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I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.

~Jorge Luis Borges

The New Easton Library Will Be Heavenly!

Over the next year, the Easton branch of the Talbot County Free Library will be fully renovated and expanded. Reopening in early 2012, the new library will include:

A separate children's wing and garden.

Separate, more comfortable areas for teens and adults.

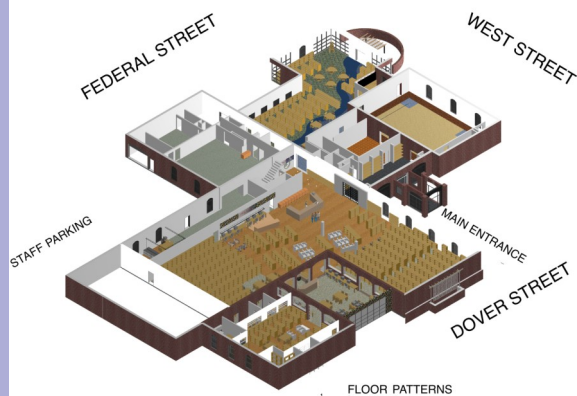
Group study rooms and tutorial spaces—currently there are no quiet areas for study.

40 computers for public use; currently there are only 14.

Expanded, climate-controlled space for the Maryland Room's historic treasures .

Expanded and updated event and meeting room space.

The new library will be greener too, featuring geothermal heating and cooling, energy efficient lighting, skylights, and a weather vestibule outside the main entrance.



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Easton Branch Now Open

in Temporary Quarters: 28712 Glebe Road

The Easton library has re-opened in the old Black and Decker building at 28712 Glebe Road (across the bypass from Ruby Tuesday's restaurant). In its new temporary quarters the Easton branch is providing all its regular services, including public computing, Wi-Fi, and lending materials. There will be limited library programming and Maryland Room services. The library will keep its usual winter hours: Monday and Thursday 9-8, Tuesday and Wednesday 9-6, Friday and Saturday 9-5. There will be a book drop available at the new building. All fines for materials that came due during the library's move have been waived. This grace period will remain in effect until 9:00 a.m. Monday, January 3. If you have items that came due during the move, you need to return them to the library by that time to avoid paying fines.



Win \$\$ For Reading!

In The Letters About Literature Contest, students write a letter to their favorite author explaining how his or her work has changed their life. Cash prizes for the best letters are awarded students in grades 4-6, 7-8, and 9-12. Deadline for entry: December 10. Learn more at the library or visit www.mdhc.org/programs/maryland-center-for-the-book/letters-about-literature/

Children's Programming



(Please Pre-Register for All Programs)



Easton

First Step Story Time

Tuesdays, January 11- February 8, 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. for children under 2 with an adult; 10:45 - 11:15 a.m. for children 2 - 3 with and adult.

Pre-School Story Time

Wednesdays, January 12 - February 9, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. , for 3 - 5 year olds, no adult required.

Winter Origami

Tuesday, January 25, 4:00 p.m. Ages 8 and older. All skill levels welcome.

Meet the Creatures from Pickering Creek (No need to pre-register for this program.)

Thursdays, January 27 & February 24, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Live reptiles in the library!

St. Michaels

Tot Time

Mondays, December 6 - 20, January 24 & 31, February 7, 14, & 28, 10:15 a.m. Ages 5 and under with an adult.

Game Days

Tuesdays, December 7 & February 15, 3:30 p.m. Enjoy video games, board games, Uno, and more!

Family Crafts

Wednesdays, December 8, January 12, and February 9, 3:30 p.m. Holiday or seasonal crafts for the whole family.

Holiday Story Time

Tuesday, December 14, 4:00 p.m. Holiday stories for all ages.

After school crafts

Tuesdays, December 21, January 25, and February 22, 3:30 p.m. Crafts for ages 7 and up.

Reading's Gone to the Dogs!

Tuesdays, January 11 and February 8, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Bring your own book or choose a book from the library to read to a dog from Pets on Wheels.



