



# The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany September 29, 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 DiCuirici*, Associate professor of English, UMBC

*Comstockery*

7:00 pm

May 26, 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

Thursday, September, 24 2026

Field trip: Baltimore Museum of Art

Host: Sarah Dansberger, Head Librarian and Archivist

There will be a tour of the Library and Prints and Drawings including the Cone Collection, and also of the Library.

Museum is open until 8pm.

Food at Gertrude's Chesapeake Kitchen

Parking on site

2:00-3:30 pm. Further details attached to event invite mailing.

**Saturday, October 10, 2026**

**Chris Needham**

*"Library Ghosts: The Afterlives of Vanished Collections."*

From the Enoch Pratt Free Library website:

<https://calendar.prattlibrary.org/event/library-ghosts-the-afterlives-of-destroyed-libraries>

Parking details to be provided.

1:00 pm

**November 7, 2026**

**Annual Meeting**

Elisabeth Long, Dean, Sheridan Libraries, Johns Hopkins University

*"Tales of a Book Artist: Insights into the Inspiration, Creation and Production of One Artist's Books."*

Brunch! 12:00-3:30 PM. Matthews 1600. 1600 Frederick Road. Catonsville.

Deadline to reserve: October 14, 2026.

**Saturday, November 14**

**Walters Art Museum**

**The St. Francis Missal**

2:00-3:00 pm.

<https://mailchi.mp/thewalters/augustnewsletter26?e=62352dae0d>

Limited to 15 people! Please let Binnie know by October 30 if you plan to attend.

**Tuesday, December 15, 2026**

Eileen Buckholtz, author of *Queens of Code*, which details the increasingly important role of women in the dawn of the computer age and beyond within the clandestine halls of the super secret National Security Agency. (MIT Press, 2026)

**ZOOM 7:00 pm**

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

## ***News & Notes from here and there.***

It is with regret that we note the passing of **Willis Van Devanter II**, bookseller and former president of the Baltimore Bibliophiles. He died on August 21, 2026. The link to the obituary in the is below:

<https://www.hiltonfh.com/willisvandev>

### **Remembering Clare Imholtz**

The Clare R. Imholtz Memorial Fund is now up on the Lewis Carroll Society of North America website with instructions on how to make a donation in memory of Clare:

<https://www.lewiscarroll.org/product/donate/>

Contributions in memory of Clare may also be made to the Baltimore Bibliophiles Memorial Fund.



On Thursday, September 24, a group of Bibs members visited the **Baltimore Museum of Art** for a behind the scenes tour of the BMA Prints and Drawings as well as the BMA Library. Our tour guide was librarian and archivist **Sarah Dansberger**, aided by her curatorial assistant. The tour was facilitated by Bibs president **Chris Needham**.

**Kelmascott Bookshop: September Newsletter:** In August, The Kelmascott Bookshop placed much of our **American History, American State History, and American Biography** collection on sale. Lest you think that we are provincial, in September we are adding **World History** to our sale offerings. This includes broadly-defined works on the history and culture of numerous countries, as well as on various historical periods, such as the Renaissance, the Medieval period, and Roman, Greek and Ancient times. Most books in these categories that are priced at \$150 or less are offered at 50% off. A number of additional titles that are priced at more than \$150 are also on sale for 30% off.

If you looked at our August newsletter, please look again, since many more titles are being offered for sale. Some of the sale items are featured below, and you can see the full list by visiting the [sale page](#) on our website. The sale excludes new arrivals, private press, and books on consignment.

Also, as usual, we highlight a number of our New Arrivals, which are described below. We have some unusual new offerings that might be of interest to history collectors, as well, so be sure to check these listings. To see our full list of 200 new arrivals, please visit our [New Arrivals page](#).

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/September-2026-Newsletter--Sale-on-World-and-American-History---New-Arrivals-.html?soid=1103337706551&aid=Afa9iib0K6Q>

### **Library of Congress: Bibliomania: Tom Sawyer Battles the Canadian Pirates.**

September 9, 2026. Posted by: [Patrick Hastings](#).

<https://blogs.loc.gov/bibliomania/2026/09/09/tom-sawyer-battles-the-canadian-pirates/?loclr=eabib>

### **Johns Hopkins Sheridan Libraries & University Museums: *Eisenhower's D-Level Is a Dungeon No More.***

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Previewing-Eisenhower-s-dramatic-D-Level-makeover--meeting-the-JHU-Museums-summer-interns--launching-a-new-season-of-Lunch-with-.html?soid=1119840455039&aid=rzGloxFYLSA>

**Library of Congress: Bibliomania: Handwritten Notes in Almanacs.** September 18, 2026. Posted by: [Marianna Stell](#).

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TQapD9wBn90742ocvxn7Zz9\\_-7WI\\_E7oosW1hQGbwE/edit?tab=t.0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TQapD9wBn90742ocvxn7Zz9_-7WI_E7oosW1hQGbwE/edit?tab=t.0)

