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I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries.

-Carl Sagan-

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## New Easton Library Opens May 5!

It's official! Our beautiful new main library building in Easton will open to the public on Saturday, May 5. Grand opening ceremonies will include a ribbon cutting, children's programs, live music, and local dignitaries! Wednesday, April 11, will be the last day of business for the Easton library's temporary quarters on Glebe Road. From April 12 through May 4, the Easton library will be closed to allow its collection to be crated up, moved to 100 West Dover Street, unpacked, and then set up in the new building. The St. Michaels branch of the Talbot County Library will remain open during its regular hours while the main library is closed. The library will waive fines for materials that come due while the Easton library is closed. There will be no book-drop open in Easton while the main library is closed, but patrons may return materials to the St. Michaels branch if they wish.

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JANE LOWE DAY:  
COMMUNITY  
CONVERSATIONS

**Students 9 and up:**

**Ever wonder what  
growing up was  
like long ago?**

Find an adult you'd like to interview about this. If you are an adult and would like to participate, find a young friend age 9 or above to interview you. Then register for the Community Conversations program by March 31 at any branch of the library.

The interviews will be filmed. The interviewer will receive a FREE DVD of the conversation and a copy of their interview will become a permanent part of the history of our community kept in the library's Maryland Room.

Space is limited, so register soon. If you are a middle or high schooler, your participation may qualify for Community Service hours. If you are a Girl Scout or Boy Scout you may apply your participation to requirements for a badge.



# Children's Programming



(Please Pre-Register for All Programs)

**Easton**

**(Note: Pending Easton's move back to permanent quarters at 100 West Dover Street, programming in the month of March must for the time being remain TBA. Please check our website or call the Easton branch at 410-822-1626 for the latest information.)**

**Make A Book!**

Saturday, April 21, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Families with children birth through eight are encouraged to participate. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All supplies will be provided. This program is sponsored by the Judy Center at the Talbot County Public Schools and the Talbot County Free Library.

**Newberry Award-Winning Children's Author to Visit  
Library**

Thursday, April 26, 1:30 p.m. Newberry Award Winner Jack Gantos, author of *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*, *Dead End in Norvelt*, and a host of other children's classics, will talk about his books and writing. Gantos has visited the library before, and the children always love him. Sponsored by the Eastern Shore Regional Library.



**St. Michaels**

**Tot Time**

Mondays, March 5 - April 9, 10:15 a.m. Story time and crafts for children 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

**St. Patrick's Day Crafts**

Wednesday, March 14, 4:00 p.m. Crafts for children 10 and under.



**Turtle Talk with Pickering Creek**

Thursday, April 5, 4:00 p.m. Learn about different turtles that can be found in Maryland and, sometimes, in our own backyards. Box Turtles, Spotted Turtles, Terrapins, oh my!



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# Friends of the Talbot County Free Library

## The Friends' Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series

(Bring your lunch and enjoy coffee and sweets provided by the library. )

### Easton

**Note Easton Location: the Hospice House, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton.**

#### **St. Michaels' Civil War Dead**

Thursday, March 15, noon. Betty Seymour, a volunteer in the library's Maryland Room and a member of the St. Michaels Museum, talks about what she has learned during the past year as she has researched the local graves of Civil War veterans.

#### **Rapid Changes in the News Media: From Hot Lead to 24/7 to Twitter**

Thursday, April 19, noon. Dick Cooper talks about the revolutionary changes overtaking today's news media. Are we getting less from more or more from more?

#### **Chesapeake Ferries: Bridging a Watery Divide**

Thursday, May 17, noon. The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's Pete Leshner discusses the history of the vessels that once ferried man, motor, and beast from one side of the Bay to the other.

### St. Michaels

#### **A Celebration of Bird Songs**

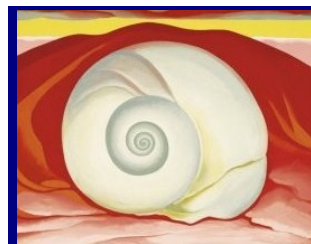
Monday, March 5, noon. Naturalist and photographer Wil Hershberger talks about the songs birds sing from winter into early summer, illustrating his talk with beautiful photographs and sound recordings.

