

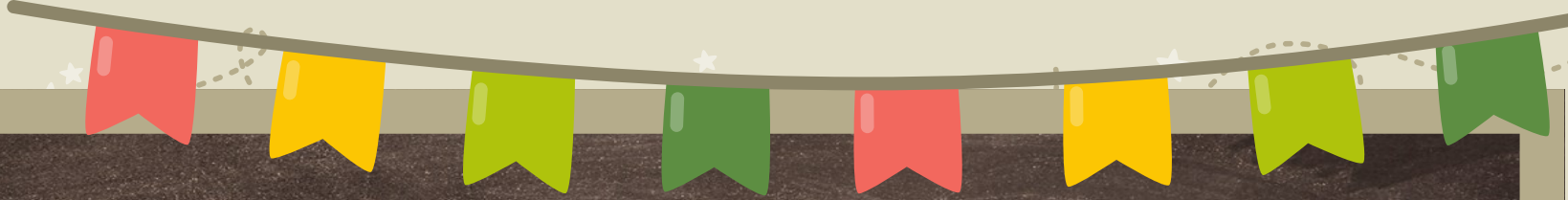
# Leveraging Public Library Partnerships To Increase Student Digital Use and Access

*"Helping prepare students for the big future that is ahead of them"* - Deshjuana Bagley

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## Announcements.

- We will share our experiences.
- We will talk about our partnerships.
- We will review digital use and access.
- We will discuss plans of expanding.
- We will give suggestions for others.

## Quote of the day.

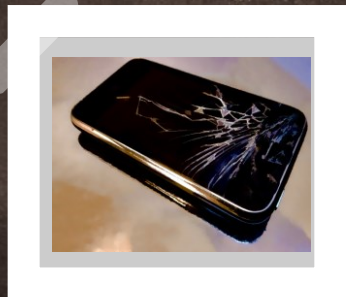
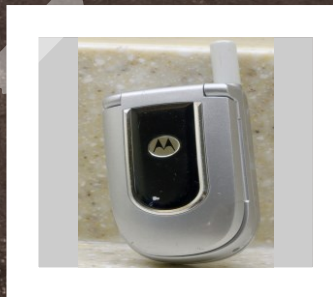
*"We are currently preparing students for the jobs that don't exist yet, using technologies that haven't been invented, in order to solve problems we don't even know are problems yet."*

— Richard Riley, former US Secretary of Education

## Check List

- Deshjuana Bagley
- Announcements
- Partnerships
- Student Digital Use & Access
- Q & A

## Would you rather...







Hello! I'm...

Brooke Fakunmoju

A Library Media Specialist at the "Historic" Frederick Douglass High School with 33 years of experience in education.





Hello! I'm...

Jessica Stith

I am the Library Media Specialist at Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School in Baltimore, MD. This is my 14th year in Baltimore City Schools.





# Today's Agenda

## ★ 01. Schools and Needs

Background on schools and needs.

## ★ 02. Enoch Pratt Partnership

A detailed exploration of our partnership with Enoch Pratt Free Library.

## ★ 03. Final Thoughts

We will share our plans for increasing digital use and access for students.

## ★ 04. Other Partnerships

After that we will talk about networking with other stakeholders.

## ★ 05. Q & A

And we will answer questions from participants.



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# Our High School Communities

Leveraging the power of neighborhoods through assets based approaches that strengthen the connections between home, school, and communities and create change for the people they serve





# Frederick Douglass High School

Established in 1883, 2nd oldest for African American students

Notable Alumni : Thurgood Marshall, Sallie Blair, Lucy Diggs Slowe, Cab Calloway, Ethel Ennis, Dru Hill, Terry Johnson, Bill Kenny, Labtekwon, Lillie Mae Carroll Jackson, Kweisi Mfume





# Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School

Established in 1953, named after Ottmar Mergenthaler, inventor of the Linotype typesetting machine

2008 Bronze Medal School (U.S. News & World Report)

Athletic Championships in football, wrestling, girls basketball, tennis, cross country

Largest high school in Baltimore City.





# EQUITY FOCUS



## School Budget

Historically underfunded schools due to economic and racial inequity



## Family Income

More than half the students are from low income families



## Demographics

At these schools, more than 50% of these students are Black, Latino, and/or Native American.





# Needs



## Technology

Many students do not have computers or other devices for various reasons.



## Internet Access

Many students do not have internet at home or rely on mobile hotspots for their internet access.



