MAKKAI
The Great Believers
CENTRAL LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 7:00 PM

The intertwining stories in The Great Believers take us through the heartbreak of the 80s and the chaos of the modern world as characters struggle to find goodness in the midst of disaster.

BROWN LECTURE
VALERIE JARRETT
Finding My Voice: My Journey to the West Wing and the Path Forward
CENTRAL LIBRARY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 7:00 PM

Valerie Jarrett is a senior advisor to the Obama Foundation, a Senior Distinguished Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School, and Board Chair of When We All Vote.

DAN RATHER
What Unites Us
CENTRAL LIBRARY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 7:00 PM

With more than 60 years spent chronicling our world and nation, few can match the authority, experience, and perspective that Dan Rather brings to almost any subject.

BROWN LECTURE
DOROTHY BUTLER GILLIAM
Trailblazer: A Pioneering Journalist’s Fight to Make the Media Look More Like America
CENTRAL LIBRARY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7:00 PM

Dorothy Butler Gilliam, whose 50-year career as a journalist put her in the forefront of the fight for social justice, offers a comprehensive view of racial relations and the media in the U.S.

A podcast of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, this series features conversations between leaders and innovators having a positive impact on Baltimore City.

To listen visit prattlibrary.org/bmorepodcast
Where We Came From

The Enoch Pratt Free Library is one of the oldest free public library systems in the United States. The following chronology of the major events in the 130-year history of Every Person’s Favorite Library is excerpted from the “Celebrate Central” exhibit now on display in the Carla D. Hayden Wing at Central Library.

1882
Enoch Pratt gifts the City of Baltimore a Central Library, four branch libraries, and an endowment totaling $83,333.33.

1886
The Central Library on Mulberry Street opens. Harry S. Cummins becomes the first African American to get a Pratt Library card.

1904 – 1905
The Central Library creates a public card catalog.

1905 – 1908
Andrew Carnegie donates $300,000 to the Library to build new library branches in memory of his mentor, Enoch Pratt.

1927
Baltimore voters approved (by a margin of almost 3 to 1) a $3 million loan to build a new Central Library building.

1931
Construction on the new Central Library begins.

1933
Central Library opens at 400 Cathedral Street. It was designed by Architects Clyde N. Fritz and Nelson Fritz of Baltimore.

1943
The Library begins a horse-drawn book wagon service.

1949
The Pratt Library’s first bookmobile begins to make rounds, bringing a collection of 9,000 books to neighborhoods of Baltimore.

1951
Amy Winslow becomes the first female Director of the Pratt Library.

1971
The MaryLand General Assembly designates the Central Library as the State Library Resource Center for Maryland.

1981
Anna Curry becomes the first African American Director of the Library.

1991
First public computers are installed in Central Library.

1993
Dr. Carla Hayden becomes the Pratt Library’s 10th Director.

1994
The Pratt Library is the first public library in Maryland to offer Internet access to customers.

1995
The Library’s first website goes live.

1998
Compass, the Pratt Library’s bimonthly newsletter of events, publishes its first edition.

2001
Eddie and Sylvia Brown donate $1 million to the Library for the Eddie and Sylvia Brown African American Collection.

2016
Groundbreaking ceremony for historic $115 million renovation of the Central Library.

President Barack Obama nominates Dr. Carla Hayden as the 14th Librarian of Congress. Dr. Hayden is the first woman and first African American to serve in the role.

2017
Heidi Daniel becomes the Pratt Library’s 11th President & CEO.

2018
Pratt Library expands service hours by more than 30% across the city of Baltimore thanks to additional funding from both the state and the city. The Pratt becomes one of the first fine-free public library systems on the East Coast.

2019
The Pratt celebrates the Grand Reopening of the Central Library.
2019

Where We’re Going

Celebrate the Pratt’s Journey at our Grand Reopening Block Party
Saturday, September 14 | 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Ribbon Cutting @ Noon

Re-opening activities are made possible in part by a generous gift from Sandra R. Berman.

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FAMILY FUN & MORE
All Day Virtual Tour of the Central Library
123 Andrés!
Face Painting
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Temporary Tattoos
3D Printers
Prize Drawings
Dance & Bmore

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Morgan State Choir
Griots Circle of Maryland
Ryan Institute Step Team
Whether you need help putting together your first resume, want to start a business, or jump into nonprofit management, the Pratt Library is a limitless resource for you. We’ve partnered with local entrepreneurs and nonprofits alike because we believe in our neighbors and our city. Together, we’re building a stronger Baltimore.

