



The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany October 9, 2023

Binnie Syril Braunstein, Editor

Updated Calendar of Events for 2023

Please note: Per request of one of our members, descriptions of newly updated calendar events are highlighted in **bold**.

Josh Mann of **B & B Rare Books, Ltd.**

On book provenance and association copies.

Wednesday, January 18, 2023. 7:00 pm. **ZOOM**

Mark Samuels Lasner.

On his collecting of Beardsley material as well as the exhibition, *Aubrey Beardsley, 150 Years Young* at the Grolier Club.

Tuesday, February 28, 2023. 7:00 pm. ZOOM

Arnie Sanders, professor emeritus, Goucher College

Measuring Worth: Surveying Goucher's Rare Book Collection.

Wednesday, March 22, 2023. 7:00 pm. ZOOM

Binnie Syril Braunstein.

Secrets of a writing career: How a bus ride led (dragged) the author to pen short stories and romance novels.

Wednesday, April 19, 2023. 7:00 pm. ZOOM

Susan King, Novelist.

Lady MacBeth: A Novel. A different view of The Scottish Play.

Thursday, May 18, 2023. 7:00 pm. ZOOM

Rebecca Romney, Rare Book Specialist

Next Generation Book Collecting: How Gen Z Is Joining the Centuries-Long Tradition

Saturday, July 8, 2023. 1:00 pm. Enoch Pratt Free Library (Central). In person.

Refreshments. Open to the public! *Pre-Registration required via link!*

Wine & Cheese at Kelmscott Bookshop!

To celebrate the second anniversary of Kelmscott at their new location at Savage Mill.

The Kelmscott Bookshop, 8600 Foundry Street Suite G-7, Savage, MD 20763

Sunday, August 27, 2023. 2:00-4:30 PM. Including Show & Tell Collectors Corner!

This event was canceled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Spencer W. Stuart.

*How has the antiquarian book trade changed - and is changing - from the inside out and the outside in? Are there changes in the way people - collectors and the Public - view the book trade? Have “virtual” book fairs and auctions become an effective or ineffective substitute for face to face interactions such as occurred pre-pandemic? Spencer Stewart explores these topics and more within the framework of his recently published book, *Contemporary Issues in Rare Book & Manuscript Collecting*.*

Wednesday, September 20, 2023. 7:00 pm. ZOOM

Chris Needham.

Theft, Mutilation and Forgery--Terrible and True Tales of Book Crimes!

Thursday, October 19, 2023. 7:00 pm. ZOOM.

Annual Meeting. Election of Officers.

Jacqueline Coleburn and Anthony Mullan (both from Library of Congress) on Peter Parley aka Samuel Goodrich.

Saturday, November 18, 2023 1:00 pm. Enoch Pratt Free Library (Central).

Complimentary Lunch! (Details at a later date)

News & Notes from Here and There...

Kelmscott Bookshop: Newsletter for October, 2023

This month books in our **Periodicals** section will be on sale. All books (excluding new arrivals) priced at or under \$75 in this section will be 50% off through the end of the month. Ten additional books priced over \$75 in various areas are 20% off this month. Visit our [Sale Page](#) for the complete list of 200+ titles.

We are excited to announce that our **annual print catalog** is currently at the printer and will be shipping in mid-October! We will be posting a PDF version online and sending an email of highlights when we start shipping. Postage has been steadily increasing, so we have been forced to cut our mailing list a bit this year. If you haven't a print catalog by the end of October and would like one, please [contact us](#).

This is Banned Books Week, an event sponsored by the [American Library Association](#) to create awareness and encourage action. Please read below for more information - and keep reading, checking out, advocating for, and buying banned books!

Finally, we are featuring a selection of 15 of our favorite new arrivals including a few miniature books such as the Bo Press Bibliography, a fine press edition of the Slavic fairy tale of Baba Yaga, a first edition of an firsthand account of colony life in Virginia with Native American encounters, a collection of ghost stories, a fine press edition of love poems, and more!

https://bit.ly/Kelmscott_Oct23

From Nancy Magnuson: The following books were cited by **Meghan Constantinou** during Spencer Stuart's talk on September 20th. Ms. Constantinou is the librarian of the Grolier Club.

Americana is a creed : notable twentieth-century collectors, dealers, and curators / edited by J. Kevin Graffagnino, Terese M. Austin, Sara Quashnie.

