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FREE TAX PREPARATION

CASH Campaign of Maryland tax assistance is available at the Central Library **by appointment only**. Individuals or families who made less than \$67,000 may qualify for free tax preparation.

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To make an appointment, visit bmorefreetaxes.org or call 410-234-8008 Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Call 410-732-7777 for assistance in Spanish.



PROM DRESS GIVEAWAY

Monday, April 7, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Central Library
Saturday, April 19, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Saturday, April 26, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Central Library

Say “yes” to your prom dress! Join the Pratt Library for a prom dress giveaway. Shop for shoes, accessories, and dresses all for FREE! For more information, contact projectencore@prattlibrary.org.

LETTER FROM THE CEO



As the CEO of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, I want to express my gratitude to all our customers and partners who've welcomed me so graciously into the Baltimore community. It has been such a pleasure meeting so many of you, and hearing how the libraries have, and continue to touch your lives. The library has also been an important place for me, a place of second chances.

I grew up in a small town in North Carolina. I attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and eventually ended up dropping out of school for almost 10 years. For years, I struggled with underemployment and wondering where I would sleep at night. A decade after I left UNC, it was a conversation with my grandmother that changed the course of my life. She reminded me of the people that

came before me that died for me to have the opportunities that I was squandering. From that point forward, I worked as hard as I could to pay the debt to those that came before me, and to improve my life because I finally wanted to. I got a job at the UNC-CH library driving a golf cart delivering books to different campus libraries and departments. This position opened my eyes to the impact a library could have. Dean Fred Clark and my friend Matt Welborn convinced me and assisted me in returning to school, and my path towards a profession in libraries began.

I am fortunate to work at the Enoch Pratt Free Library, one of the premiere libraries in the world. I'm getting to know Baltimore by visiting each branch, and holding Town Hall meetings to hear from you directly what you would like to see for the future of your library. We want to make sure the library is whatever you want it to be, and whatever you need it to be. The Pratt is a key part of the future of our city, and we have a responsibility to hear what each of you wants that future to look like. The work we do at public libraries is important. This work helps change people's lives.

Chad Helton, *President & CEO, Enoch Pratt Free Library*

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The next Meeting of the Boards of Trustees and Directors will be held Wednesday, March 12 at 5:15 p.m. Visit prattlibrary.org for details.

BOOKLOVERS' BREAKFAST

More than 700 attendees gathered at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront for the 37th annual Booklovers' Breakfast featuring National Book Award-winner Imani Perry.



BUILDING UPDATES

HERRING RUN

Phase I of the Herring Run renovation is complete. Check out the before and after photos.

BROOKLYN

Work on a new HVAC system is underway and contractors have begun working on the interior refresh, removing the carpet and ceiling tiles. The Bookmobile continues to make bimonthly stops to the Branch during this closure.

JOHNSTON SQUARE

Located at 1100 Greenmount Avenue, the first of three multi-family buildings is finally starting to take shape. With construction moving along so swiftly, Pratt staff are already hard at work selecting the materials that will eventually line the shelves of this Branch. Construction began in June, 2024, and is anticipated to finish in August, 2025.

EXPECTED CLOSURES:

Northwood: Spring 2025

Reisterstown Road: Spring 2025



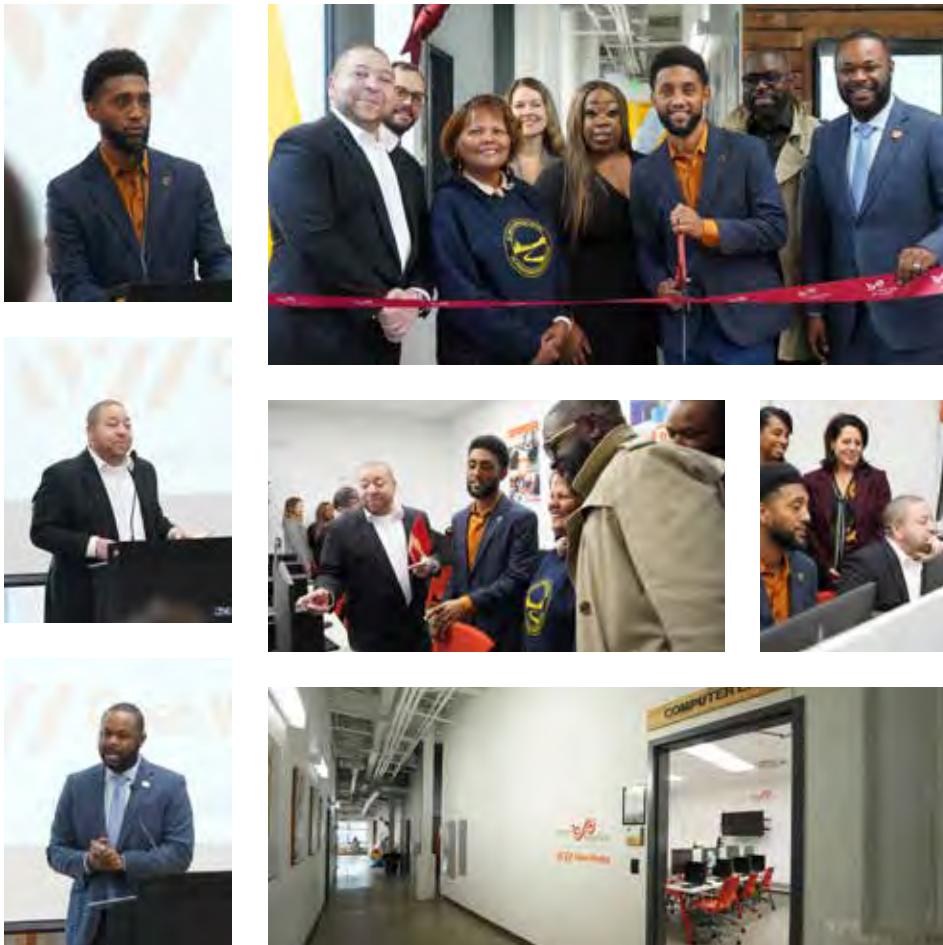
TOWN HALL MEETING WITH THE CEO



Saturday, March 15, 11:00 a.m. | Canton
Saturday, April 12, 11:00 a.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.

Meet new Pratt Library CEO Chad Helton during a Town Hall Meeting with the CEO. Share what you love about your library and what the Pratt can do to make your library welcoming to all. This event is part of a series of town hall meetings at all Pratt Library locations. Light refreshments will be provided.

PRATT ANYWHERE



ANNOUNCING THE PRATT ANYWHERE LAB AT OPEN WORKS

The Pratt Library is proud to announce a new technology lab in partnership with Open Works, located inside the East Baltimore maker space. This is the first location for the new Pratt Anywhere program funded with American Rescue Plan funding through the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs.

"Pratt Anywhere gives the library an opportunity to expand our resources and services beyond the walls of our 22 locations," says Pratt Library President & CEO Chad Helton. "Open Works is the first site where we're able to provide free work stations with the latest technology that anyone can come in and use. We want to give people the tools they need to reach their dreams and Pratt Anywhere is another way the library is opening the doors of access to our community."

The new Pratt Anywhere at Open Works lab is outfitted with 17 state-of-the-art work stations supported with newly installed high-speed networking infrastructure to ensure seamless internet access. Each work station is equipped with a suite of industry-leading software tools to help foster learning, creativity, and innovation. Those tools cater to a wide range of needs including graphic design, 3D modeling, video editing, and broadcasting. The Pratt Library will also provide regular technology and digital literacy classes within the space.

The lab is free to use for anyone in the community during the hours Open Works is open. "Open Works is thrilled to partner with the Enoch Pratt Free Library to make our computer lab free to the community," says Open Works Executive Director Will Holman. "Access to resources is a cornerstone to building a more equitable Baltimore where everyone has the opportunity to thrive."

HACKERMAN WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE



Book Proposal 101 with D. Watkins

Thursday, March 20, 5:00 p.m. | Waverly
A comprehensive workshop where you can learn everything you need to know about writing the perfect book proposal.

