“Promise me you’ll remember, you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think.”
—Winnie-the-Pooh—
(A. A. Milne)

Young Writers’ Camp (for ages 10 – 16), Taught by Timothy Young
August 6 - 8, 2:00 -3:00 p.m.

Whether you are a writer who thinks they can’t draw or an artist who thinks they can’t write, you might be surprised at what you can do. Timothy Young, who has written and illustrated 13 books, will teach creative techniques that you can use to become a visual storyteller. Pre-registration required at www.tcfl.org/child/programreg/ or by calling 410-822-1626. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Talbot County Arts Council, with funding from Talbot County and the Towns of Easton, Oxford, and St. Michaels.
From the Director’s Desk

As summer nears, new opportunities for learning, adventure, and fun heat up at the library. Our summer reading program, with a theme of “Universe of Stories,” will offer events and experiences for all ages, beginning with the program’s kickoff event, the 4th Annual Chesapeake Children’s Book Festival, and continuing on through the summer with special performances, activities, and prizes that will leave everyone smiling and inspired.

To encourage children to explore reading this summer, please join us for the Chesapeake Children’s Book Festival on June 8, where children will get to meet and talk with over 25 authors, see the Star Wars costuming groups the Storm Troopers of the 501st Legion and The Rebel Legion, enjoy the magic of hearing authors read from their books, and take part in other fun crafts and activities.

Children can start writing their own story this summer by registering for the summer reading program online at http://www.tcfl.org/child/sumreadreg/. Participants will be automatically entered to win great prizes, including gift cards, science kits, and free tickets to the Baltimore Orioles, the Delmarva Shorebirds, and the Maryland Science Center! The winner of the Grand Prize Drawing will receive $529 toward a Maryland 529 college savings plan account.

We also have a summer reading program for adults, with a drawing for several Grand Prize gift cards.

One book I’m sure many adults will want to read this summer is Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee by Easton’s own Casey Cep (Easton High School, Class of ’03). The book is receiving rave reviews in the national press, and, most exciting of all, Cep is scheduled to do a reading/book signing in the Easton branch of our library on Monday, June 24. I wouldn’t miss that one for the world!

Thank you to the Friends of the Talbot County Free Library and all of our wonderful sponsors, staff, and volunteers for helping to support the library’s summer of stories and fun.

You’ll find more summer fun and a complete schedule of programs in the pages of this newsletter.

I hope to see you this summer living and writing your Universe of Stories!

Dana Newman
**Easton**

**Story Time**
Tuesdays, June 4 - July 30 (except June 18), 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Read, sing, and play at the library during story time. Enjoy making a craft. For ages 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

**Afternoon Chess**
Tuesdays, June 4 & 18, July 2 & 16, and August 6 & 20, 4:30 -5:30 p.m. Learn and play chess. Light refreshments served. For ages 6 – 16. Pre-registration at www.tcfl.org/child/programreg/ required.

**Challenge Island: Lunar Landing** *(STEM Learning Program for ages 6 - 12)*
Wednesday, June 12, 4:00 p.m. How do you land a Lunar Lander on the rocky, cratered, dusty, and uneven surface of the moon? Learn about Apollo 11’s Eagle Lunar Lander Module, its mission, purpose, and design. Design and build lunar landers with your team; test and retest to see if it works. Join the the team that lands on the moon! Please pre-register online at tcfl.org or by calling 410-822-1626.

**GSK Science in the Summer** *(For children entering grades 2 – 6)*
Monday, June 17, and Tuesday, June 18, 10:00 a.m. - noon (grades 2 and 3), and 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (grades 4-6). How does food become our body’s fuel? Where does oxygen go when we breathe in? How do our brains interpret the world? Explore the Science of Me! Active, hands-on learning and STEM. Limited space. Pre-registration at tcfl.org required. Sponsored by Glaxo Smith Kline and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

**Kindness Rocks!**
Wednesday, June 26, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Paint your positive vibes on a kindness rock. Children may choose to leave their “kind message” rocks for display at the library, or take them home to show family and friends. For all ages.

**Reptile Wonders**
Thursday, June 27, 10:30 a.m. Discover the wonder of water turtles, the bearded dragon, a mighty Burmese Python, and more! For all ages. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Talbot County Arts Council, with funding from Talbot County and the Towns of Easton, Oxford, and St. Michaels.