Featuring state-of-the-art technology, the Robert S. Hillman Job and Career Center is the nerve center for a robust slate of programming at our Central Library. You can find similar programming and resources at several of our branches, and of course there is the Mobile Job Center, which visits communities throughout the city to provide support where access to services can be challenging. The vehicle features 12 individual computer workstations, a print collection, and library staff to help with basic computer assistance; creating resumes and cover letters; databases on careers and test preparation; information on training programs; and much, much more.

FOR FULL DETAILS ON EACH PROGRAM AND RESOURCE WE OFFER, GO TO PRATTLIBRARY.ORG OR ASK ONE OF OUR STAFF FOR ASSISTANCE.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

JOB PREP BOOTCAMP
Friday, September 6 & Saturday, October 19, 11 a.m.
Get insider information with Lisa Wingfield, Recruiter with LWC.

HELP FOR THE JUSTICE INVOLVED
Fridays, September 6 – October 25, 12 p.m.
Led by the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation.

JOB AND CAREER HELP FOR VETERANS
Mondays, September 9 – October 28, 10 a.m.
Led by a specialist from Easterseals.

RESUME REVIEWS AND TIPS
Thursday, September 12, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, September 17, 12 p.m.
Thursday, October 24, 10 a.m.
Get insider information with Lisa Wingfield, Recruiter with LWC.

CAREER CLINIC
Monday, September 16, 10 a.m.
Monday, October 21, 10 a.m.

RESUME WRITING
Tuesday, September 24, 10 a.m.
Led by the Center for Urban Families.

CORNERSTONE OPEN HIRING EVENT
Wednesday, October 23, 10 a.m.
Inquire about available positions, including warehouse and administrative assistant jobs. Applications can be completed and received during this event.

STARTING A BUSINESS 101
Thursday, September 12, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 2, 5:30 p.m.
Facilitated by Shymaine Davis, CPA, Greater Baltimore Urban League.

YES! YOU’RE A SMALL BUSINESS
Tuesday, September 24, 6 p.m.
Saturday, October 26, 10 a.m.

WRITING A WINNING GRANT PROPOSAL
Wednesday, October 2, 10:30 a.m.

RESUME & INTERVIEW REBOOT
Thursday, October 3, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, October 30, 5 p.m.
Led by Natasha OrtizFortier of Creative Career Chic.

MOCK INTERVIEWS WITH RESUME REVIEWS
Friday, October 4, 11 a.m.
Friday, October 11, 1 p.m.
Get insider information with Lisa Wingfield, Recruiter with LWC.

MOCK INTERVIEWS
Tuesday, October 22, 10 a.m.
Led by the Center for Urban Families.

LEARN WHAT’S NEW IN RESUMES
Monday, October 28, 6 p.m.
Get insider information with Lisa Wingfield, Recruiter with LWC.

FOREST PARK BRANCH

RESUME CLINIC
Mondays, September 9 – October 28, 11:30 a.m.
Schedule a 60-minute appointment to have your current resume reviewed. Call 410-396-0942 to schedule an appointment.

HAMPTON BRANCH

JOB HUNTING WORKSHOP
Monday, September 9, 11:30 a.m.

BASIC BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT
Saturday, September 28, 1 p.m.

BASIC 15 MIN CAREER COACHING SESSIONS
Wednesday, October 9, 11 a.m.

THE ART OF INTERVIEWING 101
Monday, October 28, 11:30 a.m.

REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH

GROW YOUR BUSINESS
Thursday, October 3, 5 p.m.
In partnership with BB&T, this seminar will make sure your business is ready for growth. Call 410-396-0948 to register.

WAVERLY BRANCH

RESUME REVAMP
Thursdays, September 12 & October 25, 1 p.m.
With Natasha OrtizFortier of Creative Career Chic. Please bring a copy of your resume and the position description of the job you seek.

RESUME TIPS AND INTERVIEW STRATEGIES
Mondays, September 16 & October 28, 11:30 a.m.
Bring your resume for critique with Natasha OrtizFortier, Founder of Creative Career Chic.
Join us for a month-long celebration of science, technology, engineering and math! Featuring dozens of hands-on experiments and local expert-led workshops, the Pratt Library is a proud participant in the 2019 Maryland STEM festival.

CENTRAL LIBRARY
CREATE YOUR OWN JUNGLE
Wednesday, October 16, 4 p.m.
Recommended for ages 5+ and parents. All abilities welcome.

ALL ABOUT ANIMALS
WITH IRVINE NATURE CENTER
Saturday, October 19, 2 p.m.
Meet some wild animals and learn about their amazing survival skills.

BROOKLYN BRANCH
FUN WITH NINTENDO LABO
Tuesday, October 15, 4 p.m.
Come learn about how the Nintendo Switch works by building (and playing with) fun cardboard game controllers!

CANTON BRANCH
CRAFT LAB: PAPER AIRPLANES
Wednesday, October 23, 4 p.m.

