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“I was very careful to send Mr. Roosevelt every few days a statement of our casualties. I tried to keep before him all the time the casualty results because you get hardened to these things and you have to be very careful to keep them always in the forefront of your mind.”

—George C. Marshall—

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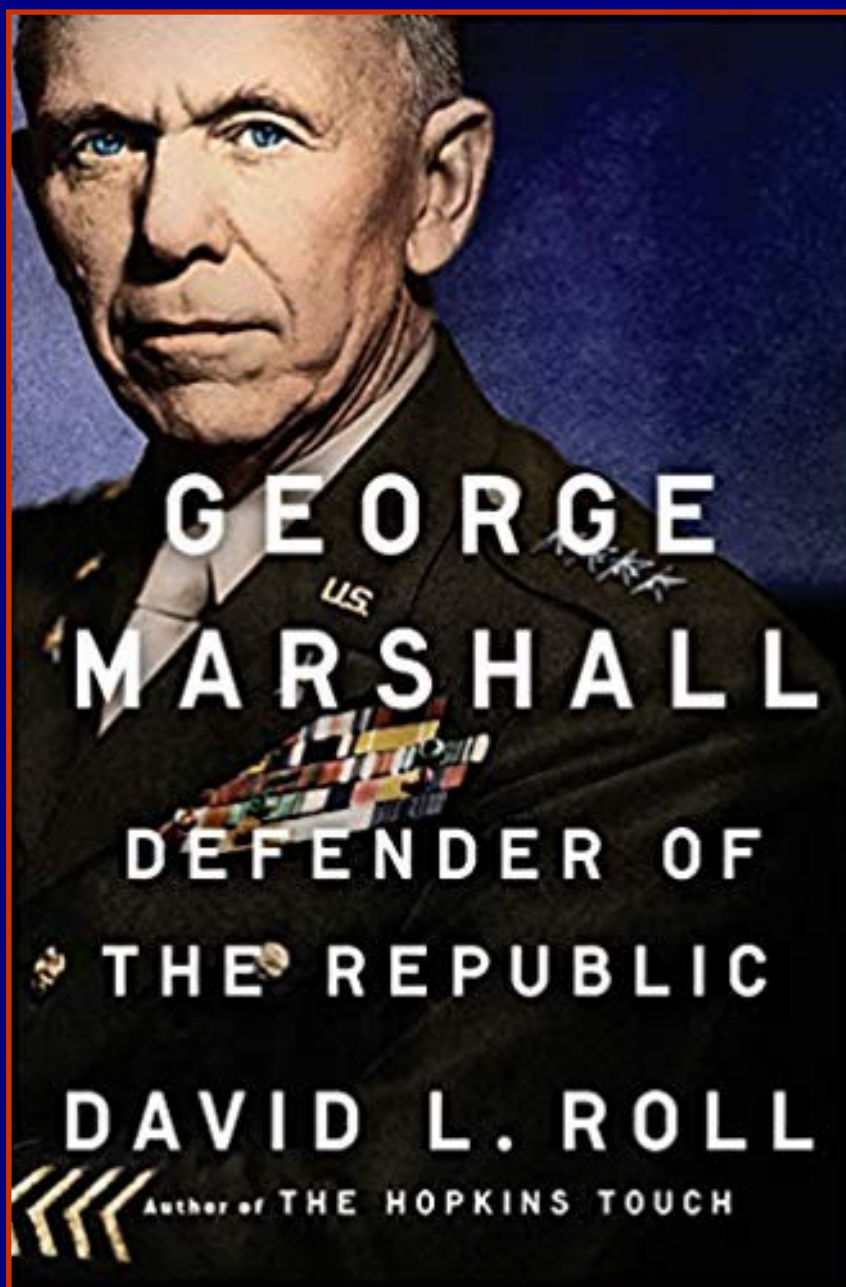
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# Weathervane

SPRING 2020



Author David L. Roll  
to Speak on  
*George Marshall: Defender of the Republic*  
Thursday, May 14, 6:00 p.m.  
Easton Library



### From the Director's Desk

I want to join our Board and staff in extending a warm invitation to our St. Michaels Library Open House (106 Fremont Street) on Thursday, March 12, at 6:00 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the St. Michael's Library Renovation and Expansion project and to share your ideas for enhancing the library building and services. Pamela P. Gardner, architect for the feasibility study, and I will offer an update on the project and ask for your input on the proposals put forward in the initial feasibility study.

