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**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**



**FEATURED ARTISTS:**  
Roxana Robinson  
Glory Edim  
Kazim Ali

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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## LATE-LIFE LOVE & HEARTBREAK

**Roxana Robinson** discusses her laudable novel *Leaving*, which charts a passage through loyalty and desire, with **Marion Winik**, the 2023 National Book Critics Circle Service Award recipient.

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

## PRAISESONG FOR THE BOOKS THAT CRADLED ME

**Glory Edim**, the founder of *Well-Read Black Girl*, joins **Leslie Gray Streeter**, *Baltimore Banner* in conversation about her forthcoming work *Gather Me*, about the lasting impact of literature.

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

## THE QUEENDOM OF LITERARY WOMEN

**Bry Reed** moderates a conversation with a sisterhood of writers, presenting **Tyechia Thompson** (*Wintergreen Women Writers Collective*), **Annie Marhefka** (*Yellow Arrow Publishing*), **Victoria Kennedy** (*Zora's Den*), **Rachel Berg Scherer** (*Scribente Maternum*) & **Glory Edim** (*Well-Read Black Girl*).

With a special letter from **Courtney Thorsson**, author of *The Sisterhood*.

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

## WISH YOU WERE HERE: BALTIMORE WOMEN WRITERS INTRODUCE YELLOW ARROW'S VIGNETTE

**Brigitte Winter**, **Trish Broome**, **Kay White Drew**, **Jennifer Martinelli Eyre**, **Barbara Westwood Diehl**, **Anna Slesinski**, **Tracy Diamond**, **Cherrie Woods**, **Robin L. Flanigan**, **Diane Y. Macklin**, & **My-Azia Johnson**. Curated by **Dr. Tonee Mae Moll**.

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

## THE POETRY & POETICS OF LUCILLE CLIFTON

Poet/Scholar **Kazim Ali** tends to the force that is **Lucille Clifton** with precision and curiosity in his new work *Black Buffalo Woman*, about Maryland's former Poet Laureate, with **Joël Diaz** in partnership with *The Clifton House*.

5:45 PM - 6:15 PM

## A MOMENT TO PAUSE

Featuring Musical Guest Artist:  
**IAHIAL** (formerly Like Water)

6:15 PM - 7:45 PM

## THE HUNGER I FELT

Featuring poet **Kazim Ali** with **Kim Jensen**, Maryland's 11th Poet Laureate **Lady Brion**, **Sylvia Fox**, and more. Hosted by **Unique Robinson**. CityLit Project honors **Michael Rothenberg** by recognizing this day as *100 Thousand Poets for Change Day*.

## CHECK OUT ALL THE STAGES AT THE 2024 BALTIMORE BOOK FESTIVAL!

Explore all that the 2024 Baltimore Book Festival has to offer! From romance and sci-fi, to poetry and local author showcases, there is something special for everyone. To see the full schedule for all stages, visit [baltimorebookfestival.com](http://baltimorebookfestival.com).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### STAY CONNECTED WITH CITYLIT PROJECT BEYOND THE BALTIMORE BOOK FESTIVAL!

October 13, 2024

**CityLit Studio IX: Writers on Craft, Creativity & Community - Free Fall Baltimore** - a special edition in partnership with **Lyric Baltimore** featuring Publishing with **YAHDON ISRAEL** (Senior editor at **Simon Schuster**/founder of **Literaryswag**), **KRISTAH TROTMAN** (Vice President/publisher of **Legacy Lit**, an imprint at Hachette Book Group - NY), & **DAWN RAFFEL** (independent developmental editor/author).

November 7-10, 2024

### Write Like a Mother Retreat

Minneapolis, MN

A free virtual opportunity for Maryland mother writers

[www.scribentematernum.com](http://www.scribentematernum.com)

December 8, 2024

### A Home for the Heart to Live In: A Gathering of Cave Canem Poets

Spring 2025

### 22nd Annual CityLit Festival

June 2025

**Chic Dambach Award** for an exemplary literary citizen

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