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100 West Dover Street  
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# Fall 2007



**2007 marks the 100th birthday of James Michener**, author of *Chesapeake*, a novel rich in the history and lore of the Chesapeake Bay. In honor of Michener's birth year and the heritage of the Chesapeake region, the Talbot County Free Library joins in a national celebration of Michener and will partner with other community organizations to sponsor Celebrate Chesapeake™. A variety of local programs and activities will celebrate the life and history in the culturally rich area.

Celebrate Chesapeake is sponsored by the Talbot County Free Library and partners Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, Pickering Creek Audubon Center, The Talbot County Historical Society, Talbot County Office of Tourism, Talbot County Public Schools, Talbot County Arts Council, Talbot County Visual Arts Center, American Association of University Women, and Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area.

For further information and a complete schedule of events go to [www.celebratechesapeake.org](http://www.celebratechesapeake.org)



**James A. Michener** was an American novelist, essayist, and travel book writer, best known for his novels, including *Hawaii*, *Centennial*, and *Chesapeake*. He is recognized as one of the most popular 20<sup>th</sup> century authors of historical fiction. His 48 books are sold in fifty languages.

Born in 1907, he was adopted by an impoverished Quaker widow who had two other children and lived in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. After graduating with highest honors from Swarthmore College, he worked

as a teacher, graduate student, textbook editor, and naval officer before becoming established as a writer.

His works reveal meticulous research and a skillful blend of history, geology, and geography with fictional plots. *Chesapeake* was written by Michener while he and his wife lived near St. Michaels. Much of his research for the book was done in the Maryland Room of the Talbot Library. In appreciation for the hospitality received while living on the Eastern Shore, Michener and his wife set up a trust fund to benefit several Talbot County organizations including the Library.

## Talbot Reads Chesapeake

Talbot County Free Library selected James A. Michener's *Chesapeake* as its first one-book program and invites the community to read this interesting epic about the complex history and culture of Maryland's Eastern Shore.

*Chesapeake* is a captivating novel that tells the story of the regions by following the lives of four families through several generations. Details about the rich history of the Chesapeake region enrich the work and

paint a vivid portrait of what the land was like when the first settlers arrived.

The Baltimore Sun wrote, "More people know something of Maryland's history and traditions from the 1978 novel *Chesapeake*, by James Michener, than from any other author."

Area book clubs are invited to make *Chesapeake* one of their selections and to participate in book discussions at the Talbot County Free Library. Numerous copies of *Chesapeake* are available at the Library.

## Celebrate Chesapeake @ Talbot County Free Library - [www.tcfl.org](http://www.tcfl.org)

### September -November Programs

- Sept. through Nov.: MD. Room Exhibit including memorabilia from James Michener's stay in Talbot Co.
- Monday, Sept. 17: *Chesapeake* Book Discussion, 7-8:30 pm
- Wed., Sept. 19: Pirates on the Chesapeake Bay Intergenerational Program, 7-8:30 pm
- Thur., Sept. 20: Brown Bag Luncheon, *Chesapeake* Discussion
- Monday, Sept. 27: *Chesapeake* Book Discussion
- Tues., Oct. 9: Battles on the Bay on the Bay Discussion—War of 1812, 7-8:30 pm
- Thur., Oct. 11: Natural History on the Bay-Intergenerational Program, 7-8:30 pm
- Tues., Oct. 16: Battles on the Bay on the Bay Discussion—Civil War, 7-8:30 pm
- Thur., Oct. 18: Brown Bag Luncheon, Mysteries and Mystery Writers of the Bay, Noon-1 pm
- Wed., Nov. 7: Watermen on the Chesapeake Bay-Intergenerational Program, 7-8:30 pm
- Thur., Nov. 15: Brown Bag Luncheon, Topic to be announced, Noon-1 pm

### Talbot County Visual Arts Center - [www.talbot-art-center.org](http://www.talbot-art-center.org)

*Life on the Chesapeake, a Michener Centennial Juried Art Show*

- Friday, Sept. 14: Reception at Arts Center, 5-8 pm
- September and October: Exhibits in St. Michaels Library and Visual Arts Center

### Pickering Creek Audubon Center - [www.pickeringcreek.org](http://www.pickeringcreek.org)

- October 7, 21: Guided Nature Walks Celebrating the Chesapeake, 9-10:30 am
- Sunday, Oct. 14: Pickering Creek's 16th Annual Harvest Hoedown, 11 am-4 pm
- Wed., Oct. 17: Rhapsody in Blue: A Celebration of North American Water Birds, 6:30 pm Easton Library

### Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum - [www.cbmm.org](http://www.cbmm.org)

- Friday, Oct. 5, through Feb.: Icons of the Chesapeake Exhibit

### Historical Society of Talbot County - [www.hstc.org](http://www.hstc.org)

## Kid's Corner @ St. Michaels Branch

After school crafts for ages 8 and up

Last Tuesday of each month @ 3:30, September 25, 2007 — May 27, 2008

Tot Time for 5 and under with an adult

Tuesdays 10:15 from October 16 thru November 20

Special Holiday Crafts

December 11 @ 3:30.

