



The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany - April 3, 2021

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Revised (virtual) meeting schedule for 2020, 2021

All meetings begin at 7:00 pm and a Zoom link will be provided.

Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Annual Meeting. Announcements

Speaker: Elizabeth Atwood. *Marguerite Harrison, American Spy.*

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Speaker: Ed Papenfuse. *Jefferson's Printer.*

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Speaker: Spencer W. Stuart. *On all aspects of collection building, maintaining, etc.*

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Speaker: Art Cheslock. *Blasphemy!*

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Speaker: George Barnum, speaking about his book, *Picturing the Big Shop: Photos of the U.S. Government Publishing Office 1900-1980. Washington, DC, GPO, 2017.*

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Speaker: Posey Boicourt. *In her charming memoir, Posey Boicourt (Blue Tulip) explores the forgotten world of a portrait painter from whom she is a direct descendent.*

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Speaker: April Oettinger

To Be Rescheduled - Dates To Be Determined

Speaker: Sallie Lowenstein. *Children's book author, illustrator, publisher and maker of handmade books.*

ZOOM session. Link to be provided

Speaker: Charles Tharp. *George Washington's Library and What He Read.*

ZOOM session. Link to be provided

News and noteworthy from here and there...

Kelmscott Bookshop April Newsletter. Moving plans have been solidified. Kelmscott Bookshop will be relocating to Historic Savage Mill in June. Please see the link below for more information. This month's newsletter features sales in sections on Books on Books, Canadian & Arctic History, Latin American History, European History & Languages, General & Ancient History, and Maritime. All books priced at or under \$125 in these sections will be 50% off throughout the month of April. Also check out lots of "lots sales."

<https://conta.cc/2PL3RVe>

Biblio-Collecting Blog: *Biblio-Connecting: A New Resource*. Jerry Morris, of the Florida Bibliophile Society, has a blog which lists upcoming or recent bibliophilic events. Below is a link to April events. <https://biblio-connecting.blogspot.com/2021/03/welcome-to-biblio-connecting-march.html>

Blog: *The Fate of Books: Notes on Book Collecting, Bibliomania, and Libricide*

Posted on Mar 12, 2021: "*To Break a Book: Bibliophiles as Book Enemies*"

<https://thefateofbooks.wordpress.com/>

During our recent March Zoom session, guest Bruce McKittrick suggested members might be interested in viaLibri.net. From the website: "viaLibri searches for books that are listed for sale on more than thirty-five multi-dealer websites world-wide. (For example: AbeBooks, Amazon, Biblio, eBay, ABAA.org, ZVAB etc.). If your books are already being sold on one or more of these sites then they will be included automatically in our search results and you do not need to do anything else."

<https://viaLibri.net>

From the *Washington Post*: "*Independent bookstore owners look back at a year spent trying to stay afloat. Not all of them succeeded.*"

https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/books/bookstore-owners-covid/2021/03/12/bafc8eaa-829f-11eb-81db-b02f0398f49a_story.html?utm_source=feedly&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=wp_entertainment-books

From the *New York Post* via *Book Riot*: "*Meet the Badass Librarians of the NYPL*" In honor of Women's History Month, the New York Public Library is honoring women librarians who made NYPL what it is today.

https://nypost.com/2021/03/13/meet-the-badass-librarians-of-the-nypl/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CYS%20031921&utm_term=BookRiot_CheckYourShelf_DormantSuppress

From Belt Publishing via *Literary Hub*: *On the Vast and Multitudinous Worlds of the Library*. Comparing a library to a museum.

https://lithub.com/on-the-vast-and-multitudinous-worlds-of-the-library/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Lit%20Hub%20Weekly:%20March%2015-19%20%28Daily%20List%29&utm_term=lithub_master_list

From *Vulture* via *Literary Hub*: "*How the Strand Lost its Workers*." Inside the struggle at the Strand, a legendary bookstore in New York City where workers say they have been disregarded and mistreated—especially during the pandemic.

https://www.vulture.com/article/the-strand-bookstore-union-protest.html?utm_source=tw&utm_campaign=vulture&utm_medium=s1&utm_term=lithub_master_list

Smithsonian Magazine: “Step into the Pages of ‘Goodnight Moon’ with This Enchanting Exhibition.”
<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/step-pages-goodnight-moon-180977323/>

From Gizmodo: “Amazon accused of working with book publishers in price-fixing scheme.”
<https://gizmodo.com/amazon-accused-of-working-with-book-publishers-in-price-1846600348>

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