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### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### **Talbot County Free Library will be celebrating Maryland STEM Festival 2022**

**(EASTON, October 7, 2022)**— Festivities and partner programs are underway to celebrate the upcoming Maryland STEM Festival at the Talbot County Free Library that includes story time, a blood drive, and more from October 14-November 14!

STEM covers all areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, and is in every aspect of life. Cybersecurity and Information Technology is the 2022 theme, which are also considered a large and diverse segment of the Maryland economy. Join us as we explore many of these fields and careers during this year's Festival.

The mission of the Maryland STEM Festival is to encourage all students regardless of background and experience to take a greater interest in STEM that will eventually lead to a related/focused career. That means, it may include robotics, agriculture, architecture, manufacturing, biotechnology, zoology, construction or cybersecurity.

“We are excited to take part in such an important and educational event for the community,” said Scotti Oliver, Talbot County Free Library Assistant Director. “These great partnerships are an opportunity to showcase how multifaceted STEM education and careers can be all around Maryland.”

Here are some upcoming STEM events you cannot miss out on:

#### **Alzheimer's, Dementia and the Latest Research**

Thursday, October 18, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

*Easton Library*

Learn ways to possibly reduce cognitive decline. Event sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association: Greater Maryland Chapter and the Talbot County Free Library. Light fare provided. To register, call 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900 or online at: [bit.ly/ALZ101822](https://bit.ly/ALZ101822)

#### **STEM Blood Donation**

Friday, October 21, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

*Easton Library*

Make a difference in someone's life by giving the gift of life. The first 40 people to make an appointment will receive a Talbot County Free Library Tote Bag. Schedule an appointment here: <https://bit.ly/3qzcd7X>

### **A Brief Introduction to Suicide Prevention**

Monday, October 24, 6:30 p.m.

*Easton Library*

In partnership with the Talbot County Free Library and For All Seasons, this presentation will cover what we know about this leading cause of death, the most up-to-date research on prevention, and what we can all do to fight suicide. RSVP at <https://tsl-talbot.attendase.com>.

### **STEM Story Time at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum**

Wednesday, October 26th 10:30 AM

*Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum*

Play in the lighthouse, enjoy stories about lighthouses, and create your own 3-D lighthouse. This program is for children birth-5 years with an adult. Please call the St. Michaels branch at 410-745-5877 to pre-register and for free admission to the museum.

### **Young Gardeners**

Thursday, November 3, 3:45

*Easton Library*

This program is for children in grades 1-4. Make ornaments for the Festival of Trees. This event is sponsored by the Talbot County Garden Club.

### **Community STEM Festival**

Saturday, November 5, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Easton Library*

This event includes fun for all ages. Organizations including Pickering Creek, Easton Utilities, Oxford Museum/Crossroads, MY Tech, Easton Robotics, and University of Maryland Extension Service will be in attendance with activities in hand. Andrew Thaler, Blackbeard Biologic CEO, will also be on hand to do an Aquatic robots demo. There will also be arts, crafts, music, a Lego build, and more!

“The Talbot County Free Library is a place where you could not only learn through hands-on activities, but also assist our neighbors through events like a blood drive,” said Dana Newman, Talbot County Free Library Director. “We hope to see you at these enriching events that will leaving you wanting to learn more!”

### ***About Talbot County Free Library***

*It is the mission of the Talbot County Free Library to enrich and renew the lives of the people it serves. There are two locations: The main library in Easton is located at 100 W. Dover St., and the St. Michael branch is at 106 Fremont St. The Maryland Room in the Easton branch holds a voluminous collection of genealogical resources and historical documents. Services at both locations include the circulation of books, DVDs, digital devices, free Wi-Fi, public computers, exhibits, and programs for both children and adults. Many of the Talbot County Free Library's programs are made possible by the generous support of the local community. For more information, please visit [www.tcfl.org](http://www.tcfl.org). Be sure to like the library on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @Talbotcountyfreelibrary.*