CLIFTON BRANCH
STOP-ACTION RECORDING
Tuesdays in October, 3:30 p.m.
Create your own original stop-action movie to be shown at Clifton for the STEM Festival. Call (410-396-0984) or email Mrs. Burdell (clf@prattlibrary.org) at the Clifton Branch to register.

GOVANS BRANCH
BALLOON-POWERED CARS
Tuesday, October 15, 3:30 p.m.

3D PRINTING
Monday, October 21, 3:30 p.m.
Learn to create customizable 3D projects in TinkerCAD, and make them real with the 3D printer.

PAPER AND FLIGHT
Thursday, October 24, 3:30 p.m.

HERRING RUN BRANCH
3D PRINTER DEMO
Tuesday, October 8, 3:30 p.m.
Curious about 3d printing? Do not miss this introductory workshop about 3d printing with an inciteful Q&A.

INTRO TO TINKERCAD
Wednesday, October 16, 3:30 p.m.
Help us celebrate the Maryland STEM Festival by diving into 3D design and creation with Tinkercad.

FOREST PARK BRANCH
CS FIRST TWEEN CODING CLUB
Mondays, October 7, 21, and 28 & November 4, 4 p.m.
Learn how to use Scratch 3.0 in this 4-week starter course for 4th and 5th graders. Please, call (410) 396-0942 to register.

HOPSCOTCH KID CODERS
Tuesday, October 15, 4 p.m.
Learn about early computational thinking in this active introduction to coding through Hopscotch Coder.

LIGHT STREET BRANCH
LEGO CHALLENGE
Tuesday, October 22, 3:30 p.m.

NORTHWOOD BRANCH
TOUCHDOWN ON THE MOON
Thursday, October 24, 3:30 p.m.
Learn how NASA designs landing craft, and use scientific and engineering principles to design your own landing craft.

PATTERSON BRANCH
STARRY NIGHT PICTURES
Tuesday, October 15, 3 p.m.
Learn about the solar system and make a starry night picture to take home.

STRETCHY UNIVERSE SLIME
Tuesday, October 29, 3 p.m.
Learn about our expanding universe and make your own stretchy universe slime.

ORLEANS STREET BRANCH
BLOCK PARTY
Monday, October 28, 4 p.m.
Do you or your children love building with LEGO? Enjoy a multitude of LEGO fun with our very own Block Party where we will have crafts, games, a movie, and SNACKS!

SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY
MERMAID SLIME
Tuesday, October 22, 3:30 p.m.
Make sparkly pearly mermaid slime!

STEM FAMILY STORYTIME:
OCEAN IN A BOTTLE
Saturday, October 12, 11 a.m.
Learn about surface tension and density while making soothing ocean-themed sensory bottles.

STEM FAMILY STORYTIME:
ROCK CYCLE
Saturday, October 19, 11 a.m.
How are rocks formed? We’ll use squishy candies to learn about sedimentary, metamorphic, and igneous rocks, and then eat the results!

CHEMISTRY IN THE LIBRARY:
MARVELOUS METALS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2 P.M., GOVANS BRANCH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2 P.M., LIGHT STREET BRANCH
Join a chemist from the Army Research Laboratory and the American Chemical Society and participate in hands-on experiments exploring the properties and uses of metals. 7- and 8-year-olds must be accompanied by an adult. Caregivers of older children are also welcome. Class size is limited and registration is required. Please call 410-396-6098 to register.
LITERATURE
Page Turners: Latino Voices
Southeast Anchor Library
Saturday, September 7, 3 p.m.

Poems by Heart With Maritza Rivera
Recite a favorite poem by a Hispanic or Latina/o writer! Poet Maritza Rivera will host and share a sampling of her own work. Rivera is a Puerto Rican poet and U.S. Army veteran who has been writing poetry for over 45 years. She is the publisher of Casa Mariposa Press and hosts the annual Mariposa Poetry Retreat and the annual Mariposa Poetry Reunion Reading at the Writer’s Center in Bethesda.
Central Library
Wednesday, October 2, 6:30 p.m.

FOR FAMILIES
Take & Make: Papel Picado Banner
Pick up a Papel Picado banner kit while supplies last. Glue not included.
Southeast Anchor Library
September, All Day

Hispanic Heritage Month Treasure Hunt
Find a fact, win a prize!
Southeast Anchor Library
Monday, September 16 – Tuesday, October 15, All Day

Worry Dolls
Learn to make Worry Dolls – a Guatemalan tradition.
Southeast Anchor Library
Tuesday, September 17, 3:30 p.m.

Panpipes!
Kids can their own set of panpipes.
Southeast Anchor Library
Tuesday, September 24, 3:30 p.m.

