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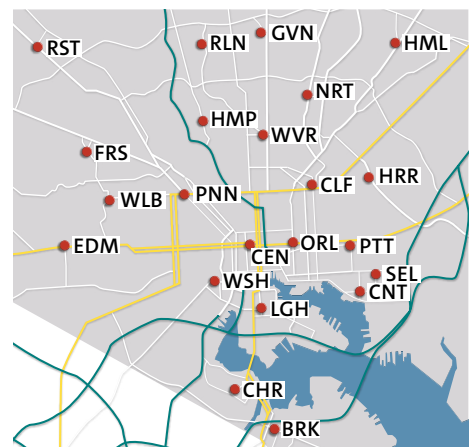
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Thanksgiving Day: *Thursday, November 28*

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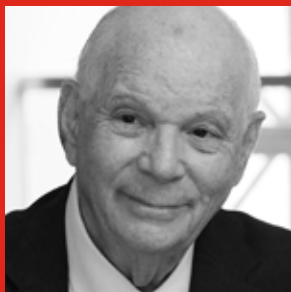
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**DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE
UPCOMING EPISODES!**



**NOVEMBER
Senator Ben Cardin**

The podcast goes one-on-one for an “exit interview” with Senator Ben Cardin about his remarkable career in public service.



**DECEMBER
Dr. Karsonya “Kaye”
Wise Whitehead**

From filmmaker, to author, professor, and drive time radio host, we’re talking to Dr. Kaye about her career and her hopes for Baltimore.

Listen now at
prattlibrary.org/bmorepodcast

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



Dear Pratt Library Community,

Today marks an exciting new chapter for the Enoch Pratt Free Library as we welcome Chad Helton as our new President & CEO. After a nationwide search, the Board of Directors unanimously selected Chad to lead us into our next chapter, and we are thrilled about the fresh ideas, energy, and vision he brings to the Pratt Library.

Chad has more than 15 years of leadership experience in both public and academic libraries, including leading major institutions such as Hennepin County Library in Minnesota and the Los Angeles Public Library in California. His proven ability to manage complex systems, direct large teams, and lead through times of change will be instrumental in helping the Pratt Library continue to evolve and serve Baltimore's diverse communities. Chad's personal journey, from starting his career in libraries delivering books to satellite libraries in a golf cart to leading one of the country's most respected library systems, exemplifies his belief in the power of libraries to transform lives. This belief drives his commitment to ensuring that the Pratt Library remains a vital resource for all.

Chad is passionate about making the Pratt Library a welcoming and essential resource for every Baltimore resident, no matter where they live. His vision for the Pratt is to continue to serve as a community cornerstone,

offering access to critical information, programs, and services that empower and uplift individuals and families throughout our city. In the coming months, Chad will host a series of community town halls at library branches across the city to meet you, listen to your thoughts, and hear how the Pratt Library can better serve you. Stay tuned for more details about these upcoming events!

In the meantime, I invite you to hear directly from Chad in this video introduction, where he shares his thoughts on the future of the Pratt Library and his commitment to serving our communities.

On behalf of the Board, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Darcell Graham for her outstanding leadership as Interim CEO during this transition. Darcell's dedication and guidance were invaluable, and we are grateful for her many contributions to the library and the community over her 26-year career here.

As we embark on this next chapter with Chad at the helm, we look forward to continuing our mission to empower, enrich, and enhance the quality of life for all of Baltimore's residents through free and equitable access to information, services, and opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support of the Pratt Library.

Warmly,

Christine Espenshade
*Chair, Board of Trustees and Board of Directors
Enoch Pratt Free Library*

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The next Meeting of the Boards of Trustees and Directors will be held Wednesday, December 11 at 5:15 p.m. Visit prattlibrary.org for details.

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2024 was a banner year for the Enoch Pratt Free Library. We hit a new record high in Library circulation, and we've also reached a record number of active cardholders. Here are just a few of the highlights from this year's Annual Report. Read the whole thing at prattlibrary.org/annual-report.



127,666

Active Cardholders
13% increase from FY2023

123,435

Program Attendance



1,192,264

In-Person Visits
20% increase from FY2023



3,118,769

Collection Use
All-time record level



2,389,060

Wi-Fi Sessions
17% increase from FY2023

BUILDING UPDATES

HERRING RUN

Phase I of the Herring Run renovation is starting to wrap up. Ceiling tile has been replaced in the building and new carpet is installed throughout the library. Walls and shelving have a new paint color. Brand new technology furniture has been delivered. We hope to reopen the Branch in late November. It will close again in 2025 for a full HVAC replacement.

BROOKLYN

Work is underway in the Brooklyn Branch on an interior refresh. Staff worked to remove all the collections from the library as construction work starts. The Bookmobile is making bi-monthly stops to the Branch during this closure.

WASHINGTON VILLAGE

Funding is in place for the new Pigtown Library project. The current library building is expected to be demolished this fall with construction starting in the spring. The new Pigtown Library will be double the square footage of the current one with apartment units on top of it.

JOHNSTON SQUARE

Ground was broken this summer on the new Johnston Square library. Construction is underway on the building which includes a library and more than 100 apartments.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Friday, November 1, 11:00 a.m.
Reisterstown Rd.

Come to a community engagement session and let Neighborhood Library Services staff know what's most important to you in YOUR library.



FALL GREETINGS



ADULTS

Adult Craft: Paper Quilling Workshop

Saturday, November 2, 1:00 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

Come celebrate autumn with a decorative seasonal paper quilling project. Discover the art of rolling, shaping, and gluing colorful strips of paper to create stunning designs. Experienced quiller Cachet Currie will be here to instruct and guide us through the process. All materials will be supplied, but space is limited. Please call 410-396-0946 to register.

Dried Flower Terrarium

Monday, November 4, 6:00 p.m. | Hampden

Use dried flowers to make a terrarium

perfect for fall. Space is limited. Email

hmp@prattlibrary.org or call 410-396-6043 to register.

Seasonal Flower Arrangement

Thursdays, November 14 & December 12

6:00 p.m. | Govans

Join us to learn about the practice of flower arranging and try your hand at a display.

Registration is required for this program as space is limited. Please call 410-396-6098 to register.

DIY Saturdays

Saturday, November 23, 2:00 p.m.

Orleans St.

Join us on the fourth Saturday of every month as we get together to be crafty and make things. In November we'll make a reversible wood slice pumpkin and snowman. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0970.

Autumn Art: DIY Fall Canvas Bags

Thursday, November 21, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly

Get crafty this fall with our DIY Decorative Canvas Bag Workshop! Join us for a fun and creative session where you'll design and personalize your very own fall-themed canvas bag. Whether you're into pumpkins, leaves, or autumn quotes, you'll leave with a unique accessory perfect for the season. No experience needed — all supplies provided! Registration is required. Call 410-396-6089, email wvr@prattlibrary.org, or register at the Adult Information Desk.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Thankful Turkeys!

Monday, November 18, 2:45 p.m.

Roland Park

It's a great time to display what you're thankful for, make a turkey that shows it!

Crafternoon: Sponge Paint a Turkey

Monday, November 25, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly

Join us for a crafty afternoon where we will sponge paint a festive turkey.

"Great, easy to access system. Very enjoyable facilities and experience."

— Deanna P.



NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

ALL AGES

PISCATAWAY NATION SINGERS & DANCERS

Monday, November 18, 6:30 p.m.

