



The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany February 13, 2025

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Calendar of Events for 2025

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

Tuesday, January, 21 2025

Leonard Marcus. *“Strong Women, Great Books: The Women Who Invented American Children's Book Publishing.”*

7:00 pm ZOOM

February, 2025

Subject details TBD

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Reid Byers. *“Imaginary Books:Lost, Unfinished and Fictive Works from the Collection Of Reid Byers.”*

PowerPoint coordinated by the speaker.

7:00 pm ZOOM (This program will not be recorded.)

Tuesday, April 15-ZOOM

April Oettinger. *“Goucher's Art & Artifacts collection and the Woman's College of Baltimore Museum.”*

7:00 pm ZOOM

May, 2025

Booksellers Roundtable (Tentative)

7:00 pm ZOOM

June, 2025

Possible bookstore field trip. - stay tuned!

July, 2025

August, 2025

September 13, 2025

Mark Samuels Lasner. *“Could've,Should've, Didn't: Tales of a Wrong-headed Collector.”*

Luncheon (Location TBD)

Tuesday, October 16, 2025

Chris Needham "*Library Ghosts: The Afterlives of Vanished Collections.*"

7:00 pm ZOOM

November, 2025 (Date TBD)

ANNUAL MEETING/SPEAKER

Luncheon (Location TBD)

December, 2025

Spotlight on our new webpage!

www.baltimorebibliophiles.org

News & Notes from Here and There...

Kelmscott Bookshop: February 2025 Newsletter.

This month we are having a sale on French and Italian Language books. Many books in these sections are up to 50% off.

We will be participating in the ABAA California Virtual Book Fair next week from February 6th - 8th. You can sign up for an e-newsletter alert here: <https://fairs.abaa.org/>, and we plan to send a reminder next week before the fair opens. Due to the horrendous fires in the Los Angeles area, the in person book fair which was to be held next week in Pasadena is now cancelled.

Our first in person book fair of the year will be the [ABAA New York International Antiquarian Book Fair](#), which will be held April 3rd - 6th. We should be getting a few free passes for the fair soon. Please contact us if you would like one (first come, first serve). We hope to see you there!

We are featuring about 15 new arrivals including some miniature books, fine press, artists' books, and more: a shuffled story designed by Edward Gorey, a play from 1942 produced as a fundraiser by the Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, a wonderful new book from the Nomad Press with wood engravings by Hilary Paynter, a beautifully printed Ursula LeGuin story by the Prototype Press (from Maryland), a bilingual artists' book on ravens, a finely printed book on bird calls and bird watching, a well-loved cookbook from 1912, and more.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Reminder--February-2025-Newsletter--Sale-on-French---Italian-Language-Books---We-Buy-Books---New-Arrivals.html?soid=1103337706551&aid=3Pm07AML3U>

Kelmscott Bookshop.

We have recently acquired a wonderful collection of books printed by the Arion Press, and we are featuring 25 highlights below. You can view the our entire Arion Press collection of about 60 titles [on our website](#).

Founded in 1974 in San Francisco, the Arion Press continues to produce finely printed books which are letterpress printed in limited editions, hand bound, and often illustrated by prominent artists. To date, they have produced 127 books, pairing classic and contemporary texts with new illustrations by a range of artists. They are perhaps best known for their folio sized edition of Moby Dick illustrated by Barry Moser. Their books can be found in collections worldwide including the British Library, the Getty Center, and Stanford University.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Fine-Printing-of-the-Arion-Press.html?soid=1103337706551&aid=lg4xjdKjpkA>

Library of Congress Bibliomania: A Year in Review, 2024. Posted by: Stephanie Stillo

- <https://blogs.loc.gov/bibliomania/2025/01/06/a-year-in-review-2024/?loclr=eabib>

Library of Congress Bibliomania: Don't Get Out of Sorts: Composing Text. 1-15-2025. Posted by Patrick Hastings.

<https://blogs.loc.gov/bibliomania/2025/01/15/dont-get-out-of-sorts-composing-text/?loclr=eabib>

Library of Congress Bibliomania: Before Control-P: The Printing Process. 1-24-2025. Posted by Patrick Hastings.

