



GET CARDED IN SEPTEMBER

September is "Library Card Sign-up Month." It's a time when the Pratt Library reminds parents that the most important school supply of all is a library card. But your library card gives you more than just books.

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Baseball Hall of Famer and Maryland's own Cal Ripken, Jr. is the Honorary Chair of "Library Card Sign-up Month." He knows a library card is an essential tool in achieving academic success.

So get carded this September! And join us on this incredible journey.

Carla D. Hayden *Chief Executive Officer*

A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910-1965



George Gershwin & Jerome Kern

A traveling exhibit about the contributions of iconic Jewish songwriters such as Jerome Kern, Irving Berlin, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein. On display at the Reisterstown Road Branch, September 7 - October 21.

"A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910-1965" was developed by Nextbook, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting Jewish literature, culture, and ideas, and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The national tour of the exhibit has been made possible by grants from the Charles H. Revson Foundation, the Righteous Persons Foundation, the David Berg Foundation, and an anonymous donor, with additional support from *Tablet Magazine: A New Read on Jewish Life*.

Opening Reception: Wednesday, September 14, 5 - 6 p.m.

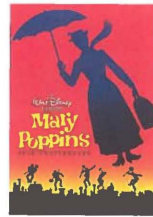
Reception and public programs at the Reisterstown Road Branch:



Bill Messenger

JEWES ON TIN PAN ALLEY
Wednesday, September 14, 6 p.m.

Bill Messenger, Road Scholar faculty member from the Peabody Institute, will perform the music of Irving Berlin, the Gershwin brothers, Jerome Kern, Richard Rodgers and more during this lively presentation of the history of the Jewish migration of the 1890s and its impact on the American entertainment industry.



MARY POPPINS
Saturday, September 17, 1 p.m.

Join us for this 1964 classic. Song sheets and popcorn will

be provided. Music and lyrics by Richard and Robert Sherman. (DIRECTED BY ROBERT STEVENSON, 1964, 139 MIN.)



WHO KNOWS 5
Wednesday, September 21, 6:30 p.m.

An a cappella male quintet featuring music from 20th century American Jewish songwriters.



FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
Saturday, September 24, 1 p.m.

Come prepared to sing along! Music by Jerry

Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick. (DIRECTED BY NORMAN JEWISON, 1971, 181 MIN.)



WEST SIDE STORY
Saturday, October 1, 1 p.m.

Come fall in love with this musical about two youngsters from rival NYC gangs. Music

by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. (DIRECTED BY JEROME ROBBINS AND ROBERT WISE, 1961, 152 MIN.)



A FINE ROMANCE, EXPERIENCE THE SONGS
Tuesday, October 4, 6 p.m.

The Footnotes perform a medley of songs from the great Jewish songwriters from 1910-1965.



THE WIZARD OF OZ
Saturday, October 15, 1 p.m.

Sing along with this 1939 classic movie. Music by

Harold Arlen, lyrics by E.Y. Yip Harburg. (DIRECTED BY VICTOR FLEMING, 1939, 101 MIN.)



Michael Lasser

MICHAEL LASSER - A FINE ROMANCE
Tuesday, October 18, 1 p.m.

Michael Lasser tells the stories behind the songs of Broadway and

Hollywood featured in the exhibit "A Fine Romance." Since 1980 Michael Lasser has been the host of the nationally syndicated public radio show, *Fascinatin' Rhythm*. He is coauthor of *America's Songs: The Stories Behind the Songs of Broadway, Hollywood and Tin Pan Alley*.



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TALKING ABOUT RACE

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Dr. Gourdine

Do White Americans Get Better Health Care Than People of Color?

Thursday, September 15, 7 p.m., Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium

Dr. Michelle Gourdine, physician and author of *Reclaiming Our Health: A Guide to African American Wellness*, and Dr. Thomas LaVeist, director of the Johns Hopkins University Center for Health Disparities Solutions, will discuss the inequities that exist in our current medical system.



Dr. LaVeist

Breaking the Barriers: Helping Black Males Achieve Academic Success

Thursday, October 20, 7 p.m., Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium

Dr. Ivory A. Toldson, associate professor at Howard University and editor of *The Journal of Negro Education*, will talk about what educators can do to ensure that young black males succeed.

