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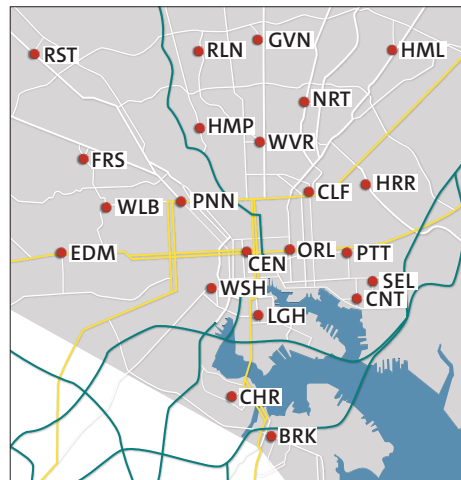
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DON'T MISS OUT ON THE LATEST EPISODES!

Charm School Project for Girls



Inspiring confidence in Black and Brown girls in Baltimore through dance. Jasmine Allen and Chabria Hill continue to grow their mentorship program, Charm School Project for Girls, that started with their shared love of dance.

Jack Dwyer, CEO of CFG Bank



It's the largest bank headquartered in Baltimore. The *Free to Bmore* podcast goes one-on-one with CFG Bank CEO Jack Dwyer about why he's committed to Charm City and how he is giving back to the community.

Listen now at prattlibrary.org/bmorepodcast

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ENOCH PRATT YOUTH COUNCIL

The Enoch Pratt Youth Council (EPYC) is designed to give Baltimore City teens grade 9 – 12 the opportunity to earn service learning hours and gain the experience necessary to build resumes and life skills.

The next EPYC cohort begins in the fall. For more information visit prattlibrary.org/support-us/volunteer.



Don't forget to complete your bookmark and visit Port Discovery before August 31!



prattlibrary.org/discovery

LETTER FROM THE INTERIM CEO



The Enoch Pratt Free Library has remained a vital institution in Baltimore City and the state of Maryland since 1882. Our goal is to provide access to our community for generations to come. To that end, with input from stakeholders, we are releasing the Pratt strategic plan for the next five years. This data-driven plan focuses on three key areas:

Sustainable Infrastructure: With 22 aging buildings, we must focus on improving and modernizing our spaces to best serve our communities. A recent Facility Condition Index found more than \$300 million in needed building repairs and expansion. We will advocate for many forms of funding to meet those needs, as well as look to new innovative models to make our community libraries more

sustainable. We will continue to improve accessibility and ensure we're providing the most up-to-date technology while being vigilant with data collection and privacy.

Strong Organizational Culture: The Pratt is only as good as the staff members who make up the organization. We will work to support career pathways by expanding employee development opportunities. We will focus on equity, diversity, and inclusion aligning with the Pratt's mission and vision.

Transformative and Empowering Programs and Services: The Pratt will make sure we're providing the programs and services our communities want and need with a greater eye towards community engagement and feedback. We'll evaluate programs and partnerships to ensure the highest quality services.

These are ambitious goals for the next five years. However, they are imperative for the health of our organization. I'm excited for the work ahead and what we can do to build on the tradition of excellence that our customers expect.

Darcell Graham, *Interim CEO, Enoch Pratt Free Library*

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Pratt Library is launching a new 5-year strategic plan this July. Our data-driven plan will help guide the work of the Library into the future.

The mission of the library will remain the same, to empower, enrich, and enhance the quality of life for all through equitable access to information, services, and opportunities.

We will launch a new vision for the Library: The Enoch Pratt Free Library fosters individual, educational, economic, and community success in Baltimore City and the State of Maryland.

The plan focuses on three main goals:

- Sustainable Infrastructure
- Strong Organizational Culture
- Transformative and Empowering Programs & Services

See the full version of the Pratt Strategic Plan on our website:
prattlibrary.org/about-us/strategic-plan

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The next Meeting of the Boards of Trustees and Directors will be held in September.
Visit prattlibrary.org for details.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP



FREEDOM TO READ ACT

Governor Wes Moore signed the Freedom to Read Act into law in April in response to the surge in book challenges across the country. The law prohibits schools and public libraries from excluding material solely because of an author's origin, background or views, or for partisan, ideological, or religious reasons. It also protects library workers from losing their jobs for protecting access to books. The Pratt stood by other Maryland libraries supporting this bill.

STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER FUNDING

Lawmakers in Annapolis also passed a small increase in funding for the State Library Resource Center to help keep up with inflation. The Pratt Central Library serves as the State Library Resource Center providing cooperative, cost-effective resources and services for Maryland libraries and their customers.

PRATT BUILDING PROJECTS

The Pratt Library also lobbied for and received \$1 million in funding for capital improvements to buildings. These funds will help with critical needs at our Herring Run, Reisterstown Road, and Brooklyn Branches.

“Staff is helpful and they help you find whatever you need.”

— Maria M.

“Amazing to check out ebooks for free, love it!”

— Michael P.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LATEST WINNERS OF PRATT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



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ROLAND PARK BRANCH 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, July 10, 10:30 a.m. | Roland Park

Please join us as we mark the 100th anniversary of the Roland Park Branch. We will celebrate with cake and live jazz music performed by the Greg Thompkins Quartet, as well as a Baltimore history-themed storytime for kids in the morning and a bookmark craft. Be sure to come in and share any library-related memories and/or photos you may have!

BUILDING UPDATES

The Pratt Library is committed to pursuing ongoing facility improvements throughout our system. Over the next two years, projects are planned at several Pratt locations. You can read more about our plans here: prattlibrary.org/renovation-plan



WALBROOK LIBRARY

Reopened in June

The Walbrook Branch is back open after a full replacement of the HVAC system and a refresh of the indoor space. Fresh new paint and carpet give the Branch a new look as well as new furniture throughout the space. The building reopened in mid-June with grand opening celebrations at the end of the month.

The refresh project was made possible with the support of private donors and American Rescue Plan funding through the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs.

JOHNSTON SQUARE

Breaking ground this summer

We will break ground this summer on a new library branch in the Johnston Square community. The new building is part of the Johnston Square Vision Plan, and will be located on the first floor of a 109-unit multi-family building at 100 Greenmount Ave. Construction is expected to take around 14 months.



HERRING RUN BRANCH

Closed May 2024 – Fall 2024

The Herring Run Branch is temporarily closed for Phase I of a makeover project. Fresh paint, carpet, and new furniture will be installed in the Branch this summer with support from American Rescue Plan and private donor funding. Phase II of the project will include HVAC replacement in 2025.



PRATT FREE MARKET

Opening this summer

The Pratt Free Market will open this summer in our Southeast Anchor Library. It will be a judgment-free, accessible, modern, and bright free grocery store stocked with produce, dry goods, paper goods, and more thanks to generous local partners. The market will serve as a hub of food and nutrition-based community programming.



COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION SCHEDULE

What do you want from your library? We want to hear from YOU. Come to a community engagement session and let Neighborhood Library Services staff know what's most important to you in YOUR library.

- Orleans St. | July 20, 11:00 a.m.
- Brooklyn | August 24, 11:00 a.m.
- Govans | September 7, 11:00 a.m.
- Reisterstown Rd. | October 19, 11:00 a.m.

UPCOMING CLOSURES

The Northwood and Brooklyn branches will close in September for HVAC upgrades.

GAME ON!



ADULTS

Adult Board Game Night

Tuesdays, July 2 – August 27, 4:00 p.m.
Brooklyn
Come play some of your favorite board games like Chess, Checkers, and Connect Four.

Adult Book Bingo

Tuesday, July 2, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Win prizes with the fun of Book Bingo. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

Your Turn: Board Game Group

Mondays, July 8 & August 12, 6:00 p.m.
Hamilton
It's an evening of tabletop gaming! This monthly meetup may include card, board, or party-style games. Come one, come all!

70s Bingo

Saturdays, July 20 & August 17, 12:30 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.
Come dressed in your 70s attire for a day of Bingo. Registration required. To register, call 410-396-0948.

Get on Board!

Thursday, August 22, 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 the group.

Adult Game Night: Jeopardy! Library Edition

Thursday, August 29, 6:00 p.m. | Waverly
Test your knowledge across a variety of categories with clues inspired by our library's collections. Compete individually or in teams. Registration is required. Call the Waverly Branch at 410-396-6089 or stop by the Adult Information Desk to register.

TEENS

Board Games

Thursdays, July 11 & August 8, 4:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Join us to play some board games! Pull out a classic or try a new game from our collection.

Teen Video Game Night

Thursday, July 11, 5:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Come hang out and play video games with your friends on the big screen!