#### **Around the World in 80 Slides**

Monday, April 2, noon. Naval Architect Ken Court recounts his sailing adventures on a 28,000 mile voyage from Hawaii to the Chesapeake Bay via the Red Sea. Having worked in a number of maritime fields, including the design of submersibles, Court's last big job was moving the Knapp's Narrows Bridge to the CBMM parking lot.

#### **The Magic of American Humor**

Monday, May 7, noon. Drawing on the works of Mark Twain, Will Rogers, Dorothy Parker, Garrison Keillor, and a host of others, Oxford resident David Foster illustrates how deeply humor is engrained in the American experience.



## The Friends' 21st Annual Poetry Contest !

All Talbot County residents and students attending Talbot County schools are eligible to enter. Poems must be submitted by April 12. Cash prizes of \$50 and certificates will be presented to the winners at the Awards Ceremony on May 10. Flyers outlining rules and categories for entry can be found at all library branches and on our library website: [www.tcfl.org](http://www.tcfl.org).

Our thanks to the Talbot County Arts Council for their support.



### **BE A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY!**

Please enroll me as a member of Friends of the Talbot County Free Library

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**DUES:** \$10.00 per household \$ \_\_\_\_\_ extra donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **total enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Both dues and donations are tax deductible. Make checks payable to: Friends of the Talbot County Free Library. Please send check and completed form to: Friends of the Library, c/o The Talbot County Free Library, 100 West Dover Street, Easton, MD 21601, or you can just give them to the folks behind the desk at the library.

## Adult Programs

### Easton

#### Stitching Time

Mondays, April 16, May 21, 3:00 p.m. Join a group and work on your needlecraft projects. Limited knitting and crocheting instruction for beginners.

#### Shuffling Off This Mortal Coil: The Poetry of Death

Monday, April 30, 6:30 p.m. Since time immemorial, the fleeting nature of life has been a staple of poets. Join “the library guy,” Bill Peak, for a discussion of several classics on this immortal subject. Note: This program will take place in the Brookletts Senior Center, 400 Brookletts Avenue, Easton.



#### Reading the Man: A Portrait of Robert E. Lee Through His Private Letters

Monday, May 14, 6:30 p.m. “The library guy,” Bill Peak, hosts a discussion on Elizabeth Brown Pryor’s award-winning biography of the commander of the Army of Northern Virginia.

#### A. Aubrey Bodine, Eclectic Photographer (1906-1970)

Thursday, May 24, 5:30 p.m. Join Jennifer Bodine, daughter of *The Baltimore Sun*’s famous feature photographer, for a tour of photographic masterpieces and a remembrance of the man who made them.



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### St. Michaels

#### Thursday Writers Group

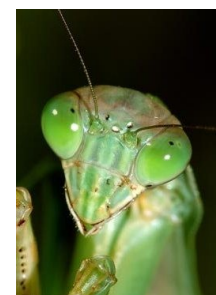
Every Thursday of the month except the first Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Memoir writing class. Learn how to preserve your family’s stories. Feel free to bring your lunch.

#### Stitch & Chat

Thursdays, March 1, April 5, & May 3, 10:00 a.m. Bring your own projects and stitch with a group.

#### How to Take Great Close-Up Photographs

Saturday, March 3, 2:00 p.m. Susan Ellis will demonstrate how taking a little time getting to know your camera can reward you with dramatic close-up images and a way of observing the seldom-seen world of the small.



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Susan Ellis

#### Movies at Noon

Tuesdays, March 13 (*Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*) and May 8 (*Larry Crowne*)

#### Evidence for a Recent Increase in Forest Growth: An Effect of Climate Change?

Saturday, April 7, 2:00 p.m. Smithsonian scientist Dr. Geoffrey Parker discusses evidence he has found that trees in the Eastern United States are growing faster than they have in the past 225 years.

#### The Titanic Commemorated: A Night to Remember

Thursday, April 12, 2:00 p.m. In commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her sinking, the St. Michaels branch will offer a free showing of the classic *RMS Titanic* film, *A Night to Remember*.

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