God’s Eye Craft
Use yarn to create a colorful symbol.
Govans Branch
Tuesday, September 24, 3:30 p.m.

Make Your Own Piñata
Orleans Street Branch
Saturday, October 12, 3 p.m.

MUSIC
Cantaré Presents Mucha Música
Experience Latin American rhythms and instruments while learning about the three cultures that shaped Latin music. Sing, play instruments, and dance salsa.
Southeast Anchor Library
Saturday, September 21, 12 p.m.
Waverly Branch
Tuesday, September 24, 4 p.m.

Cantaré Presents a Latin American Music Workshop
Central Library
Saturday, October 12, 3:30 p.m.

FILM SCREENINGS
Sin Nombre
Three teens from Central America trek through Mexico to get to the U.S.
Southeast Anchor Library
Saturday, September 21, 2 p.m.

Como Agua para Chocolate
When tradition prevents her from marrying the man she loves, a young woman discovers she has a talent for cooking.
Southeast Anchor Library auditorium
Saturday, September 21, 2 p.m.

La Bamba
Orleans Street Branch
Saturday, September 28, 2:30 p.m.

McFarland USA
A California track coach shapes an Hispanic team into state champions in the 1980s. Inspired by actual events.
Roland Park Branch
Wednesday, October 2, 12:30 p.m.

Coco
Despite his family’s generations-old ban on music, young Miguel dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol Ernesto de la Cruz.
Roland Park Branch Meeting Room
Saturday, October 12, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 17, 5 p.m.

BUILDING BLOCKS STORYTIMES
PROVIDE EARLY LITERACY FOUNDATIONS
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IMMIGRATION 101  
Presented by the Community Relations Office of the USCIS. Learn about legal paths to U.S. citizenship; temporary protected status; what USCIS does; www online resources; researching your genealogy; and more.  
CANTON BRANCH  
Friday, September 13, 3 p.m.  
HAMILTON BRANCH  
Thursday, September 5, 5 p.m.  
LIGHT STREET BRANCH  
Tuesday, September 17, 3 p.m.  
SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY  
Tuesday, September 10, 11 a.m.  
WAVERLY BRANCH  
Friday, September 13, 11 a.m.  

LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY  
Lawyers from Maryland Legal Aid provide one-on-one legal services. Types of issues include: bankruptcy, child custody, divorce, expungement, removing convictions from criminal records, foreclosure, government benefits, landlord/tenant, wills/tenants.  
BROOKLYN BRANCH  
Wednesdays (except October 23 & 30), 1 p.m.  
CHERRY HILL BRANCH  
Mondays, September 16 & October 7 and 21, 10:30 a.m.  
CLIFTON BRANCH  
Wednesdays, September 11 & 25 & October 9 & 23, 1 p.m.  
PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH  
Tuesdays, 1 p.m.  
Tuesdays (except September 3 & October 29), 5 p.m.  
WASHINGTON VILLAGE BRANCH  
Mondays, September 9 & 23 and October 28, 1 p.m.  
WAVERLY BRANCH  
Thursday, September 5, 1 p.m.  

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CITIZENSHIP  
SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY  
Wednesdays September 4 & 18 and October 2 & 16, 3 p.m.  

BENEFITS SCREENINGS FOR MARYLANDERS  
The CASH Campaign of Maryland offers screenings and application help for public benefits, such as food stamps and utility assistance.  
CENTRAL LIBRARY  
Mondays (except September 2), 10 a.m. Wednesdays, 1 p.m.  

EARN IT. PLAN IT. KEEP IT.  
A free personal finance workshop from the CASH Campaign of Maryland.  
CENTRAL LIBRARY  
Tuesday, September 17, 6 p.m. Saturday, October 19, 10 a.m.  

AGING SERVICES IN BALTIMORE CITY  
Learn about all the programs the Baltimore City’s Aging Services provides.  
CANTON BRANCH MEETING ROOM  
Wednesday, September 18, 12:30 p.m.  

MY BROTHER’S KEEPER / MY SISTER’S KEEPER: CONVERSATIONS OF CHANGE AND HEALING  
PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH  
Wednesday, September 25 and October 16 & 23, 5:30 p.m.  

HOW MONEY WORKS  
Presented by Rita Hartman of Primerica Financial Services.  
LIGHT STREET BRANCH  
Thursday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.  

BECOMING DEBT FREE  
Presented by Rita Hartman of Primerica Financial Services.  
LIGHT STREET BRANCH  
Saturday, October 12, 3 p.m.  