Big Publishing Q&A & Spring Writing Contest presented by D. Watkins

Saturday, April 12, 1:00 p.m.
Central Library

The first half of the program features a Big Publishing Q&A — an open forum to explore potential careers in literature, film, and television. In the second half, we'll announce the winners of the Spring Writing Contest, where participants shared their visions for "Imagining the Baltimore We Deserve."

Spring Writing Contest:

Submissions close March 15, 2025. Winners will be featured in Baltimore Beat. Learn more at prattlibrary.org/writers

Office Hours with D. Watkins

Wednesday April 16, 3:00 p.m.
Central Library

This is a unique opportunity to sit down with Watkins, share your story, and gain insights from his creative approach to storytelling. As part of his commitment to community engagement, Watkins invites Baltimore residents to write and record their stories, with a curated collection to be featured on Digital Maryland.

DIGITAL NAVIGATORS

Need some one-on-one help with technology? Digital Navigators are here to help! Digital Navigators are tech experts in their community, skilled at providing basic digital literacy skills and classes. Individual appointments with Pratt Digital Navigators are available at select Pratt locations.

Learn more and book an appointment at prattlibrary.org/digital-navigators

AUTHOR EVENTS

All events require registration; visit calendar.prattlibrary.org to register. ASL interpretation will be available to attendees. Free parking vouchers are available to program attendees who park at the Franklin Street Garage (15 W. Franklin Street) after 4:00 p.m. for programs located at the Central Library.



WRITERS LIVE! SENATOR CHUCK SCHUMER

Antisemitism in America: A Warning **FREE COPY!**

Monday, March 17, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library **Registration Required**

When it comes to the history of the Jewish people, there is a national and global crisis of misunderstanding. This lack of knowledge feeds demons of ignorance, hatred, and violence. *Antisemitism in America: A Warning* is an urgent work of nonfiction that illuminates the Jewish experience and the prejudices both hidden and overt that have led to the chronic persecution of the Jewish people. There will not be a book signing following the program.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



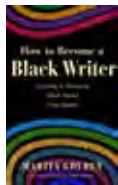
LAUREN TARSHIS

I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912 (Special Edition) **FREE COPY!**

Monday, March 3, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library

A stunning special edition of the first book in Lauren Tarshis's action-packed *New York Times*-bestselling *I Survived* series, featuring all-new, full-color bonus content!

WRITERS LIVE!



MARITA GOLDEN

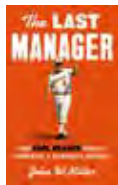
How to Become a Black Writer

FREE COPY!

Tuesday, March 4, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Award-winning author Marita Golden explores her writing career and how the igniting power of storytelling is still inspiring generations of Black authors today. Marita Golden will be joined in conversation by poet Abdul Ali.

WRITERS LIVE!



JOHN MILLER

The Last Manager

Wednesday, March 5, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

The first major biography of legendary Baltimore Orioles manager Earl Weaver. *The Last Manager* is a wild, thrilling, and hilarious ride with baseball's most underappreciated genius and one of its greatest characters. John Miller will be joined in conversation by author and sports writer John Eisenberg.

WRITERS LIVE!



MARTHA JONES

The Trouble of Color

Monday, March 10, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

An intimate and searching memoir of family, color, and being Black, white, and other in America, from one of our country's greatest historians. Martha Jones will be joined in conversation by NPR's *All Things Considered* co-host Juana Summers.

WRITERS LIVE!



ELAINE WEISS

Spell Freedom

Tuesday, March 11, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

The story of four activists whose audacious plan to restore voting rights to Black Americans laid the groundwork for the Civil Rights Movement. Elaine Weiss will be joined in conversation by Natasha Murphy, Chief of Staff for Black Girls Vote.

WRITERS LIVE!



SCOTT SHANE

Flee North

Saturday, March 15, 1:00 p.m. | Govans

Scott Shane recounts the life of abolitionist Thomas Smallwood, who bought his own freedom, helped hundreds of others escape slavery, and named the underground railroad. Presented by Friends of the Govans Library.

WRITERS LIVE!



BERNADETTE ATUAHENE

Plundered

Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

A property law scholar uses the story of two grandfathers — one white, one Black — to reveal how racist policies weaken Black families, widen the racial wealth gap, and derive profit from pain. Bernadette Atuahene will be joined in conversation by author and equity scientist Lawrence Brown.

WRITERS LIVE!



NOLIWE ROOKS

Integrated

Monday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

An incisive reckoning with the impacts of school desegregation that traces four generations of the author's family to show how the implementation of integration decimated Black school systems. Noliwe Rooks will be joined in conversation by *New York Times* White House correspondent Erica L. Green.

WRITERS LIVE!



BRIAN GOLDSTONE

There Is No Place for Us

Monday, March 31, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

This landmark work of journalism exposes a new and troubling trend — the dramatic rise of the “working homeless” in cities across America. Brian Goldstone will be joined in conversation by *The Atlantic's* senior editor Vann Newkirk.

WRITERS LIVE!



STACY NATHANIEL JACKSON

The Ephemera Collector

Tuesday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

A tenacious curator fights to save her beloved library and a new, groundbreaking archive in this epic Afrofuturist debut. Stacy Nathaniel Jackson will be joined in conversation by novelist Lysley Tenorio.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



LAURIE HALSE ANDERSON

Rebellion 1776 **FREE COPY!**

Saturday, April 5, 11:00 a.m. | Waverly

A middle-grade adventure about a girl struggling to survive amid a smallpox epidemic and the seething Revolutionary War.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



NATASHA TRIPPLETT

Planted With Love **FREE COPY!**

Monday, April 7, 4:00 p.m. | Canton

A heartfelt picture book about one child's experience in foster care that reminds all kids that love from the right source will help them bloom.

WRITERS LIVE!



RAY NAYLER

Where the Axe Is Buried

Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

A cybernetic novel of political intrigue combining the story of a near-impossible revolutionary operation with a blistering indictment of the many forms of authoritarianism that suffocate human freedom.

WRITERS LIVE!



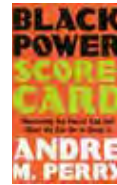
ANDREW HOLTER

Going Around: Selected Journalism

Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

A collection of the writings of Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and reporter Murray Kempton. Andrew Holter will be joined in conversation by editor and columnist Osita Nwanevu.

WRITERS LIVE!



ANDRE M. PERRY

Black Power Scorecard

Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

A dollars-and-cents reckoning of the state of Black America and a new framework to close the power gap. Andre M. Perry will be joined in conversation by Karsonya Wise Whitehead, host of *Today with Dr. Kaye* on WEEA 88.9 FM.

WRITERS LIVE!



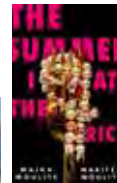
LYDIA MILLET

Atavists

Tuesday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

This inventive short story collection offers overlapping tales of urges ranging from rage to jealousy to yearning. Lydia Millet will be joined in conversation by writer Betsy Boyd.

YA WRITERS LIVE!



MAIKA MOULITE & MARITZA MOULITE

The Summer I Ate the Rich **FREE COPY!**

Wednesday, April 23, 3:30 p.m. | Hamilton

A Haitian American girl uses her zombie abilities to exact revenge on the wealthy elites who've caused her family pain.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



KATHERINE MARSH

The Gods' Revenge **FREE COPY!**

Thursday, April 24, 4:00 p.m. | Patterson Park

The second book in the Myth of Monsters series finds Ava and her friends up against their least-expected foe yet.

WRITERS LIVE!



FREDERIC HILL

Mathias of Maryland

Tuesday, April 29, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

The story of Senator Charles “Mac” Mathias is an inspiring example of what a courageous political leader can do when he follows his conscience and acts on principle. Frederic Hill will be joined in conversation by Tom Hall, host of WYPR's *Midday*.

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RICK ATKINSON

The Fate of the Day **FREE COPY!**

Wednesday, April 30, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

In the second volume of the landmark American Revolution trilogy, George Washington's army fights on the knife edge between victory and defeat. Rick Atkinson will be joined in conversation by Tom Hall, host of WYPR's *Midday*.