Central Library

Join us for a performance by the Piscataway Nation Singers & Dancers, led by Mark Tayac. The troupe carries on the long-standing traditions, culture, and heritage of its indigenous ancestors and welcomes the opportunity to enlighten audiences that want to learn more about Native American history. From Tayac Territory of Port Tobacco, MD, Mark Tayac travels with the group, presenting a vibrant, educational, and entertaining pow wow-style event, featuring Native dance, drum, and song.

About the Piscataway Nation

In 1609, the Piscataway were the first Native Americans to encounter Captain John Smith along the banks of the Potomac River. Today, the Piscataway number in the thousands, including members of both the Piscataway Indian Nation and Tayac Territory and the Piscataway-Conoy Tribe of Maryland.

Registration for this program is recommended but not required. Please register at prattlibrary.org.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

CARDBOARD LACROSSE STICKS

Friday, November 22, 3:00 p.m.

Hamilton

Come to the Hamilton Branch where we'll fashion lacrosse sticks out of cereal boxes, as well as learn about the history and significance of lacrosse to Native American culture and heritage.

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.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



JOY JONES

The Sky Is Not Blue

Saturday, November 2, 11:00 a.m.
Central Library

A boy's creativity and self-confidence challenge and inspire his teacher. *The*

Sky Is Not Blue invites a conversation about individual perspectives and encourages children to trust and express their beliefs. All registered attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book while supplies last.

WRITERS LIVE!



BOBBY FLAY

Chapter One

Saturday, November 2, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library

Bobby Flay: Chapter One captures 100 of Flay's most important

food moments, updated for today's modern home cook and accompanied by breathtaking photography from Johnny Miller. Although the culinary art on every page is striking, the stories of his restaurants, exhilarating appearances on TV, and creative process for each dish will capture readers' attention and imaginations. Bobby Flay will be joined in conversation by Tom Hall, host of WYPR's *Midday*. All registered in-person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book. There will not be a book signing following the program.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



JAMAR PERRY

Jaden Powers and the Inheritance Magic

Thursday, November 7, 1:00 p.m.
Orleans St.

In this magical middle-grade fantasy, a shy boy must step up and become his own hero after his best friend disappears at a magical school. All registered in person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book while supplies last.

WRITERS LIVE!



CHERYL HEAD

Time's Undoing

Saturday, November 9, 3:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

A searing and tender novel about a young Black journalist's search

for answers in the unsolved murder of her great-grandfather in segregated Birmingham, Alabama, decades ago — inspired by the author's own family history.

WRITERS LIVE!



PAUL FRENCH

Her Lotus Year

Tuesday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

Before she was the Duchess of Windsor, Bessie Wallis Warfield was Mrs. Wallis

Spencer, wife of Earl "Win" Spencer, a US Navy aviator. From humble beginnings in Baltimore, she rose to marry a man who gave up his throne for her. But what made Wallis Spencer, Navy Wife, the woman who could become the Duchess of Windsor? The answers lie in her one-year sojourn in China. *Her Lotus Year* is an untold story in the colorful life of a woman too often maligned by history.

ONE BOOK BALTIMORE



AMBER MCBRIDE

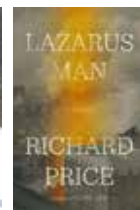
Onyx & Beyond

Thursday, November 14, 4:00 p.m.
Walbrook

Join Amber McBride to discuss the One Book Baltimore selection *Onyx*

& *Beyond*. Based on her own father's story of growing up in the 1960s, Amber McBride delivers another affecting depiction of being young and Black in America. One Book Baltimore is a collaboration between the Enoch Pratt Free Library, T. Rowe Price Foundation, and Baltimore City Public Schools. All registered in person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book while supplies last.

WRITERS LIVE!



RICHARD PRICE

Lazarus Man

Thursday, November 14, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

East Harlem, 2008. In an instant, a five-story tenement collapses into a fuming

hill of rubble. As the city's rescue services and media outlets respond, the surrounding neighborhood descends into chaos. At day's end, six bodies are recovered, but many of the other tenants are missing. In *Lazarus Man*, Richard Price creates intertwining portraits of a group of compelling and singular characters whose lives are permanently impacted by the disaster. Richard Price will be joined in conversation by author D. Watkins.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



CAROLE BOSTON WEATHERFORD

Whirligigs

Monday, November 18, 4:00 p.m.
Light St.

Take a journey through the creative process that led folk artist Vollis

Simpson to create his wonderful and whimsical wind-powered whirligigs and more in this picture book. All registered in person attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book while supplies last.

Writers LIVE! programs are supported in part by a bequest from The Miss Howard Hubbard Adult Programming Fund and the William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund, creator of the Baker Artist Portfolios, www.BakerArtist.org.

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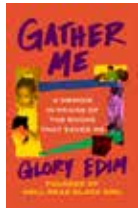
S.H. FERNANDO

The Chronicles of Doom

Monday, November 18, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

The definitive biography of MF DOOM, charting the reclusive and revered hip-hop artist's life, career, and eventual immortality. Born in London and raised in the suburban enclave of Long Beach, New York, Daniel Dumile Jr.'s love of cartoons and comic books would soon turn him into one of hip-hop's most enigmatic, prolific, and influential figures. S. H. Fernando will be joined in conversation by musical performer and promoter Cullen Nawalkowsky.

WRITERS LIVE!



GLORY EDIM

Gather Me

Tuesday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

An inspiring memoir of family, community, and resilience, and an ode to the power of books to help us understand ourselves, from the renowned founder of Well-Read Black Girl. *Gather Me* is a glowing testament to the power of representation and the lasting impact of literature to gather our disparate parts and put them back together. Glory Edim will be joined in conversation by award-winning author Jason Reynolds.

LET'S TALK ABOUT MARYLAND



ERIC CHEEZUM

Chessie

Wednesday, November 20, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

In the summer of 1978, residents along the Virginia side of the Potomac River were startled by sightings of a strange creature lurking in the water. Eventually dubbed Chessie, this elusive sea serpent tantalized reporters and the public alike, always slipping away just out of reach. In this, the first comprehensive history of the Chessie phenomenon, Eric A. Cheezum takes us on a thrilling journey through the life and times of the famous monster.

WRITERS LIVE!



J. WYNN ROUSUCK

Please Write

Monday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

An epistolary novel with a twist, *Please Write* chronicles the correspondence between Vivienne, the alter ego of a recently widowed Cleveland artist, and Zippy, a mixed-breed terrier rescued off the streets of Baltimore. The letters change and enrich the lives of the correspondents, as well as Zippy's owner, Pamela, a harried journalist whose life is unraveling. J. Wynn Rousuck will be joined in conversation by WJZ anchor Denise Koch.

WRITERS LIVE!



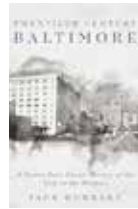
RICHIE FRIEMAN

The Optimistics

Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library & Virtual

The Optimistics is an inspiring true story of three strangers, all battling Young-Onset Dementia. Dennis, Mike, and Jim became brothers through their incurable illness. Forming a bond of optimism with one another, they dubbed themselves "The Optimistics" as a way to share positivity through the Alzheimer's community. This is not just a story about optimism, it's a diary of love, hope, family, devotion, and understanding why time is important.

WRITERS LIVE!