One Maryland One Book!  
What the Eyes Don’t See is the inspiring story of how Dr. Mona—accompanied by an idiosyncratic team of researchers, parents, friends, and community leaders—proved that Flint’s kids were exposed to lead and then fought her own government and a brutal backlash to expose the truth to the world. Find book discussion at the branch nearest you!  
CENTRAL LIBRARY  
Saturday, September 21, 10 a.m.  
BOOKMOBILE (OLIVER SENIOR CENTER)  
Friday, September 27, 11 a.m.  
BROOKLYN BRANCH  
Wednesday, October 16, 3:30 p.m.  
CANTON BRANCH  
Monday, October 14, 6:30 p.m.  
CHERRY HILL BRANCH  
Saturday, October 19, 2 p.m.  
CLIFTON BRANCH  
Saturday, October 19, 2 p.m.  
EDMONDSON AVENUE BRANCH  
Saturday, September 28, 2 p.m.  
FOREST PARK BRANCH  
Wednesday, September 18, 1 p.m.  
GOVANS BRANCH  
Thursday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.  
HAMILTON BRANCH  
Monday, September 16, 6 p.m.  
HERRING RUN BRANCH  
Saturday, October 12, 2 p.m.  
KESWICK WISE & WELL CENTER  
Thursday, September 19, 4 p.m.  
LIGHT STREET BRANCH  
Monday, September 16, 6 p.m.  
NORTHWOOD BRANCH  
Monday, September 16, 5:30 p.m.  
PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH  
Saturday, September 21, 1 p.m.  
REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH  
Thursday, September 26, 6 p.m.  
ROLAND PARK BRANCH  
Saturday, October 12, 11 a.m.  
SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY  
Saturday, October 5, 2 p.m.  
Includes screening of Here’s to Flint, a documentary about the Flint water crisis produced by the Michigan ACLU.  
WASHINGTON VILLAGE BRANCH  
Thursdays, October 17, 6:30 p.m.  
WAVERLY BRANCH  
Thursday, September 26, 6 p.m.  

The Pratt Library is dedicated to helping all who walk through our doors, no matter the issue at hand. You can get help applying for public benefits such as food stamps and utility assistance. Questions about immigration and citizenship? Have questions about personal finance and where to start? We’re here to help.
Health, Fitness & Wellness

It’s never too late to focus the well-being of your mind and your body. Alongside yoga, meditation, and exercises programs, the Pratt Library is also proud to offer resources on nutrition, help for caregivers, and aging in good health.

YOGA FOR BEGINNERS
Presented by Surya Allamraju of Sunshine Yoga. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat.
HAMILTON BRANCH
Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. & Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

SIT-N-KEEP HEALTHY
Led by Surya Allamraju of Sunshine Yoga.
HAMILTON BRANCH
Wednesdays, 12 p.m.

JAMERCISE
Call 410-396-1168 to register.
CHERRY HILL BRANCH
Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.

MINDFUL MEDITATION
Led by Surya Allamraju of Sunshine Yoga.
HAMILTON BRANCH
Thursdays, 12 p.m. & Mondays (except Sept. 2), 10 a.m.

10 WARNING SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER’S
Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Maryland Chapter and in partnership with Village at Home.
ROLAND PARK BRANCH
Thursday, September 5, 6:30 p.m.

JAMERCISE ADVANCED
Call 410-396-1168 to register.
CHERRY HILL BRANCH
Thursdays, 4:30 p.m.

CHAIR YOGA
Led by Surya Allamraju of Sunshine Yoga.
HAMILTON BRANCH
Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

ZUMBA CLASSES
SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY
Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

LAUGHTER YOGA
Led by instructor Gerri Bohanan.
LIGHT STREET BRANCH
Saturdays in September, 11 a.m.

FAMILY YOGA
Presented by Eclectic Soul Yoga.
CENTRAL LIBRARY
Sundays, September 8 & October 13, 2 p.m.

YOGA FOR YOU
Presented by Dr. Nicole Bossard of TGC Consulting, Inc. Yoga mat and props provided. Please call 410-396-6053 to register.
WAVERLY BRANCH
Tuesdays (except Sept. 2), 1 p.m.
Thursdays, September 19 & 26, 1 p.m.

NUTRITION WORKSHOP
The University of Maryland Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program will present a 6-week series of free workshops featuring fast and easy meals, fun physical activity, and healthy food choices for your family. Please call 410-396-0948 to register.
REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH
Tuesdays, September 10 – October 15, 11 a.m.

LINE DANCE GROUP
Workout to hip-hop, Caribbean, and African rhythms.
EDMONDSON AVENUE BRANCH
Saturdays, September 14 & 21 and October 12 & 19, 12 p.m.
HERRING RUN BRANCH
Thursdays, 5 p.m. & Saturdays, 11 a.m.
WAVERLY BRANCH
Mondays (except Sept. 2), 12:30 p.m.

