



The Mercantile Library and
Harriet Beecher Stowe House
present

Allgood-McLean Series :
Women You Should Know

A Conversation with
Perri Klass: The fight against
child mortality that transformed
parenting, doctoring, and
the way we live

March 2, 2023
6pm reception / 6:30pm program
The Mercantile Library
414 Walnut Street, 11th Floor

Author Perri Klass will discuss her book on public health *The Best Medicine* with Miami University Professor of History and Global and Intercultural Studies Kimberly Hamblin. Perri Klass is professor of journalism and pediatrics at New York University, codirector of NYU Florence, national medical director of Reach Out and Read and a weekly columnist with *The New York Times*.

Only one hundred years ago, in even the world's wealthiest nations, children died in great numbers—of disease or accidents. Throughout history, culture has been shaped by these deaths; diaries and letters recorded them, and **writers have written about and mourned them, including Harriet Beecher Stowe.**

Decreasing infant and child mortality is one of our greatest human achievements—**women doctors, including Cincinnati's own Blackwell Sisters,** nurses and public health advocates have been instrumental to this trend. Join us as we discuss how and why this fundamental transformation has shaped society, culture and family life.



FREE registration for onsite OR online attendance is available via the QR code or at the [Mercantile Library website](#).

Allgood-McLean: Women You Should Know is a Mercantile Library annual series featuring author events, book discussions and more, focusing on women who have made significant impact on history locally, regionally, and nationally. The Harriet Beecher Stowe House facilitates historical exploration to stir passion for positive change.