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.

**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.

**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*.

**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*.

**NOON**

**THE KID’S GOT GREAT STUFF!**


**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.

POE ROOM (2ND FLOOR)
11 A.M.  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.

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.

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 Salcman.

NOON-2 P.M.  LIVESTREAM 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.

CENTRAL HALL
10 A.M.-5 P.M.  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.
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