



# CityLit Festival

Celebrating the Literary Arts in Baltimore

Saturday, April 17, 2010 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Central Library | 400 Cathedral St., Baltimore

*Sponsored by the Enoch Pratt Free Library and CityLit Project.*



## Second Floor Gallery

11:00 a.m. ***Space, Swords, and Dinosaurs:  
The Creation of Art for Children's Books,  
an exhibit of the work of artist  
and illustrator Patrick O'Brien***

**Patrick O'Brien** talks with kids of all ages about how he researches, writes, and illustrates his children's books.



**WHEELER AUDITORIUM (3RD FLOOR)**

**10:30 A.M. LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE AWARDS CEREMONY**

Meet the Maryland winners in this national essay program for students in grades 4-12, sponsored by the Maryland Center for the Book at the Maryland Humanities Council.



Burke



Gross

**12:30 P.M. IT'S MYSTERIOUS**

A conversation with mystery writers **Alafair Burke** (*212: A Novel*) and **Andrew Gross** (*Reckless*). Hosted by Kathy Harig, Mystery Loves Company Bookstore.



Rowell

**1:30 P.M. VICTORIA ROWELL**

Actress, NAACP Image Award winner, and author of *The Women Who Raised Me*, talks about her new novel, *Secrets of a Soap Opera Diva*.



Kostova

**3 P.M. ELIZABETH KOSTOVA**

Author of *The Historian*, reads from her new novel, *The Swan Thieves*.

**SCHOOL AND STUDENT SERVICES (2ND FLOOR)**

**11 A.M. DESIGN YOUR LIFE**

With **Ellen Lupton**, professor at Maryland Institute College of Art and author of *Design Your Life: The Pleasures and Perils of Everyday Things*.



Lupton

**NOON THE KID'S GOT GREAT STUFF!**

A sports conversation with **Quinn Cotter** (*Playing Time: What Kids Really Think About Kids' Sports*) and **Tim Wendel** (*High Heat: The Secret History of the Fastball and the Improbable Search for the Fastest Pitcher of All Time*).



Cotter

**1 P.M. MARRIED ... WITH WRITER**

Two married couples, four writers, talk about the writing life at home. **Ned Balbo and Jane Satterfield** and **Sam Schmidt and Virginia Crawford**. Hosted by Reginald Harris.

**2 P.M. ROOTS OF STEEL**

**Deborah Rudacille** talks about her book, *Roots of Steel: Boom and Bust in an American Mill Town*. Hosted by Marc Steiner.

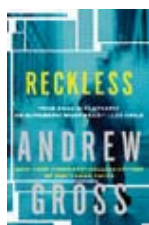
**FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT (2ND FLOOR)**

**11 A.M. D.I.Y. COMICS, ZINES, AND CHAPBOOKS**

The *Urbanite's* Marianne Amoss talks with **Neal Shaffer**, **Pat Tandy**, and **Christopher Casamassima**.

**NOON CITY SAGES: BALTIMORE**

Readings by local writers who contributed to the anthology edited by **Jen Michalski**: **Rafael Alvarez**, **Maud Casey**, **Michael Downs**, **Lia Purpura**, **Rosalia Scalia**, and **Ron Tanner**. Hosted by Dave Rosenthal and Nancy Knight, "Read Street" columnists, the *Baltimore Sun*.



1:30 P.M.

**NEW FICTION FROM THE 510 READING SERIES**

**Geoff Becker** (*Hot Springs*), **Andy Devine** (*Words*), **Dawn Raffel** (*Further Adventures in the Restless Universe*), and **Sam Lipsyte** (*The Ask*). Hosted by Michael Kimball and Jen Michalski.

11 A.M.

**POE ROOM (2ND FLOOR)****POETRY READINGS**

**Ron Egatz** (*Beneath Stars Long Extinct*), **John Murillo** (*Up Jump the Boogie*), **Paul Nelson** (*A Time Before Slaughter*), **January G. O'Neil** (*Underlife*), and **Shelly Puhak** (*Stalin in Aruba*). Hosted by Reginald Harris.



Hamilton



Umrigar

12:30 P.M.

**NEW AND NOVEL**

A conversation with **Masha Hamilton** (*31 Hours*) and **Thrity Umrigar** (*The Weight of Heaven*). Hosted by Carol Maccini.



Shovan



Plumly

1:30 P.M.

**READING BY MARYLAND STATE POET LAUREATE**

Poet Laureate **Stanley Plumly** reads with **Laura Shovan**, winner of the Clarinda Harriss Poetry Prize. Hosted by Michael Saleman.

NOON-2 P.M.

**STUDENT EXPRESS (MEZZANINE)****LIVE RECORDING OF THE INDIEBOOKMAN SHOW**

Indie bookseller and publishing champ **Brad Grochowski** brings his popular Internet radio show out of the studio: join special guests, talk shop, and find out what it takes to be an indie smash.

10 A.M.-5 P.M.

**CENTRAL HALL****LITERARY MARKETPLACE**

Browse and talk with dozens of literary arts exhibitors and authors.

10:30 A.M.

**WELCOME BY GREGG WILHELM**

Executive Director, CityLit Project.

12:30-2 P.M.

**POETRY BY PLACE**

**Em Sea Water** hosts a cavalcade of poets from Baltimore venues where the spoken word can be heard.

1 – 3 P.M.

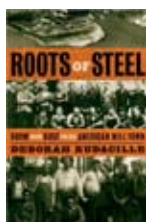
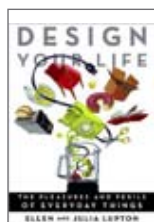
**POETS' INK WORKSHOP**

Meet one-on-one with poets/editors from Maryland State Poetry & Literary Society. Bring two copies of a poem you've written.

3 P.M.

**POETS' INK READING****EXHIBITORS:**

Authors, poets, self-published writers, literary magazines, small presses, literary arts organizations are invited to showcase their work for FREE all day at the Literary Marketplace. To reserve a space, email [gregg@citylitproject.org](mailto:gregg@citylitproject.org).





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