## Resources and Opportunity Access

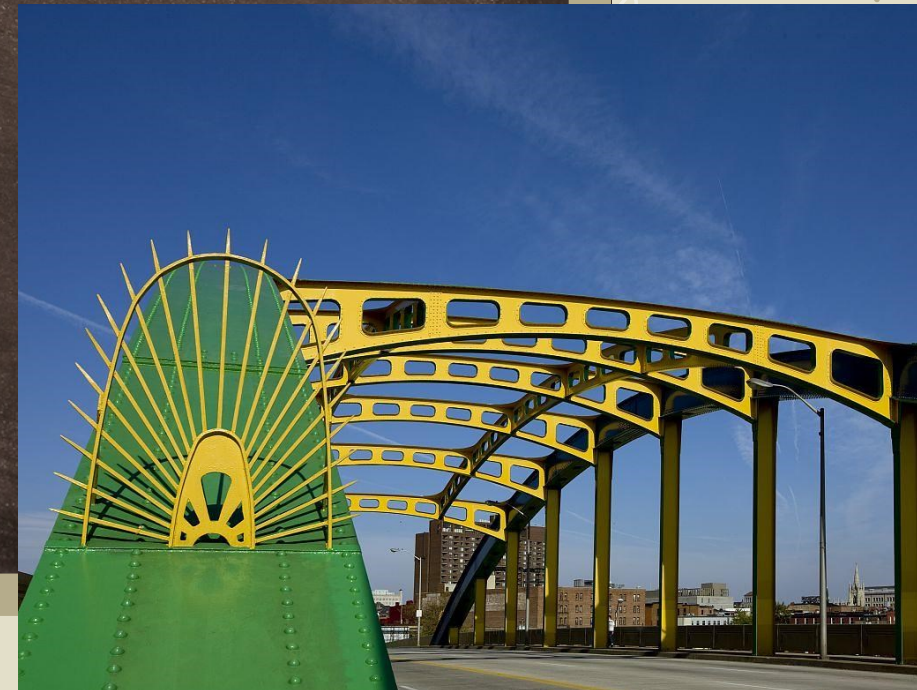
Students often don't have other resources such as printers, scanners, sewing machines, books, etc. Schools have limited database access and the district provides only those databases available through SAILOR.





# Our Program Goals

Networking with other libraries, librarians, agencies, and stakeholders to facilitate access to resources outside the school and bridge the digital access and equity gap.







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# Enoch Pratt Free Library Partnership

Bringing families, communities, and partners together to remove  
barriers to learning





# Enoch Pratt Free Library Partnership



## Technology

Chromebooks and Internet hotspots



## Collection and Resources

Library cards, online resources, e-books, and Library of Things



## Opportunities

Author and Partner Visits, and Makerspace



# Timeline of our Partnership



2019

Invited Teen Librarians of several branches to meet and register students for eCard.

2020



2022

Author Visits, technology support.

2023



2024

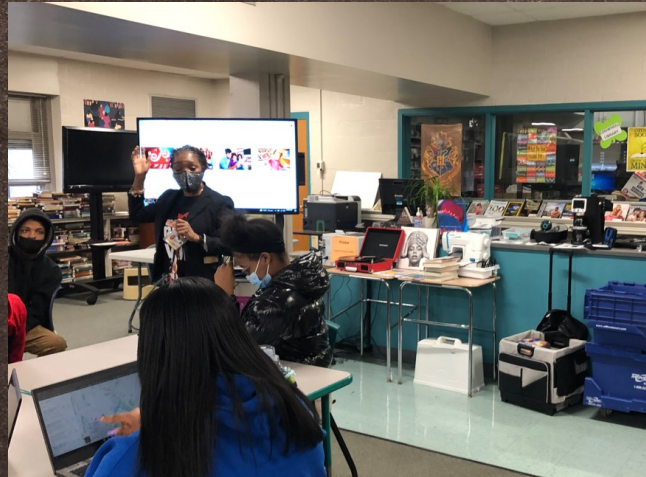
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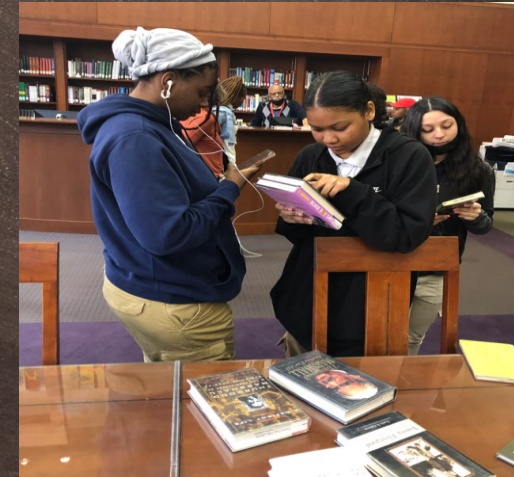
# Increase Digital Use and Access



Author's Visits



Library of Things



Books and more





# Partnering at Back to School Night

Every year, Teen Librarians from neighborhood branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library join us in welcoming our students and their families at Back to School Night.