**Marvelous Movie Afternoon**
Thursday, June 27, 4:00 p.m. Star Wars: A New Hope
The Sky is NOT the Limit!
Thursday, July 18, 10:30 a.m. Reach for the stars! Find the Universe beyond. Before telescopes, people looked at the stars and dreamed. They told stories, drew pictures, and imagined how the stars came to exist in the night sky. Learn the stories of the stars as told by the ancients … and those told by modern science. Travel across the world and back in time to develop your understanding and decide: “Where did the stars come from?” and “What is the Universe beyond?” Sponsored by Eastern Shore Regional Library.

Drone Mapping (for ages 9-12)
Tuesdays, July 23 & 30, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Embark on a mission! Discover a day in the life of a drone pilot and geospatial scientist. Capture aerial photos to study water quality. Learn drone safety, manual flight skills, and coding for autonomous flight. Directed by Anna Windle, a Ph.D. student at Horn Point Laboratory, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. Limited space. Pre-registration required at tcfl.org or by calling 410-822-1626.

New Moon Theater: Minwa
Wednesday, July 24, 10:30 a.m. Highly interactive theatrical performance of three traditional Japanese tales that highlight our shared values of kindness, generosity, acceptance, and community responsibility. The performances also feature adventure, monsters, and a very large battle! Sponsored by the Friends of the Talbot County Free Library and Talbot County Arts Council, with funding from Talbot County and the Towns of Easton, Oxford, and St. Michaels.

Take Me to Your Reader!
Wednesday, July 31, 10:30 a.m. The magic of Joe Romano returns. Music, comedy, and sensational sets make this a show you’ll be sure to enjoy!

Young Writers’ Camp (for ages 10 – 16)
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, August 6 - 8, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Learn how to write and draw cartoons, comic books, and graphic novels. Whether you are a writer who thinks they can’t draw or an artist who thinks they can’t write, you might be surprised at what you can do. Timothy Young, who has written and illustrated 13 books, will teach creative techniques that you can use to become a visual storyteller. Please pre-register online at www.tcfl.org/child/programreg/ or by calling 410-822-1626. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Talbot County Arts Council, with funding from Talbot County and the Towns of Easton, Oxford, and St. Michaels.

Note: The library may photograph or film patrons for library promotional purposes. Please notify library staff if you do not want yourself or your child to be photographed. Thank you.
Summer Reading Celebration
Wednesday, August 14, 10:30 a.m. Celebrate the end of summer at your library! Drop in for snacks, crafts, LEGO bricks, and sidewalk chalk to celebrate all the fun you had reading this summer! All completed game boards turned in by August 12 will be entered into our Summer Reading Grand Prize Drawing. Winners will receive gift cards or the Grand Prize of $529 toward a Maryland 529 college savings plan account. Sponsored by Maryland 529 and the Friends of the Talbot County Free Library.

Bilingual Story Time
Saturday, August 24, 11:00 a.m. For ages 6 - 10. Join members of Easton High School’s Honor Spanish Society for story time using a bilingual book. Please pre-register at tcfl.org.

St. Michaels

Read with Wally, a Pets on Wheels Therapy Dog
Mondays, June 3 & August 5, 3:30 p.m. Bring a book or choose a library book and read with Ms. Maggie Gow and her dog, Wally.

We are Builders
Wednesdays, June 5, July 10, & August 21, 3:30 p.m. Enjoy STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). Build with Legos, Zoobs, or foam blocks! For children 5 – 12.

Family Crafts
Tuesday, June 11, 3:30 p.m. Outer Space Crafts
Tuesday, August 20, 3:30 p.m. Summer Crafts

Story Time
Wednesdays, June 12 & 26, July 3, and August 28, 10:30 a.m. For children age 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

Family Unplugged Games
Thursdays, June 27, July 25, & August 29, 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 must be accompanied by an adult).

Monday Family Movies@Noon
July 22: Lego Movie 2: the Second Part
July 29: Ralph Breaks the Internet (Wreck-It Ralph 2)

Japanese Cultural Celebration
Wednesday, July 24, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Enjoy Japanese crafts, professional storytelling, and a Japanese puppet show by New Moon Theater. We will also hold a Japanese tea ceremony! Pre-registration is required. For ages 5-12 (children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult). Please call the St. Michaels Library at 410-745-5877 to pre-register for this event.

STEM Story Time at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum
Wednesday, July 31, 10:30 a.m. Enjoy STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) story time, and learn about how items float or sink in water! 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 at 410-745-5877 to pre-register for this event.
Monday Family Movies@Noon
August 5: Mary Poppins Returns
August 12: Disney’s Christopher Robin

Story Inventing
Tuesday, August 6, 10:00 a.m. Join award-winning author Mary Amato and learn how to create your own hilarious stories using a fun theater game. All ages welcome, children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Hawaiian Cultural Celebration
Thursday, August 8, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Enjoy Hawaiian crafts, live ukulele music with a ukulele lesson, volcano making, and a luau! Pre-registration is required. For ages 5-12, with ages 7 and under accompanied by an adult. Please call the St. Michaels Library at 410-745-5877 to pre-register for this event.