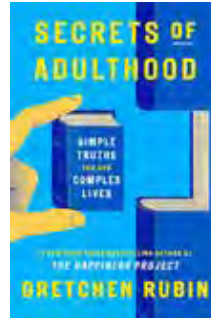
WHAT'S NEW

Here are the most anticipated books of March and April coming soon to the Pratt Library.



Dream Count by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

A transcendent novel that takes up the very nature of love itself. Is true happiness ever attainable or is it just a fleeting state? How honest must we be with ourselves in order to love, and to be loved? A trenchant reflection on the choices we make and those made for us, on daughters and mothers, and our interconnected world.



Secrets of Adulthood by Gretchen Rubin

The right idea, invoked at the right time, can change our lives. Drawing from her long studies of happiness and also from the challenges she's faced herself, writer Gretchen Rubin has discovered the "Secrets of Adulthood" that can help us manage the complexities of life.



Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry

Writers Alice Scott and Hayden Anderson compete for the chance to tell the larger-than-life story of Margaret Ives. As Alice and Hayden work to piece together Margaret's life, it becomes abundantly clear that their own story — just like the tale Margaret's spinning — could be a mystery, tragedy, or love ballad...depending on who's telling it.



One Way Witch by Nnedi Okorafor

The second book set in the universe introduced in *Who Fears Death*. Najeeba has just lost her beloved daughter. Onyesonwu saved the world. Najeeba knows this well, but the world does not. When Najeeba goes in search of the powerful heart of sorcery, she is at last ready to forge her future. But first, she must confront her past.



Matriarch by Tina Knowles

Tina Knowles is known the world over as a determined, self-possessed, self-aware, and wise woman who raised and inspired some of the great artists of our time. But this story is about so much more than that. A revealing personal life story like no other — enlightening, entertaining, surprising, empowering — and a testament to the world-making power of Black motherhood.



The Paris Express by Emma Donoghue

Based on an 1895 disaster, *The Paris Express* is a propulsive novel set on a train packed with a fascinating cast of characters. Members of parliament hurry back to Paris to vote; a medical student suspects a girl may be dying; a secretary tries to convince her boss of the potential of moving pictures; a young anarchist makes a terrifying plan; and much more.



Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins

Haymitch Abernathy's dreams fall apart when he's selected to represent District 12 in the 50th annual Hunger Games. As the Games begin, Haymitch understands he's been set up to fail. But there's something in him that wants to fight... and have that fight reverberate far beyond the deadly arena.



There Is No Place For Us by Brian Goldstone

This landmark work of journalism exposes the dramatic rise of the "working homeless" in cities across America. *There Is No Place for Us* illuminates the true magnitude, causes, and consequences of the new American homelessness — and shows that it won't be solved until housing is treated as a fundamental human right.



The Buffalo Hunter Hunter by Stephen Graham Jones

A chilling historical horror novel set in the American West in 1912 following a Lutheran priest who transcribes the life of a vampire who haunts the fields of the Blackfeet reservation looking for justice.



The Maid's Secret by Nita Prose

Two good things are just around the corner for Molly Gray — a taping of a hit antiques TV show and her wedding to Juan Manuel. But when a daring art heist takes place at the Regency Grand, Molly's life is threatened. The question is who's out to get her, and why? Long-buried secrets will be revealed in this intriguing and heartwarming novel.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

ADULTS

Poetry Online Discussion of Eavan Boland

Saturday, March 1, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual
Join us online for a discussion of the poetry of Eavan Boland.

Light Street Writers Exchange

In-Person:

Mondays, March 3 & April 7, 6:00 p.m.

Virtual: Mondays, March 10 – 31,

April 14 – 28, 6:00 p.m.

Light St. & Virtual

A read-and-critique group for writers with interest in all forms of writing. Writers of any ability are welcome.

Writing Workshop with Bestselling Author Marita Golden

Tuesday, March 4, 5:30 p.m. | Central Library

In this workshop, Marita Golden will introduce writers to techniques to overcome the all-too-common fears that accompany the writing process. Attendees will learn how to manage fear and self-censorship and develop a productive writing practice that can be sustained.

Speak & Be Heard:

Spoken Word at the Library

Thursday, March 6, 5:30 p.m. | Central Library

A poetry open mic event for poets 18 and over.

Rare Books of Poetry Open House

Thursday, April 3, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Central Library

Explore and enjoy a curated selection of 18th, 19th, and early 20th century rare poetry books from the Special Collection Department's rare books collection.

Magnetic Muses: DIY Magnetic Poetry

Thursday, April 3, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly

Explore wordplay and create your own magnetic poetry. This program is for adults and has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6089, email wvr@prattlibrary.org, or visit the Adult Information desk.

Unapologetically Writing

Your Favorite Things

Thursday, April 10, 6:30 p.m. | Light St.

In this workshop with Tracy Dimond, you will consider your favorite things while practicing the art of observation. The workshop is meant for poetry, but prose writers are welcome.

Poetry Online Discussion of Theodore Roethke

Saturday, April 5, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual

Join us online for a discussion of the poetry of Theodore Roethke.



Poetry Open Mic Night

Monday, April 14, 6:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.

Let's celebrate our favorite poems and poets! If you would like to present a poem, please call the branch at 410-396-0946 to register.

Pratt Page-Turners Book Club

Saturday, April 19, 11:00 a.m.

Central Library & Virtual

Join us for a discussion of Emily Wilson's translation of Homer's *Odyssey*.

Nature Writing Series: Encountering Nature Indoors — Immersive Workshop

Saturday, April 26, 1:00 p.m. | Central Library

Join us for a writing workshop facilitated by poet and essayist Lia Purpura. Presented in partnership with the Cylburn Arboretum, this workshop aims to emulate an inspiring jaunt through the Arboretum's beautiful natural spaces all from within the Library. Participants will have the opportunity to engage all their senses and explore how nature inspires the creative process. Space for this program is limited; registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

TEENS

Introduction to Poetry

Thursday, April 10, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton

Learn about different types of poetry, then write your own poem and share it.

Poetry Jam

Thursday, April 10, 5:00 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

Join us to learn about different styles of poetry and work on a few of your own!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Gather Your Words

Tuesday, April 29, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook

Learn about National Poetry Month and "found poetry" while creating your own mixed media poem!

WRITERS LIVE!



STEVEN LEYVA & VALZHYNNA MORT

The Opposite of Cruelty & Music for the Dead and Resurrected

Saturday, March 8, 3:00 p.m.

Central Library & Virtual

Join us for an afternoon with poets Steven Leyva and Valzhyna Mort.

YA WRITERS LIVE!



TONY KEITH JR.

Knucklehead: Poems

FREE COPY!

Wednesday, March 12, 4:00 p.m.

Orleans St.

This electric poetry collection empathizes with young people who are misunderstood and unheard.

WRITERS LIVE!



REGINALD
DWAYNE BETTS
Doggerel: Poems

Wednesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library & Virtual

Doggerel is a revelatory meditation on Blackness, masculinity, and vulnerability from one of poetry's boldest voices.

WRITERS LIVE!



MAGGIE SMITH
Dear Writer

Thursday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library & Virtual

Maggie Smith distills creativity and the craft of writing with this practical guide. Maggie Smith will be joined in conversation by writer Betsy Boyd.



IMAGINATION CELEBRATION

FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 29, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Central Library

Are you ready for a family-friendly, fun-filled day complete with stories, songs, dance, and lots of creativity? Join us on Saturday, March 29, at the Central Library for Imagination Celebration, our free family festival!

Meet Idris Goodwin and Lorraine Nam, author and illustrator of our featured title, *Your House Is Not Just a House!* Enjoy storytelling and dance with Culture Queen and Prakriti Dance! Let your creativity and imagination shine with crafts and activities.

Imagination Celebration is made possible by

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Imagination Celebration: Storytime & Playdate

Wednesday, April 2, 12:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Join us for a morning of storytelling and play at the library! We'll kick off with a reading of *Your House Is Not Just a House*. Following the story, let your child's imagination soar in our child-friendly indoor obstacle course.