The current St. Michaels Library is too small a structure, at 7,716 square feet, to provide the population of St. Michaels and the Bay Hundred areas with 21st century library services. To meet current community needs, the 2019 Feasibility Study recommends a 40% (3,071 square feet) expansion of the building and the installation of energy-efficient mechanical and lighting systems. Other planned improvements include a larger community meeting room, added space for new library materials, two study rooms for small groups to meet and work, and enlarging the children's and teen areas to allow for interactive learning, studying, and additional public computers.

Please join us for this special presentation on the St. Michaels Library expansion plans. Refreshments will be served and there will be drawings for gift certificates. The Open House will also serve as the kickoff for the Silent Auction fundraiser with baskets full of items donated by local businesses. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of books for the new library. I hope to see all of you at our St. Michaels Library Open House!

Dana Newman

# Youth Programming

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Today

If ever there were a spring day  
so perfect,  
so uplifted by a warm  
intermittent breeze

that it made you want to  
throw  
open all the windows in the  
house

and unlatch the door to the  
canary's cage,  
indeed, rip the little door from  
its jamb,

a day when the cool brick  
paths  
and the garden bursting with  
peonies

seemed so etched in sunlight  
that you felt like  
taking

a hammer to the glass  
paperweight  
on the living room end table,

releasing the inhabitants  
from their snow-covered  
cottage

so they could walk out,  
holding hands and squinting

into this larger dome of blue  
and white,  
well, today is just that kind of  
day.

—Billy Collins—

## Easton

### Story Time

Tuesdays, March 3 - April 14, 10:00 a.m., and program repeats at 11:00 a.m. For ages 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

### Milk & Cookies ... and Chapter Books!

Thursdays, March 5 - April 2, 1:30 p.m. For ages 6 and up. Chapter book read aloud ... with milk and cookies!

### Afternoon Chess

Tuesdays, March 3 & 17, April 7, and May 5 & 19, 4:30 p.m. For children 6 – 16 years of age. Learn and play chess. Light snacks served. Please pre-register at <http://www.tcfl.org/child/programreg/>

### Challenge Island (STEM Learning Program)

Wednesdays, March 11 & May 13, 4:30 p.m. For children in grades 1-5. Limited space, please pre-register.

### Bilingual Story Time/Hora Bilingue de Cuentos e Historias

Saturday, March 21, 1:30 p.m. Learn and practice Spanish and English, Español y Inglés. For children ages 5 and up. Para niños de 5 años en adelante.

### Read with Tiger, a Pets-on-Wheels Therapy Dog

Mondays, March 23, April 27, and May 18, 4:00 p.m. For ages 5 and up. Bring a book or choose a library book and read with Janet Dickey and her dog, Tiger.

### Young Gardeners

Thursdays at 3:45 p.m. For children in grades 1-4. Fun, hands-on learning program. Enjoy nature! Please pre-register at <http://www.tcfl.org/child/programreg/>

March 26: Journal Making and The Lorax

April 23: Seeds and Seedlings

May 7: Flower Arranging



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## St. Michaels

### Read with Wally, a Pets on Wheels Therapy Dog

Tuesdays, March 3 & May 5, 3:30 p.m. Bring a book or choose a library book and read with Maggie Gowe and her dog, Wally. For children 5 and older.

### We are Builders

Wednesdays, March 4, April 1, and May 6, 3:30 p.m. Enjoy STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). Build with Legos, Zoobs, or foam blocks! For children ages 5 – 12.