The pioneer Americanists : early collectors, dealers, and bibliographers / edited by J. Kevin Graffagnino, Terese M. Austin, Jayne Ptolemy, Brian Leigh Dunnigan. Oak Knoll

Collectors, booksellers, and libraries : Essays on Americanists and the rare book market / William S. Reese (2018)

Amy Chen, *Placing Papers: The American Literary Archives Market*. University of Massachusetts Press (2020)

Sallie Lowenstein: Old Books, Young Readers is (a newsletter) published and written by Sallie Lowenstein, who is also the owner of the 27 year old publishing company Lion Stone Books (www.lionstonebooks.com) and is the award-winning author/illustrator of 18 picture, middle grade, and young adult books. The link below is to the newsletter I received on a regular basis. To get on Sallie's mailing, scroll down to the end of the illustration/material on the link. <https://mail.aol.com/b/folders/1/messages/ALAwWiURI9yXZQTiEgDLICr27Zs?folderType=INBOX&offset=0&unblockNow=false>

The Guardian: “A smoking quill? Notes in Bible margin could be handwriting of the Venerable Bede.” By Dalya Alberge. <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2023/sep/16/bible-margin-father-english-history-venerable-bede-manuscript>

Greek Reporter: “Queen Cleopatra’s Sole Surviving Handwriting Is a Single Greek Word.” By Maria Rybachuk. <https://greekreporter.com/2023/09/20/cleopatra-handwriting-greek-word/>

YNetNews: “US Library of Congress puts rare Hebrew manuscripts online.” By Daniel Edelson. <https://www.ynetnews.com/article/hynxfpfpk>

Haaretz: “The Oldest Most Complete Hebrew Bible Arrives in Israel.” <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2023-10-05/ty-article/the-oldest-most-complete-hebrew-bible-arrives-in-israel/0000018b-0082-d037-a9af-51de3ae10000>

The Past: “Ancient Egypt and the dawn of literature: Revisiting the oldest book in the world.” <https://the-past.com/feature/ancient-egypt-and-the-dawn-of-literature-revisiting-the-oldest-book-in-the-world/>

Business Insider: “Feeling lonely? Go to the library.” By Juliana Kaplan and Eliza Relman. Library of Congress' first-ever Literary Costume Ball! <https://www.businessinsider.com/work-decimated-office-socializing-the-solution-could-be-libraries-2023-9>

Ancient Origins: “*The Teen Prodigies Behind This 15th Century French Picture Book*” (Video) (Belles Heures of Jean de Berry) Robbie Mitchell.
<https://www.ancient-origins.net/videos/belles-heures-0019341>

Yale News: “*Teasing apart the meaning of Shakespeare’s First Folio.*” By Lisa Prevost.
<https://news.yale.edu/2023/09/27/teasing-apart-meaning-shakespeares-first-folio>

The Folio Society via Literary Hub: “*On Shakespeare’s Two Heroic Friends that Saved the Bard’s Plays From Being Burned.*” By George Doran.
<https://lithub.com/on-shakespeares-two-heroic-friends-that-saved-the-bards-plays-from-being-burned/>

Greek Reporter: “*Who Burned the Library of Alexandria?*” By Caleb Howells
<https://greekreporter.com/2023/10/03/library-alexandria-burn/>

Artnet News: “*A Long-Lost Letter Penned by George Washington During the Revolutionary War Hits the Market for \$275,000.*”
<https://news.artnet.com/market/george-washington-revolutionary-war-letter-for-sale-2369895>

The Biblio File: Podcast hosted by Nigel Beale: “*Special Collections Librarian. The John Rylands Library featuring head of the library, John Hodgson.*” [The John Rylands Research Institute and Library is par of the University of Manchester. (UK)]
<https://mailchi.mp/b4ae32c4cd5e/john-hodgson-on-running-one-of-the-worlds-great-libraries-latest-episode-the-biblio-file-podcast-hosted-by-nigel-beale?e=4d50868158>

See also:

Atlas Obscura: *John Rylands Research Institute and Library.*

A Victorian Gothic masterpiece housing a world-class collection of rare books and manuscripts.
<https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/john-rylands-research-institute-and-library>



Time Sensitive!

Midtown Scholar: Harrisburg Book Festival OCTOBER 18TH - OCTOBER 22ND, 2023.

<https://www.hbgbookfest.com/>

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