



# The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany - July 7, 2021

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## Revised (virtual) meeting schedule for 2020, 2021

*All meetings begin at 7:00 pm.*

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Annual Meeting. Announcements**

**Speaker:** Elizabeth Atwood. *Marguerite Harrison, American Spy.*

**ZOOM session. 7:00 pm. Link to be provided**

**Thursday, January 14, 2021**

**Speaker:** Ed Papenfuse. *Jefferson's Printer.*

**ZOOM session. Link to be provided**

**Thursday, February 18, 2021**

**Speaker:** Spencer W. Stuart. On all aspects of collection building, maintaining, etc.

**ZOOM session. Link to be provided**

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

**Speaker:** Art Cheslock. *Blasphemy!*

**ZOOM session. Link to be provided**

**Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

**Speaker:** George Barnum, speaking about his book, *Picturing the Big Shop: Photos of the U.S. Government Publishing Office 1900-1980. Washington, DC, GPO, 2017.*

**ZOOM session. Link to be provided. YouTube link available.**

**Thursday, May 20, 2021**

**Speaker:** Posey Boicourt. In her charming memoir, *Posey Boicourt (Blue Tulip)* explores the forgotten world of a portrait painter from whom she is a direct descendent.

**ZOOM session. Link to be provided. YouTube link available.**

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021**

**Speaker:** April Oettinger. Exploring the poetics and production of Nature in Renaissance Italy through the art of Botticelli, Titian, and their peers, the gardenscapes of Tivoli, and the visionary landscapes of 16th-century dream literature.

**Zoom session. Link to be provided.**

**Thursday, July 22, 2021**

**Speaker: Spencer W. Stuart on *Auctions: In's & Out's, Up's & Down's*. The auction process and how it can be a tool of a diverse character for Collectors developing as well as deaccessioning their collections.**

**Zoom session. Link to be provided.**

***To Be Rescheduled, Dates/Times/Place TBD:***

**Speaker: Charles Tharp. *George Washington's Library and What He Read*.**

**Speaker: Sallie Lowenstein. *A Children's Author/Illustrator's Adventures in Merging Original Children's Literature and Illustration into Handmade Books*.**

### ***New and Noteworthy from here and there...***

**Kelmscott Bookshop July Newsletter. Kelmscott Bookshop has moved! They are now located in Historic Savage Mill.** As of this writing, they are still unpacking and organizing; but think they will be ready to start accepting appointments starting in late July / early August. All of the books are unpacked at this point, so orders are welcome. This newsletter features several new arrivals, including first editions of the *Island of Doctor Moreau* and *The Faerie Queene*, a history of the American flag (only \$25), an artists' book on memory loss, and more. Also included is information about the location of the shop within Savage Mill, as well as address information.

[http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=bb1546cd-de10-4aea-a918-b3141ed1b7f4&preview=true&m=1103337706551&id=preview?utm\\_source=constantcontact&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=newsletter](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=bb1546cd-de10-4aea-a918-b3141ed1b7f4&preview=true&m=1103337706551&id=preview?utm_source=constantcontact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter)

***Literary Hub: "So, Gutenberg Didn't Actually Invent Printing As We Know It."***

By M. Sophia Newman.

<https://lithub.com/so-gutenberg-didnt-actually-invent-the-printing-press/>

***Philadelphia Inquirer: "They thought they had a rare copy of the Declaration of Independence. Turns out it's even more special."*** By Stephan Salisbury.

<https://www.inquirer.com/arts/declaration-of-independence-rare-copy-american-philosophical-society-20210623.html>

***New York Post: "Declaration of Independence copy found in Scottish attic sells for \$4.4M."*** By Patrick Reilly.

<https://nypost.com/2021/07/02/declaration-of-independence-copy-found-in-scottish-attic-sells-for-4-4m/>

***Literary Hub: "Did you know the first typewriter prototype was made with 11 piano keys?"*** The patent for the first typewriter (made with piano keys!) was issued on June 23, 1868. By Katie Yee.