### Story Time

Wednesdays, March 4 & 25, April 8 & 22, and May 27, 10:30 a.m. For children 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

### Family Crafts

Tuesday March 17, 3:30 p.m. Irish Crafts

Tuesday April 14, 3:30 p.m. Spring Crafts

Tuesday, May 12, 3:30 p.m. Coloring for Relaxation

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



### Family Unplugged Games

Thursdays, March 19, April 16, and May 21, 3:30 p.m. Bring the whole family to the library for an afternoon of board games and fun educational children's games. For all ages (children 5 and under accompanied by an adult).

### Cherry Blossom Festival at the Library

Thursday, April 9, 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy Japanese crafts and a Japanese tea ceremony! For ages 5-12 (children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult). Please call the St Michaels Library to pre-register for this event at 410-745-5877.



### Camp-"In" at the Library

Thursday, April 23, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Beach camping-themed games, crafts, scavenger hunt, story time, and s'mores around the campfire!! Wear your camping gear or pj's, bring a sleeping bag or blanket (optional). Sponsored by the Talbot County Free Library and St. Luke's School. For ages 2-8 accompanied by an adult. Please call the St. Michaels Library to pre-register for this event at 410-745-5877.



### STEAM Story Time at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

Wednesday, May 13, 10:30 a.m. Enjoy STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) story time, and learn about the Chesapeake Bay and local bay life! Pre-registration is required for free admission to the museum. For ages 5 and under accompanied by an adult. Please call the St. Michaels Library to pre-register for this event at 410-745-5877.



## Easton Adult Programs

### Great Dames, a Film Series Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Chesapeake Film Festival in Honor of the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in America:

#### **Harriet**

Monday, March 2, 6:00 p.m. This recently released feature film celebrates one of America's greatest heroes, Harriet Tubman, whose courage and ingenuity helped free hundreds of slaves. PG-13, 125 minutes. Donald Tinder, Director of the Harriet Tubman Museum, will introduce the film and take questions afterward.



#### **Maiden**

Monday, March 9, 6:00 p.m. The triumphant true story of the first ever all-female crew to enter the Whitbread Round the World Race. Rated PG, 137 minutes.



#### **Free Family Law Assistance at Easton Library**

Thursdays, March 5, April 2, & May 7, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. A lawyer will provide free consultation to patrons on how to represent themselves and complete forms for divorce, custody, visitation, child support, name change, guardianship, adoption, and juvenile expungement.

#### **Annuals vs. Perennials – Which is Best for Your Garden?**

Thursday, March 5, 6:30 p.m. Spring is coming; now is the time to plan for summer fun and beauty! Which to plant – annuals or perennials? One you plant every year, the other comes back to delight you again the next. Which will give you the best no-fuss garden? Can you really “clone” a plant and get more of them? (Yes!) Do you take care of both kinds exactly the same way? (NO!) Discussion led by Maureen Rice, Master Gardener.



#### **Book Discussion: *To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf**

Monday, March 16, 6:30 p.m. The library guy, Bill Peak, is back to host a discussion by the Easton book group (open to all) of his all-time favorite novel, Virginia Woolf's *To the Lighthouse*. Eudora Welty called Woolf's masterpiece “at once ethereal and firm, as only a vision can be...[Woolf] has shown us the shape of the human spirit.”

#### **Master Gardeners host Bartlett Tree Experts**

Wednesday, March 18, 10:15 a.m. Master Gardeners host Bartlett Tree Experts as arborists share common landscape diseases, pests, and problems, and how to identify them on your property. Learn about solutions and some tips for dealing with these issues.

#### **Lunch & Learn: 3D Printing**

Tuesday, March 19, noon. Library staffer Amy Wise has been learning 3D printing and Virtual Reality as a part of an Innovation grant that the library received in 2019. She will describe the process, technology, and uses of 3D printing. She will have several printers running so the audience can see for themselves what this amazing technology can accomplish.

