



# The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany February 17, 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 Samiuels 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**

**April Oettinger, Professor of Art History at Goucher College**

*April will discuss a new project based at Goucher:; Book Arts Baltimore: Connecting People and Institutions Through Books*

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

**Susan King, novelist.**

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

**May, 2023. Date TBD. ZOOM**

**Rebecca Romney , Rare Book Specialist**

Her views on the next generation(s) of book collectors and special collections librarians and archivists.

July, 2023. Time and date TBD.

**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

Limited to 20 members. RSVP to Binnie required.

Saturday, August 2023. Exact date and time TBD. Including "Show & Tell."

**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**

On book theft.

October, 2023. Exact Date TBD. 7:00 pm. **ZOOM**.

**Annual Meeting.** Election of Officers. Dinner. In person.

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

November, 2023 Time, date and location TBD. In person.

### **News Notes from here and there...**

**Kelmscott Bookshop: Mid-February Catalog. Catalog 19. Featuring Artists' Books & Private Press, Illustrated Books, Art, Literature, History & Travel, Plus More!**

<https://www.kelmscottbookshop.com/images/upload/catalog-19-for-web.pdf>

**Link to Josh Mann January 28 ZOOM talk on Provenance and Association copies.**

<https://youtu.be/TWAxIJOODTI>

**Chris Needham provides minutes from the January 18 ZOOM meeting featuring Josh Mann.**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RVBEilvTaYIeF-AO2uGNDH2OC1B3\\_-kR/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RVBEilvTaYIeF-AO2uGNDH2OC1B3_-kR/edit)

**University of Maryland Libraries-Hornbake Library. Special Collections Spotlight: Maurice Annenberg papers.** (Suggested by Clare Imholtz) [Ed. Maurice Annenberg was a member of The Baltimore Bibliophiles.]

<https://hornbakelibrary.wordpress.com/2023/02/07/special-collections-spotlight-maurice-annenberg-papers/>

***NPR: 3 amateur codebreakers set out to decrypt old letters. They uncovered royal history.*** By Rachel Treisman.

<https://www.npr.org/2023/02/10/1155701113/mary-queen-of-scots-ciphers-prison-letters>

***Fine Books & Collections: Fine Books Notes for February 14, 2023***

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

***New York Times: “Jon Klassen Reviews the Most Complete Collection to Date of Eric Carle’s Animal Art.”***

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/03/books/review/eric-carle-eric-loves-animals-just-like-you.html>

***Literary Hub-Crime Reads: “Why does the mystery of Edgar Allan Poe’s death still haunt us?”*** By Mark Davidziak.

[https://crimereads.com/mystery-of-edgar-allan-poes-death/?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Lit%20Hub%20Daily:%20February%2014%2C%202023&utm\\_term=lithub\\_master\\_list](https://crimereads.com/mystery-of-edgar-allan-poes-death/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Lit%20Hub%20Daily:%20February%2014%2C%202023&utm_term=lithub_master_list)

***Sotheby's: “The Remarkable History of Codex Sassoon.”*** By Will Fenstermaker. *The earliest, most complete Hebrew Bible is estimated to be the highest valued manuscript or historical document ever offered at auction.*

<https://www.sothebys.com/en/articles/sassoon-codex-oldest-most-complete-hebrew-bible>

***New York Times: “Oldest Nearly Complete Hebrew Bible Heads to Auction.”***

The Codex Sassoon, believed to date from the late ninth or early 10th century, is set to be sold by Sotheby’s for an estimated \$30 million to \$50 million.

***HuffPost: via Literary Hub “Ancient Hebrew Bible May Fetch \$50 Million, Becoming Priciest Book Ever Sold.”*** By Marco Margaritoff.

[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/ancient-hebrew-bible-expected-to-fetch-up-to-50-million\\_n\\_63ee47a0e4b0808b91c54e83?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Lit%20Hub%20Daily:%20February%2017%2C%202023&utm\\_term=lithub\\_master\\_list](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/ancient-hebrew-bible-expected-to-fetch-up-to-50-million_n_63ee47a0e4b0808b91c54e83?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Lit%20Hub%20Daily:%20February%2017%2C%202023&utm_term=lithub_master_list)

***CNN: “World’s oldest Hebrew Bible could fetch \$50 million at auction.”*** By Lianne Kolirin, CNN.

<https://www.cnn.com/style/article/oldest-bible-auction-scli-intl/index.html>

***Literary Hub: “How Two Jewish Kids in 1930s Cleveland Altered the Course of American Pop Culture.”*** On Jerry Siegel, Joe Shuster, and the Birth of Superman. By Helene Stapinski and Bonnie Siegler.

[https://lithub.com/how-two-jewish-kids-in-1930s-cleveland-altered-the-course-of-american-pop-culture/?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Lit%20Hub%20Daily:%20February%2016%2C%202023&utm\\_term=lithub\\_master\\_list](https://lithub.com/how-two-jewish-kids-in-1930s-cleveland-altered-the-course-of-american-pop-culture/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Lit%20Hub%20Daily:%20February%2016%2C%202023&utm_term=lithub_master_list)



### ***Time Sensitive!***

**Bibliographical Society of London: From Simon Beattie.** Meghan Constantinou will deliver a lecture entitled ‘The library of the Elliots of Minto, (Suggested by Tom Stosur)

The next BibSoc lecture will take place in London at the Society of Antiquaries and online via Zoom on Tuesday, 21 February 2023, at 5.30pm London time. [Ed. If you cannot attend on the actual date, a link will be provided to the recorded talk in a later LM.]

Meghan Constantinou will deliver a lecture entitled ‘The library of the Elliots of Minto, 1738–1938: A panoramic view’. This presentation offers the first substantial study of the library of the Elliots of Minto, a prominent Scottish aristocratic family active in the legal, political and social landscape of Great Britain between the eighteenth and early twentieth centuries. Based on research supported by the Bibliographical Society’s Fredson Bowers Award, it draws upon a rich cache of primary documentation to reconstruct and contextualize the library in several distinct phases, from its establishment in the 1730s to its dispersal in the first half of the twentieth century.

If you are joining us online for Meghan’s lecture, please register via the Society’s website here: <https://ies.sas.ac.uk/events/bibliographical-societythe-library-elliots-minto-1738-1938-a-panoramic-view>



**Book Club of Washington: David Gregor on Book Collecting 101. February 26, 2023. [ZOOM].** He is the author of *Into the Fold: A Primer for Beginning Book Collectors*. (Suggested by Tom Stosur)

Use the link below to RSVP and obtain an online viewing link. [Ed. If you cannot attend on the actual date, a link will be provided to the recorded talk in a later LM.]

[https://www.bookclubofwashington.org/events-1/book-collecting-101/form?utm\\_campaign=4c65f0ed-8b72-4637-a59f-6227f4b3da6a&utm\\_source=so&utm\\_medium=mail&cid=0157eb3e-f56a-4960-a5d2-808216848db2](https://www.bookclubofwashington.org/events-1/book-collecting-101/form?utm_campaign=4c65f0ed-8b72-4637-a59f-6227f4b3da6a&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=0157eb3e-f56a-4960-a5d2-808216848db2)

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