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The library is central to our free society. It is a critical element in the free exchange of information at the heart of our democracy.

-Vartan Gregorian-



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## New Easton Branch Re-Opening Early 2012!

We will celebrate the grand re-opening of Easton's beautiful new library in early 2012! The new building will boast 28,000 square feet of space, an energy-efficient geothermal heating and cooling system, and a beautiful new meeting room (we will now have *two* meeting rooms available for local non-profits free-of-charge). Our book and audio-visual collection will grow by a third and the number of public computers will increase from 12 to 40. There will be a separate children's wing opening onto a beautiful new children's garden. And the Maryland Room, with its unique collection of genealogical information and Marylandia, will see its facilities expanded and brought up to modern standards of archival care.

Building a new library is an act of faith. It says we believe in Talbot County: its people and its future. Come visit your new library. Come use it. The sky is the limit.

Mary Frances Packard  
Chair, Board of Trustees

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# Children's Programming



(Please Pre-Register for All Programs)

## Easton

(Note: Pending Easton's move back to permanent quarters at 100 West Dover Street, children's programming in December must for the time being remain TBA. Please check our website or call the Easton branch at 410-822-1626 for the latest information.)

## St. Michaels

### **Tot Time**

Mondays, December 5 & 19, January 9, 23, & 30, February 6, 13, & 27, 10:15 a.m.  
Ages 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

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

Wednesday, December 7, 4:00 p.m. Make eco-friendly holiday gifts for the family with help from the naturalists at the Pickering Creek Audubon Center. Re-use, reduce and recycle to make wrapping paper, cards, frames, and much more.

### **Holiday Crafts**

Tuesday, December 20, 3:30 p.m. Holiday craft project for the whole family.

### **Winter crafts**

Tuesday, January 24, 4:00 p.m. Seasonal crafts for the whole family.

### **Make a Book with the Judy Center**

Saturday, January 28, 10:30—11:30 a.m. Children 8 and under, accompanied by an adult, can create their own book! All materials for book-making will be supplied. Thanks to the Judy Center Partnership at the Talbot County Public Schools for this program.

### **Puppet Show: "Will you be mine?"**

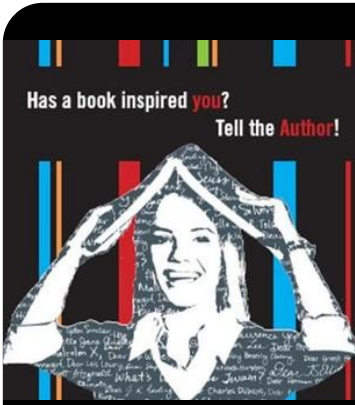
Wednesday, February 8, 4:00 p.m. An original production by the library's own Ms. Carla.

### **Valentine Crafts**

Tuesday, February 14, 4:00 p.m. Seasonal crafts for the whole family.

### **Game Day**

Tuesday, February 28, 4:00 p.m. For children 6 and up. In addition to playing on the library's Wii and Play Station systems, children can play traditional games like checkers and Uno.



## Students Can Win Cash 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: January 6. Learn more at the library or visit [www.mdhc.org/programs/maryland-center-for-the-book/letters-about-literature/](http://www.mdhc.org/programs/maryland-center-for-the-book/letters-about-literature/)

# Friends of the Talbot County Free Library

## The Friends' Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series

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

### Easton

**Note Easton Location: the Hospice House, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton.**

### **Bah, Humbug, And All That: How the Holidays Got the Way They Are**

Thursday, December 15, noon. This month's Brown Bag Lunch lecture features local thespian and humorist David Foster's irreverent take on the holiday season.

### **2 Boomer Babes: Everyone Has a Story ...**

#### **That's Why We Never Run Out of Material**

Thursday, January 19, noon. Join NPR's *2BoomerBabes*, a.k.a. Barbara Kline and Kathy Bernard, as they talk about their favorite interviews with best-selling authors, real estate moguls, entertainers, travel experts, physicians, and everyday people.

### St. Michaels

### **The Santa Diaries – Memories of a Small-Town Christmas**

Monday, December 5, noon. Local award-winning writers Laura Ambler and Mala Burt explain how a box of letters morphed into a joyful, nostalgic, humorous book about the sort of small-town Christmas we all yearn for.

### **Dr. Darrin Lowery Discusses the Fascinating Archaeology of the Eastern Shore**

Monday, January 2, noon. Archaeologist and Tilghman Island native Dr. Darrin Lowery discusses some of the incredible Native American and Colonial artifacts he has discovered while exploring the Delmarva Peninsula.

### **Author to Discuss: *Brown's Battleground: Students, Segregationists, and the Struggle for Justice in Prince Edward County, Virginia***

Monday, February 6, noon. Author Jill Oglie Titus, associate director of the C.V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience at Washington College, talks about her book and the epic struggle to end segregation in Prince Edward County, Virginia.

### Top Archaeologist to Discuss Delmarva Finds

Dr. Darrin Lowery has been called the pre-eminent authority on the Pre-Columbian Mid-Atlantic world. The son of a Tilghman Island waterman, this recipient of a Smithsonian Fellowship has re-written much of the pre-history of North America.



## BE A FRIEND OF THE 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 21601, or you can just give them to the folks behind the desk at the library.

## Adult Programs

### Easton

#### **The Healing Environment: What is it? How can it help you?**

Thursday, December 1, 6:00 p.m. Certified Interior Designer Elizabeth K. Kelly, ASID, CID, NCIDQ, talks about how your environment can restore and support you and improve your health! Kelly's presentation will show what we can do to positively affect our health and productivity in everyday life. Note: this program will take place at the Brookletts Place Talbot Senior Center, 400 Brookletts Ave, Easton.



Elizabeth K. Kelly

### St. Michaels

#### **Stitch & Chat**

Thursdays, December 1, January 5, and February 2, 10:00 a.m. Bring your own projects and stitch with a group.

#### **Senior Games**

Wednesdays, December 7—February 29, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Join the fun and play Mexican train dominoes, Canasta, Parcheesi, and other old-fashioned board games.

#### **Thursday Writers Group**

Every Thursday of the month except the first Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Memoir writing class. Learn how to preserve your family's stories. Feel free to bring your lunch.

#### **St. Michaels Library Semi-Annual Book Sale**

Saturday, December 10, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Pick up some great Xmas bargains and support your library at the same time!

#### **St. Michaels' Civil War Dead**

Saturday, January 7, 2:00 p.m. Betty Seymour, a volunteer in the library's Maryland Room and a member of the St. Michaels Museum, will talk about what she has learned during the past year as she has researched the local graves of Civil War veterans. Some 56 Union soldiers and one (possible) Confederate soldier are buried in St. Michaels, each with their own unique story.



#### **February Movies Tuesdays at Noon**

Feb. 7: The Help  
 Feb. 14: Skin  
 Feb. 21: The Great Debaters  
 Feb. 28: Unstoppable