



# The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany August 29, 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 23, 2025

Field trip to Wonder Book and Video, Frederick, Maryland

Tour of the (5,000,000 book!) warehouse by owner Chuck Roberts.

Lunch at Modern Asia.

Visit to one of the Wonder Book retail stores.

September 13, 2025

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

Edgar Allan Poe Reading Room, Enoch Pratt Free Library

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Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 Cathedral St, Baltimore, Maryland  
12:00 pm(Meet & Greet; refreshments); talk begins at 1:00 pm

Registration is required. Below is the link via EventBrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-baltimore-bibliophiles-present-mark-samuels-lasner-tickets-1450630718529>

For parking details, please contact Binnie - BSBGC@aol.com

### **Monday, October 6, 2025**

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

Poe Reading Room. Lecture followed by book signing.

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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...***

Kudos to our president, **Chris Needham**, for facilitating our August 23 field trip to **Wonder Book and Video** in Frederick, Maryland. Owner Chuck Roberts took us on a tour of the labyrinthine warehouse and its 5 million books. Our group of 16 then enjoyed lunch at Modern Asia, followed by a visit to a nearby Wonder Book retail store. Sixteen people attended, including several non-members.

**Kelmscott Bookshop: August Newsletter.** This month books and magazines in our Periodicals section will be on sale. Many books and magazines priced at or under \$75 in this section will be 50% off throughout the month of August. Please note that our sale excludes new arrivals, items sold on consignment, and private press items.

We are also featuring a selection of New York City Council Manuals from the mid-1800s on sale for 20% off through the end of August. These are commonly known as Valentine's Manuals. They were published annually by the city's **Common Council** from 1841 to 1870. They are very collectible partly because of their statistics and listings of officials, but primarily because of historical essays and images unrelated to the specific contents that were added by the compilers. These manuals are listed below.

Original publications listed for sale are generally scarce.

As usual, we are highlighting our new arrivals for the month. Several are described below in the New Arrivals section, and you can view all 200 titles by visiting our **[New Arrivals Page](#)**. Highlights include works by Gustav Doré, a design binding by Pam Wood, a textile piece on talismanic shirts by Islam Aly,

an exquisite Spanish language artists' book by a Colombian book artist, an original photograph album of large format photographs of the World's Fair in 1940, a Pennyroyal Press edition of The Scarlet Letter, a powerful work on immigration and racism by Dirk Hagner, and a selection of antiquarian titles on travel and exploration.

Finally, after twenty-one years of dedicated contributions to and management for The Kelmscott Bookshop, Susannah Horrom is resigning effective Friday, August 8, to pursue the next phase of her life and career. This will be her last newsletter, but we plan to continue them in future months. Steve Durako, Fran's husband, will be taking over as the manager for the business. Fran and Steve want to thank Susannah for her many years of excellent work and friendship. If you wish to be in touch with Susannah personally, you can email her at [shorrom@gmail.com](mailto:shorrom@gmail.com). We know that Susannah will be missed by many, and we wish her the best.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Reminder--August-Newsletter--Sale-on-Periodicals---New-York-Manuals---New-Arrivals-.html?soid=1103337706551&aid=vyj7WpUBK2g>

**Library of Congress. Bibliomania: Printing Illustrations.** August 7, 2025. Posted by Patrick Hastings.

<https://blogs.loc.gov/bibliomania/2025/08/07/printing-illustrations/?loclr=eabib>

**Johns Hopkins Sheridan Libraries & University Museums: Johns Hopkins selects Curating and Archiving Black Baltimore Project for Discover Award.** See link for events.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Cultural-preservation--Intern-impact--Music-to-the-eye-and-more.html?soid=1119840455039&aid=9ropggMWVl0>

**Sotheby's: Why Book Collectors Crave Complete Sets.** Does a book need to be complete to be valuable? By Tove Danovich. <https://www.sothebys.com/en/articles/does-a-book-need-to-be-complete-to-be-valuable>

**Fox News: Ancient rare Chinese manuscripts stolen in alleged scheme by man using multiple aliases.** By Ashley J. DiMella.

<https://share.google/IUBibwbcGMOgLXKpo>

**Library of Congress: Bibliomania: The First Edition(s) of T.S. Eliot's "The Waste Land"** August 13, 2025. Posted by Patrick Hastings.

<https://blogs.loc.gov/bibliomania/2025/08/13/the-first-editions-of-t-s-eliot-the-waste-land/?loclr=eabib>

**PBS News: Timbuktu's famed manuscripts return home after 13 years in Mali's capital.**

<https://search.app/vgy4W>

**Smithsonian Magazine: Rare First-Edition Copy of 'The Hobbit' Found in English Home Sells for Nearly \$60,000.** By Sonia Anderson. (Suggested by Tom Stosur)

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/rare-first-edition-copy-of-the-hobbit-found-in-english-home-sells-for-nearly-60000-180987135/>

**Yahoo News: Unusual animal protectors guard centuries-old library from nightly threats: 'Honorary librarians'** By Michael Muir.

<https://search.app/AQQGs>

**AOL: 15 Magical Libraries Every Book Lover Needs to Visit.** By Dan Smith.

<https://search.app/UYKUP>

**TimeOut: One of the world's most beautiful bookshops is in Manhattan.**

It's French, of course. By Christina Izzo.

<https://share.google/E4NO6UOgKtX4QVfQr>

**TimeOut: It's official: two of the most beautiful bookshops in the world are in London.** By India Lawrence.

<https://search.app/NpKyr>

**Library of Congress: Bibliomania: An Interview with Ashley Rose Young, Curator of American History.** August 28, 2025. Posted by: Stephanie Stillo.

<https://blogs.loc.gov/bibliomania/2025/08/28/an-interview-with-ashley-rose-young-curator-of-american-history/?loclr=eabib>

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