Adult Programs

Easton

Stitching Time
Mondays, June 10, July 15, & August 12, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Work on your favorite project (knitting, crochet, card making, what-have-you) with a group. Limited knitting and crochet instruction will be provided for beginners. All are welcome!

Book Discussion: The Devil in the White City
Monday, June 17, 6:30 p.m. The Easton Book Group (open to all) discusses National Book Award Finalist The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson.

Reading/Book Signing by Casey Cep, Author of Furious Hours
Monday, June 24, 6:00 p.m. Easton’s own Casey Cep gives a reading from the book Oprah Winfrey has called one to watch for in 2019: Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee.

Summer Reading Program for Adults (Why should kids have all the fun?)
July 1 – August 31. Kids enjoy summer reading and prizes—and adults can too! Each time you read a book and turn in your completed book review form to the library, you’re entered in the drawing for a $50.00 Gift Card. Enter as often as you like!

The Census will be recruiting:
Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Aug. 1, 8, 22, & 29
Easton Library Lobby
**Before the Flood**  
Monday, July 22, 5:30 p.m. Award-winning documentary on climate change and the Eastern Shore. Directed by Scorsese, narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio.

**Free Family Law Assistance Available at Easton Library**  
On Thursday, August 1, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., in the Easton branch of the Talbot County Free Library, a lawyer will be available to 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.

**Your (Free) Lawyer in the Library**  
Monday, August 5, 4:00 – 6:00 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.

**MPT’s 50th Anniversary Traveling Exhibit**  
Tuesday, August 6, through Saturday, August 24, Frederick Douglass Room. To celebrate its 50th anniversary, MPT brings an engaging traveling exhibit to the Easton Library that tells the story of the statewide network’s service to Marylanders over five decades. The display explores MPT’s origins, signature programming, familiar faces, and the evolution of public TV. Visit the Frederick Douglass Room for a look back at your public TV network’s service and a preview of what that service will look like in the years to come.

**Author Reading: Chesapeake Requiem: A Year with the Watermen of Vanishing Tangier Island**  
Thursday, August 8, 6:00 p.m. Author Earl Swift reads from and discusses his “Best Book of the Year” account of Tangier Island.

**Book Discussion: The Quiet American**  
Monday, August 19, 6:30 p.m. The Easton Book Group (open to all) discusses one of Graham Greene’s greatest novels.

**An Easy Introduction to William Faulkner**  
Monday, August 26, 6:00 p.m. Bev Williams leads a discussion of the Faulkner short story “A Rose for Emily”—which should serve as an easy introduction to the author for those unfamiliar with his work.

**St. Michaels Adult Programs**

**Arts & Crafts**  
Thursdays, June 6 and August 1, 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 a lunch.

**Bay Hundred Chess**  
Wednesdays, June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, and August 14 & 28, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Learn and play the strategic game of chess. Beginners welcome.
Memoir Writers
Thursdays, June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25, and August 8 & 22, 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.

Coloring for Teens & Adults
Tuesdays, June 18, July 30, & August 13, 3:30 p.m. Explore the relaxing process of coloring!

Sing the Clarinet – Music and Words of Summer and Water.
Thursday June 20, 2:00 p.m. Musician and wordsmith Susan Jones will present a program of summer music.

Tuesday Movies@Noon
June 25: Green Book In 1962, when Tony Lip is hired to drive Dr. Don Shirley, a world-class black pianist, on a tour through the Deep South, they must rely on the Negro Travelers’ Green Book to guide them to the few places that were then safe for African-Americans. Based upon a true story, this film won the Oscar for Best Picture and Best Supporting Actor.
August 27: Quartet The home for retired musicians will soon host a new resident. Word is, it’s a star. Dustin Hoffman directs this moving, funny film about music, love, and second chances. Maggie Smith and Michael Gambon star.

Write Your Memoirs: Some Helpful Hints from Bill Peak
Thursday, July 25, 11:00 a.m. “Library Guy” Bill Peak shares some of the tricks he uses to turn memories into stories people actually want to read.

SCORE Representative in Easton Lobby
Wednesdays, June 12 & July 10, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
SCORE Mid-Shore is a volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to providing free business mentoring to individuals wishing to establish a small business, grow a small business, or enhance overall small business operations.

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