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If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.

—Cicero—

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SUMMER 2010

Make Waves with Summer Reading!

Just as a small ripple can grow into a great wave, a child's first summer of reading can grow into a lifetime of learning and success. (Did you know that a person's literacy skills are a greater predictor of their health status than their age, income, education, or ethnic group?) Start a lifetime of reading this summer as part of the library's 2010 Summer Reading Program. Open to readers of all ages, from pre-school through adults, this free program offers great books to read, prizes (including gift certificates and tickets to Baltimore Orioles games!), story hours, book clubs, and more! So dive right in and change your life, become a lifetime reader! It can make all the difference in the world.



Guess Easton Library's Move Date & Win \$50!

The County has told us we're going to have to put off moving the Easton branch into temporary quarters a little longer (we can't move in to the old Black and Decker plant till the County moves out) ... at least until late summer or early fall. So we've decided to make a game of it! Patrons are being asked to guess the date when we'll finally get to move. The patron who comes closest to the right date will win a \$50 gift card! So get down to the library and enter your guess today!

From the Director's Desk ...

New Library Catalog Offers You More !

On May 4, the library's new Polaris computer system went into operation. Users can now search for books and other library materials in ways as simple, or as sophisticated, as they wish. Patrons who like to access their accounts online will find they can create a record of their reading history, save searches, and even track the status of items they've requested. They will also be able to view and print account information, renew items, check on fines, and more.

As anyone who's ever switched their records from one computer to another knows, things can get a little confusing during the transition. Imagine what it's like for a library that has to keep track of 27,000+ patrons and 140,000+ books! Still, everyone seemed to take the change-over in stride. And so, on behalf of our staff and board, I want to thank our patrons for the patience they've shown during this transition. I know we are all going to be pleased with the end result.

—Robert T. Horvath—

Children's Programming

Easton

(Some Easton programming will be off-site this summer. Our thanks to the Judy Center of Talbot County and the Talbot County Public Schools for providing us space.)

Drop-In Crafts

Wednesdays, June 30 & July 7, 10:30 - noon, in the library's children's section.

Paul Hadfield as "General Foolishness"

Thursday, July 8, 10:30 a.m., *at the Moton Gym, Easton Elementary School*. Juggling, slapstick comedy, music, and lots of audience participation. Sponsored by the Eastern Shore Regional Library.

Tracey Eldridge presents (with Jon Glik):

"Up, Down, 'Round & 'Round: Mother Nature Makes a Splash"

Wednesday, July 14, 10:30 a.m. *at the Moton Gym, Easton Elementary School*. An interactive musical program for all ages. Supported with funds from the Talbot County Arts Council.

St. Michaels

Tracey Eldridge presents (with Jon Glik):

"Up, Down, 'Round & 'Round: Mother Nature Makes a Splash"

Wednesday, July 14, 2:00 p.m. An interactive musical program for all ages. Free tickets (available July 7) are needed for the St. Michaels' show only. Supported with funds from the Talbot County Arts Council.

Maryland Science Center presents "Science to Amaze and Intrigue"

Wednesday, August 4, 2:00 p.m. Free tickets will be available July 28.

Monday Movies at Noon

Bring your lunch or a snack and watch a free film.

July 12 *The Princess and the Frog*

July 26 *Fantastic Mr. Fox*

August 2 *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*

August 9 *Alvin and the Chipmunks—the Squeakquel*

August 16 *Where the Wild Things Are*

Note: Pre-registration required for the following St. Michaels programs:

"Fancy Nancy" Fashion Week (ages four and up)

Wednesday, June 9, 1:00 p.m. Fancy Nancy Crafts.

Thursday, June 10, 1:00 p.m. Fancy Nancy Fashion Show.

Friday, June 11, 1:00 p.m. Fancy Nancy Tea Party.

Tot Time Story Hour

Mondays, June 14 & 21, July 12, 19, & 26, August 2, 9, & 16, 10:15 a.m. Ages five and under accompanied by an adult.

