



The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany April 11, 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...

Euronews.com: Spanish police find historical manuscript missing for a century for sale online. Marina Neila.

<https://share.google/PvFCONDJiBVHxzErY>

Johns Hopkins University Sheridan Libraries & University Museums:

Dreams of Scholarship: A new exhibition at the Peabody Library reveals the curiosity, collections, and collaborative spirit behind 150 years of discovery at Johns Hopkins. See link below for details about April events.

<https://www.library.jhu.edu/news/2026/04/dreams-of-scholarship-curators-share-favorite-picks-of-hopkins-library-treasures/>

Literary Hub Daily: How *Amazing Stories* Served as the Blueprint for American Science Fiction. By Ed Simon.

https://lithub.com/how-amazing-stories-served-as-the-blueprint-for-american-science-fiction/?utm_source=Klaviyo&utm_medium=campaign&utm_id=01KNVMPO7N5067FDT0K2RN0ZXQ&_kx=d-pVN0GOJH_n5PDXp5aCo-v_2OHXAq2WCrX5affQzjU.U5D8ER

Literary Hub Daily-Bookstores: Meet These Delightful Bookshop Cats (and One Dog!) By **Daphne du Meowier**. (In case you didn't realize it, novels of all kinds are featuring bookstores in their plots. Just sayin'...Ed.)

<https://lithub.com/meet-these-delightful-bookshop-cats-and-one-dog>

Time Sensitive!

Book Club of Washington: Annual Meeting Sunday, April 26. Online guests welcome! See link below for details. (Suggested by August Imholtz)

https://bookclubofwashington.org/so/76PrhGxP_?languageTag=en&cid=8d19cd39-4836-40bc-ac5c-06c4af45e155

The Walter Art Museum: Get ready for *Douriean Fletcher: Jewelry of the Afrofuture*. Exhibit begins April 18. See link below for details about registration.

<https://mailchi.mp/thewalters/dourieanfletcher-oneweek?e=62352dae0d>

The Walters Art Museum: Annual Ford Lecture: Lessons Through Beauty

Sunday, April 12, 2-3:30 p.m.

Registration required. See link below! Register today!

<https://mailchi.mp/thewalters/ford2026lessons?e=62352dae0d>

Library of Congress: - REMINDER!!

From: "Stillo, Stephanie E"

Date: Mon, Mar 16, 2026 at 5:12 PM

Subject: **Our Common Ground / Library of Congress A250 Event** (Suggested by Tom Stosur)

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

On **Thursday, May 14, 2026**, the Rare Book and Special Collections Division at the Library of Congress will host *Our Common Ground*, a public symposium celebrating the ways that American landscapes—from the everglades and Appalachians to the Rockies and redwood forests—have inspired us to create, adventure, and play for 250 years.

For centuries, Americans have used print, art, and everyday objects to capture the character of the land and the life it sustains. Rare books and pamphlets, artworks, board games, and unexpected pieces of ephemera all reveal how people have documented, imagined, and delighted in the world around them. *Our Common Ground* brings these stories together and showcases how creativity and curiosity have shaped our understanding of America's extraordinary environments since our nation's founding.

At the center of this America 250 programming are three lively talks by contemporary artists, makers, and designers whose work echoes traditions found within the Library's collections. Organized around three themes—*We Create*, *We Adventure*, and *We Play*—these conversations will explore the enduring relationship between Americans and the natural landscapes that inspire us.

American History curator Ashley Rose Young will open each session with a dynamic presentation that brings the Library's collections into focus—revealing stories, surprises, and connections that illuminate the day's themes. Dr. Young's framing sets the stage for a presentation and performance by print artist Jessica C. White, as well as presentations by outdoor print-magazine editor Mike Rogge and board-game designer Elizabeth Hargrave, each of whom draw on American geography and wildlife in their creative practice.

Throughout the day, visitors can also enjoy special displays of remarkable materials from the Rare Book and Special Collection Division's holdings, offering a close look at the treasures that have helped chronicle our nation's evolving relationship with the environment and to each other.

The evening will also include a celebratory reception—*We Eat*—featuring dishes inspired by the Division's historic cookbook collections. Guests will be invited to sample flavors rooted in North American ingredients and distinct regional foodways, reimagined from centuries-old recipes. Bringing together talks, displays, and shared experiences, Our Common Ground invites the public to honor the past, revel in the present, and showcase the creativity that connects us all to the vibrant world we share.

You can *register* for this event here: [Our Common Ground: 250 Years of Americans Engaging with Nature | Library of Congress](https://www.loc.gov/item/event-420590/our-common-ground-250-years-of-americans-engaging-with-nature)

Full URL here:

<https://www.loc.gov/item/event-420590/our-common-ground-250-years-of-americans-engaging-with-nature/2026-05-14/>

We hope to see you there!

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