Your House Is Not Just a House Storytime

Thursday, April 3, 10:30 a.m. | Roland Park
Join us for a storytime featuring this year's book, *Your House Is Not Just a House* by Idris Goodwin and illustrated by Lorraine Nam.

Crafternoon: Cardboard Tube Binoculars

Monday, April 7, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Decorate your own cardboard tube binoculars. Then take them outside and observe the world around you.

Homemade Microphones & Karaoke

Tuesday, April 8, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Join us for a sing-along! We will craft our own microphones and sing along to familiar songs. All abilities welcome. Please call 410-396-1168 to register.

Cardboard Castles!

Wednesday, April 9, 11:00 a.m. | Edmondson Ave.
Create a kingdom at the library! Build and decorate your own castle using shoeboxes, toilet-paper and paper-towel rolls, construction paper, paint, colorful tape, and more. A royal treat will be provided.

Imagination Celebration Shadow Puppets

Saturday, April 12, 2:30 p.m. | Hampden
Join us for a collaborative storytelling experience! Build cozy blanket forts, then use shadow puppets to create and share your own stories. This creative program invites kids to explore the magic of make-believe while building storytelling and collaboration skills.

DIY Instruments!

Saturday, April 12, 3:00 p.m. | Pennsylvania Ave.
Create your very own instruments using materials you can find at home. All materials will be provided.

From Wastepaper to Recycled Paper

April 14 – 17 | Southeast Anchor Library
We use and throw away a lot of paper. Let's recycle some! Please bring in your used paper, free from stains, to be shredded on Monday and Tuesday. Then, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday we will turn it into pulp and recycle it into new paper. We'll leave it to dry overnight and pick it up on Saturday.

Your House Is Not Just a House Storytime

Monday, April 14, 4:00 p.m. | Church on the Square | 1025 S. Potomac St. (near Canton)

Join us for a special Imagination Celebration storytime featuring *Your House Is Not Just a House* by Idris Goodwin and illustrated by Lorraine Nam. For ages 2 – 5 with a favorite adult. All abilities are welcome.

Crafternoon: Indoor Sidewalk Chalk

Monday, April 14, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
This crafternoon you'll get to draw on our indoor "sidewalk." Use your imagination to contribute to our epic mural.

Imagine a Crafternoon: Upcycled Robots

Tuesday, April 15, 3:30 p.m. | Canton
Join the Canton Branch for a crafty afternoon. Create a robot out of recycled materials!

Prakriti Dance Performance: Storytelling Through Classical Indian Dance

Wednesday, April 16, 10:30 a.m. | Waverly
Join us for a special performance by Prakriti Dance. Stories presented will draw from Indian mythology and the fables of the West, showcasing dance as a versatile language that transcends cultural boundaries. Participants will learn a variety of hand gestures and have opportunities to brainstorm about how they are used in storytelling.

Crafternoon: Design a Robot

Monday, April 21, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Design your very own robot!



KIDS' WRITERS LIVE! IDRIS GOODWIN & LORRAINE NAM

Your House Is Not Just a House

Thursday, March 27, 10:30 a.m. | Waverly

Thursday, March 27, 4:00 p.m. | Light St.

Friday, March 28, 1:00 p.m. | Southeast Anchor Library

Meet the creators of this year's Imagination Celebration book! From breakbeat poet and playwright Idris Goodwin and celebrated artist Lorraine Nam comes a whimsical, irresistible rhyming read-aloud empowering kids to embrace their imagination. All registered in person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book while supplies last.

Idris Goodwin is an award-winning storyteller for multiple generations. An accomplished playwright, breakbeat poet, content creator, and arts champion, Goodwin is recognized as a culture bearer who celebrates community values and cultivates histories with care. Idris is the author of over 60 original plays, ranging from his hip-hop-inspired breakbeat series to historical dramas to works for young audiences. Driven by a passion for cultural impact and civic engagement, Idris currently serves as artistic director of Seattle Children's Theatre. *Your House Is Not Just a House* is his debut picture book.

Lorraine Nam is a paper illustrator and daydreamer. When she is not folding, gluing, and cutting things out of paper, she can be found cooking, reading, or traveling. She currently lives in Brooklyn, New York, and frequently looks out at the New York skyline from her studio window. On a clear night, she is able to see the occasional star.

IMAGINATION KIT

March 29 – April 30, while supplies last | All Pratt Locations

Explore and create with the crafts in your Imagination Kit based on the book *Your House Is Not Just a House* by Idris Goodwin and Lorraine Nam. Imagination Kits are filled with activities and crafts for preschoolers that encourage creativity and imagination. For ages 3 – 5 with adult supervision. Available beginning March 29 on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.





Make a Microphone!

Tuesday, April 22, 3:45 p.m. | Roland Park

Join us as we make microphones out of recycled material, just in time for Earth Day.

Cardboard Tube Robots

Wednesday, April 23, 10:30 a.m. | Patterson Park

Make a robot out of an empty cardboard tube.

A Storytime is Not Just a Storytime

Friday, April 25, 10:30 a.m. | Light St.

Join us for a special storytime featuring *Your House Is Not Just a House*. Listen to the story and participate in an art activity using ordinary household objects and your imagination!

Cafternoon: Decorate a Crown

Monday, April 28, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly

Decorate your own crown and use your imagination as you play dress up!

COMMUNITY READS

Community Reads is a non-profit founded to teach kids in grades K – 2 about diversity through literature and create safe spaces for discussions about identity.



COMMUNITY READS:

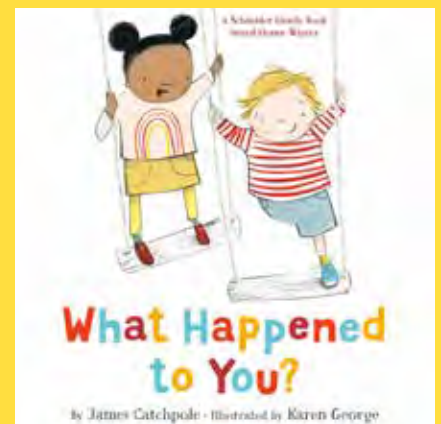
FESTIVAL OF COLORS

Saturday, March 15, 11:00 a.m.

Cherry Hill

Saturday, March 29, 11:00 a.m. | Waverly

Join us for a reading and short discussion of *Festival of Colors* by Kabir Sehgal, followed by a family-friendly activity. Participating children will receive a FREE copy of the book on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.

