



The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany May 10, 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 7, 2026

Annual Meeting

Elisabeth Long, Dean, Sheridan Libraries, Johns Hopkins University

Artist's Books

Place, time and parking details to be provided.

Spotlight on our new webpage!

www.baltimorebibliophiles.org

News & Notes from Here and There...

On April 16, UMBC professor **Lindsay DiCuirci** gave us a fascinating (ZOOM) talk on Comstockery. Here is the link to her talk, which can be found on our private YouTube channel:

<https://youtu.be/su5LITJ4aG0>

Kelmescott Bookshop: Our April newsletter went out during two major religious holidays periods and also when it was spring break for many academic institutions. Perhaps you missed it while you were engaged or on leave, so we are sending it again to bring it to the top of your mailbox.

Our first ever sale of Private and Fine Press books was very popular in March, so we are continuing it through April. To pique your interest, we have placed a number of additional items on sale, especially within our higher-priced inventory. This is a great opportunity to obtain 15% off of some major and quite exquisite works. If you looked at our sales listings from last month, be sure to look again for these new offerings. Private Press

books priced at \$90 or less are still 30% off; those priced at greater than \$90 are 15% off. The sale does not include new arrivals, books on consignment, and most artists' books.

As usual, we highlight a number of new arrivals, which are described below. Works by artists such as Islam Aly, Dorothy Krause, Marina Soria, Carolyn Shattuck, and Carol Schwartzott are included. To see our full list of 200 new arrivals, please visit our [New Arrivals page](#).

Also, continuing our effort to highlight book artists, we are featuring works from several international book artists whom we represent. This supplements our March presentation of works from 6 Latin American artists. To see all of the works from these international artists, as well as the works of our many US-based artists, visit our [Artists' Books page](#).

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/April-2026-Newsletter--Continuing-Sale-on-Private-Press-Books---New-Arrivals---Featured-Books-from-International-Book-Artists.html?soid=1103337706551&aid=Zlp8yT2vf0I>

Scientific American: How DNA forensics is transforming studies of ancient manuscripts. By Marla Broadfoot and Nature Magazine.

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-dna-forensics-is-transforming-studies-of-ancient-manuscripts/?shem=dssf,sharefoc,agadiscoversdl,,sh/x/discover/m1/4>

Library of Congress Biblioimania: Down a Reference Rabbit Hole. April 25, 2026. Posted by Amanda Zimmerman.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/15VR2SO_HeMgFVNGbL_AE_ohAONqcZpnao6Ugd12bRgU/edit?tab=t.0

Library of Congress Bibliomania: Thomas Merton, A Mystic Catholic Poet and Writer. April 15, 2026. Posted by: Mark Manivong.

CNN: Shakespeare owned a house in London. We finally know where it was. By Jack Guy.

https://www.cnn.com/2026/04/15/science/shakespeares-london-house-study-scli-intl?cid=android_app

The Guardian: John Keats' love letters returned to owner after being stolen in the 1980's. By Edward Helmore.

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2026/apr/20/john-keats-love-letters-returned>

BBC: 'A remarkable time capsule': The enchanting history of Oxford University's 750 year-old medieval library. By Christina Kriticos.

<https://www.bbc.com/culture/article/20260423-the-enchanting-story-of-oxfords-medieval-library>

Phys.Org: New copy of earliest poem in English language discovered by researchers in Rome. By Trinity College Dublin edited by Gaby Clark, reviewed by Robert Egan

<https://share.google/6AWBJ9CkHpUTMY1HP>

Library of Congress Bibliomania: April Brings A Royal French Breviary. April 30, 2026. Posted by: Marianna Stell.

<https://blogs.loc.gov/bibliomania/2026/04/30/april-brings-a-royal-french-breviary/?loclr=eabib>

Time Sensitive!

Walters Art Museum: What's on this May at the Walters Art Museum

https://thewalters.org/events/?mc_cid=a09009cc0c&mc_eid=62352dae0d



Capital Rare Book Fair!

The Capital Rare Book Fair will return to the University Club on 16th Street in downtown DC from May 29th to 31st. The fair will feature two dozen booksellers from around the country. You can find a full list of them here: <https://finefairs.com/capital-rare-book-fair>

Baltimore Bibliophile members can use the code FBF on Eventbrite to receive a 20% discount on tickets.

Best wishes,
Eve and Edward Lemon

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