BABY AND ME YOGA
Presented by Eclectic Soul Yoga after Baby & Toddler Storytime. For babies 1 month to 24 months with at least one adult per child.
CENTRAL LIBRARY
Saturdays, September 21 – October 26, 11 a.m.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE YOUR RISK FOR FALLS
ROLAND PARK BRANCH
Thursday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.

HOW TO READ A FOOD LABEL
Presented by Anna Bakhshi, who holds a Master’s degree in Nutrition and Integrative Health.
HERRING RUN BRANCH
Saturday, September 28, 2 p.m.

ESSENCE OF BELLY DANCING
Facilitated by professional belly dancer Moonira.
BROOKLYN BRANCH
Wednesdays, October 9 & 23, 4 p.m.
LIGHT STREET BRANCH
Thursdays, October 3 – 24, 6:30 p.m.

WHAT IS AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE?
Presented by and in partnership with Village at Home.
ROLAND PARK BRANCH
Thursday, October 10, 6:30 p.m.

HEALTHY LIVING AS WE AGE
Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Maryland Chapter and in partnership with Village at Home.
ROLAND PARK BRANCH
Saturday, October 12, 1:30 p.m.

MORE THAN A CARE-PARTNER WORKSHOP
Presented by and in partnership with Keswick’s Wise & Well Center for Healthy Living.
ROLAND PARK BRANCH
Monday, October 21, 6:30 p.m.
Arts @ the Pratt


BOOK ART WORKSHOP
Materials provided.

PENNYSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH
Wednesday, September 4, 2 p.m.
Saturday, September 14, 2 p.m.

MONDAY MEMORIES
Learn how to preserve memories in scrapbooks, cards, letters, and pictures.

GOVANS BRANCH
Tuesdays, September 10, October 8 & 22, 6 p.m.
Monday, September 16, 6 p.m.

PAINT NIGHT

ORLEANS STREET BRANCH
Thursdays, September 12 & October 10, 5:45 p.m.

PAINTING WITH ALCOHOL INKS: BEGINNER’S WORKSHOP
All supplies provided by the library. Call 410-396-6088 to register.

HAMILTON BRANCH
Saturday, September 14, 1 p.m.

ADULT PAINT NIGHT
Please call 410-396-6053 to register.

WAVERLY BRANCH
Thursday, September 19, 6 p.m.

ADULT PAINTING WORKSHOP
Call 410-396-6098 to register.

GOVANS BRANCH
Saturday, September 21 & October 19, 2 p.m.

CHARM CITY WRITERS: CRITIQUE GROUP
Info: marylandwriters.org/Critique_Groups

ROLAND PARK BRANCH
Saturdays, September 21 – October 19, 2:30 p.m.

CREATIVE MORNINGS BALTIMORE

LOCATION: CENTRAL LIBRARY
Friday, September 27, 8:30 a.m.

PAINT PARTY AT PNN
All paint supplies provided. Call 410-396-0399 to register.

PENNYSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH
Saturday, September 28, 2 p.m.

A DAY WITH LEONARDO DA VINCI
Presented by the Italian Cultural Center of Maryland.

GOVANS BRANCH
Tuesdays, October 8 & 22, 2:30 p.m.

DANCE & BMORE PRESENTS: AMP ARTS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM
This 9-week session uses community-building, games, and creative writing to create fun and exciting theatre for young audiences. Call 410-396-6088 to register.

HAMILTON BRANCH
1ST – 3RD GRADERS
Tuesdays, October 15 – October 29, 3:15 p.m.
4TH – 6TH GRADERS
Tuesdays, October 15 – October 29, 4:15 p.m.
7TH GRADERS AND UP
Thursdays, October 17 – October 31, 3:15 p.m.

LIVE MUSIC

MIND ON FIRE
Sarah Manley on trombone, Kassie Ferrero on bass, & Jason Charney on electronics will set your mind on fire.

LIGHT STREET BRANCH
Saturday, September 14, 3 p.m.

FALL FEST
Music by Milkshake Duo, storytelling by Eiyana Favers, crafts, food and fun! Sponsored by the Friends of the Govans Library.

GOVANS BRANCH
Saturday, September 28, 2 p.m.

NEAL HOOKS
Hooks, independent musical artist & storyteller/purveyor of sonic medicine, brings his Eastern Shore sound to Baltimore.

LIGHT STREET BRANCH
Saturday, October 5, 3 p.m.

PEABODY AT THE LIBRARY
Presented by student musicians from Peabody Conservatory.

CANTON BRANCH
Saturday, October 12, 2 p.m.

CHERRY HILL BRANCH
Friday, September 27, 11:30 a.m.

HERRING RUN BRANCH
Monday, October 7, 6 p.m.