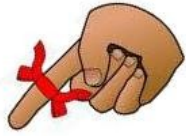
Friends of the Talbot County Free Library



The Friends Break Ground for New Library

The Friends support our library with funds for needs beyond the scope of the library's annual budget. The Friends, together with the Historical Society of Talbot County, also conduct an annual poetry contest. Rules for entry in the 2011 contest will be available in January. Joining the Friends is easy, just fill out the form below and turn it into the library. We're especially looking for someone just now to help create a Friends website.

Jean DeBell-O'Neal
President



Like to be reminded by e-mail *before* your books come due?

Your library can remind you by e-mail when materials are coming due and let you know if any books you've ordered have arrived.

Sign up for free E-Mail Notification at the Check-Out Desk today. (We hold all patron information confidential. It is *never* shared.)

The Friends' Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series

(Patrons are invited to bring their lunch and enjoy coffee and sweets provided by the library.)

Easton

Home for the Holidays!

Thursday, December 16, at noon. Charlie Baker presents his sometimes humorous, sometimes touching take on the holidays. **Note: Until further notice, Easton Brown Bag Lectures will take place in the Talbot County Senior Center, 400 Brookletts Ave., Easton.** We would like to thank the Senior Center for making this space available for us.

St. Michaels

Fresh Food Resolution: A New Year's Plan to Grow Your Sources for Local Food

Monday, January 3, at noon. Freelance writer and educator Elizabeth Beggins shares her belief that our health depends on a keen understanding of what we eat, and that our food choices are vital to sustaining ourselves and our planet. With over ten years experience as a market gardener on the Eastern Shore, Beggins now directs The You Food Project, a grassroots initiative designed to connect youth to food and the environment through school gardens.

Frederick Douglass's Years in the St. Michaels Area

Monday, February 7, at noon. Amateur historian Priscilla Morris reports on her research into Frederick Douglass's life in the St. Michaels area from 1833 to 1836. Focusing primarily on the Bayside farms Douglass wrote about in his memoirs, Morris will also discuss the impact these memoirs had locally when they were published in 1845. Morris is a commercial real estate appraiser, board member of Historic Easton, and founder of Easton's Railway Market.



BE A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY!

Please enroll me as a member of Friends of the Talbot County Free Library

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ - _____ - _____ E-MAIL _____

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 21601, or you can just give them to the folks behind the desk at the library.

Adult Programs

Easton

(Note: Pending Easton's move to temporary quarters, most of our adult programming must remain TBA. Please check our website or call the Easton branch at 410-822-1626 for the latest information.)

Stitch in Time

Mondays, January 24 and February 21, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Learn to knit or crochet, or bring a project already underway and stitch with a group.

Collecting African-American Art

Thursday, February 24, 5:00 p.m. **(Note: This program will take place at the Canvasback Gallery 26, 26 West Dover Street, Easton)** Vivian Fisher, manager of the Enoch Pratt Free Library's African-American collection, gives a practical introduction to the joys and rewards of collecting African-American Art.

St. Michaels

Stitch & Chat

Thursdays, December 2, January 6, February 3, 10:00 a.m. Bring your projects and stitch with a group.

St. Michaels Library Book Club

The library book club meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. January's title is *The House at Royal Oak* by Carol Rizzoli.

Memoir writing

Thursdays January 13 – March 17, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Learn how to preserve your family's history by writing and sharing your stories. Please preregister for this program.

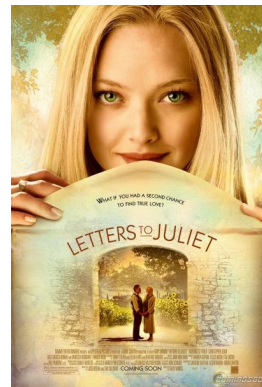
Tuesday Movies at Noon

(bring your lunch and watch a movie)

December 28: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

January 4: *Letters to Juliet*

February 1: *Blind side*



Jim Hansen, Cameraman Extraordinaire, to Retire

We would like to thank Jim Hansen, who is retiring from his position as cameraman for MCTV, for all the time and effort he has put into filming library programming. His quiet presence and assured touch with a camera have made working with him a pleasure.