**Medievalists.net. Rare Medieval Copy of Magna Carta Acquired by Dartmouth.**

<https://share.google/2Z8pdwqJzkHY7DJ85>

**Library Link of the Day: Subject: [LibraryLink] Library Link of the Day for 2027-09-23.**

<https://www.cnn.com/2026/09/22/science/herculaneum-scrolls-lead-ink-experiment>  
[Scientists re-created the Herculaneum scrolls. They found a clue to decoding hidden text \[CNN\]](#)

**Smithsonian Magazine: A Rare Aztec Codex Detailing the Rise and Fall of Tenochtitlan Returns to Mexico for the First Time in Nearly Two Centuries.**

By Christain Thorsberg. (Suggested by Tom Stosur)

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/a-rare-aztec-codex-detailing-the-rise-and-fall-of-tenochtitlan-returns-to-mexico-for-the-first-time-in-nearly-two-centuries-180989536/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&utm\\_content=20260925-daily&ltg=92710841&user\\_id=ba6c1c1799ecd3a9e8df484b1d363f7c67d30f0b2d3bb52cd35b057064c15f2](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/a-rare-aztec-codex-detailing-the-rise-and-fall-of-tenochtitlan-returns-to-mexico-for-the-first-time-in-nearly-two-centuries-180989536/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&utm_content=20260925-daily&ltg=92710841&user_id=ba6c1c1799ecd3a9e8df484b1d363f7c67d30f0b2d3bb52cd35b057064c15f2)

**ExLibris: From Terry Belanger.** Posted September 27, 2026.

Action of the University of Virginia Board of Visitors at their 5 June 2026 meeting:

<https://bov.virginia.edu/sites/bov/files/2026-06/%2726%20JUNE%20DOCKET.pdf>

FREDSON BOWERS PROFESSORSHIP IN BIBLIOGRAPHICAL STUDIES

(approved by the Academic and Student Life Committee on June 4, 2026)

WHEREAS, Jon A. Lindseth is a passionate book collector who has longstanding connections to the University's Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library, the Department of English, and the Rare Book School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lindseth and his late wife, Virginia "Ginny" MacDonald Lidseth, amassed a collection of Bronte books, manuscripts, letters, and original artworks that he donated to the Special Collections Library, forming the basis for an exhibit that will open in October 2026; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lindseth also made a gift to support the Fredson Bowers Professorship in Bibliographical Studies and a fellowship named for Mr. Bowers, who was a faculty member in the Department of English from 1938 until 1975 and founded the Bibliographical Society of the University of Virginia in 1947; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowers was one of the most influential scholars of his generation and a pioneer in the study of physical manuscripts and books as historical objects and was credited with investing the modern methods that are used to compare versions of documents and editions to determine their priority and authority; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lindseth's gift for the professorship was supplemented with funds from a bequest of Ruthe Rootes Battestin, who died in 2024, to the Bibliographical Society of UVA, and whose late husband, Martin Battestin, was a faculty colleague of Mr. Bowers in the English department;

**RESOLVED, the Board establishes the Fredson Bowers Professorship in Bibliographical Studies in the Department of English in the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences** and thanks Mr. Lindseth and the late Mr. and Mrs. Battestin for their generosity.

A formal press release from UVA about the new chair continues to be eagerly awaited. -tb

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

**Manor Mill: 2026 Manor Mill Writers Retreat.** November 12-15. Manor Mill & Oldfields School. Glencoe, Maryland. (Suggested by Susannah Horrom)

<https://www.manor-mill.com/events/writers-retreat>

### ***Apply Now! Rare Book School Fall Online Courses***

From: RBS Announcements <exlibris-l@list.iu.edu>

Date: 8/5/26 9:08 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: exlibris-l@list.iu.edu

Subject: ["EXLIBRIS-L"] Apply Now! Rare Book School Fall Online Courses

Greetings from Rare Book School!

From the literary networks of an eighteenth-century enslaved poet to the ancient craft of papermaking to the long-term stewardship of digital collections, RBS's fall 2026 online courses span centuries, continents, and bibliographical formats.

Applications are now open for three online courses—including one entirely new offering—that will begin in September:

### **[H-180v Phillis Wheatley and Friends at America's 250th](#)**

*Taught by* Tara Bynum

*Course Length:* 12 hours

*Dates/Times:* 16 September through 21 October (Wednesdays 6:00–8:00 p.m. ET)

### **[H-230v Papermaking Processes in the Global East](#)**

*Taught by Radha Pandey*

*Course Length: 22 hours*

*Dates/Times: 15 September through 16 October (Tuesdays 2:00–4:30 p.m. ET and Fridays 2:00–4:00 p.m. ET)*

**[L-130v Digital Sustainability for Cultural Collections](#)**

*Taught by Nancy Y. McGovern & Kari R. Smith*

*Course Length: 12 hours*

*Dates/Times:*

Asynchronous learning 8 September through 12 October

First synchronous meeting during the week of 12 October (exact date and time TBD by the group)

Regular synchronous meetings 19 October–4 November (Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00–8:00 p.m. ET)

For more information, including how to apply, visit [rarebookschool.org/courses](https://rarebookschool.org/courses).

With all the best,

Emma Reilly

Miranker Online Program Manager

Rare Book School at the University of Virginia

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