WASHINGTON VILLAGE BRANCH
Thursday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.

STARLIGHT STORIES
Celebrate our October book of the month, You’re Safe with Me by Chitra Soundar, with art, live music, and games.

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Sunday, October 27, 2 p.m.

POETRY & CONVERSATION:
Jona Colson, Edgar Kunz, and Tanya Olson

CENTRAL LIBRARY
CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Wednesday, September 25, 6:30 p.m.


TANYA OLSON is the author of Boyishly, published by YesYes Books in 2013 and received a 2014 American Book Award. Her second book, Stay, was released by YesYes Books in 2019.

BOOKS FOR THE BEAST

ROLAND PARK COUNTRY SCHOOL
5204 ROLAND AVENUE
Saturday, October 26, 8:30 a.m - 4:30 p.m.

This all-day conference brings together adults and teens to hear YA authors, discuss books, and celebrate the best in youth materials.

Keynote speaker ELIZABETH ACEVEDO (The Poet X) is the winner of the National Book Award for Young People, the Printz Award, the Carnegie Medal, and more. Baltimore native ALEX LONDON (Black Wings Beating) is the afternoon speaker.

LEARN MORE AT BEAST.PRATTLIBRARY.ORG
CENTRAL LIBRARY

WRITERS’ ROUND TABLE
Saturdays, September 1 & October 6, 2 p.m.
Contact the Humanities Department at 410-396-5487 for more information.

SIT ‘N’ STITCH AT THE LIBRARY
Fridays, September 20 – October 18, 2 p.m.

YOUR LIFE STORY
Saturday, September 21, 1 p.m.
Learn how to jump-start the process in a safe, supportive, and relaxed setting with Karen Bovie, a Certified Guided Autobiography Instructor. To register, please e-mail SSH @ prattlibrary.org or call 410-396-5320.

HISTORY OF THE PYRAMIDS
Thursday, September 26, 6 p.m.

FROM TWILIGHT INTO SUNSHINE:
LGBTQ+ HISTORY IN THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN REGION
Thursday, October 24, 6:30

CANTON BRANCH

SHUT UP AND WRITE
Thursdays, September 5 – October 3, 6:30
Hosted by librarian Laura Hazan, member of the Baltimore chapter of “Shut Up and Write.”

MEET THE AUTHOR:
E. DOYLE GILLESPIE
Saturday, September 7, 2 p.m.

BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS
Wednesdays, September 25 – October 30, 2 p.m.

CHERRY HILL BRANCH

MONDAY YARNS
Mondays, September 9 – October 28, 2 p.m.

AFTERNOON B-I-N-G-O
Thursday, October 24, 1 p.m.

EDMONSDON AVENUE BRANCH

BLACK WRITERS’ GUILD OF MARYLAND
Saturday, September 7, 1 p.m.
Cherrie Woods presents a “Promoting Your Own Book” Workshop.

MARKETING BOOTCAMP FOR WRITERS WORKSHOP PRESENTED BY KIRA MING.
Saturday, October 5, 1 p.m.

KNOIGHTS AND KINGS CHESS CLUB
Monday, October 7, 5 p.m.

FOREST PARK BRANCH

LEARN LOOM KNITTING
Tuesdays, 3 p.m.

HOOKE ON YARN
Thursdays, 6 p.m.

GOVANS BRANCH

JEWELRY MAKING
Thursdays, September 12 & October 12, 6 p.m.
Call 410-396-6098 to register.

SAVE THE RAIN WORKSHOP
Thursday, September 19, 6 p.m.

CONVERSATION ON GRIEF
Mondays, September 23 & 30, 6 p.m.
Presented by Tyrone Georgia, certified grief counselor from Roberta’s House.

HAMILTON BRANCH

KNITTING CIRCLE
Mondays, September 23 & October 28, 6 p.m.

PAINT NIGHT AT HAMILTON
Thursday, October 10, 6 p.m.
Call 410-396-6088 to register.

HERRING RUN BRANCH

SILVER ANGELS
Thursdays, September 12 – October 24, 10:30 a.m.
Seniors from the Belair-Edison community meet for a variety of programs.

FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER’S WORKSHOP
Saturday, September 21 – October 19, 10 a.m.
Presented by Belair Edison Neighborhoods, Inc.

LIGHT STREET BRANCH

KNIT WITS:
KNITTING CIRCLE
Thursdays, September 5 – October 31, 1 p.m.

LIGHT STREET WRITERS EXCHANGE
Mondays, September 9 – October 28, 6 p.m.

BOARD GAMES FOR ADULTS
Thursday, September 19, 6:30 p.m.

AN AFTERNOON WITH WILLIAM “BILL” HUGHES
Saturday, September 21, 3 p.m.

