



The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany February 23, 2026

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Calendar of Events for 2026

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

Sunday, February 15

Valentine's Weekend Meet & Greet/Show & Tell

Tom Stosur's condo The Anchorage Tower

Postponed due to weather issues

Wednesday, February 28, 2026

Cats on Parchment

Walters Art Museum

Tour Guide: **Dr. Lynley Herbert**

Thursday, March 19. ZOOM

Reid Byers

Collecting the Imaginary and the 1840 Fortsas Affair (literary hoax)

7:00 pm

April, 2026 ZOOM

Dr. Lindsay DiCuirci, Associate professor of English, UMBC

Comstockery

7:00 pm

May, 2026 ZOOM

Margaret Stetz, Mae and Robert Carter Professor of Women's Studies and Professor of Humanities at the University of Delaware.

Picture Books: How We Learn to Value Print and Love Libraries.

7:00 pm

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Casey Smith, Executive Director, Frederick Book Arts Center

Frederick Book Arts Centre field trip

Time/parking details to be provided.

July, 2026

August, 2026

September, 2026

Baltimore Museum of Art Library

Host: Sarah Dansberger

Lunch at Gertrude's to Follow

Date/Time/Parking details to be provided.

October, 2026

Chris Needham

“Library Ghosts: The Afterlives of Vanished Collections.”

Date/Time/Place/Parking details to be provided.

November, 2026

Annual Meeting

Elisabeth Long, Dean, Sheridan Libraries, Johns Hopkins University

Artist's Books

Date/Time/Place/Parking details to be provided.

Spotlight on our new webpage!

www.baltimorebibliophiles.org

News & Notes from Here and There...

The Bibs toured the ***“Paws on Parchment”*** exhibit at the Walters Art Museum on Wednesday, February 18. Our tour guide was **Dr. Lynley Herbert**, who was dressed in sync with the exhibit: the polka dots on her dress were actually cat heads, She was also wearing cat earrings. We are very grateful to Dr. Herbert for her time and expertise.

Kelmscott Bookshop:

This is a reminder that The Kelmscott Bookshop is having a sale on many of our Travel & Exploration books through the end of February. Many titles priced at \$100 or less are 50% off. Some very interesting titles priced at more than \$100 are 20% off. You can review a number of these sale items below, and also click [here](#) to see our entire sale list.

In addition, in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and Black History month our January/February newsletter and addendum featured a number of works that address issues of race, civil rights, gender, and discrimination. These works are also described below.

We hope that you will find desirable offerings among these works.

News.Artnet.com: Inside New York's Grolier Club, Where the Rare Book World Is Open to All. By Eileen Kinsella.

<https://search.app/xz3t5>

Library of Congress: Bibliomania: Crescent City Outsiders: The Curious and Colorful Story of Loujon Press. January 28, 2026. Posted by: CallieBeattie.

<https://blogs.loc.gov/bibliomania/2026/01/28/loujon-press/?loclr=eabib>

Biblical Archeology Society: Babylonian Texts Complicate Bible's Images of Nebuchadnezzar. By Lauren K. McCormick.

<https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/people-cultures-in-the-bible/people-in-the-bible/babylonian-texts-complicate-bibles-image-of-nebuchadnezzar/>

BillyPENN at WHYY: Bookstores, book clubs and 'book-ish' events: A booklovers guide to Philly. By Violet Comber-Wilen.

<https://search.app/LYsSu>

Johns Hopkins Sheridan Libraries: Eisenhower Library Update, exhibits, etc.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Eisenhower-Library-update--Rare-Air-exhibition--Reuniting-ancient-mosaics--and-more.html?soid=1119840455039&aid=oP-y6yH5TXU>

Popular Mechanics: A Remarkable Discovery of a Document Shatters One of Shakespeare's Biggest Mysteries. By Tim Newcomb.

<https://search.app/MJU3R>

Library of Congress: Bibliomania: sugar and spice and everything...not so nice? February 18, 2026. Posted by: Ashley Rose Young.

<https://blogs.loc.gov/bibliomania/2026/02/18/sugar-and-spice-and-everything-not-so-nice/?loclr=eabib>



Time Sensitive

Walters Art Museum: February Newsletter-Events and Exhibits.

<https://mailchi.mp/thewalters/februarynewsletter26?e=62352dae0d>

Library of Congress

You are invited to a very special event!

Honoring William S. Peterson & William Morris at the Library of Congress.

Details:

Friday, March 13, 2026

Time: 3-5pm

Rare Book Classroom, LJ 129, Jefferson Building

No tickets or reservations required!

Contact: Marianna Stell, Rare Book Division

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Join members of the Chesapeake Chapter of the American Printing History Association, the William Morris Society, the Grolier Club, and other bibliophiles for an address and display celebrating the typographic adventure of the Kelmscott Press and its preeminent historian and bibliographer, William S. Peterson. Casey Smith, Executive Director of the Frederick Book Arts Center, will present a talk, "The Kelmscott Press in America: 150 Years of Adoration, Emulation, Condemnation, and Complication," which will be followed by a special display of Kelmscott Press books from the Library of Congress' collection.

Further details, including hot links, will be found in the attached announcement.

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