Virtual Reality Play

Monday, July 15, 3:00 p.m. | Govans
Play VR games in the library like Beat Saber and Power Wash Simulator. One player per session. Kids and teens only.

Dungeons & Dragons: Summer Session

Thursday, August 1, 2:00 p.m.
Mondays, August 5 – 26, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Adventure through the worlds of Forgotten Realms in this elf-themed slice of Faerûn. Session 0 is optional (Aug. 1) for those who would prefer to make their own characters. Dice and character sheets provided.

Teen Trivia

Monday, August 5, 2:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Get ready to put your knowledge to the test! Compete against friends or challenge yourself solo. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

Video Game Challenge

Monday, August 5, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
Join us as we go retro and play classic Nintendo video games. Tetris, anyone?

Mario Kart Tournament

Monday, August 12, 1:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Teens are invited to engage in a lively Mario Kart tournament with a chance to win prizes. Snacks provided. Registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org

Memory Mastery: The Simon Challenge

Wednesday, August 14, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Join us for an exciting challenge where you'll follow sequences of colorful button presses and see how far you can go!

Teen Board Game Night

Thursday, August 15, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Join us for an exhilarating afternoon of strategic fun, and friendly competition.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Game Night Feature: Exploding Kittens

Thursday, July 11, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Learn how to play the card game Exploding Kittens. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0399.

Game Time

Tuesday, July 23, 3:30 p.m. | Walbrook
Swing by for a game-filled afternoon! Play board and video games, and grab a snack.

Let's Play with Virtual Reality!

Saturday, August 3, 2:00 p.m. | Central Library
Put on your headset and immerse yourself in the world of virtual reality — play Beat Saber, draw in 3D with Tilt Brush, go rock climbing, and more! For children ages 8 – 12 and their families.

Bingo!

Tuesday, August 6, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Play a classic game of Bingo and grab a snack!

Game On Wednesdays

Wednesday, August 7 – 28, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Join us for a new gaming experience every Wednesday in August!

Dog Man Trivia

Saturday, August 10, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden
Join us for a fun-filled Dog Man trivia session! For children ages 6 – 12. This program has limited spaces and pre-registration is required. To register, please call 410-396-6043.



VIDEO GAME PARTY WITH GAME TRUCK

Teens are invited to join Game Truck and play in our video game party! We will have Nintendo Switch and Playstation and a variety of games.

Monday, July 8, 11:30 a.m.
Reisterstown Rd.

Tuesday, July 9, 1:00 p.m. | Patterson Park

Wednesday, July 10, 3:00 p.m. | Govans

Thursday, July 11, 12:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill

Monday, July 15, 1:00 p.m. | Walbrook

Tuesday, July 16, 3:30 p.m. | Roland Park

Saturday, July 20, 1:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.

Saturday, July 20, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library

Thursday, July 25, 1:00 p.m. | Light St.

Thursday, July 25, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly

Thursday, August 1, 2:00 p.m. | Hampden

Thursday, August 1, 5:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

Wednesday, August 7, 2:00 p.m.
Hamilton

Friday, August 9, 2:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.

Thursday, August 15, 3:00 p.m.
Orleans St.

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!



ERIC WEINER

Ben & Me

Tuesday, July 2, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Not a conventional biography, *Ben & Me* is a guide to living and thinking well, as Ben Franklin did. It is also about curiosity, diligence, and, most of all, the elusive goal of self-improvement. As Weiner follows Franklin from Philadelphia to Paris, Boston to London, he attempts to uncover Ben's life lessons, large and small. We learn how to improve a relationship with someone by inducing them to do a favor for you — a psychological phenomenon now known as The Ben Franklin Effect. We learn about the printing press, early medicine, diplomatic intrigue and, of course, electricity. And we learn about ethics, persuasion, humor, regret, appetite, and so much more.

WRITERS LIVE!



DIONNE JOYNER-WEEMS

That Part!

Tuesday, July 9, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Motherhood is not for the faint of heart or the fond of sleeping. It's unfiltered madness that's simultaneously enlightening, exhausting, and affirming. The first five years especially are an emotional upheaval complete with stretch marks, and for mother-of-three Dionne Joyner-Weems, no parenting book in the world could have prepared her for the reality of raising three sons. In *That Part!: What Some Know but Won't Tell You about Motherhood*, Joyner-Weems opens her diary and invites readers to share in some of the more vulnerable, challenging, and eye-opening moments of her motherhood experience. Dionne Joyner-Weems will be joined in conversation by FOX45 Morning News anchor Patrice Sanders.

WRITERS LIVE!



K'WAN

False Idols

Saturday, July 13, 3:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

The throne of Five Points is without a sitting king for the first time since its inception. The vacancy doesn't last long, however, as Chancellor's older brother, Chapman, takes the opportunity to usurp the crown, breaking the line of succession and stepping over his nephew Shadow. Chapman's first act as the new king is to banish what remains of his broken family, branding them enemies of the crown. Stripped of all wealth and power, Maureen King places a seemingly impossible task on the shoulders of Shadow — to reclaim what was stolen from their family and take back the crown. K'wan will be joined in conversation by Hagerstown Mayor Tekesha Martinez.

WRITERS LIVE!



THOMAS DOLBY

Prevailing Wind

Monday, July 15, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

As dark political clouds gather over Europe, the NYCC's railroad barons control the USA from the squeaky leather couches of the 44th St. clubhouse. Far from the immigrant slums, the Suffragettes, and the Ludlow massacres, they wager small fortunes and pit their egos on their favorite distraction: big yacht sail racing. Its absolute pinnacle is the America's Cup — the oldest trophy in world sport. For two penniless brothers, it's the chance of a lifetime: to get the heck out of Deer Isle and etch their names in Cup history. But they'll have to fight for places with the rival West Bay crew. There are old feuds to be settled on and off the water.

WRITERS LIVE!



HYESEUNG SONG

Docile

Thursday, July 25, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

A daughter of Korean immigrants, Hyeseung Song spends her earliest years in the cane fields of Texas where her loyalties are divided between her parents. Neither rich nor white, Song does what is necessary to be visible: she internalizes the model minority myth as well as her beloved mother's dreams to see her on a secure path. Years of self-erasure take a toll and Song experiences recurring episodes of depression and mania. So begins her sweeping journey to heal herself by losing everything. Unflinching and lyrical, *Docile* is one woman's story of subverting the model minority myth, contending with mental illness, and finding her self-worth by looking within.

WRITERS LIVE!



LEONARD PITTS JR.

54 Miles

Tuesday, August 6, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

The free-standing successor and next novel by the author of the critically acclaimed *The Last Thing You Surrender*, Leonard Pitts, Jr.'s *54 Miles* launches forward 20 years to the fateful weeks of March 1965 — from the infamous "Bloody Sunday" march at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma on the 7th to the triumphant entry into Montgomery on the 25th that climaxed the voting rights campaign — and the families who find themselves confronting the past amid another flashpoint in American history.

SPRING AUTHOR EVENTS

It was a busy spring season for Pratt Writers LIVE! We welcomed journalist Ali Velshi, author Erik Larson, actress Willow Smith, and Dr. Sharon Malone, who was introduced by Maryland's First Lady Dawn Moore.



CELEBRATING THE 2024 POETRY CONTEST FINALISTS WITH LITTLE PATUXENT REVIEW

Tuesday, August 20, 6:30 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

In celebration of the finalists of the 2024 Poetry Contest with the Enoch Pratt Free Library and *Little Patuxent Review*, join us for an evening of readings by the three finalists, Marc A. Drexler, Kate Powell Shine, and Preet Bhela, as well as *Little Patuxent Review* contributor xochi quetzali cartland. *Little Patuxent Review* lead editor Sarah Berger will host. For more information about this event, email poetry@prattlibrary.org.



WHAT'S NEW

Here are the most anticipated books of July and August coming soon to the Pratt Library.



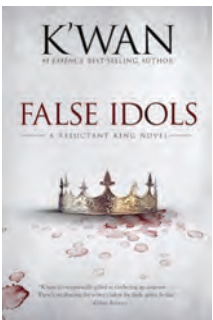
***The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn**

A novel that captures the paranoia of McCarthyism and evokes the changing roles for women in postwar America. When Grace March moves into the all-female Briarwood House, she draws her neighbors into unlikely friendship. After an act of violence tears the house apart, the Briar Club women must decide: Who is the true enemy in their midst?



***I Was a Teenage Slasher* by Stephen Graham Jones**

1989, Lamesa, Texas. A small town driven by oil and cotton — and a place where everyone knows everyone else's business. So it goes for Tolly Driver, a good kid with more potential than application, 17, and about to be cursed to kill for revenge.