<https://blogs.loc.gov/bibliomania/2025/01/24/before-control-p-the-printing-process/?loclr=eabi>

Library of Congress Bibliomania: Valentine's Day Plans? How about Transcribing Historic Pamphlets for Douglass Day!

1-30-2025. Posted by Patriick Hastings.

<https://blogs.loc.gov/bibliomania/?loclr=eabib>

Smithsonian Magazine: Thousands of Book Lovers Gather for 25-Hour-

Long 'Moby Dick' Reading Marathon. By Julia Binswanger. (Suggested by Tom Stosur)

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/thousands-of-book-lovers-gather-for-a-moby-dick-reading-marathon-180985798/>

The Guardian: Rare manuscript from middle ages that inspired Disney castle to go on display for first time in 40 years. Les Très Riches Heures, a 'book of hours' made by artists felled by the Black Death, will be shown in France this summer. By Kim Willsher.

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2025/jan/26/rare-manuscript-from-middle-ages-that-inspired-disney-castle-to-go-on-display-for-first-time-in-40-years>

Literary Hub: This week in literary history, Edgar Allan Poe’s “The Raven” is published in *The Evening Mirror*.

<https://mail.aol.com/b/search/keyword=UmtFp5kHYQ--&accountIds=1/messages/AJPoTgJQYsagZ5ZRKQM8IOz11xo?folderType=INBOX&offset=0&unlockNow=false>

Money Digest: A Good Copy Of This Cookbook Is Actually Worth A Ton Of Money. By Julia Bambino.

<https://www.moneydigest.com/1704685/julia-childs-cook-book-with-massive-price-tag/>

Smithsonian Magazine/Smart News: Man Finds Rare Trove of Winnie-the-Pooh Drawings and Manuscripts in His Father’s Attic. By Sarah Kuta.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/man-finds-rare-trove-of-winnie-the-pooh-drawings-and-manuscripts-in-his-fathers-attic-180985907/>

Fine Books Magazine.

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

Johns Hopkins: Stern Center Page Turners.

<https://magazine.krieger.jhu.edu/fall-2024-volume-22-number-1/stern-center-page-turners/>

Phys.org: Scientists review Arabic manuscript containing lost works of Apollonius and shed light on Islamic scientific tradition. By Leon Banko.

<https://phys.org/news/2025-02-scientists-arabic-manuscript-lost-apollonius.html>

BBC.com: Lost historic Gaelic manuscripts found after 50 years. By Ruairidh Maciver.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c8d91y3zi9yo>

The National: 'Historically important' medieval manuscript Scottish origins explored. By Alasdair Ferguson.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1b0gAt2q_PS8Z07o3fVruih-9L2fF5n9VFahEP4XlwE/edit?tab=t.0htt

Union Rayo: A law book purchase turns out to be a manuscript of the Declaration of Independence. By Laura M.

<https://unionrayo.com/en/manuscript-independence-found/>



Time Sensitive!

Caxton Club: Zoom – Jonathan Senchyne on The Salisbury Club. Mid-day program, 2-14-2025. Preregistration required via a website. See the link below .

Suggested by Tom Stosur.

<https://caxtonclub.org/event-6029995>

Bibliographical Society of America: Fresh Perspectives on Collecting Symposium. Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. March 18–19, 2025.

<https://bibsocamer.org/events/calendar/fresh-perspectives-on-collecting>

Walters Art Museum: *If Books Could Kill* (now on view) December 18, 2024-August 5, 2025)

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From the website description:

The rich, jewel-like colors of manuscript illuminations can be dazzling—and dangerous. For centuries, highly toxic materials such as lead, arsenic, and mercury were used by scribes, artists, and bookbinders to create handmade books and to illuminate their pages. *If Books Could Kill*, a new exhibition now on view at the Walters, casts light on the hidden dangers of manuscripts within the museums' rich collection and reveals the delicate science behind recognizing those toxic materials and handling them safely today.

<https://mailchi.mp/thewalters/ifbookscouldkill?e=62352dae0>

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www.baltimorebibliophiles.org and click on "Join."