JACK BURKERT

Twentieth Century Baltimore

Saturday, December 7, 2:00 p.m.
Canton

If you want to know where your city is going, it helps a lot to know where it's been. Ten decades of history in one volume, from Baltimore's Great Fire to Y2K. This is the story of Baltimore, its people and events: large and small, and how people worked, lived, and enjoyed all things Baltimore.

KIDS' WRITERS LIVE!



CHANDA MINOR-BRIGANCE

Will You Remember?

Monday, December 9, 11:00 a.m.
Walbrook

Chan's grandmother has Alzheimer's disease. This means she easily becomes confused and forgetful. But Chan won't let this bring her down. She remembers all the good times she's had with her grandmother. As she helps her grandmother stay happy and healthy, Chan makes new memories she can keep with her forever. Participants will receive a FREE copy of the book while supplies last.



BOOKLOVERS' BREAKFAST

FEATURING IMANI PERRY

Save the Date:
Saturday, February 1, 2025

Baltimore Marriott Waterfront
700 Aliceanna Street

Tickets go on sale:
Monday, December 2, 2024
12:00 p.m.

Visit prattlibrary.org for details

WHAT'S NEW

Here are the most anticipated books of November and December coming soon to the Pratt Library.



Rental House by Weike Wang

Keru and Nate are college sweethearts who married despite their family differences. When the couple invites their families on vacation, it brings about big questions: How do you cope when your spouse and your family of origin clash? How many people (and dogs) make a family? And when the pack starts to disintegrate, what can you do to shepherd everyone back together?



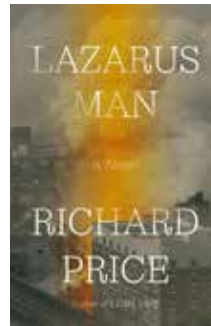
Master of Me by Keke Palmer

From global entertainer Keke Palmer comes the inspiring true story of her journey to understanding her genuine value. Keke talks about everything from her struggles with boundaries to unconditional love, forgiveness, and worthiness. She gets candid about tools she's developed to take the reins, harness her vulnerability, and recognize ownership in the narrative of her life.



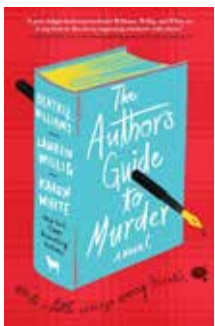
Cher by Cher

The extraordinary life of Cher can be told by only one person — Cher herself. With her trademark honesty and humor, *Cher: The Memoir* traces how this diamond in the rough succeeded with no plan and little confidence to become the trailblazing superstar the world has been unable to ignore for more than half a century.



Lazarus Man by Richard Price

Boom! A June morning in Harlem. Suddenly, where a five-story building had stood is nothing but fuming low hills of rubble, the cars parked in front pancaked and coated in ash. Sirens. Havoc. Confusion. Destruction. And people missing. Rich with indelible characters and incredible drama, *Lazarus Man* is a compelling work of suspense and social vision.



The Author's Guide to Murder by Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig, & Karen White

Literary superstar Brett Saffron Presley has been found dead — under bizarre circumstances — in his castle tower's book-lined study. The prime suspects are three authors who claim to be best friends writing a book together, but their stories don't quite line up.



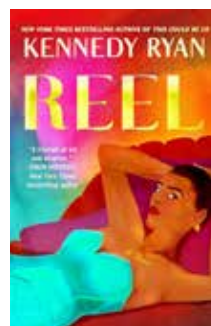
Citizen by Bill Clinton

A powerful, candid, and richly detailed memoir from an American icon, revealing what life looks like after the presidency: triumphs, tribulations, and all. Clinton pens an illuminating account of American democracy on a global stage, offering a frank reflection on the past and, with it, a fearless embrace of our future.



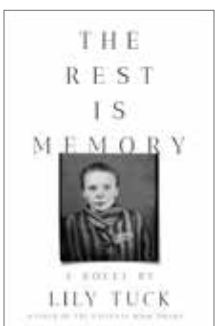
The City and Its Uncertain Walls by Haruki Murakami

This long-awaited new novel revisits a town Murakami's readers will remember, a place where a Dream Reader reviews dreams and where our shadows become untethered from our selves. A love story, a quest, an ode to books and to the libraries that house them, and a parable for these strange post-pandemic times.



Reel by Kennedy Ryan

For months I stood in the wings, an understudy waiting for my time to shine. I never imagined Canon Holt would be in the audience that night. From being unknown, to my name, Neevah Saint, on everyone's lips. But forbidden attraction, scandal, and circumstances beyond my control jeopardize my dream. Could this one shot cost me everything?



The Rest Is Memory by Lily Tuck

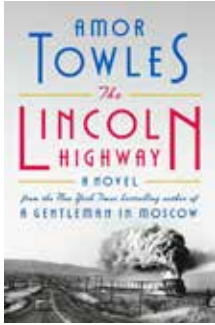
Lily Tuck imagines the life of Czeslawa, a young Catholic Polish girl, before her world imploded in late 1942. She is stripped of her modest belongings, shorn, and tattooed number 26947 on arriving at Auschwitz. Three months later she is dead. Tuck frames Czeslawa's story within the epic tragedy of six million Poles, Jewish and Catholic, who perished during the German occupation.



Chapter One by Bobby Flay

Bobby Flay: Chapter One captures 100 of Flay's most important food moments, updated for today's modern home cook and accompanied by breathtaking photography from Johnny Miller. Although the culinary art on every page is striking, the stories of his restaurants, exhilarating appearances on TV, and creative process for each dish will capture readers' attention and imaginations.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS



ADULTS

Pratt Page-Turners Book Club

Saturdays, November 2 & 16, 11:00 a.m.

Central Library & Virtual

November 2: Join us as we choose the titles our group will discuss in 2025. For more information about the book club, please email fic@prattlibrary.org.

November 16: The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

One Maryland, One Book

Monday, November 4, 6:00 p.m. | Orleans St.

Wednesday, November 6, 5:00 p.m.

Southeast Anchor Library

Thursday, November 14, 6:00 p.m. | Waverly

What Storm, What Thunder by Myriam J.A. Chancy!

Af-Am Dept. Book Club

Saturdays, November 9 & December 14

12:00 p.m. | Central Library

November: Why does everything have to be about race? by Keith Boykin

December: Remembrance by Mary Monroe

Banned Books Book Club

Wednesdays, November 13 & December 11
4:00 p.m. | Walbrook

November & December: Looking for Alaska by John Green

Adult Book Discussion

Mondays, November 18 & December 16

2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill

November: Ella by Diane Richards

December: The Holiday Trap by Roan Parrish

Show & Tell Book Club

Mondays, November 18 & December 16

4:00 p.m. | Walbrook

The Show & Tell Book Club invites participants to bring in the books they are reading (or listening to), and share them with the community. Join us the third Monday of the month to share your latest reads, and hear what others are reading.

Book Discussion

Mondays, November 18 & December 16

6:00 p.m. | Hampden

November: A Snake Falls to Earth

by Darcie Little Badger

December: Come share your latest reads with other neighborhood book lovers!

Photo Book Meet-Up

Thursday, November 21, 5:30 p.m.

Central Library

Come to the Fine Arts Department where you can get an introduction to the Library's photo book collection (most of which can be checked out) and meet other photo/art book enthusiasts.