***False Idols* by K'wan**

Chapman King, Chancellor's older brother, starts a war within the Monarchy when he usurps the Five Points crown and banishes his family. In the raging conflict that ensues, Maureen King places a seemingly impossible task on the shoulders of her son Shadow — to reclaim what was stolen from their family and take back the crown.



***A Passionate Mind in Relentless Pursuit* by Noliwe Rooks**

An intimate and searching account of the life and legacy of Mary McLeod Bethune, one of America's towering educators, a woman who dared to center the progress of Black women and girls in the larger struggle for political and social liberation.



***The Art of Power* by Nancy Pelosi**

The most powerful woman in American political history tells the story of her transformation from housewife to House Speaker — how she became a master legislator, a key partner to presidents, and the most visible leader of the Trump resistance.



***The Summer Pact* by Emily Giffin**

In the wake of tragedy, a group of college friends makes a pact that will cause them to reunite a decade later and embark upon a life-changing adventure together. In this tender portrayal of grief, love, and hope, Emily Giffin asks: When things fall apart, who will be at our sides, helping us pick up the pieces?



***By Any Other Name* by Jodi Picoult**

Melina Green and Emilia Bassano, women centuries apart who are forced to hide behind another name. Told in intertwining timelines, this sweeping tale of ambition, courage, and desire centers two women who are determined to create something beautiful despite the prejudices they face.



***That Librarian* by Amanda Jones**

Part memoir, part manifesto, the inspiring story of a Louisiana librarian advocating for inclusivity on the front lines of our vicious culture wars. Mapping the book-banning crisis occurring all across the nation, *That Librarian* calls book lovers everywhere to rise in defense of our readers.



***Tiger, Tiger* by James Patterson**

The impossible life of Tiger Woods — how did he become the G.O.A.T., what drove him to fall so spectacularly, and how has he made his way back to the pinnacle of golf? In Patterson's hands, Tiger's story is a hole-in-one thriller.



***Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth Strout**

It's autumn in Maine, and the town lawyer Bob Burgess has become enmeshed in a murder investigation and has fallen into a deep and abiding friendship with the acclaimed writer Lucy Barton. Lucy, meanwhile, is finally introduced to the iconic Olive Kitteridge. The two spend afternoons together in Olive's apartment, telling each other stories about people they have known, imbuing their lives with meaning.

LIVE MUSIC



TEENS

An Introduction to Taiko:

The Art of Japanese Drumming

Saturday, July 6, 1:00 p.m. | Govans

Monday, July 22, 3:00 p.m. | Orleans St.

This interactive program features the performance of both traditional and contemporary songs and rhythms, while exploring the instruments, the use of voice in taiko, and a bit of history and Japanese vocabulary. Performances include the chance for volunteers to get up and try their hand at playing these BIG drums!

Teen Open Mic Night

Mondays, July 15 & 29, 5:00 p.m.

Reisterstown Rd.

Unleash your best poem, rhyme, rap, or song at the Reisterstown Branch Teen Open Mic Night and let the creativity flow! Each performance should last 10 minutes. Hand-carried instruments to accompany a singer are welcome. Music groups no larger than 2 – 3 people allowed, and no profanity, please. Drinks and snacks served. Teens of 11 – 18 are welcome to participate. Limited to 10 individual acts or 7 groups. Call to reserve your slot: 410-396-0948.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Music & Movement Storytime

Mondays, 4:00 p.m. (except Aug. 12 & 19)

Canton Church on the Square

1025 S. Potomac St.

Shimmy, shake, wiggle, and giggle as we share music and movement-themed books, interactive songs, and fun activities to get kids (and adults) up and moving! For families with children ages 2 – 5. This program will be held at the Church on the Square, located behind the library at 1025 S. Potomac St.

ALL AGES

Summer Symphony Winds

Monday, July 8, 10:30 a.m. | Waverly

Tuesday, July 9, 10:30 a.m.

Canton Church on the Square

1025 S. Potomac St.

Tuesday, July 9, 3:00 p.m. | Reisterstown Rd.

Tuesday, July 16, 11:00 a.m. | Brooklyn

Tuesday, July 16, 3:00 p.m. | Govans

Come hear a woodwind quintet, with story narration by spoken word artist Wordsmith, or enjoy a casual learning experience with a woodwind trio. All appearances are designed for children of all ages, including the youngest listeners. This series is funded by a generous grant through the Baltimore Symphony Musicians Foundation.

Musical Storytelling

Wednesday, August 7, 2:00 p.m. | Roland Park

Thursday, August 8, 11:00 a.m. | Hampden

Join the Mount Vernon Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra for a musical story and an introduction to the world of classical music.

Toddler & Preschool Music Class

Monday, August 19, 10:30 a.m. | Light St.

Singing, clapping, egg shakers, and FUN

abound in this child & caregiver music class from our friends at South Baltimore Music Academy. Little ones ages 1 – 5 are invited to join the excitement with a parent or caregiver.

Abe Ovadia

Saturday, July 27, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.

From the iconic melodies of The Beatles to the timeless tunes of Elvis Presley and the legendary tracks of Queen, jazz guitarist Abe Ovadia masterfully blends contemporary pop and rock with the vibrant and intricate world of jazz. Whether you're an ardent jazz enthusiast or a devoted lover of pop melodies, "Jazzified Pop" promises an unforgettable musical journey that showcases the power of musical innovation.

Trinidad and Tobago Baltimore Steel Orchestra Performance

Thursday, August 8, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.

The Trinidad & Tobago Baltimore Steel Orchestra has been providing the finest authentic Caribbean steel drum music since its founding in 1971. Enjoy a demonstration and performance by members of the ensemble.

Night Songs: The Music of Film Noir

Saturday, August 10, 1:30 p.m.

Central Library

For more than 15 years, Cold Spring Jazz Quartet has been treating Baltimore-Washington audiences to their signature blend of current and classic jazz. The emphasis for this evening, however, is on the classics, as Cold Spring Jazz Quartet performs the music of 1940s and 50s film noir.

Live Music: Bob Burke

Saturday, August 24, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.

Guitarist and former Pratt librarian Bob Burke returns to Light Street to rock the library with a mix of songs from the 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s.

"Friendly, professional, and efficient staff made for a very pleasant and enjoyable experience. Beautiful, clean, and welcoming facilities are tremendous assets and give me pride in Baltimore!!"

— Nick H.



**SUMMER
BREAK
BALTIMORE**

June 1 – August 31

WHAT IS SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE?

Summer Break Baltimore is a fun program for all ages that encourages literacy and learning in our community. The fun started June 1, 2024, at every Pratt location!

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Stop by your nearest Pratt Library location to register.

WHAT WILL I GET?

You'll receive a Summer Break Baltimore t-shirt when you register, while supplies and sizes last. Visit the Library every month in June, July, and August to pick up a free book to keep! Read books and attend Library programs to be entered into monthly prize drawings for gift cards, tickets to local experiences, prize packs, and more. *T-shirts and books are available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.*

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Pratt will have fun in-person activities, monthly raffle prizes, and events all summer long! Register for the program with a staff member at any of our locations. Visit the Library every month in June, July, and August to pick up your free book. Books must be collected within their respective months (June book in June; July book in July; August book in August). Read books and attend Library programs to be entered into monthly prize drawings for gift cards, tickets to local experiences, prize packs, and more. Stop by your nearest Pratt Library location to redeem your raffle tickets each time you read a book or attend a program.

- 1 book read = 1 entry into the monthly prize drawings
- 1 program attended = 1 entry into the monthly prize drawings

You must be registered for Summer Break Baltimore to win a drawing prize.

SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE

Don't miss out on these featured events for children and their families!

ARTS & MUSIC

Digital Canvas Explorers

Tuesday, July 16, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.

Embark on a digital adventure with Baltimore's R.I.S.E. Arts Center's Digital Canvas Explorers. This hands-on and interactive program introduces participants to the magic of creating vibrant and imaginative artwork using digital tools and techniques.

Dance & Bmore: FazaFam Family Jam

Friday, July 19, 1:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Wednesday, August 21, 2:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
FazaFam Family Jam is Baltimore's favorite dance party packed with original music, classic grooves, lively games, and easy playful moves.

Culture Queen's Dance Party

Thursday, July 25, 11:00 a.m. | Orleans St.
Join Culture Queen for an interactive journey through the Swinging 60s as she teaches your royal children the hottest dances of the era through the music of Rock & Roll kings and queens. Don't be tardy for the party!

Zine Magic: A Creative Workshop for Young Zine Artists

Tuesday, August 6, 3:00 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.