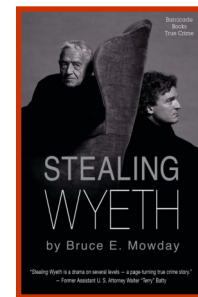


Amy Wise

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**Author Event: *Stealing Wyeth* by Bruce E. Mowday**

Thursday, March 19, 6:00 p.m. Award-winning author and journalist Bruce E. Mowday talks about *Stealing Wyeth*, his new book detailing the theft of millions of dollars worth of paintings from the estate of Andrew Wyeth. Mowday's book details the journey the purloined paintings made through the United States, the vicious criminals that stole them, and the law enforcement team that successfully tracked down both the paintings and the crooks.

**Adult Craft**

Friday, March 20, 10:30 a.m. - noon. Let's celebrate Spring! Come join us as we create a tree of life sun catcher. Please pre-register, as space is limited, by calling the library at 410-822-1626.

**Stitching Time**

Mondays, March 23, April 20, & May 11, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Work on your favorite project (knitting, crochet, what-have-you) with a group. Limited instruction will be available for beginners. All are welcome!

**Great Native Plants for the Home Landscape**

Wednesday, March 25, 1:30 p.m. With our world facing so many environmental threats, landscaping with native plants is something that gardeners can do to help our local ecosystem. George Coombs, Director of Horticulture at Delaware's Mt. Cuba Center, will highlight that public garden's "Trial Program," which aims to provide home gardeners with information about the best native plants for our region and how they can easily be incorporated into the home landscape.

**Author Event: *A Partial Sun* by Lawrence Reid Bechtel**

Thursday, March 26, 6:30 p.m. Sculptor and author Lawrence Bechtel began his journey toward the writing of *A Partial Sun*, his debut novel, with two bronze portrait sculptures: the first of Thomas Jefferson and the second of Isaac Granger, a man who had been enslaved on Jefferson's Monticello plantation. A former English teacher at Virginia Tech, book reviewer for *The Roanoke Times*, and creator of three CDs' worth of short stories, Bechtel is currently working on a sequel to *A Partial Sun*.



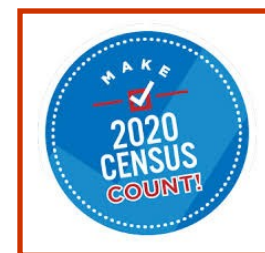
Lawrence Bechtel

**MY Tech Clinic-Free hands-on tech help-Just in Time!**

Saturday, March 28, 2:00 p.m. MY Tech Clinic are two tech enthusiasts who want to give back to the community. They will provide free help with technology ranging (but not limited to) laptops, cell phones, setting up accounts, and Microsoft Office. They will be providing monthly clinics at the Easton library, as well as other libraries and facilities. Individuals can come in with their devices and ask questions involving technology.

**Talbot Census Day**

Wednesday, April 1, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Get Counted on Census Day at the Library. Library computers will be available for anyone to come in and fill out their Census questionnaire. Enjoy a cup of coffee from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in the lobby during your visit. All visitors who come in the library on Census Day will also receive a coupon good for one free book from the library's book sale. This event will also be held at the St. Michaels branch.



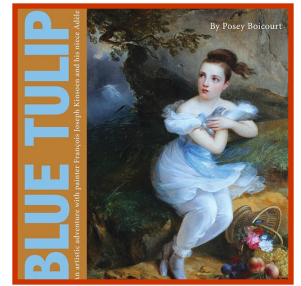
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### **Author Event: *Blue Tulip*, by Posey Boicourt**

#### **An Artistic Adventure with Painter Francois Joseph Kinsoen and His Niece Adele**

Thursday, April 2, 6:30 p.m. Posey Boicourt will talk about her new book *Blue Tulip*, the tale of her investigations into the world of a forgotten portrait painter in her family who left his native Bruges to work in Paris in Napoleon's court. From the back streets of Bruges to the corridors of Versailles, Posey shares her adventures and Kinsoen's paintings with us. Books will be for sale, a book signing will follow the presentation.



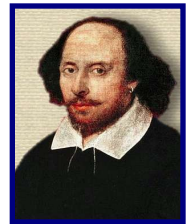
### **Poetry & Music Open Mike Night**

Thursday, April 9, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Help us celebrate National Poetry Month. Open to anyone who wants to read their poems, play an instrument, or sing or dance... Open to all ages.