Book Discussion

Mondays, November 25 & December 16

6:00 p.m. | Roland Park

November: A Mystery of Mysteries

by Mark Dawidziak

December: Memory of Departure

by Abdulrazak Gurnah

Tome Raiders: Adult Book Club

Mondays, November 25 & December 30

6:30 p.m. | Hamilton

November: What Storm, What Thunder

by Myriam J.A. Chancy

December: True Biz by Sara Novic

Book Bites

Wednesday, November 27, 6:30 p.m. | Virtual

Romantic Comedy by Curtis Sittenfeld

BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Club

Wednesday, December 4, 5:00 p.m.

Southeast Anchor Library

Our Bring Your Own Book (BYOB) Club does not have an official book club pick. Instead, we invite you to read what you want and then come to our monthly meetings and tell us about it, be it book, blog, magazine article...

So join us every first Wednesday to share what you're reading and get some reading recommendations from your neighbors.

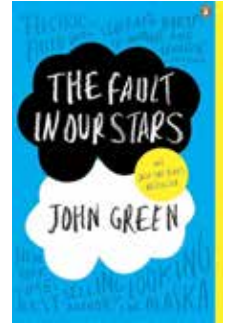
TEENS

Book Tasting

Monday, November 18, 3:00 p.m.

Roland Park

Join fellow tweens and teens as we discuss this month's book selections and get a taste for next month's books.



Retro Reads & Reels:

Teen Book & Movie Club

Mondays, November 18 & 25, December 2 & 16, 4:00 p.m. | Southeast Anchor Library

Let's go back to when vampires sparkled and the dystopia was king. We'll read popular 2000s titles and see how the movies compare to the books.

November: Twilight by Stephenie Meyer

December: The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

Cozy Reading Cafe for Teens

Thursdays, November 21 & December 19
3:30 p.m. | Hampden

Looking for a laid-back place to just read and talk about books without the pressure of a book club? Then come to our Cozy Reading Cafe! You can talk a bit about whatever good (or bad) books you've been reading, then have some quiet time to just relax and read whatever you want while enjoying free hot drinks and sweet snacks.

Teen Graphic Novel Discussion

Saturday, November 23, 2:30 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

A Girl Called Echo (Vol. 1)

by Katherena Vermette

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Community Reads

Saturday, November 9, 11:00 a.m.

Roland Park

Saturday, November 16, 11:00 a.m. | Waverly

Join us for a reading and short discussion of Plátanos Are Love by Alyssa Reynoso-Morris, 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. Presented by Community Reads, a non-profit founded to teach kids in grades K-2 about diversity through literature and create safe spaces for discussions about identity.

PRATT FREE MARKET

On September 25, the Pratt Library cut the ribbon on the new Pratt Free Market. That was followed by a Family Day celebration that Saturday. Big thanks to all our partners including the Maryland Food Bank, Leftover Love, Plantation Park Heights, Benbow Concession Services, Moon Valley Farms, and Black Butterfly Farms.



PRATT FREE MARKET

The Pratt Free Market is located at the Southeast Anchor Library. The market will be 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.

SCHEDULE

Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Fridays: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

PANTRY ON THE GO!

Fridays, November 22 & December 27 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

On the 4th Friday of every month, the Pratt Free Market will also serve as a Pantry on the Go! location in partnership with the Maryland Food Bank, giving away free produce in a farmers' market-style setup outside the Library. Available while supplies last.

PRATT TEST KITCHEN



ADULTS

Hot Ones: All About Hot Sauce with H3irloom Food Group

Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.
Central Library

Join the executive chef team from Baltimore's H3irloom Food Group for an evening dedicated to one of the world's favorite condiments. Hot sauces and chili peppers are a great way to add depth, flavor, and heat to foods, but there's a lot to learn! Sample different varieties and dive into the anatomy of smoky, tangy, and most importantly, SPICY sauces with Chef David Thomas. Registration for this program is required. Please register at prattlibrary.org.

Our Time Kitchen Winter Workshop Series

Mondays, November 4 & December 9
6:00 p.m.

Our Time Kitchen (117 West 24th St.) Each second Monday of the month, a featured chef from Our Time Kitchen will share their food journey and a favorite dish they love to cook. You will have the opportunity to 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. Registration is required for this program. Please register at prattlibrary.org. Please note: this event will take place offsite at Our Time Kitchen in Old Goucher.

No Pix After Dark Presents Baltimore Bites II

Thursday, November 21
6:30 p.m. | Central Library

Love Baltimore's food scene and hungry for more? Join the Enoch Pratt Free Library and No Pix After Dark's Aaron Dante for a night interviewing four of Baltimore's heaviest culinary hitters. Aaron will be in conversation with chefs Jesse Sandlin (Sally O's, Bunny's), Jasmine Norton (Urban Oyster), Heather Smith (Swill Apothecafé by Blacksmith), and Sarah Simington (The Blue Moon Cafe) about what it takes to make it in Baltimore's restaurant industry. ID REQUIRED for alcohol consumption. IDs will be checked. Registration is required for this event. Please register at prattlibrary.org.



TEENS

Create a Cookbook

Wednesday, December 18, 3:00 p.m.
Hamilton

Create your own cookbook! Come in and choose recipes from library materials as well as the web to add to a cookbook reflecting your taste.

WOMEN IN WORKFORCE LUNCHEON

Each year, we honor 5 – 8 spectacular women in our community who are professionals in Human Resources, Human Services, and Workforce Development. Lunch, conversation, and networking is followed by a panel discussion on topics such as hiring trends and closing the pay gap for women with the opportunity to ask questions and interact directly with female recruiters and associates.

This event, held during Women's History Month, will provide an opportunity to discuss system improvements, educate on new methodologies, and enhance connections between companies and a qualified workforce. Our goal is to unite and honor the women who serve and support our community through workforce development.

NOMINATE AN HONOREE

We are currently accepting nominations for our 2025 honorees.

Visit prattlibrary.org/women-workforce to submit your nomination by **November 22, 2024**.

The second annual Women in Workforce Luncheon will be held at the Central Library on **March 19, 2025**.

ADULTS

SPEAK AND BE HEARD:

Spoken Word in the Library

Thursday, November 7, 5:30 p.m.

Central Library

Come participate in an open mic spoken word poetry event for ages 18 and over. This program is a chance for local spoken word artists to gather and share. Expect a night of music and poetic camaraderie.

Paper Quilling

Saturday, November 2, 1:00 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

Thursday, November 14, 5:30 p.m. | Walbrook

Tuesday, November 19, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill

Join us for a captivating journey into the world of paper quilling hosted by Cachet Crafts. Discover the art of rolling, shaping, and gluing colorful strips of paper to create stunning designs. Whether you're a beginner or seasoned crafter, this hands-on class offers something for everyone. Learn various techniques, tips, and tricks to master this centuries-old craft while unleashing your creativity. Supplies will be provided, so just bring your enthusiasm and imagination! This program has limited spaces. To register, please call the branch.

Introduction to Origami

Thursday, December 12, 6:00 p.m.

Hampden

An introduction to the world of origami. There will be opportunities to create one-of-a-kind envelopes, gift boxes, Japanese pyramid boxes, and a myriad of other objects. Space is limited. To register, email hmp@prattlibrary.org or call 410-396-6043.

Making Films Without a Camera

Tuesday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

We'll make our own handmade camera-less films onto strips of 16mm film, using permanent markers, x-acto knives and other techniques. You'll be surprised with the results when we splice them together and project what we made.

TEENS

Teen Zine Workshop

Thursdays, November 7 & December 5

4:00 p.m. | Central Library

Ages 12 – 19 are invited to join zine author Kennedy McDaniel, the founding editor of Blaccine, to create your own unique zine!