Unleash the power of self-expression through our Zine Magic workshop with Baltimore's R.I.S.E. Arts Center. This hands-on program invites participants to explore their creativity, storytelling, and artistic flair while crafting their very own mini magazines — zines!

Musical Storytime: Sing with Ascend Through Music

Thursday, August 8, 11:00 a.m. | Orleans St.
Families are welcome to sing, dance, and learn together at this special musical storytime, led by a guest musician from Ascend Through Music. Make memories while you make music during summer break.

West African Dance Performance:

KanKouran West African Dance Company

Thursday, August 8, 11:00 a.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Thursday, August 8, 1:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.

Learn about traditional African dance and drumming with the KanKouran West African Dance Company. Watch a live performance that will immerse you in the culture and heritage of West Africa.

DAB TCG Adventures

Monday, August 12, 10:30 a.m. | Light St.
DAB TCG Adventures are interactive and entertaining music, dance, and comedy shows for all ages. TCG Puppets along with Dance & Bmore's FazaFam Band take you on exciting adventures while dancing to songs you can sing along to.

Musical Storytime: Sing with AMPlified

Thursday, August 15, 4:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
AMPlified, a group of student-musicians from the Ascend Through Music Program (AMP) will perform during our usual Thursday Family Storytime. AMPlified will tell stories through song, and families are encouraged to sing along!

Rock & Rhyme with Mr. Jon

Friday, August 23, 10:30 a.m. | Canton
(Church on the Square, 1025 S. Potomac St.)
Friday, August 23, 1:30 p.m. | Hamilton
This musical comedy show will have everyone dancing and laughing along. Using songs, rhymes, books, and puppets, Mr. Jon and his silly friend George the Monkey will entertain you with a show for the young and young at heart.

STEAM

Bubble Fun with the Bubble Lady

Monday, July 8, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Wednesday, July 17, 1:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Thursday, July 18, 1:00 p.m. | Govans
Join the Bubble Lady for a fun, interactive experience. Learn about science as you see a "smoky" bubble, and more!

Clever Creations with Port Discovery Children's Museum

Tuesday, July 9, 11:00 a.m. | Brooklyn
Tuesday, July 16, 3:00 p.m. | Reisterstown Rd.
Join us and use Clixo building toys and the power of magnets to create. Your building is only limited by your imagination. Flexible 2D shapes click into place to become awesome 3D creations.

So Many Shapes with Port Discovery Children's Museum

Wednesday, July 10, 2:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Join us and learn to build everyday objects using wooden shape blocks. Once you've mastered our challenges and patterns, create patterns of your own. Then, make a shape collage to take home!

Animal Antics with Wildlife Adventures

Thursday, July 11, 10:30 a.m. | Patterson Park
Tuesday, July 16, 10:30 a.m. | Light St.
Wednesday, August 14, 1:00 p.m. | Govans
Saturday, August 17, 1:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.

Get ready for a wild adventure at the library! Come meet a variety of amazing creatures up close and personal. You'll get to watch them, learn about their unique behaviors, and even touch and hold them.

STEAM Adventure with the Science Guys!

Tuesday, July 16, 11:00 a.m. | Central Library
Tuesday, July 16, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Monday, August 12, 4:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Join the Science Guys of Baltimore for a STEAM adventure! In this thrilling show, you will explode right into a mission that reveals challenges of defying gravity and electrifying obstacles, all while exploring science principles to navigate an escape.

Bubble Magic with Meadow Perry

Wednesday, July 17, 11:00 a.m. | Canton
(Church on the Square, 1025 S. Potomac St.)
Wednesday, July 17, 3:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Thursday, July 18, 10:30 a.m. | Waverly
Thursday, July 18, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden
Meadow Perry's exciting and upbeat show not only demonstrates the fun of bubbles, but also introduces the science behind them. Meadow brings you closer to the magic as she provides instruction on how to make your own bubble solution and do some tricks of your own!

Science Heroes Junior: Adventure of the Lost Treasure

Thursday, August 15, 10:30 a.m. | Waverly
An interactive learning adventure that introduces preschoolers to the wonders of science!

Science Heroes: Adventure of the Lost Treasure

Thursday, August 15, 1:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Join us on a treasure-hunting adventure deep within the jungle! The audience helps the performer act out the tale, as we use the events in the story to explore several exciting science concepts.

SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE

ADULTS

Poetry Online Discussion of Nikki Giovanni

Saturday, July 13, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual
Join us online for a discussion of the poetry of Nikki Giovanni. For more information or to get on our Poetry Event email list, email poetry@prattlibrary.org.

Rambling Readers

Thursdays, July 18 & August 15, 10:00 a.m.
Central Library
Come as we share whatever book we are reading! Rendezvous outside Central Library. From there, we will take various routes, walking and occasionally pausing to take turns speaking. Expect to be back at the library in one hour. For questions or optional registration, contact bst@prattlibrary.org or 410-396-5317.

Pratt Page-Turners Book Club

Saturdays, July 20 & August 17, 11:00 a.m.
Central Library & Virtual
July: Iza's Ballad by Magda Szabó, translated from the Hungarian by George Szirtes.
August: The Salt Path by Raynor Winn
For help obtaining a copy of the book or more information about the book club, please email fic@prattlibrary.org.

Summer Break Baltimore Book Talk & Swap

Saturday, August 24, 1:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Join our discussion of favorites and not-so-favorites. Afterwards, participants will be able to swap books with other attendees.

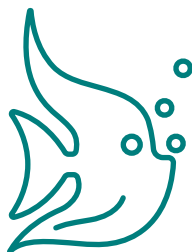
TEENS

Karaoke for Teens

Monday, July 1, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Join us for an electrifying afternoon of music, fun, and talent! This event is the perfect opportunity to showcase your vocal skills. Sing solo or grab your friends for a memorable group performance. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

Sphero Bolt Maze

Saturday, July 6, 2:00 p.m. | Roland Park
The Roland Park Branch needs your help! Our Sphero BOLT Coding Robots are stuck in a maze and we need help to get them out. Visit the library and see if you can solve the maze and win a prize.



Let's Get Writing

Mondays & Thursdays, July 8 – 25, 2:00 p.m.
Hamilton
Come in meet and bounce ideas off one another, share their stories, and feel the creativity flow!

Afternoon Pixel Art

Mondays, July 8 – 29, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Bring retro 8-bit gaming characters to life each week using fusing beads!

Anime-thon

Wednesdays,
July 10, 24, & August 14, 1:00 p.m.
Monday, August 19, 1:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Teens are welcome to join our Anime-thon this summer for four binge-watching sessions of Solo Leveling.

Upcycled Disco Ball

Saturday, July 20, 1:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Join us to create your own disco ball using recycled CDs and DVDs.

Plant Pollinator Workshop

Monday, July 22, 3:30 p.m. | Waverly
Join us for an interactive session where you will learn about the essential role bees play in our ecosystem and how you can create pollinator-friendly environments. Get hands-on experience planting bee-friendly flowers and discover simple ways to support these vital creatures.

Teen Book Discussion

Friday, July 26, 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 22, 1:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
July: A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson
August: Banned Book Club by Hyun Sook
Get your copies of the books from the Pennsylvania Ave. Branch.



CHARM CITY TRAILBLAZERS SUMMER CAMP

Monday – Friday, July 8 – August 2
1:00 p.m. | Central Library

Teens age 12 – 19 are invited to our 5th annual FREE Summer Camp!

Every day of the camp, local professionals and experts will present on music, art, gaming, photography, business, physical wellness, mental wellness, social media, school success, and a variety of other topics relevant to teenagers. By providing interactive discussions and creative workshops, we will help our teens to consider their future pathways. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Our summer camp will not provide payment this year. Participants will still receive free lunch, program supplies, and raffle prizes.

FREE LUNCH FOR TEENS

Monday – Friday, July 8 – August 2
12:00 p.m. | Central Library

Every week, Monday – Friday, from July 8 – August 2, the Teen Center will serve catered lunch to teens ages 12 – 19 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., including vegan and gluten-free options. Stick around at 1:00 p.m. to join our free summer camp activities!

While we can usually offer access to the Teen Center for family members accompanying a teenager, we must insist in this case that lunch boxes be reserved for ages 12 – 19 only. Thank you for helping us to maintain a safe and comfortable environment for teenagers.

Under the Mask:

An Art Activity for Self-Discovery

Tuesday, July 30, 3:30 p.m. | Central Library
What is the "mask" that we wear on the outside and how is that similar to or different from who we are inside? During this activity you will create a mask using decoration to represent who you are on the outside and inside.

Glass Bead Suncatchers

Tuesday, August 13, 1:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Join us in the teen department to create a suncatcher made of glass beads.