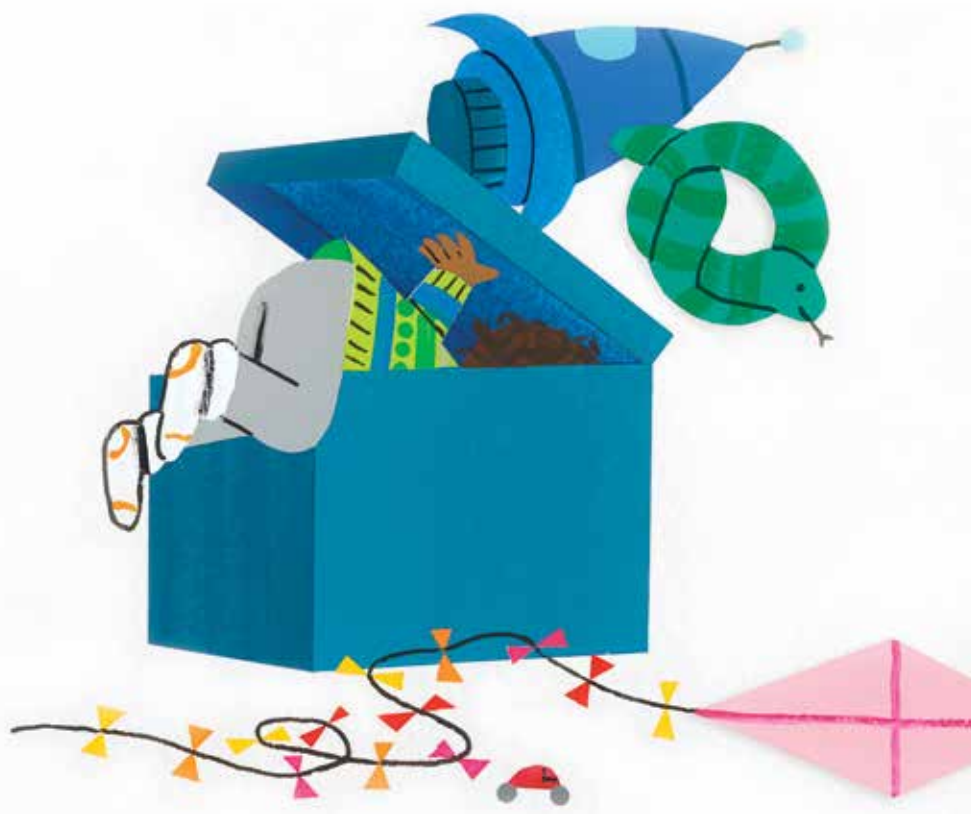


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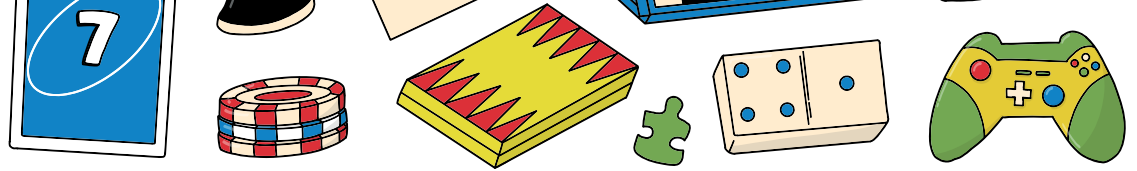
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

Saturday, April 5, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.

Join us for a reading and short discussion of *What Happened to You?* by James Catchpole, followed by a family-friendly activity. Participating children will receive a FREE copy of the book on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.



GAME ON!



ADULTS

Your Turn: Board Game Group

Mondays, March 10 & April 14, 6:00 p.m.
Hamilton

It's an evening of tabletop gaming! This monthly meetup may include card, board, or party-style games.

Get On Board!

Thursday, March 13, 6:30 p.m. | Light St.
Board and card game fun for adults. Feel free to bring a game from your personal collection to share with and challenge the group.

The Light Street Adventurers: An RPG Group for All

Saturdays, March 15 & April 19
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Light St.

Join the Light Street Branch's role-playing game (RPG) group as they set out on an epic adventure. This program will be geared towards players who are new to RPGs, but players of all experience levels are welcome. This event is open to teens and adults. Registration is recommended. To register, call 410-396-1096 or email lgh@prattlibrary.org.

Patterson Bingo Social

Saturday, April 5, 1:00 p.m. | Patterson Park
Come get sociable and win prizes. Space is limited, registration is required. Please call 410-396-0983 to register.

Adult Game Night: Classic Board Games

Thursday, April 17, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly
Join us for an unforgettable evening of timeless fun! Registration is required. To register, call 410-396-6089, email wvr@prattlibrary.org, or stop by the Adult Information Desk.

TEENS

Video Gaming Mondays

Mondays, March 3 & 10, 3:00 p.m. | Govans
Get your game on in the library! Every Monday, play with your friends on the Nintendo Switch or the PS5!

Teen Bingo Night

Wednesday, March 5, 2:30 p.m. | Walbrook
Come out and spend a fun-filled night playing bingo with a chance to win some prizes.

Mario Kart Mania

Wednesday, March 5, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Test your skills at Mario Kart, and earn chibi-style badges of Mario characters for a variety of achievements!

Teen Board Game Night

Thursdays, March 6 & 20, April 3, 3:00 p.m.
Hampden
Come play games of your choice from our library's fun selection of new, classic, and weird board and card games!

Teen Game Night with PlayStation 5

Friday, March 7, 3:00 p.m. | Waverly
Level up your gaming skills! Join us for a fun-filled teen game night featuring the PlayStation 5. Play popular games, challenge friends, and enjoy a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. All games provided are rated Teen or below.

Teen Game Night

Tuesdays, March 11 & April 8, 3:30 p.m.
Herring Run
Enjoy video game favorites on the Nintendo Switch and PlayStation 4! Play Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, Minecraft Dungeons, and Super Mario Wonder on the Switch or Street Fighter 6, Naruto Ultimate Ninja Storm 4, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Shredder's Revenge on the PS4.

Chess with the Librarian

Wednesday, March 12, 3:30 p.m. | Waverly
Whether you're a chess master or just starting out, come join us for some board time! Learn how to play chess, practice your chess skills, or play a casual game.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Thursday, March 13, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Compete against other teens to claim the title of Super Smash Bros. Champion.

Board Game Night

Thursday, March 13, 5:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Join us to learn how to play a new board game or break out one of the classics!

March Madness Teen Bracket & DIY Fan Gear

Monday, March 17, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Teens can create their own "fan gear" with customized t-shirts or hats and fill out their predictions for NCAA Men's and Women's brackets.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

Mondays, March 31, April 14, & 28, 6:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Come play this entry-level game with us as we check out the new things in Dungeons & Dragons.

Pop-up Gaming Hour

Friday, April 11, 3:00 p.m. | Pennsylvania Ave.
Get the weekend started with some video gaming at Pennsylvania Ave.

Mario Party Playoffs

Thursday, April 24, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Test your skills at Mario Party and have the chance to win the title of Mario Party Champion.

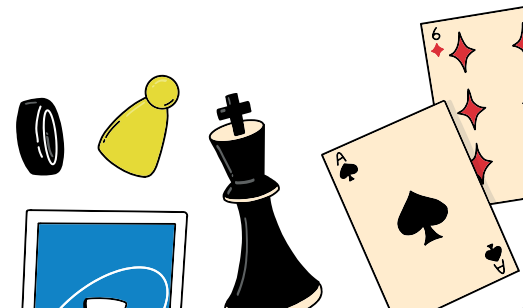
Playstation 5 Gaming Afternoon

Monday, April 28, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Join us for an exciting afternoon of gaming fun on the PS5! Bring your friends, or make new ones, as we explore the world of gaming together. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Game On Wednesdays

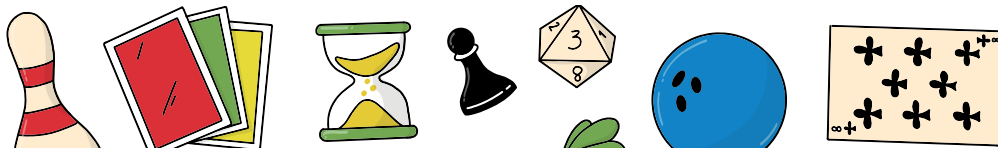
Wednesdays, March 5 – 26, 4:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Visit the Southeast Anchor Library for a new gaming experience every Wednesday in March! Games include Life-Sized Pac Man, Life-Size Hi Ho Cherry-O, Change Face Game, and P for Pizza.



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SOCIAL WORKER IN THE LIBRARY



MARCH IS SOCIAL WORK MONTH!

We are excited to celebrate our Pratt social workers this Social Work Month. Our social workers have impacted thousands of lives. They also launched a new program, Lawyer in the Library: Immigration Legal Information, and helped teach a new Social Work 101 course to Library staff across the city.

3,500 CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENTS

in FY24, up 20% from FY23

Here are just a few of the ways they've impacted customers' lives:

HELP WITH MEDICAL BILLS

A customer recently diagnosed with cancer came to the Library seeking help paying her medical bills. She'd recently had a lengthy in-patient stay costing thousands. A Library social worker was able to assist her with applying for charity care to reduce her medical bills by \$40,000 and set up an affordable payment plan for the remaining medical debt.

FOOD STAMP ASSISTANCE

A senior gentleman came to the social work drop-in table after he hadn't received his food stamp benefits in more than a year. The social worker was able to look up his benefits and see that someone had been fraudulently stealing them. The social worker was able to help the customer apply for more than \$4,000 in reimbursement for his stolen benefits.

