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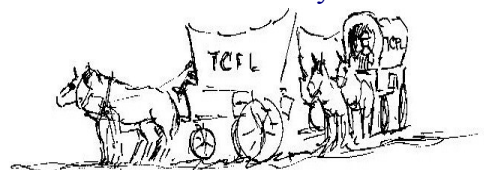
## Director's Corner: We're Moving!

Make thy books thy companions. Let thy cases and shelves be thy pleasure grounds and gardens.

—Judah ibn-Tibbon (12th century)—

Yes, we will be moving from 100 West Dover Street some time in May.

I sometimes feel like Ward Bond in the old TV Series *Wagon Train*. Our wagons will be filled with all of our worldly goods, and we will be on the trail heading to that place beyond the sunset where we can settle!



Original art by Robert Horvath

We now know where that place will be. All the t's have been crossed and the i's dotted. The library's temporary quarters—to be used while our 100 West Dover Street branch is being renovated—will be in the SAA building (the old Black and Decker plant), located at 28712 Glebe Road.

This places us within half a mile of our present location. There will be a good deal of parking available and we will probably be able to conduct most of our in-house programs on site.

We will not have a meeting room, and we will probably use our St. Michaels Branch meeting room for some programming.

We are embarking on a grand adventure that will eventually lead us back to a new and enlarged home.

To quote Major Seth Adams, "Wagons Ho!"

—Robert Horvath—

## Newsletter Now Exclusively Online

Even as the economy has slowed and many of the library's traditional sources of revenue dried up, the demand for library services has skyrocketed. To meet this increased demand, we—like most area non-profits—are tightening our belts. As part of ongoing cost-cutting measures, this newsletter will, for the foreseeable future, be published only in electronic form (on our library website, www.tcfl.org). Savings accruing from this move will be applied directly to maintaining and improving existing library services.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the library, please make your check payable to TCFL and mail it to 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.

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# Children's Programming

☆ (Please pre-register for all unticketed programs.) ☆



## Easton

### **Afterschool Crafts**

Tuesday, December 8, from 3:00 - 4:45 p.m. Come when it is convenient to your school schedule. For all ages—children 8 and under should be accompanied by an adult

### **Eco-Friendly Holiday Gifts with Pickering Creek**

Saturday, December 12, 11:00 a.m. – noon. Let nature be your inspiration for holiday crafts.

### **Holiday Houses (and other edible decorations)**

Monday, December 14, 3:00 - 4:45 p.m. For all ages, children 8 and under accompanied by an adult.

### **Scale Tales with Pickering Creek**

Thursday, December 17, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Live reptiles in the library lobby! (No pre-registration needed.)

### **First Step Storytime**

Tuesdays, January 5 - February 23, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m., for children under 2 with an adult; 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. for 2 - 3 year olds with an adult.

### **Preschool Storytime**

Wednesdays, January 6 - February 24, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., for 3 - 5 year olds, no adult required in program.

### **Valentine's Day Crafts**

Saturday, February 13, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., for all ages.

## St. Michaels

### **Read to Pets on Wheels**

Thursdays, December 3 & 17, 3:00 p.m. Bring a book and read to a trained dog. Ages 6 – 9.

### **Modern Dance for Kids**

Thursdays, December 3 and 17, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Ages 10 and up. Learn hip hop and modern dance steps.

### **Eco-Friendly Holiday Gifts with Pickering Creek**

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 p.m. Let nature be your inspiration for holiday crafts.

### **Tot Time**

Mondays, January 4, 11, 25, and February 1, 8, 22, 10:15 a.m. For children 5 and under accompanied by adult.

### **Winter Crafts**

Wednesday, January 20, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Ages 8 and up. Craft projects for the whole family.

### **Game Days**

Mondays, January 25 and February 22, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Video games and more, for ages 10 and up.

### **Afterschool Crafts**

Tuesdays, January 26 and February 23, 3:30 p.m. Ages 8 and up.

### **Valentine Crafts**

Wednesday, February 10, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Craft projects for the whole family.

## Board of Trustees

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# Friends of the Talbot County Free Library

A Message from the Out-going President

Hello All,

We've had a great year and, as you can see from the masthead of this page, Jean DeBell O'Neal will be the president starting January 1, 2010. Jean has been on the Friends board for several years and will be a great asset as president. One of her major programs has been spearheading the Poetry Contest, which is in its 20<sup>th</sup> year. Jean has also worked on all of the projects we have had in recent years.

I've enjoyed carrying the flag for the Friends of the Library and will continue on the board. The Friends of the Library is a great dedicated group that has a lot of fun raising funds for the library. Think about joining us.

Carla Howell

## 20th Annual Poetry Contest

The Friends of the Library and the Historical Society of Talbot County are proud to announce that 2010 marks the 20th year we will sponsor our county-wide poetry contest. Beginning in mid-January, flyers outlining the rules and categories for entry will be available at all library branches, the Historical Society, and on our library website: [www.tcfl.org](http://www.tcfl.org). The contest is open to all residents of Talbot County.



## Drawing Contest Winners' Note Cards Go On Sale

During October a contest was held, open to all ages, with the theme "This is Our Library." The winning artists are:

Jade Barrow, Lou Britton, Melissa Carncross, Althea Clarke, Seth Hembree, and Marley Matthews.

Their pictures have been made into note cards. Note cards are always a good present to give to friends, family, or yourself. These can be purchased at both the Easton and St. Michaels libraries. The price is \$5.00 a pack.

## Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series

### Easton

(noon, the third Thursday of the month)

**December 17:** Author Bill Shepard will discuss his recently published book, *The Saladin Affair*. Shepard takes his cues from many experiences in the diplomatic corps. This lecture will be held at the new Talbot County Senior Center. Plenty of parking.

**January 21:** Evelyn Sedlack and Julie Lowe will discuss the beginnings and progress of the Talbot County InterFaith Shelter.

### St. Michaels

(noon, the first Monday of the month)

**December 7:** George Brummell, author of *Shades of Darkness*, shares some of his experiences as a blind Vietnam veteran.

**January 4:** Local artist Carl Ruis talks about his career and photographs.

**February 1:** Herman J. Viola, author of *Magnificent Voyagers*, tells the story of the U.S. Exploring Expedition of 1838-1841.

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## Adult Programs

### Easton

#### **Maryland Spies in History**

Thursday, January 14, 5:00 p.m. The Pratt Library's Bill Jones tells the story of spies who hailed from Maryland and risked everything for their beliefs, from the Civil War to modern times.

#### **Collecting African-American Art**

Thursday, February 18, 6:00 p.m. The Pratt Library's Vivian Fisher shows you how to start your African-American art collection—everything from artists' names to the cost of their works.

### St. Michaels

#### **Stitch & Chat**

Thursdays, December 3, January 7, and February 4, 10:00 a.m. Bring your projects and stitch with a group.

#### **Library Book Sale**

Saturday, December 12, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### **Movies at Noon**

Mondays, December 14, January 11, and February 8, at noon. Bring your lunch or a snack and enjoy a great classic movie.

#### **Stroke Support**

Wednesdays, January 27 and February 24, at 2:00 p.m.



## 2nd Annual Jane Lowe Day

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jane Lowe Day will feature professional story-teller Noa Baum. Over the course of three days—January 11, 12, and 14—Ms. Baum will offer story-telling performances and workshops for children attending the St. Michaels and Tilghman elementary schools.

The Jane Lowe Fund of the Talbot County Free Library Foundation honors Jane Lowe's creativity, energy, and leadership in expanding the services provided by the Talbot County Free Library. She was an inspiration to all, but especially to her students in the Talbot County elementary schools where she served as a teacher for many years.



If you would like to honor Jane's memory, please send your contribution to The Talbot County Free Library Foundation, 100 West Dover Street, Easton, MD 21601, and note that the gift is for the "Jane Lowe Fund." The Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 organization and donations are fully tax deductible.



## Chamber Names Library "Outstanding Non-Profit of the Year"!

The Talbot County Free Library has been named "Outstanding Not for Profit Business of the Year" by the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce. Representing the Chamber at its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards dinner program, Dr. Stuart Bounds said the library "help(s) level the playing field ..." giving "all of our citizens access to information and stimulating understanding and learning." Accepting the award, Robert Horvath said, "Libraries enhance businesses. More and more libraries are being placed in those parts of communities where business is conducted for the simple reason that libraries draw people.... As people come in and use the library, they use ... businesses [in the area] too."



## “Gratitude is the memory of the heart”—a tribute to Jo Hooley

Jo Hooley, who passed away on November 3, was a great friend of mine. She was also one of Talbot Library’s longest serving volunteers, with over twenty years to her credit.

She and her beloved husband Jack first started working as library volunteers in the late 1980s. I called Jo “a natural born cataloguer,” honoring her incredible organizational skills, which included her careful work on the records for the new picture books being added to the collection.

Although she was philosophically opposed to the digital age, Jo took pains to learn the library’s complex automation system, making careful instructions to herself on each step needed to enter the correct data for every book she was working on. This is not surprising since she worked for a number of years as a professional editor. Jo was also a skilled classical pianist, gardener, seamstress, and an accomplished Morris dancer in her day.

She also had a sly sense of humor and a wonderful laugh. Jo adored Fred Astaire and Jane Austen, and was intellectually engaged in life, right up to the age of 100. She was also a master chef— who brought us homemade treats every week, cakes, cookies, lemon bars and the best baguettes outside of Paris. We, her friends and her family, will miss her, but will always count ourselves lucky to have been part of her world.

—Scotti Oliver—



## Learn How to Download Audio Books at the Library

On Thursday, December 10, from noon to 1:00 p.m., and again from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., in the Easton library, Dave Wiley will offer a special, free class in downloading audio titles to your computer or portable device. And an MP-3 player will be raffled off at each program!

Using the NetLibrary Media Center, patrons will learn how to search for, check out, and download eAudiobooks to a computer or directly to their personal player. The One-Click Audio collection from Recorded Books includes contemporary works by authors such as Nevada Barr, Charlaine Harris, Carl Weber, and Stephen King, along with classics and children’s favorites.

Thousands of library users worldwide have discovered how easy it is to download an audiobook from the NetLibrary Media Center to their personal player. The Media Center combines streamlined navigation with a simpler, more visual user interface to create a unique user experience. The system offers faster downloads, automatic software updates, and support for a much wider range of portable devices. So come on in and take a crack at winning your own MP-3 player!

## Staff Members Achieve 15 Minutes of Fame

In an essay in the current issue of *Technology and Culture: the International Quarterly of the Society for the History of Technology*, Robert C. Post kindly credits library staff members Mia Clark, Chris Eareckson, and Joyce Macijeski with helping him acquire, through inter-library loan, the books necessary to research his article.

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