



The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany April 7, 2022

Binnie Syril Braunstein, Editor

Calendar of Events for Fall, 2021 through Spring, 2022

Spencer W. Stuart

A Collection's Coda: Deaccessioning Strategies
Thursday, September 23, 2021. 7:00 pm. **ZOOM**

Ed Papenfuse

The Enterprising Roach Family of Baltimore, 1819-1830. It is a saga of marketing Books, Stationery, Musical instruments, Umbrellas, Printing, and Sign Painting, mixed with Millerites and fisticuffs with the Constabulary.
Wednesday, October 20, 2021. 7:00 pm. **ZOOM**

Andrea Lewis - November 2021

Maryland Center for the Book - what is it?
Mt. Vernon Club, Baltimore. Annual meeting
Thursday, November 18, 2021. 6:00 pm.

Olya Samilenko

On her book *Snow Goose Chronicles: How the Goose Became a Peacock.*
Thursday, December 16, 2021. 7:00 pm. **ZOOM**

Sallie Lowenstein

Adventures in Bookmaking: Tales of a children's book author, illustrator, publisher and maker of handmade books.
Thursday, January 20, 2022. 7:00 pm. **ZOOM**

Reid Byers.

Program on his recently published book, *The Private Library.*
Wednesday, February 16, 2022. 7:00 pm. **ZOOM**

Kenneth Gloss, Brattle Books Brattle Book Shop proprietor/Antiques Roadshow appraiser.

A Firsthand Look at Secondhand Books.
Tuesday, March 8, 2022. 7:00 pm. **ZOOM**

April Oettinger, Professor of Art History at Goucher College

Innovations in Teaching the History of the Book in the Liberal Arts Classroom. As presented to the Renaissance Society of America annual meeting, at Marsh's Library in Dublin, Ireland. Thursday, April 21, 2022. 7:00 pm. **ZOOM**

Elizabeth DeBold, Assistant Curator of Collections, Folger Shakespeare Library
Brush Up Your Shakespeare: The Harmsworth Collection and other things you didn't know about The Folger Shakespeare Library
Wednesday, May 18, 2022. 7:00 pm. **ZOOM**

Peabody Library. Exhibit/Tour/Lunch
GRACE NOTES IN AMERICAN HISTORY: 200 Years of Songs from the Lester Levy Sheet Music Collection. Tour courtesy of Sam Bessen.
On a Saturday in June or July, 2022. Date/Time/TBD. In person. Box lunch.

Leonard Marcus.
Program on the history of children's books and their illustration.
Summer 2022. Date/Time/TBD. **ZOOM**

Spencer W. Stewart
The Making of a Collector. Interactive with participating members/attendees.
Wednesday, September 21, 2022. 7:00 pm. **ZOOM**

Charles Tharp
On George Washington's library at Mt. Vernon
Date/Time/Venue TBD. In person.

Binnie Syril Braunstein
Secrets of a writing career: How a bus ride led (dragged) the author to pen short stories and romance novels.
Date/Time/Venue TBD. In person or Zoom.

New feature...Spotlight on our members!

Ed Papenfuse is a long-standing member of The Baltimore Bibliophiles. His collecting interests include Maps, Maryland history, colonial history. Printers, printing, and the imprint history of Baltimore in the Early Republic (to 1837). Ed held the positions of Maryland State Archivist and Commissioner of Land Patents from 1975 until 2013. From June 2010 until October 2013, he was also the acting City Archivist for the [Baltimore City Archives](#).

News and Notes from Here and There...

Kelmscott Bookshop: We hope we see you in New York later this month for the [ABAA New York International Antiquarian Book Fair](#). The fair runs from Friday, April 22nd - Sunday, April 24th with a preview on Thursday the 21st. We have a few free passes remaining, so let us know if you would like one.

This month books in our Biography, Baltimore & Maryland History, and Music sections are on sale. All books priced at or under \$100 in these sections will be 30% off throughout the month of April. See sale books via the link below.