Scrapbooking Workshop

Thursday, August 29, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Unleash your creativity and uniquely preserve your memories. Learn techniques, share ideas, and bond with your peers while crafting beautiful scrapbook pages.

— CHILDREN & FAMILIES —

Tinker Tuesdays

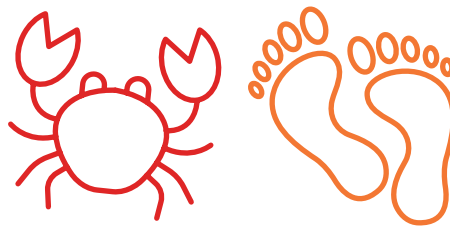
Tuesdays, July 2, 16, & 30, August 13 & 27
3:30 p.m. | Canton
Come explore different STEAM stations with your favorite adult. Tinker with engineering tools, complete science projects, construct structures with building blocks and more!

Bubble Bonanza!

Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. | Hamilton
We will mix our own bubble mix and try different tools for blowing bubbles.

Reading Camp

Mondays, July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19
11:00 a.m. | Reisterstown Rd.
Do some silent reading, learn more about reading, or ask the librarian for book recommendations!



Summer Sun Fairy Lantern

Tuesday, July 9, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Decorate a mason jar to look like your own fairy garden.

Make a Mini Pool Party!

Tuesday, July 23, 2:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Using upcycled jar lids glued onto crab-shaped wooden pool decks, participants will add paint, glitter, & other supplies to decorate their own tiny pool parties! Craft materials and light refreshments will be provided. Ideal for grade school-aged children and their families.

Summer Collage Journal

Wednesday, July 24, 1:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Use old magazines and art supplies to make a scrapbook of your summer!

Summer Library Club for Kids

Wednesday, July 24 & August 28, 3:30 p.m.
Cherry Hill
Join us for an afternoon of fun activities, games, imagination, and to catch up with friends! The Library Club is for kids in elementary school. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

Storytime in the Park

Saturdays, July 20 & August 17, 10:00 a.m.
West Mount Vernon Place (near the Central Library)
Enjoy stories, music and movement in the park! We will meet in Mount Vernon Place on the west side by the lion statue. Bring your own blanket to sit on! Perfect for kids ages 8 and under with their favorite adult.

Summer Fun Fest

Saturday, July 27, 11:00 a.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Play games and enjoy summer treats with us! This event will be outdoors, so dress for the weather.

Puzzle It Out

Thursday, August 1, 1:00 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.
Put on your thinking cap by solving a jigsaw puzzle! Puzzles available for all ages.

Matchbox Contraptions

Thursday, August 1, 1:15 p.m.
Central Library
Put together a moving matchbox toy kit using foam and paper cutouts, pre-shaped paper clips, and fasteners all in a tiny matchbox. Limited to 30 kits. Best for families with children ages 4 – 11.

Summer Break Baltimore is made possible by the generous support of corporate, foundation and individual donors including American Trading and Production Corporation, Denit Charitable Trust, Lord Baltimore Capital Group, PNC Foundation, and others. If you'd like to make a gift to the Pratt Library to help provide books for families across the city this summer, please visit prattlibrary.org/support-us/make-a-gift

On the Record: Artscape Crafternoon

Friday, August 2, 2:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Get excited for Artscape 2024 by painting a real vinyl record to look like your own special-edition debut single! Vinyl records and paint supplies will be provided.

S'More Summer Fun

Monday, August 5, 12:45 p.m. | Roland Park
Are you ready for s'more fun? Come make your very own cardboard s'more!

Tuesday Crafternoon: Beachy Perler Beads

Tuesday, August 13, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Bring the beach to your home with this easy and fun craft! Ideal for grade school-aged children and their families.



FINAL FRIDAYS: ADULT SUMMER CAMP

Friday, July 26, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Central Library

Come live out your summer camp nostalgia, adult style! Sip light beers and enjoy ice from the Kona Ice Truck all while engaging in your favorite old summer camp activities. Baltimore Hoop Love will be on hand with hula hoop performances and demonstrations! Roll Up n Dye will be facilitating tie dye! We will also have camp games, summer crafts like friendship bracelets and gym, a summer camp movie, and other camp-themed refreshments. This program is designed for adults 18+. **Registration required for entry. Register at prattlibrary.org. ID REQUIRED for alcohol consumption. IDs will be checked.**



BACK TO WORK, BACK TO SCHOOL



ADULTS

Retire & Reinvent: Transforming Your Experience Into Entrepreneurship

Wednesdays, July 3 & August 7, 11:00 a.m.
Central Library

Join us for a comprehensive workshop designed to empower retirees in leveraging their wealth of expertise and knowledge to launch successful entrepreneurial ventures. Through interactive sessions and practical exercises, participants will learn how to identify market opportunities, develop business plans tailored to their strengths, and navigate the transition from retirement to entrepreneurship with confidence.

LinkedIn Tips with the Greater Baltimore Urban League (GBUL)

Wednesday, July 3, 11:30 a.m. | Central Library
A hands-on interactive workshop to help participants improve their LinkedIn profiles for job success. During the workshop we will review tips to increase your LinkedIn visibility and connect with your wider network.

Re-entry Job Seeker Assistance

Thursdays, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Central Library
If you've been arrested, are currently on probation or parole, AND are struggling to find or keep a job, connect with the MD Dept. of Labor's Reentry Navigator every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month to learn about resources available to justice-involved citizens.

Resume Assistance

Monday, July 15, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 22, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.

Receive assistance with your resume whether you're returning to work, retired, a recent graduate, changing careers, or just need help. Registration required. To register, call 410-396-0948.

How to use ChatGPT for your Nonprofit

Tuesday, August 13, 6:30 p.m. | Central Library
In the realm of nonprofit communications and grant writing, integrating ChatGPT is a game-changer. Whether you're seeking to streamline grant writing processes or elevate the impact of your outreach efforts, this workshop offers practical insights, ensuring that nonprofits can leverage artificial intelligence to create a lasting and meaningful impression in the world of philanthropy and social change. Presented by Anna Tatro, VisionAction Consulting.

TEENS

Tie Dye Backpacks

Thursday, August 1, 1:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Create your own tie dyed backpacks.

Backpack Charms

Tuesday, August 6, 2:00 p.m. | Hampden
Get ready for school by creating a backpack charm that doubles as an eraser!

Crystal Ball Dreams: Crafting Your School Year Vision

Wednesday, August 7, 3:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Are you ready to envision an amazing school year ahead? Let's get creative and craft vision board crystal balls! Join us as we set goals, dream big, and bring our aspirations to life in a fun and interactive way.



Teens & Tweens Mural: Back-To-School Art Collaboration

Mondays, August 12 & 19, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.

Collaborate on an original work of art and see it displayed in the library! Staff will lay down a basic outline in advance, then you'll use your imagination to fill in the rest. Come prepared to share ideas and have fun! Wear old clothing because you will get messy! Snacks and drinks will be served. Call to register: 410-396-0948.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

School Supply DIY

Thursday, August 1, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Get ready for school at the library! Decorate provided school supplies or bring your own. Materials available while supplies last.

Tie Dye T-Shirts

Saturday, August 3, 3:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Make a tie-dye t-shirt that you can wear back to school! All materials and t-shirts will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies and sizes last.

Crafternoon: Back to School Pipe Cleaner Pencil Toppers

Monday, August 19, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Get ready for Back to School by making your own creative pencil topper! You can make your favorite animal or a silly character to keep you company in your new classroom.

Crafternoon: Creative Cases

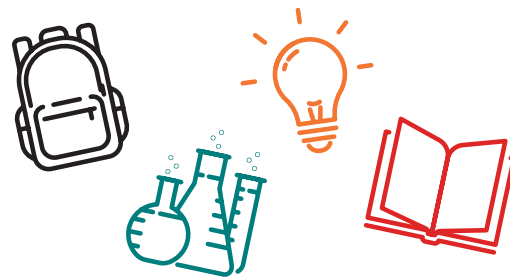
Wednesday, August 21, 2:30 p.m. | Walbrook
Design your own canvas pencil case for the upcoming school year!

Back to School Bingo

Monday, August 26, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Join us for a fun-filled back-to-school adventure! Learn library skills and discover your library while playing Bingo. Prizes will be provided to winners. This program has limited spaces. Please call 410-396-1168 to register.

Back to School Trivia

Thursday, August 29, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Test your knowledge with back to school trivia!



CHROMEBOOK APPOINTMENTS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE REISTERSTOWN RD. BRANCH

In partnership with Baltimore City Information & Technology and the Maryland Office of Statewide Broadband the Pratt Library will be distributing 30,000 HP Chromebooks to eligible Baltimore City households.

