



# The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany July 8, 2025

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## Calendar of Events for 2025

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

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Leonard Marcus. *“Strong Women, Great Books: The Women Who Invented American Children's Book Publishing.”*

7:00 pm ZOOM

February 2025

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Reid Byers. *“Imaginary Books: Lost, Unfinished and Fictive Works from the Collection Of Reid Byers.”*

PowerPoint coordinated by the speaker.

7:00 pm ZOOM (This program will not be recorded.)

Tuesday, April 15-ZOOM

April Oettinger. *“Goucher's Art & Artifacts collection and the Woman's College of Baltimore Museum.”*

7:00 pm ZOOM

May 2025

June 2025

July 2025

August, 2025

Possible bookstore field trip. - stay tuned!

September 13, 2025

Mark Samuels Lasner. *“**Could’ve, Should’ve, Didn’t: Tales of a Wrong-headed Collector.**”*

Poe Reading Room,

Co-Sponsors: Enoch Pratt Free Library with Baltimore Bibliophiles

Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 Cathedral St, Baltimore, Maryland

12:00 pm(Meet & Greet; refreshments); talk begins at 1:00 pm

**Monday, October 6, 2025**

**Professor Richard Kopley, author of *Edgar Allan Poe: A Life*.**

Poe Reading Room. Lecture followed by book signing.

Co-Sponsors: Enoch Pratt Free Library with Baltimore Bibliophiles

Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 Cathedral St, Baltimore, Maryland

6:30 pm

**November 1, 2025**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Featured Speaker: Casey Smith, Executive Director, Frederick Book Arts Center**

**Special keepsake for attendees!**

**Buffet Luncheon**

**Matthews 1600, 1600 Frederick Rd, Catonsville, Md.**

**11:30 am-3:30 pm**

December, 2025

***Spotlight on our new webpage!***

**[www.baltimorebibliophiles.org](http://www.baltimorebibliophiles.org)**

### ***News & Notes from Here and There...***

**Kelmscott Bookshop: July Newsletter 2025.** This month books in our Art section are on sale - up to 50% off! We will be featuring a selection of our favorites later in the month.

We are highlighting a few of our specialized lists below including a list on LGBTQIA+/- related works, Latin American books and book artists, Covid-19 inspired book arts, and more.

Finally, we are featuring a selection of about 20 new arrivals. We have recently acquired a collection of antiquarian titles on travel and exploration of the South Pacific, Asia, and Africa, and we are including a few below. We are also featuring a few miniature books by Russian artist, Emil Goozairow; hanging textile pieces addressing Voting Rights and African American History by Lisa Kokin, a catalog of Maureen Cummins's book works, a book on the hidden lives of Carnival Strippers, and more.

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

**Library of Congress: John Bidwell. The Declaration in Print and Script: A Visual History of America's Founding Document.** (Suggested by Amanda G.

Zimmerman)

**Thursday, July 17, 2025**

**12:00 pm - 01:00 pm EDT**

Free and open to the public. **Tickets are required!** . Information in the links below.

Author and historian **John Bidwell** will explain his use of Library collections in the process of researching and writing his new book, "The Declaration in Print and Script: A Visual History of America's Founding Document" (Penn State University Press, 2024), which traces the history of 19th century artistic reproductions of the Declaration of Independence. This conversation-style event will examine broadsides, prints, and illustrations that represent the earliest celebrations of the historic founding of our nation.

<https://www.loc.gov/item/event-417328/john-bidwells-the-declaration-in-print-and-script/2025-07-17/?locir=blogbib>

<https://blogs.loc.gov/bibliomania/2025/07/02/upcoming-event-the-declaration-in-script-and-print/>

**Walters Art Museum: Lead, Arsenic, Mercury, Oh My! If Books Could Kill.**

On view until August 3.

<https://mailchi.mp/thewalters/ifbookscouldkill-reminder?e=62352dae0d>

*Other items of news and note...*

**The Guardian: Lost Jefferson letter on arms and democracy resurfaces for Fourth of July sale.** By Richard Luscombe.

<https://share.google/vGmibEzD1dyYmP8fM>

**Sotheby's: Books Fit for a Pope. Papal Bindings from the Bibliotheca**

**Brookeriana.** By Fenella Theis, William Passey.

<https://www.sothebys.com/en/articles/books-fit-for-a-pope-papal-bindings-from-the-bibliotheca-brookeriana>

**Forbes: 15 Books That Nail The Perfect Opening Line.** By Tom Fitzgerald.

<https://share.google/3KOMeSoWJ0CrqLXMx>

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