All programs require pre-registration. You may call the library for reservations starting September 4.

We are working on some other things but nothing final yet.



## Book Release, Gilbert Byron's *College Days*

*College Days, Tales of the Jazz Age*, the final book in Gilbert Byron's "Noah Marlin Trilogy," was released July 12, 2007.

The 118 page softbound limited edition can be purchased for **\$17.95** at the library in Easton or St. Michaels as well as the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and many area book stores.

## Kids Corner @ Main Branch, Easton

Celebrate Spanish Heritage Month Storytime

Wed. Sept. 12 2:00p.m.-3:00p.m. For 3-5 yr. olds, no adult required.

Celebrate Spanish Heritage Month Crafts

Wed. Sept. 12 3:30p.m.-4:45p.m. For all ages, 8 and under with an adult. Come whenever it is convenient to your school schedule.

Origami!!!

Tuesday Sept. 18 4:00p.m.-4:45p.m. Ages 8 and up

It's Fall-an afterschool craft program

Tues. Sept. 25 3:00p.m.-4:45p.m. For all ages, 8 and under with an adult. Come whenever it is convenient to your school schedule.

Preschool Storytime

Wed. Oct. 3- Nov. 14

2:00p.m.-3:00p.m. For 3-5 yr. olds, no adult required

Afterschool Crafts- Monday Oct. 8 3:00p.m.-4:45p.m. For all ages, 8 and under with an adult. Come whenever it is convenient to your school schedule.

Halloween Crafts- Monday Oct. 29 3:00p.m.-4:45p.m. For all ages, 8 and under with an adult. Come whenever it is convenient to your school schedule.

Learn to Knit- Tues. Nov. 6 and Nov. 20 4:00p.m.-4:45p.m.

Ages 8 and up.

Time for Thanksgiving- an afterschool craft program. Monday Nov. 19 3:00p.m.-4:45p.m. For all ages, 8 and under with an adult. Come whenever it is convenient to your school schedule.

Holiday Crafts- Dec. 3 3:00p.m.-4:45p.m. For all ages, 8 and under with an adult. Come whenever it is convenient to your school schedule.

Make Your Own Holiday House- Dec. 10 3:00p.m.-4:45p.m.

For all ages, 8 and under with an adult. Come whenever it is convenient to your school schedule.

Holiday Storytimes-Wed. Dec. 12

First Step 9:30a.m.-10:15 a.m. For children under 2, with an adult; 10:45a.m.-11:30a.m. for 2-3 yr. olds with an adult.

Holiday Origami

Dec. 12 4:00p.m.-4:45p.m. For 8 and up

PLEASE PREREGISTER FOR ALL PROGRAMS

Magician Mike Rose

Friday Nov. 23 11:00a.m. Easton Library

2:00p.m. St. Michaels Library

FREE TICKETS REQUIRED-AVAILABLE NOV. 16

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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Talbot County Free Library are pleased to announce the first Brown Bag Luncheon of the season; "Michener's Tales and Our Own." Please join us for this event at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> in the conference room of the Easton Library. Free, everyone is welcome. Bring your lunch or just enjoy excellent coffee and a sweets provided by the Friends!

Help us celebrate the centennial year of James Michener's birth by enjoying A. Elizabeth Watson's impressions of this region's history as conveyed by Michener's *Chesapeake*, as well as her own experiences as a historic preservationist. Ms. Watson has been the executive director of Eastern Shore Heritage, Inc., the managing entity for the Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area on Maryland's Eastern Shore, since 2002. The heritage area, which serves Caroline, Kent, and Talbot Counties and 21 small towns within these counties, completed its state-recognized management plan and began its first official year of operations in 2005.

Elizabeth is a co-author of *Saving America's Countryside: A Guide to Rural Conservation*, and is the co-producer of the 1992 award-winning film made for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, *Chesapeake: Living Off the Land*.

The Friends of the Library will continue to offer a wide variety of programs for your enjoyment at our Brown Bag Luncheons. Take this pleasant opportunity to expand your horizons; we will enjoy meeting you.