



The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany August 16, 2023

Binnie Syril Braunstein, Editor

Updated Calendar of Events for 2023

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

Josh Mann of **B & B Rare Books, Ltd.**

On book provenance and association copies.

Wednesday, January 18, 2023. 7:00 pm. **ZOOM**

Mark Samuels Lasner.

On his collecting of Beardsley material as well as the exhibition, *Aubrey Beardsley, 150 Years Young* at the Grolier Club.

Tuesday, February 28, 2023. 7:00 pm. ZOOM

Arnie Sanders, professor emeritus, Goucher College

Measuring Worth: Surveying Goucher's Rare Book Collection.

Wednesday, March 22, 2023. 7:00 pm. ZOOM

Binnie Syril Braunstein.

Secrets of a writing career: How a bus ride led (dragged) the author to pen short stories and romance novels.

Wednesday, April 19, 2023. 7:00 pm. ZOOM

Susan King, Novelist.

Lady MacBeth: A Novel. A different view of The Scottish Play.

Thursday, May 18, 2023. 7:00 pm. ZOOM

Rebecca Romney, Rare Book Specialist

Next Generation Book Collecting: How Gen Z Is Joining the Centuries-Long Tradition

Saturday, July 8, 2023. 1:00 pm. Enoch Pratt Free Library (Central). In person.

Refreshments. Open to the public! *Pre-Registration required via link!*

Wine & Cheese at Kelmscott Bookshop!

To celebrate the second anniversary of Kelmscott at their new location at Savage Mill.

The Kelmscott Bookshop, 8600 Foundry Street Suite G-7, Savage, MD 20763

Sunday, August 27, 2023. 2:00-4:30 PM. Including Show & Tell Collectors Corner!

Spencer W. Stuart.

*How has the antiquarian book trade changed - and is changing - from the inside out and the outside in? Are there changes in the way people - collectors and the Public - view the book trade? Have “virtual” book fairs and auctions become an effective or ineffective substitute for face to face interactions such as occurred pre-pandemic? Spencer Stewart explores these topics and more within the framework of his recently published book, *Contemporary Issues in Rare Book & Manuscript Collecting*.*

Wednesday, September 20, 2023. 7:00 pm. ZOOM

Chris Needham.

Theft, Mutilation and Forgery--Terrible and True Tales of Book Crimes!

October, 2023. Exact Date TBD. 7:00 pm. ZOOM.

Annual Meeting. Election of Officers.

Jacqueline Coleburn and Anthony Mullan (both from Library of Congress) on Peter Parley aka Samuel Goodrich.

Saturday, November 18, 2023 1:00 pm. Enoch Pratt Free Library (Central).

Lunch (Details at a later date) Open to the public!

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Kelmscott Bookshop: August Mid-Month Newsletter.

This month we are having a 50% off sale on Italian Language and Italian History books priced at \$75 or less. A few additional titles across subject areas are also on sale (20% off) this month and are featured below.

View all 60+ [sale books here](#)

Browse [Italian Language on sale here](#)

Browse [Italian History on sale here](#)

https://bit.ly/Kelmscott_Sale_Aug23

Literary Hub via Doubleday: “*How the Start of World War I Changed an American Heiress’s Life Forever.*” By Janet Wallach. [Ed: The American heiress referred to is Baltimorean Marguerite Harrison. Dr. Elizabeth Atwood gave us a ZOOM talk about Harrison in December, 2020.]

https://lithub.com/how-the-start-of-world-war-i-changed-an-american-heiresss-life-forever/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Lit%20Hub%20Daily:%20August%207%2C%202023&utm_term=lithub_master_list

The Folio Society via YouTube: “*The Folio Shakespeare - Inspiring Inspirations.*” Artist Neil Packer.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7F0oTveLGVk>

Word Wenches: “*The British Museum and the History of its Special Library.*”

By Andrea Penrose. [Andres Penrose is one of several “Word Wenches” who blog several times a week, often sharing thoughts about research “rabbit holes.” This article was posted on August 8, 2023.]

https://wordwenches.typepad.com/word_wenches/2023/08/the-british-museum-and-the-history-of-its-special-library.html

The Baltimore Banner: “*She may be Baltimore’s least famous ghost. Want to meet her?*” By Meredith Cohn. (Suggested by Tom Stosur.)

<https://www.thebaltimorebanner.com/economy/science-medicine/ghost-medchi-medical-library-museum-CCCUL7IIOZGJXMHUYDFKTGXFWM/>

The Guardian: “‘*Unparalleled treasure trove*’ of 16th-century texts worth \$25m up for auction”. By Ella Creamer.

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2023/aug/11/16th-century-texts-worth-25m-dollars-up-for-auction-t-kimball-brooker-sothebys>

BBC: “*Katherine Parr: Prayer book written by queen goes on display.*” By Flaminia Luck.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-kent-66463558>

Smithsonian Magazine: “*A Brief History of the Letter ‘X,’ From Algebra to X-Mas to Elon Musk.*” By Peter Schumer. [Not exactly bibliophilic - but interesting, nonetheless Ed]

https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/a-brief-history-of-the-letter-x-from-algebra-to-x-mas-to-elon-musk-180982647/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Lit%20Hub%20Weekly:%20August%207-11%2C%202023&utm_term=lithub_weekly_master_list

Literary Hub: “*On the Difficulty of Getting Rid of Books.*” By Lewis Buzbee.

https://lithub.com/on-the-difficulty-of-getting-rid-of-books/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Lit%20Hub%20Daily:%20August%2026%2C%202023&utm_term=lithub_master_list

C-Span: “*Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden on Books That Shaped America.*”

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?529568-29/librarian-congress-carla-hayden-books-shaped-america>



Time Sensitive!

Harry Ransom Center - Library - Austin, Texas: “*Selling Very Old Books Today at the Harry Ransom Center, Sept. 7, 2023.*” Suggested by Tom Stosur and Clare Imholtz)

Thursday, September 7, 2023 @ 6:00pm Central

Booksellers **Rebecca Romney** (Type Punch Matrix) and **Bill Cotter** (W. S. Cotter Rare Books) will join Dr. Aaron T. Pratt, the Ransom Center's Pforzheimer Curator, to discuss current trends in the rare book trade. Learn which old books are most attractive to today's collectors and take a behind-the-curtain look at some of the business strategies that keep antiquarian bookselling profitable in 2023.

Register to attend in person OR watch live (or later) on YouTube:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/panel-selling-very-old-books-today-tickets-670949627397>

If you will be in Austin and can come in person, consider arriving early to peruse the Ransom Center's new exhibition, *The Long Lives of Very Old Books*, which opens on August 19:

<https://www.hrc.utexas.edu/exhibitions/2023/long-lives-of-very-old-books/>.

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