Sand Art

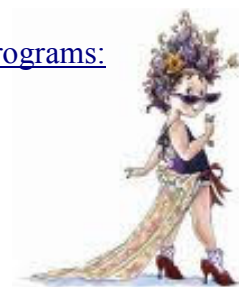
Wednesday, July 21, 3:00 p.m. Ages seven and up.

Miss Mary Magpie, Storyteller

Tuesday, August 3, 11:00 a.m. A family storytelling program for all ages.

Back-to-School Crafts

Wednesday, August 18, 3:00 p.m. Ages seven and up.



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Friends of the Talbot County Free Library

From the President:

Our Brown bag lecture series at the Senior Center and the St. Michaels Branch Library concluded in May. They will resume in September. Watch for announcements in *The Star Democrat* and in the autumn issue of the library's newsletter.

Speaking of autumn, the Friends will hold their annual membership drive again this fall. Joining the Friends is easy, just fill out the form at the bottom of this page and turn it in to the library. We will also be electing Officers for the Friends' Council in the fall.

The awards ceremony for our 20th Poetry Contest—sponsored by both the Friends and the Historical Society—was held on April 17th. To view the winners' poems visit the library web site www.tcfl.org and click on Poetry Contest.

Volunteers Make the World Go Round!

People love the library. Indeed, they love it so much, they donate their time, talent, and treasure to help the library better serve its patrons. Currently, 77 different people regularly volunteer for the library. Three organizations, comprised entirely of volunteers, provide invaluable service: our Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Library, and the Library Foundation Board. In addition, volunteers shelve and repair books, help us sell donated books, work behind the front desk in both Easton and St. Michaels, and assist visitors to perform research in the Maryland Room. Last year, volunteers donated more than six thousand hours to the library. On behalf of the people we serve, we offer these volunteers our heartfelt thanks.



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Maryland AskUsNow! is a 24/7 online librarian service that's been answering patrons' questions promptly and accurately since 2003. The service expects to answer its 300,000th question some time this summer. So join the crowd! To chat with a librarian or get more information, go to www.askusnow.info or click on the AskUsNow! button on our library website (www.tcfl.org).



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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

Adult Programs

Easton

Stitch in Time

Monday, July 19, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Learn to knit or crochet, or bring a project already underway and stitch with a group.

St. Michaels

Stitch & Chat

Thursdays, June 3, July 1, and August 5, 10:00 a.m. Bring your projects and stitch with a group.

Library Book Sale

Friday, June 25, all day. Come celebrate the St. Michaels branch's 29th anniversary and find some great books.

Summer Reading = Prizes for Adults too !

The Easton winner of last summer's grand prize in the adult summer reading program took home a package of gifts that included an overnight stay at The Inn at 202 Dover and dinner for two at Scossa, while the St. Michaels grand prize winner won an overnight stay at The Old Brick Inn and dinner for two at 208 Talbot. This summer, you could be the lucky one! There will be prizes awarded weekly in Easton and St. Michaels. The grand prize winners will be named in late August.

This Summer



Water Your Mind

Maryland Room Wins Historical Society's Heritage Award

On May 18, the Talbot County Library's Maryland Room received one of this year's Heritage Awards from the Historical Society of Talbot County in recognition of the archive's outstanding contribution to the preservation of our area's heritage. Our congratulations to Maryland Room Librarian Becky Riti and her wonderful staff of Maryland Room volunteers!

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The Talbot County Free Library Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 organization dedicated to assuring the financial health of our community library. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the library, please make your check payable to TCFL and mail it to the Talbot County Free Library, 100 West Dover Street, Easton, MD 21601, or simply drop it off at the library on your next visit. Please write "Donation" on the "Memo" line. We thank you for your generosity.

Join the James A. Michener Legacy Society

In thanks for the help he received from the Talbot County Free Library in researching his novel *Chesapeake*, James Michener left the library a generous legacy. As it grows and accrues interest, that gift continues to help our library serve the people of Talbot County. The new Society, named in Michener's honor, allows people interested in making a gift or bequest the opportunity to join the author of *Chesapeake* in supporting the noble work of our library for years to come. Your donation is tax deductible.

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