A selection of our new arrivals is featured via the link below. It includes a miniature book made from a seashell, a recollection of a vacation to Cuba, a first edition of Morris's *Defence of Guinevere* illustrated by Jessie M. King, multiple artists' books, a book on arctic exploration, and more.

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On March 8, **Ken Gloss**, of Brattle Book Shop (Boston) and Antiques Roadshow, gave a (Zoom) talk entitled *A Firsthand Look at Secondhand Books*. Below is the link to his talk.

<https://youtu.be/p0cAZhNzHYU>

Time Sensitive!

Our member, **Tom Stosur**, notes that the inaugural **Georgetown Rare Book Fair** takes place May 13-15 and is presented by the City Tavern Preservation Foundation, bringing antiquarian booksellers from across the country to Washington DC's City Tavern Club. For details, please see the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/georgetown-rare-book-fair-tickets-301040348787>

My Sentimental Library: Jerry Morris's blog offers "*Elegant Extracts and Timely Tidbits About Dreamthorp; A Book of Essays Written in the Country.*" [Ed. This is Jerry Morris's last blog. He recently passed away.]

<https://blog.mysentimentallibrary.com/2022/03/elegant-extracts-and-timely-tidbits.html>

Literary Hub: "A Scientific Explanation for Your Urge to Sniff Old Books." By Jude Stewart.

<https://lithub.com/a-scientific-explanation-for-your-urge-to-sniff-old-books/>

Christie's: "*What I've learned: Thomas Venning, Head of Books and Manuscripts.*"

<https://www.christies.com/features/What-Ive-learned-Thomas-Venning-Christies-Head-of-Books-and-Manuscripts-12171->

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Christie's: Fine Printed Books and Manuscripts including Americana. (Online Auction) 11 Apr 10AM - 25 Apr 10AM (EDT) | Online 20646

<https://onlineonly.christies.com/s/fine-printed-books-manuscripts-including-americana/lots/2136?COSID=43371073&bid=305228670&cid=dm475973&filters=&page=2&searchphrase=&sortby=LotNumber&themes=>

University of Cambridge. Libraries. Via Simon Beattie & ExLibris. “*Missing Darwin Books Returned to University Library.*” Charles Darwin’s iconic Tree of Life notebooks anonymously left in a pink gift bag, 15 months after launch of a worldwide appeal to find them. By Stuart Roberts
<https://www.cam.ac.uk/stories/TreeOfLife>

Los Angeles Review of Books via Library Link of the Day. “*The Internet Is Not What You Think It Is: A History, A Philosophy, A Warning.*” By Julien Crockett.
<https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/the-internet-is-not-what-you-think-it-is-a-history-a-philosophy-a-warning/>

Our member, **August Imholtz**, referred me to a book recommendation by another of our members, **Dr. Cheryl Thurber**, who notes, “For an interesting examination of the ethical side of book collecting I recommend *The Archive Thief: The Man who salvaged French Jewish History in the Wake of the Holocaust.* By Lisa Moses Leff. Was his effort at rescue good or bad? Rescue and saving forgotten books (or other collectibles) is part of collecting. And stealing is an important part of the fringes of collecting.”

Time Sensitive!

ABA-IES Book Collecting Seminars (online): 12 April, "The Bibliotheca Spenceriana Collection of Incunables. A new cataloguing project at the John Rylands Library."

The next meeting of the 2021-22 series of Antiquarian Booksellers' Association Educational Trust - Institute of English Studies Book Collecting Seminars will be held at 6 PM (BST) on Tuesday 12 April, online.

The event - called 'The Bibliotheca Spenceriana Collection of Incunables. A new cataloguing project at the John Rylands Library' - will feature papers by Julianne Simpson, John Gandy and Ed Potten on this exciting major project.

You can register here:

<https://ies.sas.ac.uk/events/bibliotheca-spenceriana-collection-incunables-a-new-cataloguing-project-john-rylands-library>

Sara Trevisan, for the Committee, Book Collecting Seminars

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We welcome new members!