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TALBOT COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

STATISTICS 2016

TOTAL CARDHOLDERS ........................................... 29,085

CIRCULATION ........................................... 282,498

Easton ........................................... 202,496

St. Michaels ........................................... 36,654

Database Use and Downloads ...................................... 43,348

COLLECTION SIZE ........................................... 118,880 - Physical Collection

62,228 - Ebooks and Audiobooks on Overdrive

500,000 - Movies, TV, Ebooks, Audiobooks, Music on HOOPLA

LOANS FROM OTHER LIBRARIES .................................. 6,650

INFORMATION QUESTIONS ANSWERED AND PEOPLE INSTRUCTED .................................. 27,797

Easton Adult ........................................... 7,157

Maryland Room ........................................... 18,876

St. Michaels ........................................... 1,764

PUBLIC ACCESS INTERNET COMPUTERS .................................. 51

CHILDREN’S COMPUTERS ........................................... 5

VISITORS ........................................... 199,993

PUBLIC COMPUTER AND WIRELESS USERS .................................. 68,664

PROGRAMS

Children and Teens ........................................... 345 Programs with 9,525 Attendees

Adults ........................................... 115 Programs with 4,008 Attendees

Total ........................................... 460 Programs with 13,626 Attendees

TOTAL NUMBER OF STAFF (FTE) ........................................... 22

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS ........................................... 82

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS ........................................... 7,995

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS ROI (Valued at $26.64/hr*) ........................................... $212,987

*Independent Sector’s Value of Volunteer Time for Maryland

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100 West Dover Street
Easton, MD 21601

ST. MICHAELS BRANCH
106 Fremont Street
St. Michaels, MD 21663
Friends of the Library Third Annual Gala, Among Friends... 1925—Characters and Conversations of the Era

JANUARY 29, 2016. In honor of the library’s 90th anniversary, the theme for the evening was “Among Friends...1925—Characters and Conversations of the Era.” A salon-style evening, typical of the 1920s, where actors portrayed a number of 1925’s most recognizable characters, including Gertrude Stein, Noel Coward, Mary Pickford, George Bernard Shaw, and Harpo Marx. The event featured libations and hors d’oeuvres provided by local chefs.

The TCFL Friends have more than 283 families as members. In 2016, money they raised has been used to buy new public furniture for the St. Michaels Branch, and to fund the Chesapeake Children’s Book Festival, the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Festival, and terrific lectures and programs for all ages. The 4th Annual Gala, “Celebrity Stumpers: A Battle of the Wits!” is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2017.

**Library Names New Director**

APRIL 26, 2016. Dana Newman was chosen by the Board of Trustees to serve as the library’s new director. Newman replaced Robert Horvath, who retired in October 2015. Ms. Newman previously served as the Chief of Public Services and Branch Management for the Anne Arundel County Library system. In that capacity, she oversaw the operations of 15 branch libraries and the library’s public service departments. She also played a leading role in public service initiatives that support STEM curricula, school outreach, and early literacy education. She is committed to providing lifelong learning opportunities to patrons of all ages.

**First Annual Chesapeake Children’s Book Festival**

JUNE 11, 2016. Easton Branch. More than thirty authors and illustrators of some of today’s best children’s books were on hand to give readings, answer questions, and sell their books. The day also marked the beginning of the annual Summer Reading Program. Children and teens who signed up for Summer Reading at the festival were given a voucher for a free book. There were more than 1,500 attendees. The fun-filled day offered music, hands-on-activities, make-a-book, light refreshments, book sales, and games, prizes, and art exhibits. The library’s grand prize for completing the Summer Reading program was a $250 Maryland College Investment Plan account, a gift from Maryland College Savings Plan.

Event Partners included 4-H, Judy Center, Easton High School, Bayside Quilting, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and the Talbot County Early Childhood Advisory Council, Tim Young, and Eventful Giving. Sponsors included the Friends of the Talbot County Free Library, Marie and Bill U’Ren, the YMCA, Dock Street Foundation, Easton Utilities, St. Peter & Paul Parish and School, Aqua Pools and Spas, Todd and Diane Albrecht, The Rotary Club of Easton, and individuals and organizations who share our community’s commitment to reading and literacy.