### **Shakespeare on Screen**

Thursday evenings in April and May

Back for his 456th blockbuster appearance: Will Shakespeare! Come see tales of power and romance, laughs and tears – and a heartwarming bit with a donkey. Suzanne Sanders, creator of *Friendship Shakespeare*, shows five top-notch films on the library's big, professional screen, and provides special hints on what to enjoy. Every day is brighter with a bit of the Bard! Light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres provided by the Friends of the Library.



### ***Still Dreaming***

Thursday, April 16, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

When people in a retirement home decide to stage *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, they're in for a struggle. Everyone has challenges. Nothing is as it first appears. Still, creativity is magical! An award-winning true story.

### ***Richard III***

Thursday, April 23, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Imagine an England that went fascist in the 1930s. Add one gleefully murderous psychopath plotting to take the crown. Fireworks! Action-packed drama starring Ian McKellen, Annette Bening, Robert Downey, Jr., and Maggie Smith.



### ***Much Ado About Nothing***

Thursday, April 30, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Love can make anyone stupid, even the smartest people in the room. Can their friends bring them together, or will they wreck their own lives first? Sunny Italy has a few shadows! A clever romp starring Emma Thompson, Denzel Washington, Kenneth Branagh, and Michael Keaton.

### ***Julius Caesar***

Thursday, May 21, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

A powerful person makes a lot of friends. Yet what should be done when a friend goes too far? Set in a women's prison with an all-female cast, this old tale takes on a modern, razor-sharp edge. Striking drama starring Harriet Walker and Jade Anouka.



### ***Twelfth Night***

Thursday, May 28, 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Mistaken identity turns romance upside down. Song, dance, and sword fights! A hilarious all-male cast at the Globe Theatre gives you the original experience. And yes, it really does work with guys in dresses! Touching, tumbling farce starring Mark Rylance and Stephen Fry.

**Book Discussion: *Clock Dance* by Anne Tyler**

Monday, April 20, 6:30 p.m. The Easton Book Group (open to all) discusses *Clock Dance* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Anne Tyler.

**Author Event: An Evening with Award-winning Children's Author, Laurel Snyder**

Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m. Laurel Snyder is the author of numerous picture books and six novels for children, including National Book Award nominee *Orphan Island* and the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award-winner *Charlie & Mouse*. A graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop and a former Michener-Engle Fellow, she has published work in *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Chicago Sun-Times*, *Salon*, *The Iowa Review*, *American Letters & Commentary*, and elsewhere. An occasional commentator for NPR's *All Things Considered*, Snyder teaches in the MFAC program at Hamline University and in the creative writing department at Emory University. This program is made possible by the Eastern Shore Regional Library.



Laurel Snyder

**Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day!**

Wednesday, April 22, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Join the library and its partners, including Master Gardeners, Pickering Creek, Adkins Arboretum, Farm Bureau, Horn Point, and more. Giveaways, including free plants, trees, and seeds while supplies last. Light refreshments will be served. It's your planet, plant it!

**Lunch & Learn: Dr. Wayne Bell: "What Our History & Our Birds Tell Us"**

Thursday, April 23, Noon - 1:00 p.m. Dr. Wayne Bell, Senior Associate and former Director of the Washington College Center for Environment and Society, gives a talk that he tells us "will look at the ecological changes we have made on the working landscape of the Eastern Shore. We are an integral part of that landscape and our future, as well as that of our local bird life, depends on our maintaining a landscape that *works* for us all."



Dr. Wayne Bell

**Amending America: How Women Won the Vote**

Saturday, May 2, 10:00 a.m. This is a one-woman show by Kate Campbell Stevenson. Through music and dance, Stevenson brings to life several influential American women who worked tirelessly to ensure that all women could enjoy the full rights of U.S. citizenship. Co-sponsored by the Talbot County Free Library, Easton AAUW, and the League of Women Voters of the Mid-Shore.