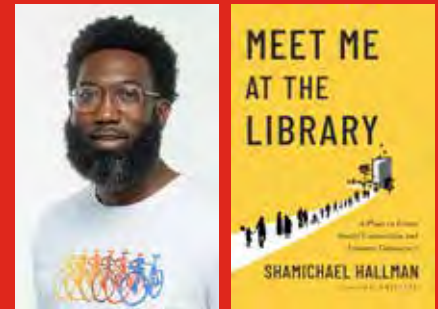
A PATH TO CITIZENSHIP

A Pratt social worker has spent two years working with an Iranian couple to assist with their health insurance, food stamps, and housing. Recently, the wife took and passed her citizenship exam but she was not given a date for her naturalization ceremony. The Library social worker assisted her with filing an appeal and helped her get a date for her ceremony. After the ceremony, the Library social worker assisted her with applying for her first US passport, which she used to visit her family in Iran for the first time in over five years.

A NETWORK OF RESOURCES

A new mother, who is undocumented, came to the Pratt seeking assistance with more than \$12,000 in medical bills from the birth of her child. The social worker was able to connect her with Healthcare Access Maryland who helped her file for retroactive Medicaid coverage via Maryland Healthy Babies programs to cover the cost of her delivery.

Learn more about social worker in the library at prattlibrary.org/socialworker



WRITERS LIVE! SHAMICHAEL HALLMAN

Meet Me at the Library

Monday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

As an institution that is increasingly under attack for creating a place where diverse audiences can see themselves, public libraries are under more scrutiny than ever. *Meet Me at the Library* offers us a revealing look at one of our most important civic institutions and the social and civic impact they must play if we are to heal our divided nation. Shamichael Hallman will be joined in conversation by Terrance Smith, Chief Innovation Officer for the Baltimore Mayor's Office of Innovation.

This program is presented in partnership with Thread.



BGE AT THE PRATT

Visit BGE at the following Pratt Library locations for assistance with payment arrangements, financial assistance programs, energy saving tips, and more! No appointment necessary.

PENNSYLVANIA AVE.

March 12 & April 9, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

March 19 & April 16, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

PRATT TEST KITCHEN



Pratt Free Market

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Fridays, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Southeast Anchor Library

The Pratt Free Market aims to create a safe space for the community through food. The market is stocked with produce, dry goods, paper goods, and more by generous local partners. Each customer will be allowed to fill one library-supplied bag per day.

Coffee Cupping with Sophomore Coffee Roasters

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

Central Library

Saturday, March 15, 11:00 a.m. | Waverly

Saturday, April 5, 11:00 a.m. | Canton

Join us for this sensory experience designed for coffee enthusiasts and amateurs alike.

The Pratt Library is excited to welcome Kris Fulton of Sophomore Coffee and guest roasters to lead this interactive workshop, which delves into the art and science of coffee tasting. Space for this program is limited; registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

The Power of Plant-Based Foods to Heal & Connect

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

Central Library

Come join us for an engaging presentation where you will discover how to fill your plate with foods that not only nourish your body and mind but also cultivate connections to your values, to each other, to our planet, and to all beings who call it home. Explore some tasty meal and snack ideas and tips to take the stress out of meal planning and preparation. This program is being taught by Emily Perryman, RD.

Spring Cupcake Decorating Workshop with Charm City Cakes

Thursday, April 17, 6:00 p.m. | Hamilton

Saturday, April 19, 11:00 a.m.

Patterson Park

Get ready to bloom with creativity in this fun and interactive cupcake decorating workshop! Guided by a skilled instructor from Charm City Cakes, you'll learn how to turn cupcakes into edible works of art. You'll decorate two cupcakes using fondant and buttercream, creating beautiful flowers and vibrant spring-inspired designs. Registration is required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

ADULTS

COMMUNITY IFTAR WITH MERA KITCHEN COLLECTIVE

Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

Ramadan Mubarak! Ramadan, the month in the Islamic calendar when Muslims fast from dawn to sunset, is a time for sharing, giving, and being in community with others. Join Mera Kitchen Collective for a community Iftar, the main meal of the fasting day when neighbors, friends, and families gather to break fast together. Dinner will be provided, and guests from the Muslim community in Baltimore will join us to share their stories and experiences of Ramadan. Advanced registration is required for this program to reserve your meal. Please reserve your spot at prattlibrary.org.

TEENS

TEEN CRAFT: GLASS TILE MOSAIC COASTERS

Friday, April 4, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden

Celebrate National Arab American Heritage Month with us by learning about Moroccan tile mosaics, then make your own unique glass mosaic coaster!

WRITERS LIVE! MICHAEL SYMON

Symon's Dinners Cooking Out

FREE COPY!

Thursday, March 27, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library

Go beyond the basics with 100 recipes for showstopping mains, salads, even desserts — all cooked outside — from the host of *Symon's Dinners Cooking Out* on the Food Network.

In *Symon's Dinners Cooking Out*, Michael Symon offers 100 recipes for outdoor cooking including desserts and drinks too. Featuring fan-favorite recipes from his popular Food Network show, *Symon's Dinners Cooking Out*, and brand new recipes, this cookbook is sure to excite budding and expert grillers alike. From live-fire classics like Bacon-Cheddar Smash Burgers to unexpected dishes like Fettuccine with Smoked Tomato Sauce, cooks who take it outside will find all kinds of creative ways to use their grill year-round.



"I'm a huge believer in and supporter of public libraries, and my first experience at Enoch Pratt was just amazing. Of course I'd recommend it enthusiastically!"

— Bobby S.

EARTH DAY

ADULTS

Seed Starting with Filbert Street Garden

Monday, March 24, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
Get your garden off to a good start this spring by learning how to germinate your own seeds and set them up for success all season. This session will cover seed selection and best practices for strong growth no matter what you'd like to grow.

Introductory Birding Talk with the Baltimore Bird Club

Saturday, April 5, 10:30 a.m. | Central Library
Join the Pratt Library in welcoming the Baltimore Bird Club for an engaging and informative introductory birding lecture. Whether you're an outdoor enthusiast, looking for a new hobby, or someone simply curious about birds, this interactive lecture explores key topics such as bird identification, birding tools, and basic bird behaviors.

Spring Migration Bird-Watching Walk

Saturday, April 19, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. | Canton
Join us for this bird-watching walk in Canton Waterfront Park led by experts from the Baltimore Bird Club. Participants will engage in the basics of urban bird watching, learn tips and tricks for spotting the different species, and enjoy communing with the natural settings local to our neighborhood branches. Attendees should prepare to walk 1 – 2 miles on varied terrain, as well as be out in the elements — birds love all kinds of weather, so this event will be rain or shine. This walk will begin and end at the Canton Branch. Space is limited; registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Fruit Trees 101 at Filbert Street Garden

Saturday, April 19, 11:00 a.m.
Filbert Street Garden (1317 Filbert St.)
Planting and caring for fruit trees is a great way to give yourself the gift of fresh fruit! Join us at Filbert Street Garden for a workshop about growing fruit trees in Baltimore City. This workshop will cover the ins and outs of planting and helping your fruit trees thrive, from seed to pruning needs.

Spring Blooms:

Decorate a Vase with Dried Flowers

Monday, April 21, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Welcome the beauty of spring into your home with our hands-on vase decorating workshop! Join us as we guide you through creating a stunning centerpiece using dried flowers. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

Earth Day Upcycling

Tuesday, April 22, 3:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Make this Earth Day unforgettable by joining us as we transform discarded and old books into stunning works of art and craft. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0399.

Recycle It Art

Tuesday, March 18, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Join us for a fun time learning some cool Earth Day facts and get creative by using recycled materials to make awesome art!

Earth Day Art

Tuesday, April 22, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
Celebrate Earth Day by creating unique pieces of art using items from nature to release your inner creativity and show off nature's beauty.

Window Gardening

Wednesday, April 23, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Ready to get your hands dirty and create something amazing? Celebrate Earth Day by creating a vibrant window garden in the teen space at Pennsylvania Ave. Spots are limited, so sign up today by calling the branch at 410-396-0399.

