



The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany February 4, 2024; Revised Feb 5, 2024

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Calendar of Events for 2024

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

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Margaret D. Stetz and Mark Samuels Lasner: "*Max Beerbohm: The Price of Celebrity*"

Margaret D. Stetz: "*What Would Beerbohm Do?*"

Mark Samuels Lasner: "*A Lifelong Attack of Maximania: Collecting Max Beerbohm*"

Thursday, February 22, 2024

**Cassie Brand, Curator of Rare Books at Washington University Libraries in St. Louis.
From Treasure Room to Reading Room: The History of Special Collections. 7:00 pm ET.
ZOOM**

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Leslie Long, Library of Congress.

Margaret Armstrong book covers. 7:00 pm EDT. ZOOM

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Juliette Wells Goucher College.

Collecting Jane Austen. 7:00 pm EDT. ZOOM

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Kana Jenkins, Curator, Gordon W. Orange Collection.

"The Journey of Gordon W. Prange Collection at the University of Maryland Libraries: From the "Battle of the Books" to an Internationally Known Special Collection. 7:00 pm EDT. ZOOM

June, 2024

Possible field trip

July, 2024

Sharing or treasures - discussing the state of our collections. In person. Time/Date TBD.

August, 2024

TBD

September, 2024

Collections Advisor Spencer Stuart

Attracting young/new collectors to bibliophilic groups. Date TBD. 7:00 pm EDT/4:00 pm PDT.
ZOOM

Thursday, October 24, 2024

Chris Needham.

Library Ghosts: Destroyed Libraries and their Afterlives. 7:00 pm EDT. **ZOOM**

November, 2024

Annual Meeting. Celebrating our 70th Anniversary! In Person!

Special guest speaker: Stephanie Stillo, Chief, Library of Congress Rare Books and Special Collections Division. Saturday, November 2, 2024. Bolton Street Synagogue. 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. (Details forthcoming)

December, 2024

TBD

News & Notes from Here and There...

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Spotlight on our members:

Welcome to new member **Jeffrey Strzelczyk!** Jeffrey collects modern firsts.

It is with profound regret that I inform you of the death of our member, **Edith Bershadsky**, who passed away on December 26, 2033, after a long illness. Edith was a collector and lover of Jane Austen. She was also a devoted lover of all things related to Scottish Terriers, including the dogs themselves. Her brother, Seth, sent me an obituary yesterday. The link is below.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uEFmX4aJ8wUVB9oFH03RBOGKA_rO8DbBPdIwcq7lyjY/edit

News & Notes from Here and There...

Kelmscott Bookshop: February Newsletter

Greetings,

This month we are having a **sale** on poetry! Books priced at \$75 or less are 50% off through the end of the month. This sale excludes private press and artists' books as well as items sold on consignment and new arrivals. Visit our [Sale Page](#) to browse or visit us in Savage Mill to browse in person (but please contact us first as we no longer keep regular hours).

We are actively purchasing books at this time! We are particularly interested in books that align with our specialties of private press and book arts; however, we do buy fine books in all areas. If you have a book or an entire collection to sell, please **contact us**. Additional information about selling to us is below.

Instead of new arrivals, we are featuring a list of love themed books for Valentine's Day. True love, lost love, love gone horribly wrong, farcical love, historical tales of love, unrequited love,

Biblical love, a child's love for his favorite teddy bear ... so much love! Also, as we love Victoriana and book arts, we're including a couple of Robert Wu's Victorian inspired creations. If you wish to browse our [New Arrivals](#) list of 200 items, you are of course welcome to visit our website.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Reminder--February-Newsletter--Sale-on-Poetry---Valentine-s-List---Sell-to-Us.html?soid=1103337706551&aid=2MxO-eFf4d0>

Smithsonian Magazine: “*A Brief History of the United States’ Accents and Dialects.*” By Megan Ulu-Lani Boyanton.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/a-brief-history-of-the-united-states-accents-and-dialects-180983591/>

Smithsonian Magazine: “*The Sensation Novelist Who Exposed the Plight of Victorian Women.*” By Katherine Hobbs. (Suggested by Tom Stosur)

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/the-sensation-novelist-who-exposed-the-plight-of-victorian-women-wilkie-collins-180983649/>

Volker Schroder via ExLibris: *A Lincoln Trove Lands at the Library (Pie Safe Included)* (Suggested by Tom Stosur)

The New York Public Library is acquiring the collection of Jonathan Mann, an Abraham Lincoln expert who died last summer after a random attack on the Manhattan Bridge.

Article by Jennifer Schuessler in today's New York Times (unlocked):

https://www.nytimes.com/2024/01/24/arts/abraham-lincoln-collectors-nypl.html?unlocked_article_code=1.QE0.aaS5.UDIdADLjMfsh&smid=url-share

excerpt:

“Jonathan had always said to us, ‘If anything happens to me, don’t let the vultures pick my collection apart,’” Olinkiewicz said.