Pressed Flowers Craft

Saturday, November 9, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.

Express yourself using your creativity, your words, and pressed flowers in this fun, card making/journaling program.

Tote Bag Tie-Dye

Saturday, November 9, 2:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

Teens will discover the basics of tie-dye and design their own unique patterns on tote bags. All supplies are provided, and light refreshments will be served. Space is limited. Please contact the branch to register.

Makey Makey Music

Thursday, November 14, 4:00 p.m. | Walbrook

Learn how to make music using circuit boards, and try making your own!

Teen Community Art: Towers of Power

Wednesday, November 20, 3:30 p.m.

Orleans St.

Teens will each construct a multi-story Tower of Power by transforming wooden boxes into miniature rooms, then stacking and gluing those rooms together to create a unique building. Each building created will become part of a Community Art Exhibit in our Teen Zone, which will be on display as the Orleans Street Branch re-opens in the Spring of 2025.

Self-Portraits with a Twist

Wednesday, November 27, 4:00 p.m.

Central Library

Explore creative self-portraiture using different techniques. Students take self-portraits in various settings, using props, creative lighting, or unusual angles.

Vision Board

Tuesday, December 10, 4:00 p.m. | Walbrook

Teens and tweens can use this vision board as a map toward their future or just want to plan something for the upcoming future. They will put their ideas on a poster board so they will be able to take it home with them.

Gratitude Jar

Wednesday, December 11, 3:00 p.m.

Hamilton

Come in and decorate a jar with words that expresses your gratitude.

Storytelling with Streetwear Fashion

Thursday, December 12, 4:00 p.m.

Central Library

Students will learn how to design and create a story through streetwear using vinyl and transfers to design a personalized hoodie. By the end of the lesson, each student will have a hoodie that visually tells a unique story.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Saturday Crafternoon!

Saturday, November 9, 3:00 p.m.

Roland Park

Join us for a Saturday crafternoon! We'll create cards, books, and more using our imagination and art supplies!

Sock Owls

Tuesday, November 19, 3:30 p.m.

Patterson Park

Make an owl using a sock and other household items.

Popsicle Stick Eiffel Towers

Tuesday, December 17, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton

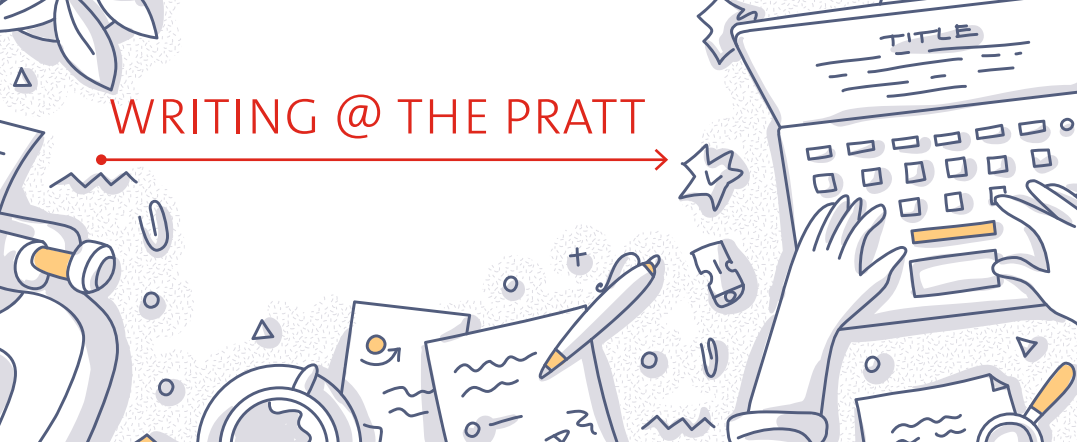
Did you know that the creator of the Eiffel Tower, Gustave Eiffel, was born 192 years ago this December 15? Come to the Hamilton Branch and make your own mini Eiffel Tower out of popsicle sticks.

Crafternoon: DIY Library Bag

Thursday, December 19, 3:30 p.m. | Walbrook

Personalize your own drawstring bag to carry your borrowed books to and from the Library.

WRITING @ THE PRATT



ADULTS

Light Street Writers Exchange

Mondays, November 4 – December 16

6:00 p.m. | Virtual

Mondays, November 4 & December 2

6:00 p.m. | Light St.

A read-and-critique group for writers with interest in all forms of writing: poetry, novel, short story, creative nonfiction. Writers of any ability are welcome, as long as there is a desire to accept critique graciously and improve your craft.

Shut Up & Write Virtual

Thursdays, November 14 – December 19

12:00 p.m. | Virtual

It's an empowering and rewarding experience to write an hour each week at the same time and place. It serves as powerful support for building your daily writing discipline. The world still needs our creative efforts. Our organizer will lead introductions, set a timer, and tell everyone to begin writing. This is a safe space for writers to work on their craft. No one will read or critique your writing.

Orleans Street Writing Group

Thursday, November 21, 6:00 p.m.

Orleans St.

Love to write? Come to the Orleans Street Branch where our very own Katrina Drake will be leading a monthly writing group on the third Thursday of every month. In the group you will find people that help foster and uplift each other's writing as well as a place to improve your writing skills.

Poetry Online Open Mic

Saturday, December 14, 11:00 a.m. | Virtual

Share your original poetry and hear poetry by your peers in a friendly and supportive space or join us as a listener! Please limit your reading to no more than three minutes. Please email the text of the poem(s) you want to share to poetry@prattlibrary.org before the event as a Microsoft Word attachment if possible.

TEENS

NaNoWriMo Kickoff Party

Friday, November 1, 3:30 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

November is National Novel Writing Month, where you write every day to end the month with a 50,000 word novel! Join us for a kickoff party to plan with other writers, knock out a few words, and grab a snack.

Taking Off the Training Wheels:

Writing from Fanfiction

Wednesday, November 6, 3:00 p.m.

Roland Park

Wednesday, December 11, 3:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

Neil Gaiman says fanfiction can act as a training ground for writing original fiction. Is he right? Kathy MacMillan, Compton Crook Award Finalist and author of more than two-dozen fiction and nonfiction books for children, teens, and adults, discusses how writing fanfic in the Harry Potter, Star Trek, and Babylon 5 fandoms prepared her for creating fictional worlds of her own.

Mindful Journaling

Wednesday, November 13, 4:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Ave.

Teenagers can engage in mindfulness journaling using journals they can decorate with a range of art supplies. They'll also learn the fundamentals of mindfulness writing. Mindfulness is a practice that fosters self-care and personal well-being. Registration is encouraged. Please call the Branch to register.

NaNoWriMo Finale Party

Saturday, November 30, 1:30 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

It's the last day of National Novel Writing Month, which means there's one final writing sprint to reach 50,000 words for the month! Join us for a finale party to chat about your novel, knock out a few more words, and grab a snack.

HACKERMAN WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE

The Hackerman Writer-in-Residence Program a year-long residency for established and emerging writers and literary creatives.

INTRODUCTION TO PODCASTING & JOURNALISM WITH D. WATKINS

Thursday, November 7, 6:00 p.m.

Light St.

Learn podcasting and journalism basics from bestselling author D. Watkins in this all-ages program. Discover how to tell impactful stories through sound or writing with tips from a professional.

OFFICE HOURS WITH D. WATKINS

Thursday, November 7, 7:00 p.m.

Light St.