For more information including details on where to apply and receive your laptop visit: prattlibrary.org/getadevice

DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH



ADULTS

Serving Up Wisdom: Demystifying Accessibility — A Discussion of History & Impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Wednesday, July 17, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Central Library

The Pratt is working in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Towson University to host Robyn McCray, Towson University's Director of Accessibility and Disability Services, for an interactive presentation on the History and Impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and importance of accessibility and inclusive practices within our daily lives. Robyn will be joined by Pratt's Accessibility Coordinator, Erin Kelly, who will discuss resources and technologies available through the Library and other free resources. Lunch and all supplies will be provided. This program is recommended for individuals 55+; however, all are welcome. Space for this program is limited; registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Neuro Divergent: An Experiential Awareness Building Workshop

Thursday, July 18, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
In this workshop, join us in exploring how experiential graphic design can be used to promote empathy for and awareness of learning disabilities and disorders. Attendees will have the opportunity to try out samples of testing used for identifying learning disabilities, learn about learning differences, and interact with several simulations that allow participants to experience what it feels like to have a learning difference. The workshop will conclude with resources on where to learn more about neurodivergence and resources on how to better support those who are neurodivergent. To request accommodations, please contact Programs and Outreach at 410-396-5494 or events@prattlibrary.org by Monday, July 8.

Cultivating Self-Regulation Through EFT Tapping

Thursday, August 15, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library
Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) is a powerful mind-body technique that can help you achieve emotional balance and alleviate stress. Participants will use gentle tapping while focusing on positive self-affirmations to support their own self-regulation. By building this skillset, participants will promote healing around physical and mental challenges they might be facing.

TEENS

Sign Me Up!: Basic American Sign Language

Tuesday, July 16, 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 17, 2:30 p.m.
Orleans St.

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. Get ready to talk with your hands and listen with your eyes! Author and American Sign Language Interpreter Kathy MacMillan will be instructing.

ALL AGES

2nd Annual Disability Pride Arts Fest

Saturday, July 13, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Central Library

Make Studio, a nonprofit art center and collective of disabled artists, is proud to present Baltimore's 2nd Annual Disability Pride Arts Fest! In partnership with the Maryland Department of Disabilities and Enoch Pratt Free Library, over a dozen disability and arts organizations will present performances, free and inclusive arts experiences, and resources for Disability Pride Month. For more information visit: make-studio.org/disabilityprideartsfest.html

PRATT TEST KITCHEN



OUR TIME KITCHEN SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES

The Pratt Library is thrilled to partner with Our Time Kitchen to bring you a summer series of hands-on culinary workshops. See first hand the step-by-step process they take in making one of their favorite recipes. There will be opportunities to help prepare and taste the final dish, and everyone will take a complete recipe home. Please note: This event will take place offsite at Our Time Kitchen in Old Goucher. Registration is required for these programs as space is limited. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Our Time Kitchen Summer Workshop Series: Chef Cat

Monday, July 8, 6:00 p.m.

Our Time Kitchen
117 W. 24th St.

Join Chef Cat, co-owner of Our Time Kitchen and founder of Just Call Me Chef. In the culinary community, Chef Cat is held in high regard for her commitment to quality and her ability to create magical dining experiences. But her influence extends far beyond her clients' kitchens: Chef Cat is also passionate about teaching aspiring young chefs. She regularly conducts workshops and classes for kids in the community, inspiring them to explore the world of flavors and to develop their cooking skills. Chef Cat's strong sense of community is no surprise given her background as an Air Force veteran and a proud graduate of a prestigious culinary school. Being a mother of three, Chef Cat's nurturing and caring nature shines through her food, leaving a lasting impression on all who have the privilege of tasting her dishes.

Our Time Kitchen Summer Workshop Series: Habesha Flavor

Monday, August 12, 6:00 p.m.

Our Time Kitchen
117 W. 24th St.

Join Chef Micknai, founder of Habesha Flavor, a Baltimore-based Afro-conscious culinary and cultural wellness brand. Chef Micknai is an ambassador of a holistic approach, dedicated to reintegrating ancestral wisdom into the fabric of the African diaspora. By embracing the fusion of tradition and well-being, we strive to create an inclusive space where Habesha Flavor not only tantalizes taste buds but becomes a source of nourishment, connection, and healing for all.

Coffee Roasting in Charm City

Sundays, July 21 & August 18, 11:00 a.m.

Vent Coffee Roasters, 1700 W. 41st St., #480
Join the Library at Vent Coffee Roasters, for a look inside the process of coffee roasting. These sessions will feature Kris Fulton of Sophomore Coffee and Sarah Walker of Vent. Registration is required for this program as space is limited. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Bake the Season:

Baking with Summer's Bounty

Thursday, August 1, 6:30 p.m. | Central Library

Join Doppio Pasticceria, Rebecca Karten, and bakers formerly known as Loaf Bakehouse and Bramble Baking Co., for an evening dedicated to summer's bounty in baking. We'll also sample summery treats made by members of the panel!

LUNCH & LEARN

ASL interpretation will be available for attendees.

*Presented in partnership with
The Maryland State Archives and
The Maryland Four Centuries Project.*

UNEARTHING, PRESERVING, & PROMOTING LGBTQ+ HISTORY IN MARYLAND

Thursday, July 11, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual

An 1870s lesbian gunslinger. Extravagant 1930s drag balls. Mass protests of the 1980s and 1990s. All are a part of our story. This talk will discuss LGBTQ+ history in Maryland, what it tells us about the state's history, and some of the difficulties in doing research in this area — all punctuated by amazing and eye-opening stories of LGBTQ+ people and life in the state stretching back nearly 200 years.

RACE & THE ROAD: FIGHTING THE "HIGHWAY TO NOWHERE" & NEIGHBORHOOD DESTRUCTION IN BALTIMORE

Thursday, August 8, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual

*Drawing from his book, *Stop the Road: Stories from the Trenches of Baltimore's Road Wars*, Evans Paull gives an up close and personal account of Baltimore's 40-year battle over expressway plans. Paull reveals astonishing stories of how a ragtag band of neighborhood activists, preservationists, and environmentalists managed to protect Baltimore's historic waterfront communities of Federal Hill, Fell's Point, and Canton. But this talk also provides a unique window into the city's callous and unfair treatment its African American populations.*

"I love this library. Everyone that works there goes the extra mile. They are extremely accommodating and are always eager to help or plan positive community experiences and events."

— Deborah S.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

ADULTS

Yoga in the Library

Saturdays, 10:15 a.m. | Canton

This chair and standing posture class is for anyone who wishes to explore yoga further or is a beginner. This program was provided in part by the Friends of the Canton Library.

Yoga & Breathing

Mondays, July 1 – 29, 12:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Yoga is an exercise with different poses which helps boost energy, bring flexibility to the joints, and reduces stress in the body.

Memory Café

Wednesdays, July 3 & August 7, 10:30 a.m.
Central Library

A supportive, welcoming, and accepting space for those individuals who are experiencing mild memory loss, cognitive impairment (MCI), or early-stage dementia, as well as their families, friends, or care partners. All attendees must be accompanied by a caregiver. For more information please contact events@prattlibrary.org.

Tai Chi for Beginners

Mondays, July 8 – August 26, 11:00 a.m.
Edmondson Ave.

Start your week off right with an hour of Tai Chi led by instructor Greg Smith.

Stop Smoking with Tobacco Free Baltimore

Tuesdays, July 9 & August 13, 2:30 p.m.
Central Library

Tobacco Free Baltimore connects smokers with patches and gum and offers access to tobacco cessation classes that will provide health information, coping skills, and any further guidance needed to complete the smoke-free journey.

Free Private HIV & Hep-C Testing

Wednesdays, July 10 & August 14

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Central Library
The Johns Hopkins Center for Infectious Disease and Nursing Innovation (CIDNI) is offering free HIV and Hep-C testing for individuals in a private setting at the library.

Qigong: Moving Meditation

Wednesdays, July 10 & 24, August 7 & 21
1:00 p.m. | Light St.

Qigong's easy-to-learn movements and focused breathing help us to maintain health and to prevent illness. Movements can be done standing or seated.

Diabetes Support Group

Mondays, July 15 & August 19, 1:30 p.m.
Brooklyn

A peer support group for anyone preventing or managing diabetes or caring for someone with diabetes, facilitated by Tracy Holcomb, RM Certified Diabetes Health Education Specialist from Medstar Harbor Hospital.

Basic Life Skills

Tuesdays, July 16 & August 20, 11:00 a.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.

