



## Connect with the Enoch Pratt Free Library

Enoch Pratt Free Library (EPFL) is one of the oldest public libraries in the United States, founded in 1882 by Baltimore businessman, Enoch Pratt. Today, they serve not only the people of Baltimore, but people all across Maryland as the State Library Resource Center (SLRC). Their mission is to empower, enrich, and enhance the quality of life for all through equitable access to information, services, and opportunity.

EPFL's commitment to information access and equity has inspired their aim to connect with library professionals around the globe to learn from one another on how to create the best opportunities for our communities.

In line with the mission, EPFL is seeking to develop a **forum of library professionals around the globe to discuss key topics.**

### **Education**

- To share best practices in literacy, digital learning, and workforce development

### **Culture**

- To explore how libraries preserve cultural identity to foster dialogue, creativity, and belonging.

### **Preservation/Access**

- To discuss approaches to preservation and digitization

### **Public Spaces**

- To share best practices in designing spaces that center the community and its changing needs

### **Staffing Infrastructure**

- To examine different leadership models, organizational culture, and operational practices.

## **Book Exchanges**

EPFL also hopes to arrange book exchanges with libraries around the world to foster opportunities to share culture and experiences. They are interested in books about the history and culture of your city or those that are written by local authors. They can be a mix of fiction, nonfiction, books for adults, books for children,



books with illustrations, and graphic novels. These books can be either in the native language or English. EPFL will send participants a selection of books about the city of Baltimore and/or written by authors from Baltimore. The end result will be a “Library of Libraries” at Enoch Pratt Free Library’s Central Branch in which the special collection will be available for the community to enjoy.

If you are interested in  
**BOOK EXCHANGES**

or

**INTERNATIONAL FORUMS**

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