Paint-n-Snack

Thursday, April 24, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Come and have some fun with us at our Paint-n-Snack event! Enjoy a delightful spring painting session while munching on some tasty treats.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Ocean Crafternoon

Monday, March 3, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Read to Reef is back and we're celebrating by making scrapbooks of all things ocean! Come join us for some fun!

Spring Crafternoon

Tuesdays, March 4 & 18, April 1 & 29
3:30 p.m. | Canton
Join us at the Canton Branch for an afternoon of spring-themed arts and crafts. We'll explore different celebrations, various art techniques, materials, and styles.

DIY Spring Decor

Wednesdays, March 5 & April 23, 12:30 p.m.
Central Library
Create your own spring decoration. For families with kids ages 3 – 11.

Crafternoon: Ocean Drum

Tuesday, March 11, 3:00 p.m. | Wallbrook
Celebrate Read to Reef by creating your own ocean drum!

Crafternoon: Ocean Paint-A-Palooza

Tuesday, March 11, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Celebrate Read to Reef by painting your own ocean, river, lake, or pond scene! Include your favorite aquatic animals and plants. Don't forget to pick up your Read to Reef bookmark!

Crafternoon: Creative Sea Creatures with Scrap Bmore

Wednesday, March 19, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Join Scrap Bmore in celebration of Read to Reef at our Hamilton Branch! Get creative and craft unique sea creatures using recycled materials.

Crafternoon: Paper Bag Butterfly

Monday, March 24, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Get ready for spring by making a paper bag butterfly puppet.

Bug Bingo!

Wednesday, March 26, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Celebrate the start of spring and brush up on your entomological knowledge with an exciting game of bug bingo! All abilities welcome. Call 410-396-1168 to register.

TEENS

Make It Arty Wednesdays:

All The Green Things

Wednesdays, April 2 – 30, 4:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Show off your artistic abilities and get creative! In April we'll make a green thumb, oobleck slime, Perler bead animals, paper flowers, and happy little trees!

Let's Celebrate Spring

Saturday, April 5, 12:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Celebrate the beauty of spring with our springtime paper flowers craft celebration! In this joyful workshop, children will create vibrant paper flowers that capture the essence of the season.

Flower Power

Thursday, April 10, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Come join us for the start of spring and decorate your own potted planter. We will grow a variety of flowers.

Make It Grow With Port Discovery Children's Museum

Saturday, April 12, 12:00 p.m.
Central Library
Monday, April 21, 4:00 p.m. | Canton
Become a botanist and explore the life cycle of a seed. Use recycled newspaper to make your very own flower pot, then plant a seed, take it home, and practice your science skills to observe your seed's growth!

Dot Art: Spring Scenes

Wednesday, April 16, 3:15 p.m.
Roland Park
Spring is here! Decorate your favorite scenes in spring using dot art markers.

Teacup Fairy Gardens

Monday, April 21, 3:30 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Use your imagination and celebrate spring by making a succulent fairy garden in a teacup.

Earth Day Craft

Wednesday, April 23, 3:30 p.m.
Cherry Hill
Paint your very own flower pot. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

SPRING BREAK

TEENS

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Monday, April 14, 4:00 p.m.
Celebrate National Poetry Month by participating in an open mic night. Guests are invited to read one of their beloved poems, sing a portion of a song, or do a little karaoke.

MOVIE MONDAY: AMERICANISH

Monday, April 14, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
In Jackson Heights, Maryan, Sam, and Ameera must navigate the consistent and sometimes conflicting demands of romance, culture, work, and family.
2021 | PG-13 | 1 hr. 31 min.

BUTTON MAKING FOR TEENS

Tuesday, April 15, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Design custom buttons.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

PLAYDATE AT THE LIBRARY

Tuesday, April 15, 10:30 a.m. | Light St.
Bubbles, toys, and enriching play time.

TERRACOTTA FROGS

Tuesday, April 15, 2:00 p.m.
Patterson Park
Learn about frogs and make a frog out of a terracotta pot.

BEAD BONANZA!

Tuesday, April 15, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Come create your own unique designs using Perler, wooden, and pony beads.

REPTILE SMILES PRESENTS: RADICAL REPTILES

Thursday, April 17, 2:00 p.m.
Patterson Park
Join Nicole and her critters to learn all about radical reptiles!

CRAFTERNOON: PAINT A CERAMIC BUG

Thursday, April 17, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly
Paint your own ceramic bug or butterfly.

Earn free admission to the National Aquarium by joining the Read to Reef Book Club, for Baltimore-area students in fifth grade or younger. Bookmarks available March 1 – 31, while supplies last.

prattlibrary.org/read-to-reef



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

ADULTS

The Shoulders We Stand On: Maryland Fighters for 20th-Century Women's Suffrage

Monday, March 3, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
On the anniversary of the 1913 Women's Suffrage Parade, learn about the struggles by and between suffragists in Maryland as well as the fight to ratify women's right to vote.

Women's History Month Bingo!

Tuesday, March 11, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Celebrate Women's History Month! Test your knowledge of trailblazing women. Prizes will be awarded to winners. This program has limited spaces. To register, call 410-396-1168.

Cooking Up a Good Story: Recipes for an Amazing Tale

Saturday, March 15, 10:00 a.m. | Central Library
Join Dr. LaMarr D. Shields and Mark LaVeau for an engaging storytelling workshop. Drawing inspiration from the *Short Kuts Show*, this workshop will guide participants in crafting their own unforgettable narratives. Registration for this workshop is required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Film Series: He Named Me Malala

Saturday, March 15, 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Profiling Malala Yousafzai, a young women's rights activist from Pakistan who has endured attempts on her life by the Taliban for her outspoken opinions on equal access to education. 2015 | Rated PG-13 | 2 hr.

Telling Stories through Our Hair

Saturday, March 15, 1:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join us for a presentation on natural hair care movements of Black people and related history. We will discuss the Crown Act, legislation to address hair discrimination in the workplace, as well as tips on how to care for natural Black hair.

The Short Kuts Show Presents You Don't Own Me: Stories of Grit and Grace

Saturday, March 15, 2:00 p.m. | Central Library
Celebrate the resilience, determination, and grace of women who have overcome obstacles to achieve greatness or find peace in their journeys. Through stories of triumph, vulnerability, and the unwavering spirit that makes women unstoppable forces of change, we honor their incredible strength. Registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Women In Workforce Forum & Luncheon

Wednesday, March 19, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join us for a day of encouraging topics related to women's empowerment in the workplace. Speakers will share revolutionary wisdom and applicable knowledge in the areas of lifestyle, workplace, and professional advancement. Registration is required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Katherine Needleman: Ways We Have Failed Women in Classical Music

Saturday, March 22, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.
Besides being an accomplished musician and composer, Katherine is a vocal advocate for the #MeToo movement and changing the environment in classical music of keeping women subordinate.

TEENS

Inspiration in Art: Women Artists Who Inspire Us

Wednesday, March 5, 4:00 p.m. | Central Library
An introduction to the groundbreaking contributions of women artists.

She Is: Women's History Month Craft

Wednesday, March 12, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Select an influential woman in your life and illustrate her influence with photographs and descriptive writing.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Watch & Color: Hidden Figures

Monday, March 17, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden
Come to our special screening of *Hidden Figures*, where we'll be providing space- and STEM-themed coloring sheets for all ages to color while you watch!
2016 | Rating PG | 2 hr. 7 min.

Women's History Month: Candy DNA Models

Tuesday, March 18, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Celebrate Women's History Month by learning about contributions made by women scientists in the discovery of DNA! We will make our own candy double helix. Please call 410-396-1168 to register.

Movie Magic: Moana 2

Tuesday, March 25, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Celebrate Women's History Month by participating in an interactive showing of Disney's *Moana 2*. Through props and actions, we'll join Moana on her voyage.
2024 | Rated PG | 1 hr. 40 min.



WRITERS LIVE! CLARA BINGHAM

The Movement

Thursday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library & Virtual

A comprehensive and engaging oral history of the decade that defined the feminist movement, including interviews with living icons and unsung heroes — from former *Newsweek* reporter and author of *Witness to the Revolution*. Clara Bingham will be joined in conversation by *Baltimore Beat* editor-in-chief Lisa Snowden-McCray.