**Book Discussion: *Code Girls* by Liza Mundy**

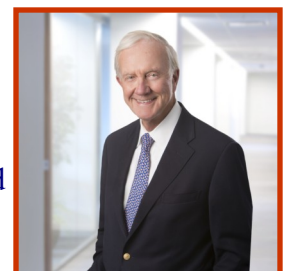
Monday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. The Easton Book Group (open to all) discusses Liza Mundy's award-winning, *New York Times* best-seller *Code Girls*.

**Your (Free) Lawyer in the Library**

Thursday, May 28, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Attorneys from Maryland Legal Aid will provide legal assistance on civil topics such as expungement, bankruptcy, housing law, landlord/tenant, domestic/family, etc., for those that qualify based upon their income level.

**Author Event: *George Marshall: Defender of the Republic* by David L. Roll**

Thursday, May 14, 6:00 p.m. Author David L. Roll talks about the extraordinary career of George Catlett Marshall, one of America's most distinguished soldier-statesman. Writing in *The New York Times Book Review*, Thomas E. Ricks said, "I've read several biographies of Marshall, but I think Roll's may be the best of the bunch." *The Wall Street Journal* called the book "Powerful," *Kirkus* called it "Definitive." Winston Churchill called Marshall "a great American [who] was as wise and understanding in counsel as he was resolute in action. In peace he was the architect who planned the restoration of our battered European economy and, at the same time, labored tirelessly to establish a system of Western defense."



David L. Roll



### **Friends Spring Book Sale and Membership Drive**

Saturday, May 16, 9:00 a.m. – noon. All are welcome to stop by the library and support the Talbot County Free Library Friends annual membership drive. Learn about what the Friends do and check out a terrific selection of like-new books at bargain prices.



## **St. Michaels Adult Programs**

### **Lunch & Learn: Reconsidering the Roles of Women on the Chesapeake**

Monday, March 2, noon. Women have played significant roles in the fisheries, maritime industries, and communities along the Chesapeake Bay, yet their stories are often missing from the historical record and in historical narratives. Associate Curator of Collections Jen Dolde will discuss portrayals of Chesapeake women from the CBMM collection as captured by the lenses of well-known photographers, cultural historians, and ordinary people. She will suggest new ways to interpret the place of women in the history of our region.



### **Arts & Crafts Series**

Thursdays, March 5, April 2, & May 7, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Free instruction for knitting, beading, needlework, and tatting. Bring your coloring books, Zentangle pens, or anything else that fuels your passion for being creative. You may also bring your lunch.

### **Plan Your Permaculture Garden**

Saturday, March 7, 10:00 a.m. Talbot County Master Gardener Missy Corley will explain the basic permaculture principles and lead attendees in a garden design exercise. The concept of permaculture guides gardeners to use what nature already provides in terms of light, soil, air, water, and more when planning gardening spaces.

### **The Transformative Power of Public Art**

Saturday, March 7, 1:30 p.m. Renowned Eastern Shore artist Michael Rosato will speak about his mural art in Maryland and other locations across the country. His most recent work is the “Take My Hand” Harriet Tubman mural in Cambridge, which received world-wide attention. Coffee and dessert will be provided.



### **Bay Hundred Chess Series**

Wednesdays, March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, and May 13 & 27, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Learn and play the strategic game of chess. Beginners are welcome.

### **St. Michaels Branch Expansion and Renovation Open House**

Thursday, March 12, 6:00 p.m. Talbot County residents are invited to the St. Michaels Branch Expansion and Renovation Open House, which will feature a presentation of the latest architectural renderings and provide an update on the St. Michaels library expansion plans. Refreshments will be available and there will be several drawings for gift certificates from local merchants. The Talbot County Free Library Foundation will also offer a Silent Auction of baskets containing items donated by local businesses (with all proceeds going to the purchase of library books and other materials for the expanded library). The auction will begin the night of the open house and run through the end of the month. All are welcome!



## Memoir Writers

Thursdays March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, and May 14 & 28, 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.

### Not Your Grandma's Garden!

A series of programs designed to maximize your yard's potential. Attract birds by planting more trees than you ever dreamed you could, while *reducing* your mowing chores and sequestering the carbon that causes global warming. Or put in an attractive meadow that will please butterflies, hummingbirds, and the neighbors!



