



CityLit Project in partnership with the Maryland Center for History and Culture present:

# BEARING WITNESS

## Literature as a Revolutionary Act

A CELEBRATION FOR READERS & WRITERS

**Saturday, April 11, 2026**

Maryland Center for History and Culture  
610 Park Avenue, Baltimore, MD  
**10:00 am - 6:00 pm**

### LITERARY MARKETPLACE

### LUMINARY LIT TALK

- **2026 One Maryland One Book Mining the Memory: No Sense in Wishing**  
Lawrence Burney
- **Tenderheaded: Black Identity in the World of Glamour**  
Our Hair & Our History with Michaela Angela Davis HULU - HAIR TALES
- **Cultural Witness: Migrant Heart**  
(Migrante Corazón) for the Seekers & Dreamers with Reyna Grande
- **Muscle & Memory: History & Hope**  
with Adrian Matejka A POETRY FINALE

### SKILL BUILDING

- **One-on-One 30-Minute Editorial Critique Sessions (\$10)**
- **Finding Your People**  
Community, Craft, and the Business of Books: How the **Black List** supports Fiction Writers (\$10)  
MASTERCLASS - REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- **ChatGPT for Authors: Writing, Ethics & Creative Control**
- **Worth the Look: Opportunities for Writers...You Just Oughta**  
90-MINUTE CRAFT INTENSIVE
- **Tribe 55+ Valued Voices: Purpose & Path**
- **Charm Voices of Baltimore Youth Flash Fiction Workshop**

- **Making Her Mark Foundation The Creative Life, Written: Artists on Process and Collective Memory**
- **Creating a Baker Portfolio**

### READERS REAP

- **The Weekly Reader Live!**  
Marion Winik with Jung Yun, Hannah V. Sawyerr, & Eman Quotah

### HISTORY & A CULTURE OF REVELATION

- **The 'State' of Baltimore**  
Preservation and Memory as Tools for Revolution
- **When She Walked Through the Door Again: Women on return, healing, & reclamation after incarceration**
- **Fashionistas: Icons of History**  
with Elizabeth Block, Elizabeth Evitts Dickinson, & Piper Huguley
- **Human Authored: Ownership in the Age of AI**

### LITERARY LIMELIGHT

- **Baker Literary Finalists**
- **Let the Poets Speak**  
Want the Truth? Ask a POET
- **The Writer's Room**  
Piper Huguley HISTORICAL FICTION  
Reyna Grande THE IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE

**Friday, April 24, 2026**

DewMore Baltimore  
Youth Poetry Summit  
CCBC - Essex



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# FESTIVAL DETAILS

**Saturday, April 11, 2026**

**MARYLAND CENTER FOR HISTORY AND CULTURE**

610 Park Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21201

**10:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Literary Marketplace**

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**One-on-One 30-Minute Editorial Critique Sessions (\$10)**

*New - First Come, First Served*

**10:30 am - 11:30 am**

**\*The 'State' of Baltimore: Preservation & Memory as Tools for Revolution**

ALANAH NICHOLE DAVIS with BRENNAN DUBOSE, MARTINA DODD, and WEBSTER PHILLIPS

**11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**2026 One Maryland One Book**

**Mining the Memory: No Sense in Wishing**

LAWRENCE BURNEY with SHAMIRA IBRAHIM



**WYPR & The Weekly Reader - Live!**

JUNG YUN, EMAN QUOTAH, and HANNAH V. SAWYERR with MARION WINIK



**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Valued Voices: Purpose & Path**

in partnership with TRIBE 55+



**12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**

**ChatGPT for Authors: Writing, Ethics, & Creative Control**

NIKKI GIVON - interactive - BYOComputer

**12:00 pm - 1:30 pm**

**Worth the Look: Opportunities for Writers ... You Just Oughta**

90-minute craft intensive

HEDGEBROOK, BREAD LOAF WRITER'S CONFERENCE, INNER LOOP, THE CENTER FOR FICTION FREELANCING

**12:30 pm - 2:00 pm**

**Tenderheaded: Black Identity in the World of Glamour**

MICHAELA ANGELA DAVIS with BRY REED

**When She Walked Through the Door Again: Women on return, healing, and reclamation after incarceration**

KRISTEN GETTYS DOWNS, MONICA COOPER, RHONDA HALL, and ILETHA MURDAUGH

**1:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

**Human Authored: Ownership in the Age of AI**

LO SMITH, MICHAEL DOWNS, and MARCELINE WHITE

**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Flash Fiction Workshop (7th - 12th graders)**

MADISON MATTISON in partnership with CHARM VOICES OF BALTIMORE YOUTH



**2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Cultural Witness: Migrant Heart for the Seekers & Dreamers**

REYNA GRANDE with LAUREN FRANCIS-SHARMA

**Fulton Bank**

**Started From the Bottom, Now I'm Here:**

**From Pens & Pennies to Revenue & Royalties**

with RICHARD CONWAY

**Showcasing 2026 BAKER Literary Finalists**



**2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

**Finding Your People**

**Community, Craft, and the Business of Books:**

**How the Black List is Supporting Fiction Writers (\$10)**

**MASTER CLASS** with RANDY WINSTON from

THE BLACK LIST



**3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**FASHIONISTAS: Icons of History**

ELIZABETH L. BLOCK, ELIZABETH EVITTS DICKINSON, and PIPER HUGULEY

**Creating a BAKER Portfolio: How to ... and Why You Should**

**3:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

**The Creative Life, Written: Artists on Process and Collective Memory**



**3:30 pm - 4:15 pm**

**Let the Poets Speak: Want the Truth? Ask a POET**

A roundtable talk

**4:20 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Muscle & Memory: History & Hope**

ADRIAN MATEJKA, DAMARIS HILL, ELIZABETH HAZEN, SACHA MARVN, MARCELINE WHITE, and TERI ELLEN CROSS DAVIS as Mistress of Ceremonies - A poetry finale

**THE WRITER'S ROOM**

**1:00 pm - 2:00 pm** PIPER HUGULEY

**3:00 pm - 4:00 pm** REYNA GRANDE

**Friday, April 24, 2026**

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY - ESSEX Bldg - Admin 120**

7201 Rossville Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21237

**YOUTH POETRY SUMMIT**

**9:00 am - 3:30pm**

DewMore Poetry

