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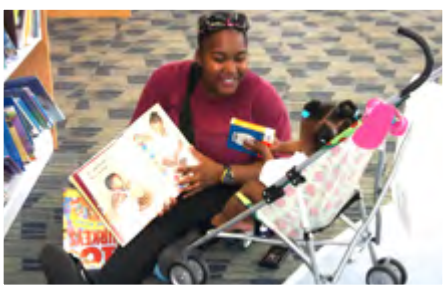
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STATISTICS 2016

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 www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time	



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100 West Dover Street
Easton, MD 21601

ST. MICHAELS BRANCH
106 Fremont Street
St. Michaels, MD 21663



HIGHLIGHTS 2016

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.

Talbot Public High School (TCPS) Students Discuss Career and Tech Education

FEBRUARY 17, 2016. For the second year in a row, TCPS brought students from Easton High School to give presentations about what they have learned in the school's Career and Technology Education Program (CTE). Each student represented a different branch of the program, which included interactive media production, construction trade, automotive technology, and more. The goal of the CTE Program is to give students the chance to learn skills in a number of professions. The presentation included an exhibit of student art. A third program is being planned for 2017.

Library Hosts Official Launch of Hard-Boiled Detective Book

MARCH 3, 2016. The library hosted the official launch of Acquisitions Librarian, Karen Karydes's new book, *Hard-Boiled Anxiety: The Freudian Desires of Dashiell Hammett, Raymond Chandler, Ross Macdonald, and Their Detectives*. Named one of the Indie Best Books of the Month, August 2016, by Kirkus Reviews. "Hard-Boiled Anxiety is intelligent and well-written—and its discussion of Hammett, Chandler, and Macdonald, can be insightful..." *Wall Street Journal*.

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-crafts, and 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.