# Applying for an eCard

As school librarians, we collaborate with ELA classroom teachers to have their students complete online registration for their eCard.

## Pratt Library eCard Registration

First Name: \*

Middle Name:

Last Name: \*

Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY): \*

Address: \*

Apartment Number:

City: \*

State: \* MD

Zip Code: \*

Phone Number (###-###-####):

Email Address (for confirmation):

Re-enter Email Address:

PIN (4 letters, numbers or combination): \*

Re-enter PIN: \*

Library: \*



# Standard Library Card

Student under the age of 18 can receive a physical card after Enoch Pratt gets an official document from the school to register for them.





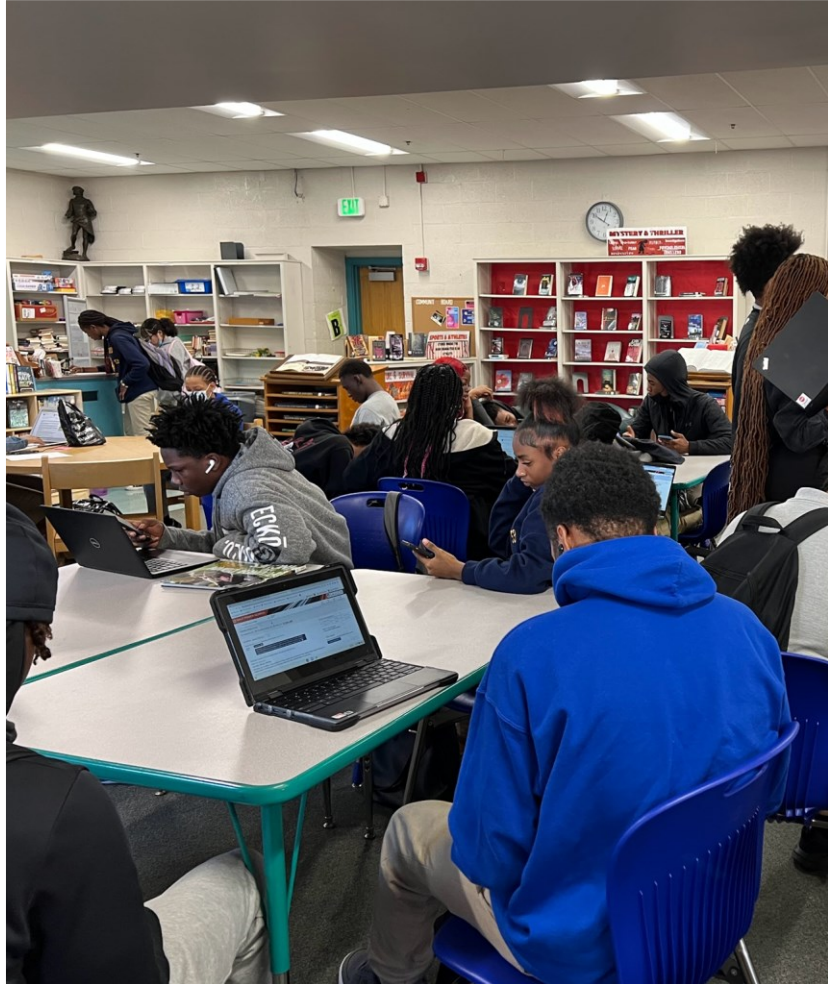


# Technology



# Technology Support

Students can receive chromebooks and hotspots on a short or long-term basis via our partnership with Enoch Pratt.







# Collection and Resources



# Library of Things

Students can check out games, technology, musical instruments, and more with their library cards.







# E-Books

Using SORA (which we have through our District), we are able to connect to Enoch Pratt through students' e-cards and access free e-books.



# Collections and Databases

Students have increased access to research and materials via their e-cards or physical cards, including databases such as J-Stor.

**Digital Maryland** →

Browse digital versions of rare and unique materials, including historical maps, photos, and manuscripts.

**Educational Resources for High School** →

GALE IN CONTEXT: HIGH SCHOOL

Explore topics within business and economics, geography, government, history, literature, science and health, social issues, and more with Gale In Context: High School.

**Full Text Academic Journals** →

JSTOR

JSTOR is an online archive of academic journals and primary sources covering a wide range of topics.

**General Reference** →

**History Research** →

**Learn a Language** →





# Teen Center

There is a dedicated Teen Center with games and gaming consoles, books, computers, and tables. Students are allowed to eat and drink in the space.