After considering several institutions, they went with the New York Public Library, in part because of its commitment to public access and digitization.”

Library of Congress Bibliomania: “*The First Known Female Playwright.*”

Posted by Marianna Stell. (Suggested by August Imhotz)

<https://blogs.loc.gov/bibliomania/2024/01/26/the-first-known-female-playwright/?loclr=eabib>

Library of Congress Bibliomania: “*Hidden Treasures: More Rare Books in the Online Catalog.*” Posted by Michael North.

<https://blogs.loc.gov/bibliomania/2024/01/31/hidden-treasures-more-rare-books-in-the-online-catalog/?loclr=eabib>

The Guardian: “*Meeting Maurice Sendak, the provocative author of Where the Wild Things Are, in 1984.*” By Emma Beddington.

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2024/jan/28/meeting-maurice-sendak-the-provocative-author-of-where-the-wild-things-are-in-1984>

Books of Brilliance: “*The Best Children’s Books of All Time.*” By Ahaqir.

<https://booksofbrilliance.com/2024/01/22/the-best-childrens-books-of-all-time/>

Open Culture: “*The Codex Seraphinianus: How Italian Artist Luigi Serafini Came to Write & Illustrate “the Strangest Book Ever Published” (1981).*”

<https://www.openculture.com/2024/01/the-codex-seraphinianus.html>

Literary Hub: “*On Book Hoarding and the Perilous Paradox of Clutter.*” By Vanessa Ogle.

<https://lithub.com/on-book-hoarding-and-the-perilous-paradox-of-clutter/>

Literary Hub: “*A Brief History of the Grand Old American Tradition of Banning Books.*” By Laura Pappano.

<https://lithub.com/a-brief-history-of-the-grand-old-american-tradition-of-banning-books/>

Daily Mail: “*How I wrote a book 4cm high on King Charles's Coronation for the smallest royal residence in the world.*” By Robert Hardman.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13020971/Robert-Hardman-wrote-book-4cm-high-King-Charles-coronation.html>

Tatler: “*Queen Mary’s miniature dolls’ house is the largest in the world: it took 1,500 designers and artists to build. Windsor Castle celebrates the spectacular creation with an exhibition throughout 2024.*” By Evie Delaney.

<https://www.tatler.com/article/queen-marys-miniature-dolls-house-biggest-in-the-world-windsor-castle-exhibition-2024>

BBC: “*British Museum to put stolen items from its collection on show.*” By Katie Razzall.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-68165171>

Ted Talk: “*Why books are here to stay.*” Chip Kidd.

https://www.ted.com/talks/chip_kidd_why_books_are_here_to_stay



Time Sensitive

ExLibris: “*Book Collecting Prize Winners in Conversation | ABA/IES Book Collecting Seminar.*” (Suggested by Tom Stosur)

The next ABA/IES seminar is “Book Collecting Prize Winners in Conversation”. It will be held online on Tuesday 13 February at 6pm GMT – please click [here](#) to sign up.

The winners of two prestigious book-collecting awards will join us for a conversation about their prize-winning collections, chaired by Dr Kayleigh Betterton. Auroura Morgan won the Honey & Wax Book Collecting Prize in 2023 with her “Hybrid Botanicals: A Modern Tattoo Artist’s Reference Collection”; Emma Treleaven was the winner of last year’s ABA National Book Collecting Prize with her entry “My Own Two Hands: Books and Ephemera about Making Dress and Textiles Before 1975”.

Newberry Organization News: “*Douglass Day Transcribe-a-thon at the Newberry.*” (Suggested by August Imholtz) Click on the links within the link below for more information..

The Newberry Library and the Center for Textual Studies and Digital Humanities (CTSDH) at Loyola University invite you to a birthday party for Frederick Douglass on **February 14, 11am-2pm**. Alongside volunteers around the world, we will participate in a transcribe-a-thon to improve access to the correspondence of Frederick Douglass. We’ll also be streaming music and presentations from the Douglass Day organizers, and exhibiting Black history items from the Newberry’s collections.

This event is free and open to all. No transcribing experience necessary. Attendees must bring their own laptop. Refreshments will be provided.

<https://mailchi.mp/newberry.org/e-news-107544?e=0a8c1fed8f>

The Book Club of California: *For the Love of Books*

As our Valentine’s Day gift to you, the entire library of Book Club of California recorded talks and presentations—more than 80 videos—will be available to view on our YouTube Channel during the month of February. Share the love by inviting friends and family to watch a Book Club presentation. Link below. (Suggested by Tom Stosur)

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheBookClubofCA>

FABS: Joie du Livre: FABS Newsletter for February 2024

<https://www.fabsocieties.org/?na=v&nk=177-957e608e66&id=33>

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<http://www.BaltimoreBibliophiles.org/>

and click on "Apply for Membership."