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“...the strongest defense of the humanities lies not in the appeal to their utility—that literature majors may find good jobs, that theaters may economically revitalize neighborhoods—but rather in the appeal to their defiantly nonutilitarian character, so that individuals can know more than how things work, and develop their powers of discernment and judgment, their competence in matters of truth and goodness and beauty, to equip themselves adequately for the choices and the crucibles of private and public life.”

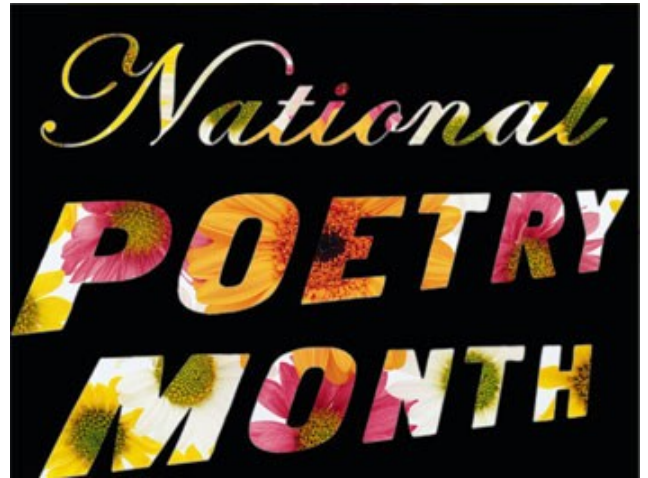
—Leon Wieseltier—

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April is ...



To live in this world

you must be able
to do three things:
to love what is mortal;
to hold it

against your bones knowing
your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it go,
to let it go.

—Mary Oliver—

Save the Date!

Kaleidoscope, Saturday, June 13

Celebrating Local Heroes!

Children's Programming

(Please Pre-Register for All Programs, Except those Requiring Tickets)

Easton

Story Time

Tuesdays, March 3-24, May 19-26, 10:00 a.m.
For children under 5 accompanied by an adult.

Meet the Creatures

Tuesdays, March 3 & April 7, 4:00 p.m. Live turtles, snakes, and more from the Pickering Creek Audubon Center.

Discover Your World with Books, Art, and Science

Wednesdays, March 4-25, 2:00 p.m. For 3-5 year olds accompanied by an adult.

Family Crafts

Saturdays, March 7 & 28, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Baskets and Bunnies—Family Easter Crafts

Wednesday, April 1, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Library Cafe

Wednesday, April 8, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Refreshments, conversation, activities, and giveaways for parents and their young children. Please preregister by April 6.

Spring into Origami

Tuesday, April 14, 4:00 p.m. For ages 8 and older. Pre-registration required.

Birth - 3 Readiness Fair

Saturday, April 18, 10:00 - 1:00 p.m. While enjoying fun activities, learn about the services available free of charge for children in this age group from area agencies. Books and door prizes will be given away. This program is sponsored by the Talbot County Judy Center Partnership.

Celebrate May with Family Crafts

Wednesday, May 6, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

St. Michaels

Family Unplugged Games: Board Games & Educational Children's Games

Mondays, April 6, 3:00 p.m., & May 18, 6:00 p.m. For all ages (children 5 and under need to be accompanied by an adult).

Story Time

Wednesdays, March 11 & 25, April 8, 22, & 29, May 13 & 27, 10:30 a.m. For children 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

Family Spring Crafts

For all ages (children 5 and under need to be accompanied by an adult).

Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m. Poetry Collage Art.

Monday, May 4, 6:00 p.m. Clay Art - Part 1: Create an Air-Dry Clay Piece. Pre-registration is required.

Monday, May 11, 6:00 p.m. Clay Art – Part 2: Decorate Your Clay Piece. Pre-registration is required.

Thursday Family Movies at 6 p.m. (For ages 7 & older)

April 23: *The Railway Children*.

May 28: *Eyewitness: Pond & River*.



First Sight

Lambs that learn to walk in
snow
When their bleating clouds the
air
Meet a vast unwelcome, know
Nothing but a sunless glare.
Newly stumbling to and fro
All they find, outside the fold,
Is a wretched width of cold.

As they wait beside the ewe,
Her fleeces wetly caked, there
lies
Hidden round them, waiting
too,
Earth's immeasurable surprise.
They could not grasp it if they
knew,
What so soon will wake and
grow
Utterly unlike the snow.

—Philip Larkin—



Adult Programs

Easton

Stitching Time

Mondays, March 16, April 13, & May 11, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Bring projects in progress (sewing, knitting, cross-stitch, what-have-you). Limited instruction available for beginners.

Library Book Group Discussion: *They* by Sue Ellen Thompson

Monday, March 16, 6:30 p.m. The Easton library's book group discusses local Pulitzer Prize-nominated poet Sue Ellen Thompson's new book of poetry, *They*. The poet herself will attend and participate in the discussion.