**Frederick Douglass Day**

SEPTEMBER 24, 2016. A celebration in honor of Talbot County’s most famous native son, in partnership with the Frederick Douglass Honor Society, Town of Easton, and TCFL. There were more than 700 attendees at the events, which included a children’s village; lectures by noted scholars, John Stauffer and Clara Small; and a display in the Frederick Douglass Room of artifacts from the National Park Service. The display included Douglass’s original copy of *Columbian Orator*, a book that Douglass purchased while still a slave and that deeply influenced the course of his life.

**STEM Festival at TCFL**

NOVEMBER 5-9, 2016. Part of a statewide festival involving public libraries, schools, and museums throughout Maryland that celebrated science, technology, engineering, and math. TCFL’s event began with the STEM Festival Kickoff on Nov. 5, which included a planetarium from the Maryland Science Center and many hands-on exhibits and demonstrations. More than 500 people attended. Partners included Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM), Easton Utilities, Talbot County Public Schools, Target, Easton Airport, and Phillips Wharf. Other STEM programs included a lecture by CBMM staff on the bugeye, *Edna Lockwood*, and STEM Storytime in St. Michaels at CBMM. The TCFL STEM festival was funded by our Friends.
Collections and Public Services 2016

Collections
- Adult and Teen Books ....................... 66,463
- Children’s Books .......................... 38,986
- Audiobooks ................................ 3,668
- DVDs ....................................... 8,166
- Downloadables (includes ebooks, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, and music) ............ 562,228
- 24/7 Research Databases and Online Tutoring Services ...................... 26
- Music CDs ................................. 883
- Children’s Puppet Pack and Book Kits............ 275
- Science Kits ................................ 16

Public Services
- Audiobooks
- Bi-lingual Children’s Collection
- Book Discussions
- Business and Marketing Research
- Community Art Exhibits
- Concerts
- Craft Programs for All Ages
- Early Literacy Materials
- Ebooks
- Homework Help
- Instruction
- Job Search Assistance
- Large Print Book Collection
- Law and Government Information
- Loans from Public and Academic Libraries
- Maryland Room
- Meeting Room Space for Community Organizations
- Outreach to Schools and Childcare Centers
- Outreach to Senior Centers
- Printing, Photocopying, Scanning to email
- Programming for All Ages
- Public Computers and Wi-Fi
- Quiet Study Rooms
- Referral to Other Agencies
- Research Assistance
- Science Displays
- Spanish Language Collection
- Teacher Cards
- 24/7 Online Classes, Research and Tutoring Services

FROM DANA NEWMAN, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Imagine a world where all people are inspired to celebrate new ideas, to look for learning opportunities and growth, to seek meaning and understanding, and to explore their own and others’ dreams. Our patrons discover that world when they walk through the door of the Talbot County Free Library. I believe that libraries are essential to the community as they fulfill the individual’s intellectual and creative needs and transform the lives of their patrons and the communities they serve. One of my most important roles is empowering staff to lead from within the organization and help facilitate and encourage a culture of change and innovation. Over the next year, we will be collaborating with our community to create a shared vision of library service that best serves the unique needs and aspirations of Talbot County.

My love for libraries began as a child. The staff at my hometown library was wonderful; they always told great stories and could be depended upon to help me find just the book I wanted. I believe libraries are magical places, gateways to new worlds. The Talbot County Free Library is also a vibrant, energized community hub and economic driver.

This year, the library circulated over 280,000 items, offered hundreds of programs, had many community groups use its public meeting rooms, answered over 27,000 questions and provided over a thousand computer sessions. But our impact on our community is not just measured in numbers but can be seen in the imaginations that have been encouraged, the curiosity inspired and satisfied, and the discoveries made that then are shared with others and ripple out to the whole community. In today’s world, a modern, welcoming, up-to-date library that inspires passion, learning, growth and creativity is essential to the health and prosperity of any community, and that’s just the kind of library we’re going to give the people of Talbot County.