<https://lithub.com/did-you-know-the-first-typewriter-prototype-was-made-with-11-piano-keys/>

***World Atlas: "Who Invented the Typewriter?"*** By John Misachi.

<https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/who-invented-the-typewriter.html>

**Washington Post: “Why bother organizing your books? A messy personal library is proof of life.”** By Mark Athitakis.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/books/why-bother-organizing-your-books-a-messy-personal-library-is-proof-of-life/2021/06/18/f2d4e762-b73f-11eb-a6b1-81296da0339b\\_story.html?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Lit%20Hub%20Daily:%20June%202022%2C%202021](https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/books/why-bother-organizing-your-books-a-messy-personal-library-is-proof-of-life/2021/06/18/f2d4e762-b73f-11eb-a6b1-81296da0339b_story.html?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Lit%20Hub%20Daily:%20June%202022%2C%202021)

**Publishers Weekly: “The Personal Librarian.”** The story of the Black woman who was J. P. Morgan’s librarian.

<https://www.publishersweekly.com/978-0-593-10153-7>

**Good Morning America: “The Personal Librarian” is the ‘GMA’ July 2021 Book Club Pick.**

<https://www.goodmorningamerica.com/culture/story/personal-librarian-gma-july-2021-book-club-pick-78544158>

**Literary Hub: “The Oldest American Picture Book Still in Print Is Obviously About Cats.”** Ahem: *Millions of Cats*. By Emily Temple.

<https://lithub.com/the-oldest-american-picture-book-still-in-print-is-obviously-about-cats/>

**Mental Floss: “When Abraham Lincoln Tried His Hand at Being a True Crime Writer.”** By Jake Rossen.

[https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/639479/abraham-lincoln-wrote-true-crime-story?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=CYS%20062521&utm\\_term=BookRiot\\_CheckYourShelf\\_DormantSuppress](https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/639479/abraham-lincoln-wrote-true-crime-story?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CYS%20062521&utm_term=BookRiot_CheckYourShelf_DormantSuppress)

**From ExLibris: My Sentimental Library blog: In this issue, Jerry Morris focuses on “Alfred W. Pollard: The Man, His Books, and His Other Literary Endeavors.”**

<https://blog.mysentimentallibrary.com/2021/06/alfred-w-pollard-man-his-books-and-his.html>

**From ExLibris: David Alan Novak’s response to Jerry Morris’s post on Pollard.** [Attached to the email accompanying this *Literary Miscellany*. Text reprinted with permission of David Alan Novak.] ATT: DAVID ALAN NOVAK ON ExLibris JUNE 30, 2021

**BiblioFile: Nigel Beale features “Don Lindgren on Booksellers Catalogues and the importance of bookseller catalogues.”**

<https://mailchi.mp/e5ace3b54703/don-lindgren-on-the-importance-of-bookseller-catalogues-and-collecting-them-latest-episode-the-biblio-file-podcast-hosted-by-nigel-beale?e=4d50868158>

**Library of Congress: Assessing the Impact of Sanitizing Products on Collection Items.** By Tana Villafana.

<https://blogs.loc.gov/preservation/2021/06/assessing-the-impact-of-sanitizing-products-on-collection-items/>

**Christie's Online Magazine: Collecting Guide: Bibles.** By Mark Wiltshire.

[https://www.christies.com/features/Good-Books-A-primer-on-Bible-collecting-8445-1.aspx?sc\\_lang=en#FID-8445](https://www.christies.com/features/Good-Books-A-primer-on-Bible-collecting-8445-1.aspx?sc_lang=en#FID-8445)

**Antiquarian factoid via television:** Your editor was watching a (repeat) episode of the police procedural drama, *Rizzoli & Isles*. In it, an antiquarian bookseller is killed. And Dr. Isles realizes that the clue to the crime is left as a fore-edge painting.

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