Learn life skills that help better understand yourself, get along with others and learn tools that can help with day to day activities. There are limited spots in this program, please register at the Pennsylvania Ave. Branch or by calling 410-396-0399.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, July 20, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Central Library

The Library is pleased to host the American Red Cross to collect blood from our community. Potential donors will go through a screening process, donate a pint of blood, and receive a snack afterward. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Dance for Health:

An Interactive Workshop for Adults

Saturday, July 27, 11:00 a.m. | Central Library
Join us as we welcome Nicole Bealand, Faculty Member and Adult Dance Coordinator from The Peabody Preparatory, along with members of the Adult Dance Ensemble for an afternoon of education, performance, and participation. Gain a better understanding of dance and the health benefits it provides. Watch the Adult Dance Ensemble perform then learning some foundational dance steps.

TEENS

Teen Wellness Workshop: Clearing the Air — Smoking's Impact on You & Your World

Wednesday, July 24, 3:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Take a stand against smoking's harmful effects on health and the environment. In collaboration with the Baltimore City Health Department to promote healthier youth lifestyles.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Yoga Stories

Saturdays, July 13 & August 10, 12:00 p.m.
Central Library

Young learners (ages 3 – 6) and their caregivers will explore self-awareness and self-regulation. Songs, stories, and positive affirmations are used to teach yoga and meditation skills through imaginative play. This class is brought to you by Create Calm and taught by a certified Radiant Child Yoga instructor.

Mindful Movement with Maya

Tuesday, August 6, 10:30 a.m. | Patterson Park
This program brings introductory yoga principles (breath control, spatial awareness, flexibility, etc.) to young children ages 3 – 5 years old. Self-regulation is a crucial skill at this stage in development. Using fun stories and age-appropriate imagery will make the class engaging and fun for the kids and their grown-ups! Please bring your own mat, towel or blanket to use during this program. This program has limited space. To register, please call 410-396-0983.



WELLNESS AT THE PRATT

Wednesdays, through August 14, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Central Library

In partnership with the University of Maryland School of Nursing, the Pratt Library will have nurses available at the Central Library to provide health assessments for library customers.

Nurses will be able to assist with:

- General health assessments
- Blood pressure checks
- Medicine education
- Finding healthcare providers
- Referrals for care
- Health education and promotion
- Accessing digital health resources and telehealth

The nurses cannot assist with first aid, wound care, emergency services, diagnosis of illness, or vaccinations.

Anyone experiencing a medical emergency should call 911.



ARTS @ THE PRATT

ADULTS

Fiber Friends Collective

Mondays, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
Come join the Central Library's FIRST crafting group! This is a crafting circle meant to build camaraderie while working on a project of your choice. Please bring your own project, as supplies and instruction will not be provided.

TranQuillity at Pratt

Saturdays, July 6 & 20, August 10 & 24
2:00 p.m. | Canton
Join us for a captivating journey into the world of paper quilling at our free workshop hosted by Cachet Crafts. Discover the art of rolling, shaping, and gluing colorful strips of paper to create stunning designs.

Feng Shui for Self-Expression

Saturday, July 13, 2:00 p.m. | Central Library
What does your most vibrant, self-expressed, empowered self look like, dress like, feel like, LIVE like? If you're not sure, join us for this 2 hour feng shui workshop to find out! Tap into the essence of your most authentic, powerful self and learn how to make shifts in your life and in your space to help you bring that version of you to life! Registration is required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Block Print Tote Bags

Saturday, July 13, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden
Design and print your own unique pattern onto a canvas tote bag. To register, email hmp@prattlibrary.org or call 410-396-6043.

Anime & Manga Cafe for Adults

Thursday, July 18, 6:00 p.m.
Friday, August 2, 3:00 p.m.
Light St.
A nerdy space for 18+ adults to come together and discuss their favorite anime and manga series! Watch anime, have discussions, and enjoy Japanese snacks and drinks with us!

Jerome Gray on Appreciating Baltimore's Built Environment

Monday, July 22, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join us for an informal talk with Baltimore-based architect Jerome Gray. He is a founding member of Baltimore SketchWorks, a group of local architects who use sketching to advocate for the city's architectural heritage and future.

Make Space

Wednesdays, July 24 & August 28
12:00 p.m. | Central Library
Whether you are looking for a stress-free outlet for creative play, or working on a bigger project and would like some feedback, our Fine Arts librarian and crafty guests look forward to making with you. Attendees are welcome to bring their own materials they need for ongoing projects, but various visual arts and crafting materials will also be provided. Select weeks will feature guest artists sharing their craft for inspiration.

Floral Arrangement with Marigold Sisters

Thursday, July 25, 6:00 p.m. | Canton
Saturday, July 27, 2:00 p.m. | Hampden
Monday, August 5, 6:00 p.m. | Edmondson Ave.
Tuesday, August 20, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join Katie Quinn of Marigold Sisters for a floral arranging workshop featuring lots of local blooms. Each participant will receive flowers to create their own arrangement to bring home, and tools will be provided. Beginner florists welcome! Registration is required for this program as space is limited. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Pour Painting

Saturday, July 27, 2:00 p.m. | Waverly
Join local artist Esta Baker for a summer-themed pour painting workshop. All skill levels are welcome. All materials will be provided. Space is limited. To register, call 410-396-6089 or email wvr@prattlibrary.org.

Metal Detecting 101 with @salvagearc

Saturday, August 3, 3:00 p.m. | Patterson Park
Join Evan of @salvagearc for a class in basic metal detecting! Learn how to use a metal detector and to hunt for undercover bounties. Evan will also bring some metal detected finds for a show and tell. All equipment included, no prior experience necessary. Registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

Painting in the Summer

Saturday, August 17, 2:00 p.m. | Hamilton
An artist teaches painting step-by-step! Our theme will be "At the Beach." Come create a beautiful picture based on this theme, with step-by-step instruction. Sign up by calling 410-396-6088.

Sketching Place:

A Workshop with Jerome Gray

Monday, August 19, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library
Baltimore-based architect Jerome Gray will lead a sketching workshop exploring different sketch media and methods. The workshop will provide participants with tools to use sketching and historic research resources to understand how buildings and places are designed. Registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

TEENS

Zine Workshop for Teens

Saturday, July 6, 3:00 p.m. | Waverly
Join us for an exciting session where you will learn the art of zine-making, from conceptualizing ideas to layout design. Unleash your imagination, share your stories, and connect with peers in a supportive environment.

Let's Soar to New Heights:

Paper Kite Program

Tuesday, July 9, 2:00 p.m. | Hamilton
Create and design your paper kite using repeating stamp patterns, stencils, and dye. After the class completes construction, everyone will have an opportunity to fly their own kites.

Luxury for the Low: Firework Frames

Wednesday, July 10, 2:00 p.m. | Orleans St.
Add a touch of luxury to your summer! Transform simple picture frames into stunning firework-themed masterpieces using mod podge and metallic paints. Bring along a favorite photo to commemorate your summer memories!

DIY Journal for Teens

Tuesday, July 30, 3:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Unleash your creativity with our DIY journal workshop. Customize your journal with stickers, washi tape, stencils, and more to personalize your journal and make it uniquely yours. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

Art Escape at the Library

Saturday, August 3, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.
Join us for our own special version of Artscape! Local artist Mica Johnson will instruct participants on how to alter a book to create A Tree Grows in Baltimore artwork. This program has limited spaces and registration is required. Call 410-396-1096 or email lgh@prattlibrary.org to register.

Press-On Nail Decorating

Tuesdays, August 6 & 13, 3:00 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.

Come join us for a session of decorating your very own set of short press-on nails. Create your own look with stickers, jewels, and nail polish. Call the branch to register. Space is limited. This is a non-professional nail design and only for fun.

Paint-n-Snack

Wednesday, August 7, 2:30 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.

Teens and tweens are invited to indulge in candy sushi while sketching a beloved One Piece character. Registration required.

— CHILDREN & FAMILIES —

Rock Painting

Tuesday, July 2, 11:00 a.m. | Reisterstown Rd.
Let's paint some rocks! This is a fun, low-stress way to express your creativity.

Crankie Contraptions

Tuesday, July 2, 2:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Take a seat in the director's chair and create a motion picture! Tell an illustrated story with a screen-based machine. Recommended for ages 6 & up.

Book-ish Rock Painting

Tuesday, July 2, 4:00 p.m. | Pennsylvania Ave.
Paint a rock with your favorite book character!

3D Doodle Art

Saturday, July 6, 12:00 p.m. | Central Library
Use paper, glue, and your imagination to create 3D paper doodles.