KIDS' WRITERS LIVE! TANISIA MOORE

Wash Day Love **FREE COPY!**

Monday, March 10, 4:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.

It's wash day — Tasha's least favorite day of the week! Wash day means stinging eyes, aching back, and water everywhere, even in Tasha's ears! But with big sis comforting her, Mama humming to the music, and Granny telling stories of wash days past, the weekly ritual soon becomes more than a weekend chore — it's a special bonding time for three generations of beautiful Black women.

LIVE MUSIC



Opera Outreach Ensemble: *Little Red's Most Unusual Day*

Saturday, March 1, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.

The Big Bad Wolf is at it again in this mad-cap opera based on the beloved Little Red Riding Hood fairy tale. Forest Ranger Dudley is too shy to ask Little Red's mom to the ball and, as a result, general mayhem ensues at Granny's house thanks to a hungry wolf and a feisty Granny. Dudley even loses his pants! Through it all Little Red learns a valuable lesson during her most unusual day. Performed by students within the Department of Music at Towson University. Adapted by John Davies from operas by Rossini and Offenbach. Suitable for children and adults of all ages. Sponsored by the Friends of the Light Street Branch.

Mount Vernon Virtuosi: 'Cellobration!'

Friday, March 14, 12:00 p.m. | Central Library

Conductor Amit Peled and the Mt. Vernon Virtuosi Cello Gang return to Pratt presenting a concert of all-cello arrangements!

Peabody Preparatory Strings in Style

Saturday, March 22, 11:15 a.m. | Central Library

Enjoy a special morning concert performed by talented young musicians from Peabody's Pre-Conservatory Violin Program joined by the Peabody Violin-Cello Choir and Kreisler Group. We'll hear soloists and ensembles performing classics, then step into the 20th century with a Canon, a couple of Marches, and finish up with a Calypso!

Jazz for Kids & Musical Instrument "Petting Zoo"

Tuesday, March 25, 3:30 p.m. | Light St.

Baltimore Jazz Alliance's five-piece band will introduce jazz music to children. Everyone will have a chance to sing along, clap along, learn how to scat sing, march in a New Orleans-style parade, and try out the band's instruments — drums, bass, guitar, saxophone, clarinet, and flute. This program is aimed for elementary school students but all ages are welcome!

Sac au Lait

Saturday, April 12, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.

Celebrate National Library Week! Sac au Lait plays traditional, swing and New Orleans music from the 20s and 30s with a modern attitude. Weather permitting, the band will lead a parade outside to celebrate libraries! Sponsored by the Friends of the Light Street Branch. Fun for all ages!

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HACKERMAN ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

INFORMATION SESSION

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

Central Library

Are you considering applying to the 2026 Artist-in-Residence Program but still have questions? Come learn more about the program, view the studio space and meet our Artist-in-Residence Program Coordinator. There will be a short presentation followed by a Q&A session.

SENSORY MAPPING: ART BEYOND SIGHT WITH HACKERMAN ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PHYLICIA GHEE

Thursday, March 13, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton

Join artist Phylcia Ghee for a unique workshop that connects sensory exploration with creative expression. Through hands-on activities like blind contour drawing, painting, and tactile exploration, participants will experience how sensory input can serve as a source of inspiration.



ONE BOOK BALTIMORE

My Fairy God Somebody **FREE COPY!**

Thursday, April 10, 4:00 p.m.

Roland Park

Join Charlene Allen to discuss the One Book Baltimore selection *My Fairy God Somebody*. Author Charlene Allen blends mystery, romance, and friendship in this contemporary YA novel.

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

SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY



ADULTS

Digital Drop-In Clinic

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:00 p.m.

Our Digital Drop-In Clinic is open for any and all technology questions, where we'll do our best to assist you in a relaxed, low-stress environment. Note: We cannot fix broken equipment or devices.

BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Club

Wednesdays, March 5 & April 2, 5:00 p.m.

Read what you want and then come to our monthly meetings and tell us about it, be it book, blog, or magazine article. Join us every first Wednesday to share what you're reading and get some reading recommendations from your neighbors.

Lawyer in the Library: Immigration Information

Wednesdays, March 12 & April 23, 11:00 a.m.

Legal practitioners from Just Neighbors and World Relief will be available to speak with individuals seeking information on immigration-related matters. Practitioners can provide general information on basic immigration-related inquiries, distribute informational materials, provide referrals, and more. Services will be available in Spanish.

Paper Crafts

Thursdays, March 13 & April 10, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a craft afternoon of upcycling old books! We'll create paper crafts from discarded library books.

Passion & Peril Book Club

Saturdays, March 22 & April 26, 3:00 p.m.

Passion & Peril Book Club explores Romance, Mystery, Suspense, Psychological/Domestic Thrillers, and Paranormal genres. Join us on Zoom or in person.

March: *The Banks V.1* by Roxane Gay

April: *Squad* by Maggie Tokuda-Hall

Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan

Saturday, April 5, 2:00 p.m.

Celebrate First Contact Day with us as we watch *The Wrath of Khan*.

1982 | Rated PG | 1 hr. 53 min.

TEENS

Retro Reads & Reels:

Teen Book & Movie Club

Mondays, March 3 & 17, April 7 & 21

4:00 p.m.

Read popular 2000s titles and see how the movies compare to the books.

March: *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

April: *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* by Ann Brashares

Afternoon Anime Club

Tuesdays, March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15

3:30 p.m.

Hang out with your friends and unwind with some anime-themed activities paired with the shows.

Club de Anime en Español

Thursdays, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24

3:30 p.m.

¡Mira anime con tus amigos por la tarde! Presentaremos los programas en español (con doblaje) o en japonés con subtítulos en español.

Sign Me Up!: Basic American Sign Language

Wednesday, April 23, 3:00 p.m.

Learn about American Sign Language and Deaf culture through hands-on games and activities! You'll learn how to introduce yourself in ASL, as well as basic vocabulary to sign about your favorite things. Presented by Kathy MacMillan.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Monday Wondernoons

Mondays, 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of creativity, where kids can make unique crafts!

Something's Fishy

Saturday, March 8, 1:00 p.m.

Make decorative papier maché fish.

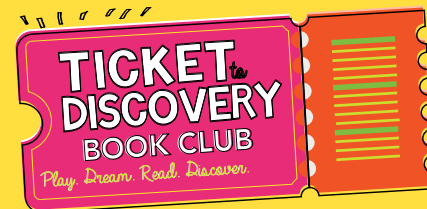
Animal Crackers with Wildlife Adventures

Tuesday, March 11, 11:00 a.m.

Discover how animals like chinchillas, ducks, and turtles use amazing adaptations to survive in their environments! Come meet a variety of amazing creatures.



SNEAK PEEK AT MAY & JUNE



TICKET TO DISCOVERY

May 1 – 31 | All Pratt Locations
Baltimore City children in fifth grade and younger can pick up a Ticket to Discovery bookmark to earn free admission to Port Discovery. While supplies last.

SPRING CUPCAKE DECORATING WORKSHOP WITH CHARM CITY CAKES

Wednesday, May 14
10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
Saturday, June 7, 10:00 a.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Guided by a skilled instructor from Charm City Cakes, you'll learn how to turn cupcakes into edible works of art.



SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE KICK OFF

Starting May 31 | All Pratt Locations
Sign up to get one FREE book in June, July, and August. You'll also get a FREE t-shirt upon registering! While supplies last.

INDIE GAME FEST

Saturday, June 7 | Central Library
Come explore, demo, and play games from local independent game developers.

REUP: REENTRY REDEFINED CONFERENCE

June 10 – 12 | Central Library
Three impactful days of empowering discussions, networking, and resources focused on reentry and redefining pathways for success.

BLACK & WHITE PARTY

The Pratt's Central Library was transported *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* for the annual Pratt Contemporaries Black & White Party. The event raised money to support teen and children's programs at the Pratt. A special thanks to all our sponsors that made the party possible. For more information on how you can join the Pratt Contemporaries, visit prattlibrary.org/support-us.



BLACK & WHITE PARTY
Saturday, January 25

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