Sue Ellen Thompson

Brown Bag: Not Only Wine and Cheese Improve with Age

Thursday, March 19, noon. What is the best advice you've ever been given? What role does humor play in your life? What lessons would you like to share? Lynn Sanchez—known for her warmth, wit, and wisdom—shares her advice on how to put your life in perspective.

Pastel Spring Wreaths

Tuesday, March 24, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Learn how to design a pastel tulle wreath that you can embellish with bows, flowers, and/or Easter decorations. All materials supplied, but pre-registration is required. Class size is limited, so please register early.

Poetry That Confides

Monday, April 6, 6:00 p.m. In celebration of National Poetry Month, Bill Peak hosts a discussion of confessional poetry. Copies of the poems to be discussed can be picked up at either branch of the library.

Brown Bag: The Creation of an Art Exhibit in Milan

Thursday, April 16, noon. Award-winning documentary filmmaker Robert Pierce offers a free screening of his film, "Morris Louis Goes to Milan," which describes the creation of an important exhibit of American abstract artist Morris Louis's work in Milan. Q&A to follow.

Library Book Group Discussion: *The Oblate's Confession* by Bill Peak

Monday, April 20, 6:30 p.m. In their starred review of the book *Kirkus* called *The Oblate's Confession* an "entirely spellbinding debut novel." "Library guy" Bill Peak will attend and participate in the discussion.



Mayan Conquistador: The Amazing Story of Gonzalo Guerrero by John Reisinger

Thursday, April 23, 6:30 p.m. Author John Reisinger discusses his book about Gonzalo Guerrero, who, after being shipwrecked in Mexico in 1511, became a Mayan war chief.

Mother's Day Boxes

Tuesday, May 5, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Learn how to turn design paper into a box and top with a handmade paper rose. All materials supplied, but pre-registration is required. Class size is limited, so please register early. Middle school and older.

Hearts Away, Bombs Away by Vincent dePaul Gisriel, Jr.

Thursday, May 14, 6:30 p.m. When he discovered the cache of letters his mother and father wrote each other during World War II, author Vincent Gisriel thought he'd found the makings of a terrific first-person account of life as an American bombardier. Turns out he had, but he had also discovered a great love story. Gisriel, author of *Hearts Away, Bombs Away*, shares the true story of a WWII hero and the woman who loved him.



Vince Gisriel

Library Book Group Discussion: *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Monday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. The Easton library's book group discusses Vanessa Diffenbaugh's *The Language of Flowers*.

St. Michaels

Brown Bag: A Broad Reach: 50 Years of Collecting at Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

Monday, March 2, noon. Pete Leshner, chief curator of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, provides a sneak peek at CBMM's forthcoming exhibit, which will feature some of the finest objects in the museum's collection.



Stitch & Chat

Thursdays, March 5, April 2, and May 7, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bring your own projects and stitch with the group. Limited instruction available,



Thursday Memoir Writers

Thursdays, March 12 - May 28 (always excepting the first Thursday of each month), 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Record and share your memories of life and family with a group of friendly, like-minded people. Participants are invited to bring their lunch. Patrons are asked to pre-register for this program

Movie @ Noon

Tuesday, March 17, noon: *The Fault in Our Stars*. Join us for a film about two young cancer patients who cope with their disease by reading each other's favorite book.

St. Michaels Book Club

Wednesday, March 18, 3:00 p.m.: *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman.

Brown Bag: Annie Oakley Returns to the Shore

Monday, April 6, noon. Mary Handley shares the remarkable story of Annie Oakley, "Little Miss Sure Shot," who once lived in Dorchester County. In her spare time, Handley—who has a passion for local history and has been telling the Annie Oakley story for over 20 years—serves as a crew member on the Skipjack *Nathan of Dorchester*.



Poetry That Confides

Thursday, April 9, 3:00 p.m. In celebration of National Poetry Month, Bill Peak hosts a discussion of confessional poetry. Copies of the poems to be discussed can be picked up at either branch of the library.

St. Michaels Book Club

Wednesday, April 15, 3:00 p.m.: *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes.



Saturday Speaker Series: Family Photographs – Trash or Treasure?

Saturday, April 18, 2:00 p.m. Photography appraiser Marie Martin talks about the value of old family photographs and how to care for them.

Movie @ Noon

Tuesday, April 21, noon: *Million Dollar Arm*. A film based on the true story of baseball pitchers Rinku Singh and Dinesh Patel, the first major league players from India.

Brown Bag: The Oblate's Confession by Bill Peak

Monday, May 4, noon. Local author and "library guy" Bill Peak gives a reading from *The Oblate's Confession*, a novel set in the 7th century, the so-called "Dark Ages." *The Oblate's Confession* recently received a "starred" review from *Kirkus*. According to their website, the *Kirkus* star is only "awarded to books of exceptional merit."



Bill Peak

Movie @ Noon

Tuesday, May 19, noon: *The Theory of Everything*. A film based on the memoir *Traveling to Infinity: My Life with Stephen* by Jane Hawking.

St. Michaels Book Club

Wednesday, May 20, 3:00 p.m.: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd.

