

MEDIA RELEASE



For Immediate Release: March 5, 2021

For More Information; Joy Testa Cinquino, testaj@buffalolib.org 716-858-7182

***Antiques Roadshow* Book Appraiser Featured in Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Virtual Program March 24**

Kenneth Gloss, proprietor of the internationally known Brattle Book Shop in Boston's Downtown Crossing section, will give a free virtual presentation via Zoom on **Wednesday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m.**, hosted by the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library. **The program is free and open to the public. To access the Zoom presentation connect to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4060264868> .**

Kenneth Gloss, who is a frequent guest appraiser on PBS' *Antiques Roadshow*, will discuss the value of rare books and the history of his historic Boston bookshop, in operation since 1825 (www.brattlebookshop.com), of which he is a second-generation owner. He will discuss and show some of his favorite finds and describe the joys of the "hunt," as well as explain what makes a book increase in value. Gloss has many fascinating anecdotes to share as well as guidelines for what to look for when starting a collection. There is also a Q&A session at the conclusion of his talk.

Following the talk and question-and-answer session, Gloss will give verbal appraisals of pre-selected books owned by participants. Those hoping to have a book appraised should email photos showing several views of the book to Victor@booktours.com by March 20. A few will be selected for discussion during the program.

Winner of the *Yankee Magazine* Editor's Choice Award for Best of New England, the Brattle Book Shop is one of America's oldest and largest antiquarian bookstores. This is the 72nd year of Gloss family ownership. Kenneth Gloss succeeded his late father, George Gloss, a well-known figure both in Boston and national antiquarian circles. Kenneth Gloss had worked in the store since childhood and chose to go into the book business rather than pursue a doctorate in chemistry. He became the sole proprietor upon his father's death in 1985.

Along with his appearances on *Antiques Roadshow*, Gloss has appeared on numerous radio and television programs and authored many articles for magazines and journals. He is a member of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America, the International League of Antiquarian Booksellers, the New England Antiquarian Booksellers of America, and many other organizations. He also is a Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society and serves on the Board of Overseers of the USS Constitution Museum.

For more information on this free virtual library program and other Buffalo & Erie County Public Library activities, please call 716-858-8900 or visit www.BuffaloLib.org.

###