# Makerspace and Music Studio



Students have access to a dedicated makerspace and recording studio attached to the Teen Center.







# Opportunities



# Author's Visits

Student can meet, listen, and ask questions of authors to learn more about their process for writing and creation of characters in books.

Students receive a free copy of the book as well.



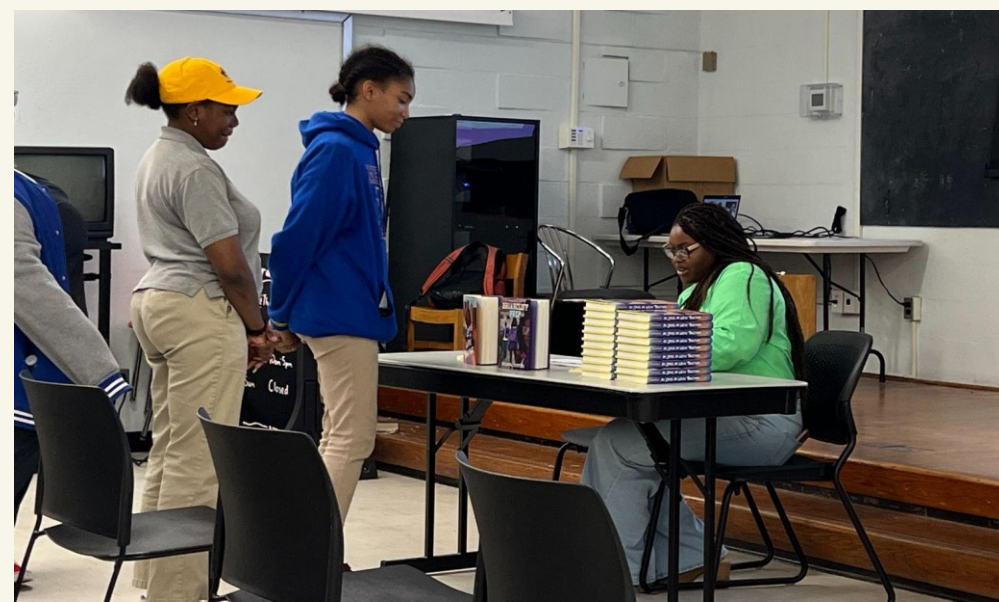


# Sonora Reyes





# Brianna Peppins





# Library Visits

Students are able to go to the library, experience library tours, see the library resources in person, and get their library cards.





# The Department of Homeland Security



We join forces with other agencies to bring an awareness to issues affecting students in our community.





# Artist Visit Michael Albert



Mixed media artist Michael Albert came to our school and conducted a workshop with our students via Enoch Pratt.







# District PD

We hosted district PD at the Central branch on several occasions, helping the librarians learn about the resources and opportunities available.



# Supporting Schools in Need



Water damage  
in school library



A space for our  
students



Books and  
services



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# Final Thoughts

Analyzing the work in collaboration with our partners and plans to expand







# Leveraging Public Library Partnerships

## Student Digital Use and Access



100%

Overall Goal



62%

Frederick  
Douglass



76%

Mergenthaler



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# Other Partnerships

Using local organizations, businesses, and colleges or universities can expand opportunities and access for everyone.



# These are our partners.



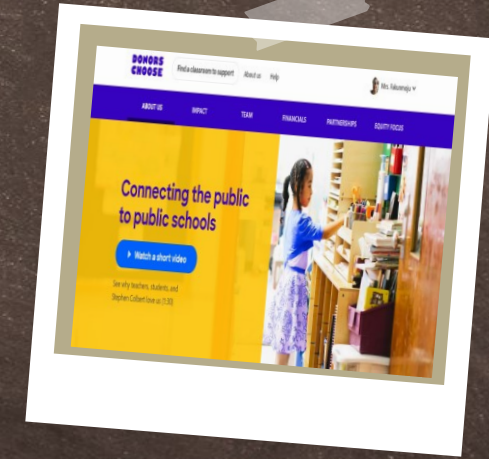
## Enoch Pratt

Provides access to books, services, information and opportunities that empower, enrich, and enhance the quality of life for people



## BGE

Supports STEM-related classroom instruction with \$500 grant



## Donors Choose

Connects the public to public schools to donate directly to classroom projects



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Q & A

We will answer any of your questions.







# Thank you!

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January 26, 2024  
2-3 p.m.

Register for Top Trends  
from the Consumer  
Electronics Show

February 8, 2024  
2-3 p.m.

Register for Metaverse

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# MD TECH CONNECT Extended

Participate in a special webinar series offered free in addition to the annual tech connect events.

This is a fun and easy way to keep up with emerging technologies.



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