



BRILLIANT BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE BOOK FESTIVAL/ LIGHT CITY 2019: FESTIVAL FACT SHEET

FESTIVAL HEADQUARTERS

PHONE: Call or Text 443.831.3135

LOCATION: Pier 5 Hotel, 711 Eastern Avenue

HOURS OF OPERATION: October 29–31: 11am–3pm, November 1–3: 11am–11pm, November 4–10: 4pm–11pm
Festival Headquarters is also home to Volunteer Check-In, Media Center, Credential Office, and Lost and Found.

FESTIVAL HOURS

Friday, November 1 through Sunday, November 3: 12PM–10pm

Monday, November 4 through Sunday, November 10: 5pm– 10pm

ACCESS CENTER: BOPA is proud to partner with HASA as the official accessibility partner of Baltimore Book Festival/Light City. Accessibility information can be found at the HASA Accessibility Center, located on Bicentennial Plaza adjacent to the Baltimore Visitor Center. Contact HASA at 410.318.6780, or Festival Headquarters with any questions.

ADMISSION: Baltimore Book Festival/Light City is free and open to the public. There are ticketed VIP events for guests who want to enhance their experience.

ATMs: Located throughout the festival grounds.

BALTIMORE OFFICE OF PROMOTION & THE ARTS (BOPA): Baltimore Book Festival/ Light City is produced by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts, Inc. (BOPA), a 501(c)3 non-profit that serves as Baltimore City's arts council, events agency and film office. For more information, visit promotionandarts.org or call 410.752.8632.

BEVERAGE STANDS: Visit one of the BOPA's beverage stands for a thirst-quenching menu of beer, wine, signature cocktails and water! All proceeds benefit the festival, helping to keep it free and open to the public.

BIKE PARKING: Free Bike Parking is available on the lawn behind the Baltimore Visitor Center. Riders are responsible for securing their bikes.

FIRST AID: For minor first aid, visit Guest Services located at the Inner Harbor Amphitheater. For non-emergency medical assistance, call Festival HQ at 443.831.3135. Direct all emergencies to 911.

FOOD VENDORS: Baltimore Book Festival/ Light City is proud to include a local culinary arts program. Food vendors can be found throughout the festival at Kaufman Pavilion, West Shore Park, McKeldin Plaza and inside the USM Columbus Center.

GUEST SERVICES: Receive general festival information and minor first aid at Guest Services, located at the Inner Harbor Amphitheater (Nov. 1–10), inside the USM Columbus Center (Nov. 1–6), and at Kids City on Bicentennial Plaza (Nov. 1–3).

LOST CHILD: If you come upon a lost child, stay with the child and immediately call Festival Headquarters at 443.831.3135. Never announce over the festival radio that you need to reunite a lost child.

LOST & FOUND ITEMS: All items found should be turned into Festival Headquarters. To assist a festival-goer with claiming a lost item call Festival Headquarters. Never announce over the radio any lost & found related information. Post-Festival, festival-goers looking for lost items should call BOPA's main office at 410.752.8632. BOPA is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

MERCHANDISE: Official Brilliant Baltimore 2019 glow bracelets will be available for purchase at all BOPA Beverage Stands.

MUSIC & PERFORMANCES: Visit the Brilliant Baltimore Concert Stage at West Shore Park for live music and experience pop-up and strolling performances throughout the festival.

NEIGHBORHOOD LIGHTS: Baltimore Book Festival/Light City is proud to present Neighborhood Lights events at eight branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library and in eleven neighborhoods throughout Baltimore!

PARKING: Parking is not provided by the festival; festival-goers are responsible for securing their own parking. Visit baltimoreparking.com for more information.

PETS: Other than service animals, pets are discouraged at the festival.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – CHARM CITY CIRCULATOR: Free public transportation service that travels through downtown Baltimore. For more information visit charmcitycirculator.com.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION: Paid public transportation. For more information on MDOT MTA Local Bus, Metro Subway, Light Rail, MARC Train or Mobility/Paratransit service, call 866.RIDE.MTA or visit mta.maryland.gov.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION- WATER TAXI: Schedule and rates can be found at baltimorewatertaxi.com.

PROTESTORS, PETITIONS AND UNAUTHORIZED VENDORS/PERFORMERS: As long as they do not violate any laws, festival-goers are free to walk the festival grounds and thus send their message. Amplified sound and static displays are prohibited. Groups are strongly discouraged from leafleting. Unauthorized vendors/performers, not hired or contracted by the festival, are not permitted. All sanctioned vendors and exhibitors will have a festival-issued credential.

RECYCLING: Baltimore Book Festival/ Light City has partnered with the Department of Public Works to provide recycling and refuse receptacles throughout the festival grounds and near food and beverage areas. Styrofoam products are prohibited. Paper straws are available at the bars upon request only.

RESTROOMS: Temporary restrooms are located throughout the festival at Rash Field, West Shore Park, and outside the Baltimore Visitor Center. Accessible bathrooms are available at each location.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE/DELAY OF SHOW POLICY: The festival operates under a two-tiered delay plan.
1) Shelter-in-Place: festival-goers, vendors, exhibitors, performers, etc. must evacuate the festival grounds and seek immediate shelter or return to nearby vehicles. The Unified Incident Command (UIC) will issue a Shelter-in-Place if an emergency situation, including but not limited to, severe inclement weather. No outdoor activities will resume until the Shelter-in-Place is lifted by the UIC. **2) Delay of Show** is an interruption in outdoor programming due to less severe circumstances; some festival programming may be delayed or interrupted.

VOLUNTEERS: Volunteer Check-In is located at Pier 5 Hotel. Volunteers must pre-register prior to the event. Contact: Ashley Clark: 410.752.8632, bopavolunteers@promotionandarts.org.