SHERLOCK HOLMES VS. JACK THE RIPPER
Saturday, October 19, 3 p.m.

NORTHWOOD BRANCH

DECOUGAGE VASES
Saturday, September 7, 11 a.m.

KNOT JUST KNITTING
Saturdays, September 14 & 28 and October 12 & 26, 12

AUTUMN LEAVES SUNCATCHERS
Saturday, October 12, 2 p.m.

ORLEANS STREET BRANCH

INTRO TO BIRD-FRIENDLY GARDENING
Email baltimore@audubon.org or call 410-558-2473 to register.

PAINT NIGHT
Thursdays, September 12 & October 10, 5:45 p.m.
Please call 410-396-0970 to register.

DIY CRAFT: LEAF LUMINARY
Call 410-396-0970 to register. Saturday, September 21, 3:30 p.m.

BEYOND CRAYONS
Thursdays, September 26 & October 24, 5:30 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH

DIY TINY TERRARIUMS
Saturday, October 5, 1 p.m.
Please register at 410-396-0399.

GUESS THE HALLOWEEN MOVIE
Thursday, October 10, 5 p.m.

REISTERSTOWN ROAD BRANCH

ADULT BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES
Wednesdays, September 4 – October 2, 10:30 a.m.
5-week class for beginner computer users.
Please call 410-396-0948 to register.

For the complete schedule calendar.prattlibrary.org
Writers LIVE!

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KEVIN COWHERD
When the Crowd Didn’t Roar: How Baseball’s Strangest Game Ever Gave a Broken City Hope
LIGHT STREET BRANCH
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 6:30 P.M.
Local author and former Baltimore Sun writer Kevin Cowherd’s latest work chronicles the contest at Camden Yards between the Baltimore Orioles and the Chicago White Sox on April 29, 2015.

KATE BLACK
Represent
CENTRAL LIBRARY, WHEELER AUDITORIUM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 7 P.M.
Kate Black will be in conversation with Baltimore City Councilwoman Shannon Sneed and Maryland Delegate Brook Lierman. Represent teaches readers how to run for the approximately 500,000 elected offices in the U.S. Presented in Partnership with Emerge Maryland.

BRIAN KUEBLER
The Long Blink
CENTRAL LIBRARY, WHEELER AUDITORIUM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 6:30 P.M.
Emmy Award-winning journalist Brian Kuebler exposes the American trucking industry’s rising crash rate through the intimate struggle of Ed Slattery, who is left to piece his family back together after a trucker fell asleep at the wheel and killed his wife and maimed his son.

LIA PURPURA
All the Fierce Feathers
CENTRAL LIBRARY, CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 6:30 P.M.
A trailblazer of the contemporary essay, Lia Purpura meditates on existential subjects as diverse as eagles, irony, shadows, racially-divided neighborhoods, and the beauty in All the Fierce Tethers.

REGINALD DWAYNE BETTS
Felon
CENTRAL LIBRARY, WHEELER AUDITORIUM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 7 P.M.
Lady Brion will be in conversation with Reginald Dwayne Betts about his new poetry collection, Felon. The event is co-presented by OSI-Baltimore.

MARITA GOLDEN
Us Against Alzheimer’s: Stories of Families, Love, and Faith
CENTRAL LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 7 P.M.
Co-founder and President Emeritus of the Zora Neale Hurston/ Richard Wright Foundation, Marita Golden is a veteran teacher of writing and an acclaimed award-winning author of seventeen works of fiction and nonfiction.

SAEED JONES
How We Fight for Our Lives
CENTRAL LIBRARY, WHEELER AUDITORIUM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 7 P.M.
Haunted and haunting, How We Fight for Our Lives: tells the story of a young, black, gay man from the South as he fights to carve out a place for himself, within his family, within his country, within his own hopes, desires, and fears.

DECOLONIZE YOUR BOOKSHELF:
GRACE TALUSAN
The Body Papers
CENTRAL LIBRARY, CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 6:30 P.M.
From her parents, Talusan has learned to tell stories in order to continue. In excavating abuse and trauma, and supplementing her story with government documents, medical records, and family photos, Talusan gives voice to unspeakable experience, and shines a light of hope into the darkness. She will be in conversation with Eliza Romero, founder of Decolonize Your Bookselves.

ANNE GARDINER PERKINS
Yale Needs Women
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 7 P.M.
The experience the first undergraduate women found when they stepped onto Yale’s imposing campus was not the same one their male peers enjoyed. Isolated from one another, singled out as oddities and sexual objects, and barred from many of the privileges an elite education was supposed to offer, many of the first girls found themselves immersed in an overwhelmingly male culture they were unprepared to face.
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