Wednesdays, November 20, & December 18, 3:00 p.m. | Central Library Drop by during office hours with New York Times-bestselling author and Writer-in-Residence D. Watkins at the Enoch Pratt Free 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. Come share your voice and be part of the city's narrative!

MAGAZINE WRITING WORKSHOP WITH D. WATKINS

Saturday, December 7, 3:00 p.m.

Central Library

Join bestselling author D. Watkins for a hands-on magazine writing workshop. Learn how to craft engaging articles and gain insider tips in this all-ages program.

LIVE MUSIC



ADULTS

Ronn McFarlane & Ayreheart featuring Heather Aubrey Lloyd

Saturday, November 2, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library

Founded by Grammy-nominated lutenist Ronn McFarlane, Ayreheart brings the lute into twenty-first century music. Combining modern and ancient instruments, Ayreheart's music reflects elements of Celtic, folk, bluegrass, and Renaissance music. Now featuring singer-songwriter Heather Aubrey Lloyd! Register at prattlibrary.org.

Live Music: Kinesthesia

Saturday, November 16, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
A Baltimore native and rising talent on the city's music scene, Kinesthesia will be playing an acoustic set of original tunes inspired by jazz, rock, funk, and soul.

Serving Up Wisdom: Jazz & Autumn Reflections

Wednesday, November 20
10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Central Library
Join us for a catered lunch, laid-back activities, and musical stylings of a jazz ensemble. Reflect upon the past year, and discuss what you would like to see at Serving Up Wisdom events in 2025. This program is recommended for individuals 55+; however, all are welcome. Space for this program is limited; registration required. Register at prattlibrary.org.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Opera Baltimore: Voice Your Story

Wednesday, November 13, 3:00 p.m.
Walbrook

Thursday, November 14, 3:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Join us as Opera Baltimore leads youth into mindfulness and collaboration through opera-based storytelling. Children will create and perform "mini-operas" using a variety of picture books, excerpts, or poetry. This program has limited spaces. Please call the branch to register.

Sing & Play with Baltimore Choral Arts

Saturday, November 16, 11:00 a.m.
Central Library
Monday, December 16, 11:00 a.m.
Walbrook

It's never too early to introduce your little ones to the joy of making music! Children ages 0 – 5 and their caregivers are invited to join us for this free, 30-minute class, led by certified music teachers from Baltimore Choral Arts Society. Children will experience singing, creative movement, and listening to musical stories that spark their imagination.

Musical Storytelling

Wednesday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Join the Mount Vernon Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra for a musical story and an introduction to the world of classical music.

Playing Across America: A Bilingual Adventure through Music and Story

Wednesday, December 11, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Join Melissa Foss of Story Tapestries and take a journey across the Americas through song. In this performance we'll learn about fascinating instruments that have shaped the sonic landscape of Latin America, from past to present. The performance will be followed by an interactive flute-playing session and hands-on clay play.

Holiday Open House with Live Music

Thursday, December 12, 6:00 p.m. | Light St.
Join us for our annual Holiday Open House sponsored by the Friends of the Light Street Branch with live music provided by the Philtones. Come share good cheer, jazz, and holiday tunes. Refreshments will be provided.

DINOVEMBER

ADULTS

DINOVEMBER PAINTING WORKSHOP

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

TEENS

TEEN CRAFTS

Tuesday, November 26, 3:00 p.m.
Govans
Create different arts and crafts with a variety of supplies! In November we'll make Dinovember building blocks. While supplies last, first-come first-served.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

CRAFTERNOON: DINOSAUR SKELETONS

Monday, November 4, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Celebrate Dinovember with a dinosaur-inspired craftersnoon! We'll use cotton swabs to create dinosaur skeletons.

DINOVEMBER CRAFTS

Tuesday, November 19, 3:30 p.m.
Orleans St.
Celebrate Dinovember by making two different dinosaur crafts! Make a dinosaur eye magnet or paint your own wooden dinosaur puzzle. Make one or both crafts and take home what you create!

DINOVEMBER DIG

Friday, November 22, 11:00 a.m.
Hampden
Join us for a dinosaur-themed playdate! Children ages 2 and up will have a blast exploring the world of dinosaurs through fun, hands-on activities. Dig for fossils, play dino games, and let your imagination roam in this prehistoric adventure.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

ADULTS

Empower Her

Mondays & Wednesdays, November 6 – December 11, 1:00 p.m. (except Nov. 20)
Pennsylvania Ave.

Empower Her Wellness is a comprehensive support program designed to empower women on their journey to recovery. The program offers a safe, nurturing space where women can access mental health resources, substance misuse treatment, and holistic wellness services. Led By Donna Bruce, CPRS-F, RPS, RCPF.

Spice Up the Night: Salsa Dance Class

Wednesday, November 6, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

Escape your day-to-day routine and join us for an exciting journey on the dance floor. We are partnering with Dance Baltimore for a fun evening of music and movement. Learn the basics of salsa and leave ready to storm the dance floor. All experience levels. Couples and single dancers welcome.

Jamercise with Ginger

Saturdays, November 9 & 23,

December 7 & 21, 12:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill

Jamercise is an exercise program that combines the benefits of a cardio-aerobic workout with elements of dance. Join us in person at the Cherry Hill Branch or virtually. For more information go to prattlibrary.org

Stop Smoking with Tobacco Free Baltimore

Tuesdays, November 12 & December 10
2:30 p.m. | Central Library

Tobacco Free Baltimore is part of the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD), connecting smokers on the journey to be smoke free with patches and gum.

Free Private HIV and Hep-C Testing

Wednesday, November 13, 10:00 a.m.

Central Library

The Johns Hopkins Center for Infectious Disease and Nursing Innovation (CIDNI) is offering free HIV testing for individuals in a private setting at the Library.

Basic Life Skills

Tuesdays, November 19 & December 17
11:00 a.m. | Pennsylvania Ave.

The lessons in the "Basic Life Skills" peer navigators program will teach adults life skills that help them better understand themselves, get along with others, and learn tools that can help with day-to-day activities.

Acupressure for Stress Management

Thursday, November 21, 12:00 p.m.

Central Library

Are you hesitant to try acupuncture but ready to explore some of its benefits? Try acupressure for stress management, relief, and regulation. Engage in ways that can boost your immune system as we head into colder weather. This program is taught by Robert Prokop, LAc, of Wind Gate Wellness.

TEENS

Teen Yoga

Saturday, November 23, 1:00 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

Saturday, December 7, 3:00 p.m. | Waverly
Ana Rodney will lead teens in a series of stretches and positions, walking us through relaxation and other healthy benefits of yoga. We all need some relief from the stresses of everyday life and this is a wonderful way to take a mental break while feeling good.

Bath Bomb Craft

Saturday, December 7, 1:30 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

The end of the year is a stressful time, so join us and make some relaxing and colorful bath bombs! For yourself, they're a wonderful way to de-stress, and they also make wonderful gifts.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Just Dance Party

Fridays, November 8 & 22,

December 6 & 20, 3:30 p.m. | Walbrook

Let loose and come dance with us! All ages are welcomed to play Just Dance together.

DIY Sugar Scrub

Wednesday, November 20, 3:30 p.m.

Central Library

Make your own exfoliating sugar scrub! Recommended for kids ages 8 & up.

DIY Lip Balm

Wednesday, December 18, 3:30 p.m.

Central Library

Make your own lip balm to take home! Recommended for kids ages 8 – 11.