Saturday, March 14, 10:00 a.m.: Marvelous Meadows

Saturday, March 28, 10:00 a.m.: Trees and other Bird Pleasers

Saturday, April 18, 10:00 a.m.: Design and How-To's that Will Save Your Back

### St. Michaels Library Book Club Series

Wednesday, March 18, 3:30 p.m. *This is How it Always Is* by Laurie Frankel

Wednesday, April 15, 3:30 p.m. *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles

Wednesday, May 20, 3:30 p.m. *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

### Tuesday Movie@Noon Series

- March 31      *Tea With the Dames*: This film documents conversations between Judi Dench, Eileen Atkins, Joan Plowright, and Maggie Smith sprinkled with scenes from their careers on stage and film.
- April 28      *Harriet*: The extraordinary story of Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery. One of America's greatest heroes, Tubman's courage and tenacity helped free hundreds of slaves.
- May 26      *Midway*: The story of the Battle of Midway as told by those who fought it. Starring Patrick Wilson, Woody Harrelson, and Mandy Moore.



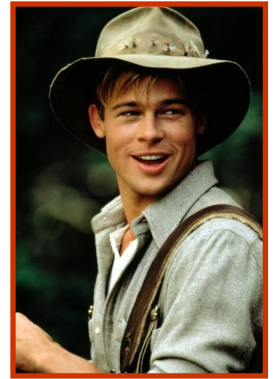
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### Movie of the Month Club Series—Join us to discuss three beloved films:

Tuesday, March 31, 10:30 a.m. *A River Runs Through It*, starring Brad Pitt. Two sons of a Presbyterian minister—one rebellious, one more conservative—have little in common except their love for each other, their parents, Montana, and fly fishing.

Tuesday, April 21, 10:30 a.m. *Doubt*, starring Meryl Street and Philip Seymour Hoffman. It's 1964 at the St. Nicholas parish church, and a young charismatic priest and an iron-willed nun are about to lock horns.

Tuesday, May 26, 10:30 a.m. *Young@Heart*. A documentary film about the final weeks of rehearsal for the Young at Heart Chorus, a group of singers whose average age is 81. Many of the actors must overcome serious health problems to participate.



### Lunch & Learn: Meredith Davies Hadaway: “Poetry and the Power of Place”

Monday, April 6, noon. Award-winning poet, editor, and teacher, Meredith Davies Hadaway, will discuss how poetry of place can help us re-imagine our world. A former Rose O’Neill Writer-in-Residence at Washington College, Hadaway is the author of three poetry collections, including *At The Narrows*, winner of the 2015 Delmarva Book Prize for Creative Writing. The Friends of the Library, sponsors of this program, will provide coffee and dessert.



Meredith Davies Hadaway

### Lunch & Learn: The Bridges of Tilghman Island

Monday, May 4, noon. Over the years, Tilghman Island has been linked to mainland Talbot County by one bridge or another. Visitors are always fascinated by the design and operation of the current bascule bridge, which has become an icon of the island. Each of the bridges over Knapp's Narrows has its own story, of course, which local author, retired educator, and former Peace Corps volunteer Gary Crawford will explain and illustrate with slides.



### Book Launch

Thursday May 14, 6:00 p.m. Local author, Ann Hymes reads from *Love & Lies: A Secret Memoir*, her sequel to *Shadow of Whimsy: A Cape Cod Love Story*. The mysteries in the narrator’s life lead her to St. Michaels and the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum!



# THE FIFTH ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, June 13, 2020 10<sup>am</sup> to 3<sup>pm</sup>**

**[ChesapeakeChildrensBookFestival.org](http://ChesapeakeChildrensBookFestival.org)**

Location: Talbot County Free Library, Easton, MD



TCFL's Summer Reading Kick-off Event. Free and open to the public. Fun for all ages! Meet authors and illustrators of some of today's best children's books. Activities include: author-readings, music, hands-on crafts, exhibits, make-a-book, free light refreshments, and more!



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