Bird House Building

Saturday, July 13, 1:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Join staff from the Masonville Cove and the Brooklyn Branch as we learn how to build and decorate a birdhouse.

Flamingo Paper Craft

Monday, July 15, 1:00 p.m. | Roland Park
Create a flamingo out of a paper plate! All materials provided.

Crafternoon: Decorate Your Own Crown

Monday, July 15, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Join us for an afternoon of crafting and decorate your own crown! We'll provide a variety of materials, you provide the imagination.

Make Your Own Wind Chimes

Tuesday, July 16, 2:00 p.m. | Patterson Park
Grab a stick and make your own wind chimes using beads, bells, and string.

Candles & Conversation for Kids!

Thursdays, July 18 & August 8, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
A Perfectly Lit Candle Co. instructor will join your group to give step-by-step instructions on how to make the perfect candle and facilitate great conversation. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0399.

Winnie-the-Pooh Keepsake Boxes

Saturday, July 20, 3:00 p.m. | Hampden
Celebrate the world of Winnie-the-Pooh by creating your very own keepsake box! This program invites children over the age of two to join us for a special storytime featuring one of A.A. Milne's beloved Winnie-the-Pooh tales. After the story, children will have the opportunity to decorate a keepsake box inspired by their favorite characters and scenes. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6043.

Art for Kids

Thursday, August 1, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Unlock your creativity at our Art for Kids program, inspired by the vibrant spirit of Artscape! All supplies will be provided by the library. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

Sand Art

Tuesdays, August 6 & 20, 2:00 p.m.
Hamilton
Make your very own sand art creation using colorful sand and decorative bottles!

Make a Felt Pal

Saturday, August 24, 12:00 p.m.
Central Library
Make a stuffed buddy with felt and fun accessories. Recommended for families with children ages 4 – 11.

"I can use the library card online to read and listen to books for free! It links to Hoopla and Libby which I use all the time."

— Sharon A.



THE SHORT KUTS SHOW PRESENTS

SCHOOL DAZED: CONFESSIONS OF AN HBCU GRAD — LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE YARD

Thursday, August 22, 6:30 p.m.
Central Library

Inspired by the 1988 classic "Spike Lee Joint" *School Daze*, The Short Kuts Show Live Stand-up Storytelling Experience's "School Dazed" series takes a compelling, deeply personal, and gratefully loving look at life on HBCU campuses via the true life tales from a group of storytellers/HBCU alums about lessons learned from "the yard" at beloved schools around the U.S. Directed by Marc LaVeau.

About The Short Kuts Show Live Stand-up Storytelling Experience & Narrative Initiative: The Short Kuts Show, created by The Cambio Group co-founder, education equity advocate/consultant, Dr. LaMarr Darnell Shields, Ph.D., and Taharka Bros. Ice Cream Company co-founder, Darius Wilmore, is an award-winning live stand-up storytelling experience, series, and narrative therapy initiative rooted in the Black experience with an approach to narrative and oral art that is amalgamated from cornerstones of Black life and culture.

Registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org. You must be 21+ to consume alcohol at this event. ID's will be checked.

SPOTLIGHT ON GOVANS

ADULTS

3D Printing After Dark

Mondays, July 8 & August 12, 6:00 p.m.
Create an object to be 3D printed! Space is limited. Please call 410-396-6098 to register.

Adult Painting Workshop

Saturday, July 13, 2:00 p.m.
Create your own original artwork led by an instructor. Registration required; call 410-396-6098 to register.

Herbs in Disguise: A Weed is Just a Weed ... or Is It?

Saturday, July 20, 2:00 p.m.
In a world of fascinating weeds, do we love them or pull them? Presented by Eva Slezak.

Book Discussion

Thursday, July 25, 6:30 p.m.
Read and discuss North Woods: A Novel by Daniel Mason.

Bonsai Workshop with the Maryland Bonsai Association

Saturday, August 10, 11:00 a.m.
Plant and begin training bonsai trees under the direction of the Maryland Bonsai Association. Space is limited. Registration required. Call 410-396-6098 to register.

Sip & Color

Saturday, August 24, 2:00 p.m.
Relax while sampling hot teas and coloring. Please call 410-396-6098 to register.

TEENS

3D Printing

Mondays, July 1 & August 5, 3:00 p.m.
Design a 3D-printed miniature at home and print it out at the Govans Branch! Ask a librarian about TinkerCAD and Thingiverse.

Manga Drawing Lessons

In person: Tuesdays, July 2 & 16, August 6 & 20, 3:00 p.m.
Online: Mondays, July 22 & August 19 12:00 p.m.
Learn how to draw anime and manga characters! Supplies and resources are available at the Govans Branch and online at tinyurl.com/mangadrawinglessonsweekly.

Teen Crafts

Tuesdays, July 9, 23, 30, & August 27, 3:00 p.m.
Each session will have a different craft, available while supplies last. July: Tie-Dye crafts. August: Washi Tape Bangles.

Painting with Ms. Cheri

Saturday, July 13, 11:00 a.m.
Explore painting with Ms. Cheri.

Karate for Teens

Saturday, July 20, 11:00 a.m.
Learn the basics of karate with instructor Mahindra Gayadeen.

Meditative Lego® Building for Teens

Tuesday, August 20, 3:00 p.m.
We'll listen to calming music while building various Lego® sets. Bring your own kits to build, or build one provided by the branch.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Baby & Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Stories, movement, play, and songs for babies in arms and toddlers together. Playtime follows. For little ones under two with a favorite adult. All abilities welcome.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.
Stories, movement, songs, and our most fun activities. For families with children ages 2 – 5. All abilities welcome.

Bubble Bonanza!

Tuesdays, July 2 – 30, 11:00 a.m.
Mix your own bubble mix and try different tools for blowing bubbles.

Wednesday Crafternoon

Wednesdays, July 10 & 24, August 14 & 28 3:00 p.m.
Create your own unique piece of art using your imagination and provided supplies!

LEGOvans Fridays

Fridays, July 12 & 26, August 9 & 23, 3:00 p.m.
Create with library LEGO® bricks! Registration recommended for groups of four or more. To register, call 410-396-6098.

Family Yoga

Monday, July 15, 6:00 p.m.
These mixed level classes are open to those brand new to yoga. Please bring your own yoga mat. For individuals, pairs, or the whole family! Presented by Ana Temple from MOM Cares. Space is limited. Please call 410-396-6098 to register.

Baby Social Hour

Fridays, July 26 & August 23, 10:30 a.m.
Join us for a session of free play with music and practice sharing space with other humans. For children under the age of 5 with a caregiver.



SNEAK PEEK AT SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

JAMES BALDWIN: THE ENDURING LEGACY OF AN AMERICAN WRITER AND SOCIAL CRITIC

Coming this Fall | Central Library
An exhibit showcasing the life and legacy of the famed author in celebration of his 100th birthday.

HIP HOP HARMONY: THE GRAND BATTLE OF DJS

Thursday, September 5, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library
Legendary and rising DJs from around Baltimore City will come together to showcase their skills and pay homage to the rich history of hip hop.

WRITERS LIVE! DR. MARTY MAKARY

Saturday, September 14, 3:00 p.m.
Central Library
Dr. Marty Makary will discuss his new book *Blind Spots: When Medicine Gets It Wrong, and What It Means for Our Health*. Registration opens July 15.

WRITERS LIVE! AMANDA JONES

Monday, September 16, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library
Amanda Jones will discuss her book *That Librarian: The Fight Against Banning Books in America*. Registration opens July 15.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE! LINDA SUE PARK

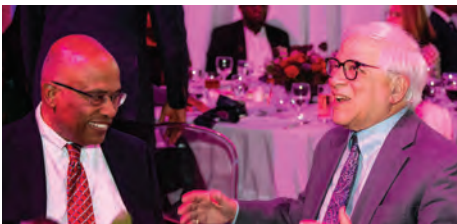
Tuesday, October 1, 4:00 p.m.
Reisterstown Rd.
Linda Sue Park will talk about her book *Gracie Under the Waves* to kick off *Read to Reef*.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE! DEBBIE LEVY

Tuesday, October 22, 4:00 p.m.
Brooklyn
Debbie Levy will discuss her book *Change is in the Air*.

MR. PRATT PRESENTS

On Saturday, April 13, the Library held its annual gala, Mr. Pratt Presents...An Evening with David Brooks. Thank you to our sponsors and guests for helping us raise money to support the free programs and services provided by the Library.





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**WRITERS LIVE!
EVE**

**Thursday, September 19, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library**



**WRITERS LIVE!
CONNIE CHUNG**

**Friday, September 20, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library**

**Registration opens Monday, July 15, 12:00 p.m.
Register at prattlibrary.org**