RE-ENTRY PATHWAYS RESOURCE AND CAREER FAIR

Thursday, November 14

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Central Library

Project ENCORE presents Re-entry Pathways Resource and Career fair, a unique event dedicated to providing valuable opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals. This event aims to connect attendees with on-the-spot hiring, career readiness attire, educational programs, and housing resources to support their successful reintegration into society.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Career readiness attire giveaway through Compassion Clothing Closet
- On-the-spot hiring from second chance employers
- Workforce development opportunities
- Styling session with Sam Smith
- and so much more!

“The staff was friendly and it was a peaceful environment.”

— Tamicka W.

FALL EVENTS

The Pratt hosted many exciting authors this fall. Take a look at photos from our Writers LIVE! and Brown Lecture Series events with Connie Chung, Eve, Stacey Abrams, Ta-Nehisi Coates, and Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson.



GET OUT THE VOTE



Election day is Tuesday, November 5. Many Pratt locations are polling locations on Election Day. For help with registering to vote, visit Baltimore Board of Elections (boe.baltimorecity.gov) or 410-396-5550; Baltimore Votes (BaltimoreVotes.org); or call the Central Library 410-396-5430.

ADULTS

Getting Out the Vote: An Intro to Voting Rights in the US

Saturday, November 2, 12:30 p.m.

Central Library

As part of Pratt's ongoing support for voters and voting in the November 5 election, we're sharing an introduction to the struggle for voting rights in the US. You'll also learn the hows and wheres of voting on Tuesday, November 5, from League of Women Voters member Paige Bacon.

African American Political Movements

Saturday, November 2, 2:30 p.m.

Central Library

This program will explore ideologies that have been used to engage, critique, or suggest an alternative to the political system of the United States. Concepts such as Black Nationalism, Black Feminism, Black Conservatism, and Black Marxism, among others, will be addressed. After the program, 30 minutes will be allotted for attendees to have a dialogue about what was presented.

Voting and You: A How-to Program

Monday, November 4, 3:00 p.m.

Central Library

Voting is a privilege for citizens but it's also a task. Knowing the ins-and-outs of any task — like how to paint a living room — makes it easier, brings cleaner results, and saves the carpet. In Voting and You: A How-to Program, Gwen Levi gives a how-to on voting. Learn how to vote before you vote — and vote. Then cross it off your to-do list. Gwendolyn Levi is a Pratt Peer Navigator and longtime Baltimore community activist.

TEENS

Being a Citizen: Why We Vote

Friday, November 1, 3:30 p.m.

Central Library

Election Day 2024 will decide "down-ballot" issues and offices local and statewide, from mayor to judges to General Assembly members, and "up-ballot," from senator to Congressional representative to president. Javey Adams of No Boundaries Coalition of Central West Baltimore will speak to people who aren't yet old enough to vote and people who aren't sure they should vote and people who will be voting for the first time on Tuesday, November 5. She will share her expertise to excite and empower all Baltimoreans to vote.



LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY: IMMIGRATION INFORMATION

Wednesdays, November 13 & December 11, 11:00 a.m.
Southeast Anchor Library

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.

"This is great! I love reading but I can't afford to buy as many books as I want. I love libraries!"

— Shayna B.

NUTS ABOUT WINTER



ADULTS

Calligraphy for Winter Greetings

Saturday, November 9, 2:00 p.m.

Patterson Park

Saturday, November 16, 2:00 pm

Pennsylvania Ave.

Saturday, December 7, 3:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill

Have you been interested in calligraphy but aren't sure how to get started? Join Brittany from Novel Letter Studio for a relaxing afternoon of practicing the fundamentals of modern calligraphy, using a brush pen. This workshop will teach you the basic shapes you need to know to get started, and show you how to combine those shapes into lowercase letters and words. You'll take home a workbook and pens for your ongoing practice, and some cards to get you started with winter greeting cards you'd like to send to loved ones! Registration for this program is required as materials are limited. Please visit or call the Branch to register.



Wine Pairing for the Holidays:

Being the Host with the Most

Thursday, November 14, 6:30 p.m.

Central Library

Need a perfect aperitif for the in-laws?

Confused about what to pair with your

holiday roast or cheeses? Taught by a

certified wine professional, this wine

pairing class will teach you all about how

to buy wine to slay the holidays! From how

to read a wine bottle label, to opening

sparkling wine like a pro, this course will

cover all of the ABCs of purchasing wine

for the winter months at all price points.

There will be wine tasting at this event for

educational purposes. Cheers! This event is

21+. Registration for this program is required

as space is limited. ID REQUIRED for alcohol

consumption. IDs will be checked.

Winter Wonderland: DIY Snowglobes

Thursday, December 5, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly

Join us for a magical DIY workshop where

you'll craft your very own snow globe!

Capture the beauty of winter by designing a

unique snowy scene, complete with festive

figures, glitter, and more. Registration is

required. Call 410-396-6089, email

wvr@prattlibrary.org, or register at the Adult

Information Desk.

Deck the Halls: DIY Wreath Decorating

Thursday, December 12, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly

Get into the festive spirit with our DIY

workshop, hosted in collaboration with the

Waverly Ace Hardware store! Learn tips

and tricks from the pros as you design and

decorate your own beautiful wreath to

adorn your home this season. Registration is

required. Call 410-396-6089, email

wvr@prattlibrary.org, or register at the Adult

Information Desk.

Adult Craft: Snowman & Hot Cocoa Jars

Saturday, December 14, 1:00 p.m.

Edmondson Ave.

Create a cozy winter scene with two

Mason Jar crafts for adults. Fashion a cute

snowman decoration from one jar. The

second jar will be embellished and filled

with a delicious hot cocoa mix. All supplies

are included, but space is limited. Please call

410-396-0946 to register.

Winter Craft: DIY Wooden Snowflake

Tuesday, December 17, 2:00 p.m. | Cherry Hill

Embrace the winter season! Join us for a

cozy afternoon of creativity as we decorate

wooden snowflakes. Come ready to relax,

have fun, and create a one-of-kind winter

decoration to bring home or give as a gift.

This program has limited spaces. To register,

please call 410-396-1168.

WINTER WINDOWS

Come visit the monumental windows outside of the Pratt Central Library to experience a magical winter wonderland. Starting early December.



Fun Flurries: 3D Paper Snowflakes

Thursday, December 19, 5:30 p.m. | Waverly
Let your creativity snow! Join us to learn the art of crafting intricate and stunning 3D snowflakes that will add a festive touch to your winter décor. Perfect for all skill levels, this workshop will guide you step by step in creating beautiful paper snowflakes to hang at home. Registration is required. Call 410-396-6089, email wvr@prattlibrary.org, or register at the Adult Information Desk.

TEENS

Snow Globe Creation Craft

Wednesday, December 4, 2:30 p.m.
Hamilton
The weather outside might be frightful, but our snow globes are so delightful! Join us to make your own snow globe. Available while supplies last.

DIY Hot Chocolate Kits

Thursday, December 12, 3:00 p.m.
Roland Park
Make a batch of hot chocolate mix for yourself or gift it to someone special.

Printmaking: Winter Cards

Monday, December 16, 3:00 p.m.
Roland Park
Learn about printmaking and make winter-themed cards.

