



# The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany November 6, 2023

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## **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)**

**Christmas at Kelmscott Bookshop!**

**Wine & Cheese at Kelmscott, at their new location at Savage Mill.**

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

**Saturday, December 2, 2023. 2:00-4:30 PM. Including Show & Tell Collectors Corner!**

**Directions will be provided.**

**Spotlight on our members:**

We are delighted to welcome five new members: **Leah Kalasky, Doug Krebel, Christopher Mergen, Nes Sparrow and Tim Boyle (owner of Vintage Books).** Welcome!

Also of note: **Terry Johanson** died on October 7, after a long illness. Terry and her husband Don had sold books since the 1970s, first as The Kelmscott Bookshop and then as Johanson Rare Books. They were also devoted to books and each other and were always a presence at our book fairs. Our condolences to her family and friends. (Information courtesy of ExLibris, Donald Farren Fran Durako and Susannah Horrom.)

***News & Notes from Here and There...***

**Kelmscott Bookshop: Three different links - the Sale newsletter, one that previews their 20th catalog, and the third highlights Halloween.**

Through the end of October, books in our Periodicals section priced at \$75 and under are 50% off! (The sale excludes new arrivals and items sold on consignment.) A few additional higher priced items in other sections are also on sale this month for a 20% discount.

If you're not familiar with them, bound periodicals from the 19th century such as Putnam's, Harper's Magazine, Cosmopolitan, Galaxy, etc. offer an interesting look into the time period as they typically include articles on current events, literature, poetry, illustrations (often fashion plates), advertisements, and more. Novels, which were issued in monthly installments, were anxiously anticipated by readers much like weekly T.V. shows are in modern times. As a modern reader, it is fascinating to read through these collections with snippets of news of wars abroad interspersed with political cartoons, advertisements for corsets, and works by now-famous authors such as Charles Dickens.

Browse all sale items [here](#) (nearly 200) or read below for a selection of 20 highlights:

Sale newsletter: <https://conta.cc/406XEDm>

Catalog Preview newsletter: [https://bit.ly/Kelmscott\\_Catalog20\\_Preview](https://bit.ly/Kelmscott_Catalog20_Preview)

Halloween newsletter: [https://bit.ly/Kelmscott\\_Halloween\\_Fall23](https://bit.ly/Kelmscott_Halloween_Fall23)



**Vintage Books: E-List #29. Courtesy of new member, Tim Boyle.**

[https://www.vintagebooksmd.com/searchResults.php?action=catalog&category\\_id=352](https://www.vintagebooksmd.com/searchResults.php?action=catalog&category_id=352)



## Shakespeare!

**Fast Company: “*You can now own a perfect replica of ‘Shakespeare’s First Folio’*”** By Zacahary Petit..

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90972729/you-can-now-own-a-perfect-replica-of-shakespeares-first-folio>

**ABC News: “*Exhibits and collectors editions mark 400th anniversary of Shakespeare’s First Folio.*”** By Hillel Italie.

<https://abcnews.go.com/Entertainment/wireStory/exhibits-collectors-editions-mark-400th-anniversary-shakespeares-folio-104221579>

**Also from AP NEWS.**

**Sotheby’s: “*Bibliotheca Brookeriana: A Renaissance Library. Magnificent Books and Bindings.*”** *The extraordinary collection of T. Kimball Brooker.* Click on “Auction Details.

<https://www.sothebys.com/en/buy/auction/2023/bibliotheca-brookeriana-a-renaissance-library-magnificent-books-and-bindings>

For more, see entry below:

**Sotheby’s: “*Renaissance Library. Magnificent Books and Bindings.*”**

<https://www.sothebys.com/en/auction-catalogue/2023/bibliotheca-brookeriana-a-renaissance-library-magnificent-books-and->

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**YouTube: “*Selling Very Old Books Today.*”** Harry Ransom Center. Booksellers Rebecca Romney (Type Punch Matrix) and Bill Cotter (W. S. Cotter Rare Books) will join Dr. Aaron T. Pratt, the Ransom Center's Pforzheimer Curator, to discuss current trends in the rare book trade. Learn which old books are most attractive to today's collectors and take a behind-the-curtain look at some of the business strategies that keep antiquarian bookselling profitable in 202 (Suggested by Tom Stosur.)  
[Selling Very Old Books Today - YouTube](#)

### **Columbus Letter!**

**Artnet News: “*An Early Edition of an ‘Unhinged’ Christopher Columbus Letter Outlining What He Discovered in America Could Fetch \$1.5 Million at Auction.*”** By Adam Schrader.  
<https://news.artnet.com/market/columbus-letter-america-2371362>

**New York Times: “*Columbus Letter Beloved by Thieves and Forgers Sells for \$3.9 Million.*”** By Julia Jacobs.  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/10/19/arts/design/columbus-letter-auction-christies.html>

**Explore: “*Visit One Of The Largest Bookstores In The World At This West Coast Destination.*”** By Joshua Meyer.  
<https://www.explore.com/1412125/visit-one-of-largest-bookstores-world-portland-oregon/>

**Washington Post: “*He spent a lifetime collecting the blues. The Smithsonian listened.*”** By Geoff Edgers.  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/music/2023/10/14/smithsonian-https://www.bookclubofwashington.org/so/2eOitLjOn?languageTag=en&cid=0157eb3e-f56a-4960-a5d2-808216848db2folkways-robert-mccormick/>

**ilovelibraries: “*Library Passport: Inside the World’s Most Futuristic Libraries.*”** By Phil Morehart.  
<https://ilovelibraries.org/article/library-passport-inside-the-worlds-most-futuristic-libraries/>

**Book Riot: “*ARE CO-OP BOOKSTORES THE FUTURE OF BOOKSELLING?*”** By Susie Dumond.  
<https://bookriot.com/co-op-bookstores/>

**Library of Congress: “*Library of Congress Appoints Stephanie Stillo Chief of Rare Book and Special Collections.*”** (Suggested by Donald Farren.)

<https://newsroom.loc.gov/news/library-of-congress-appoints-stephanie-stillo-chief-of-rare-book-and-special-collections/s/78ddd07a-0920-4655-9f13-004d1c31cb40?loclr=ealn> (from Donald Farren)

**Fine Books Magazine:**

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



**The Caxton Club: *Esmeralda Kale on the Herskovits Library of African Studies, 11/10/2023.*** (Suggested by Tom Stosur.)

<https://caxtonclub.org/event-5453341>

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and click on "Apply for Membership."*