Wacky Sweater Extravaganza

Saturday, December 21, 2:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Get ready for a wild and whimsical adventure in winter fashion where the goofier, the better! Let's transform those plain sweaters into outrageous, eye-catching masterpieces that'll steal the show at any party! Registration is encouraged. Please contact the branch to register.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Crafternoon: Winter Snowflakes

Tuesday, December 3, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
Celebrate the winter season with a snowflake craft!

Winter Crafternoon

Tuesdays, December 3 – 17 & 31, 3:30 p.m.
Canton
Join us at the Canton Branch on Tuesdays in December for an afternoon of winter-themed arts and crafts. We'll explore different celebrations, various art techniques, materials, and styles. Projects will be designed for a variety of ages and skill levels.

Snowman Popsicle Stick Bookmarks

Wednesday, December 4, 3:00 p.m.
Roland Park
Make a snowman bookmark to hold your place for a wintry read!

Winter Craft: Build a Snowman

Tuesday, December 10, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Join us at the Cherry Hill Branch for a fun and creative craft session where we'll build our very own snowmen with molding clay, no snow required! All materials are provided by the Library. This program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1168.

Create Your Own Puzzle

Wednesday, December 11, 3:00 p.m.
Walbrook
Design your own winter-themed jigsaw puzzle!

Nutcracker Storytime

Saturday, December 14, 2:30 p.m. | Hampden
Join us for a magical Nutcracker Storytime! Recommended for children ages 3 and up, this event features a read aloud of The Nutcracker, captivating video scenes from the ballet, and a Nutcracker-themed craft.

Crafternoon: Decorate an Ugly Sweater

Monday, December 16, 4:00 p.m. | Waverly
Get ready for the holidays by decorating your own mini ugly holiday sweater.

Melted Snowman

Tuesday, December 17, 3:30 p.m.
Patterson Park
Celebrate the beginning of winter by making a snowman craft that's already melted.

Winter Playdate at the Library

Friday, December 20, 11:00 a.m. | Hampden
Bring your little ones, ages 2 – 5, to the Hampden Branch for a winter playdate! Kids will enjoy playful games with pretend snow, making this a fun and cozy indoor activity perfect for the winter season.

Winter Wonderland Crafternoon

Saturday, December 21, 11:30 a.m.
Roland Park
Spend an afternoon making wintry crafts including snowflakes, penguins, and more!

Gingerbread Cowboy Storytime

Friday, December 27, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Listen to the story of The Gingerbread Cowboy then decorate your own gingerbread cowboy.



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LOOK INTO THE PAST



ADULTS

Microform Scanning Crash Course

Saturday, November 9, 2:00 p.m.

Central Library

Learn various tips and techniques for scanning microfilm (rolls of film) and microfiche (small film cards) on our ScanPro 3500 microform reader machines. From small clips to whole rolls of film, learn how to scan them all with the best possible clarity and quality! Great for those interested in local history, genealogical research, and digitization.

Lunch & Learn

Saint George's Island, 1776: Historical, Archaeological and Landscape Analysis of an Overlooked Battle of the American Revolution.

Thursday, November 14, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual
Learn about the largest Revolutionary War battle fought in Maryland, when British troops under the governor of Virginia landed on Saint George's Island in the Potomac River in St. Mary's County on July 17, 1776. ASL interpretation will be available for attendees. Presented in partnership with The Maryland State Archives and the Maryland Four Centuries Project.

Researching the History of a House

Saturday, November 16, 11:00 a.m. | Canton

Just because a house isn't a famous landmark, doesn't mean it doesn't have a rich history. Researching a building or property can require knowledge of many of the same resources as genealogical research, and it can be an exciting trip into the lives of those who lived or worked there. In this program, we will talk about where to find government records related to a building or property, how to research historical archives for information, and what to look for on site for clues. Presented by Julie Saylor, Librarian in the Maryland Department, Enoch Pratt Free Library/State Library Resource Center. 30-person limit. Registration required. Call 410-396-8548.

Genetic Genealogy, with Blaine Bettinger

Saturday, December 7

10:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Central Library & Virtual

Come learn how to translate those DNA test results into your own family history! Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D., is a professional genealogist specializing in DNA evidence and the use of artificial intelligence for genealogical research. Bettinger will be presenting two lectures: "Utilizing mtDNA and Y-DNA" and "Using Autosomal DNA for 18th and 19th Century Mysteries." Visit prattlibrary.org to register.

Lunch & Learn

The Missionary: William Levington, Founder of St. James First African Protestant Episcopal Church

Thursday, December 12, 1:00 p.m. | Virtual
Explore the life and times of the first ordained African American priest in the American South. Professor Lawrence Jackson will describe the life and works of William Levington, the founder of the St. James First African Protestant Episcopal Church in Baltimore in 1824. The church, now known as St. James in Lafayette Square, recently celebrated its 200th anniversary. ASL interpretation will be available for attendees. Presented in partnership with the Maryland State Archives and The Maryland Four Centuries Project.

"I am so thankful to have you as a resource."

— Ayrol Y.

"The library has everything that we need."

— Quandra G.



UNLOCKING HOMEOWNERSHIP WITH LIVE BALTIMORE

Wednesday, November 13, 6:00 p.m. | Central Library

Do you dream of owning your own home someday? Maybe you've wondered where to start the process, or how you might afford homeownership in Baltimore. Get a jump start at this evening featuring Live Baltimore, an extensive resource for financial incentives and practical advice on the homebuying process in the City. Recent first-time buyers, homeownership counseling agencies, mortgage lenders, and real estate agents will share their experience and expertise so that you can identify the next steps on your ownership journey. Light refreshments will be provided.

SPOTLIGHT ON CANTON



ADULTS

Create at Canton

Thursdays, November 7 & 21,
December 5 & 19, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a cozy, casual crafting night — and a chance to indulge in a delightful evening of creativity and community. Bring a friend!

In Stitches Club

Saturdays, November 23 & December 28
10:30 a.m.

Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, needlepoint, or have another favorite craft, bring your work in progress to join us for a morning of crafting, conversation, and camaraderie.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Music & Movement Storytime

Mondays, November 4 – December 30
4:00 p.m.

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.

Tinker Tuesdays

Tuesdays, November 12 & 26, 3:30 p.m.
Come by the Canton Branch and explore different STEAM stations with your favorite adult. Tinker with engineering tools, complete science projects, construct structures with building blocks, and more!

Bubble Fun with the Bubble Lady

Monday, November 18, 4:00 p.m.
Join the Bubble Lady for a fun, interactive experience. Learn about science as you see a “smoky” bubble, and more!

“I use the digital library and it is very convenient.”

— Linda J.



SNEAK PEEK AT JANUARY & FEBRUARY

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, January 18, 10:00 a.m.
Central Library

Help save lives right here at your library!

WRITERS LIVE! JUAN WILLIAMS

Thursday, January 16, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library

Juan Williams will discuss his book New Prize for These Eyes: The Rise of America's Second Civil Rights Movement.

ART HIVE AT THE PRATT

Mondays, January 27 & February 24,
4:00 p.m. | Waverly

An Art Hive is a third space that invites the community to come together, socialize, and make art! Co-hosted by Make Studio Baltimore, a non-profit progressive art studio supporting the work of adult artists with disabilities, The Art Hive at the Pratt will also invite shared visioning around what kinds of accessible programming or disability-specific programming the community might wish to see in the future.

WRITERS LIVE!

LAUREN FRANCIS-SHARMA

Saturday, February 22, 3:00 p.m.
Central Library

Lauren Francis-Sharma will discuss her book Casualties of Truth: A Novel.



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