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“Liberty cannot be
preserved without a
general knowledge
among the people. Let us
dare to read, think, speak,
and write.”

—John Adams—

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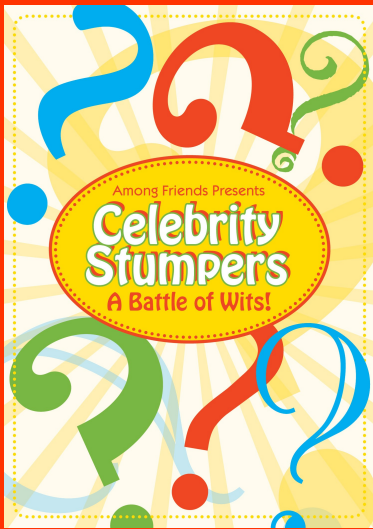
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Among Friends Presents
Celebrity Stumpers
A Battle of Wits!

Friday, January 27, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
The Must-Attend Event of the Season
Hors d'Oeuvres Created by the Area's Top Chefs
Fine Wine, Refreshments, & Entertainment
(See page 4 for details)



The Library will be closed:
December 23, 24, & 26
and
January 2.

The Library will close at noon
on Dec. 31.

From the Director's Desk

Some of my favorite memories involve reading to a child—my own, as well as those of friends and patrons. I remember the way children's eyes would grow large as we approached an exciting part of the book, the way their lips would sometimes mouth the words to a favorite part of the story. Good memories indeed.

This winter is the perfect time to bring a child in out of the cold, share a cup of hot cocoa and begin to read to them. You can talk about the pictures in the book, help the child identify colors, shapes, numbers, letters, and the names of people, places, animals and things. Anyone can do it, and you and the child will have a wonderful time, in the process creating memories that may very well last a lifetime.

And for those youth who are already comfortable with reading and are now facing school projects, tests, and final exams, I want to highlight the valuable online tutoring and educational resource called Brainfuse available from the Library's website with a library card. Students, interacting with live tutors, can receive help on a wide range of subjects, including math, science, reading and writing. Brainfuse also offers an extensive library of lessons, video tutorials and practice tests—including the SAT, ACT, GED, GRE, TOEFL, ASVAB, COMPASS/ACCUPLACER and more.

As for the adults Mark your calendars now for the signal social event of the season: the Friends' annual gala, Friday evening, January 27. This year the Among Friends party will present the TV game-style show "Celebrity Stumpers: A Battle of Wits," in which famous celebrities will match wits with local notables as they try to answer questions about the Eastern Shore and all things Maryland.

Finally, during this season of thanksgiving, I'd like to express my deep appreciation to all of the staff, volunteers, the Library Board of Trustees, the Library Foundation Board, our Friends of the Library and our library patrons for the passion, work, creativity and so much more that you give to the Library so that, in turn, the Library can give to you.

Thank you!

Dana Newman

Children's Programming



'Twas the night
before Christmas...

when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not
even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by
the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon
would be there

The children were nestled all
snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums
danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief,
and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a
long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there
arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see
what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew
like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and
threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the
new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to
objects below,
When, what to my wondering
eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and
eight tiny reindeer ...

—Clement Clarke Moore—

Easton

The Prince & the Pauper ... on Stage!

Monday, December 19, 5:00 p.m. A young prince trades places with a young commoner in this Hampstead Stage Company production. Sponsored by the Talbot County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council.



Meet the Creatures of Pickering Creek

Mondays, January 9 & March 6, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Story Time

Tuesdays, January 10 - April 11, 10:00 a.m. For children 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

Craft Explorers

Wednesday, January 11, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Create from a variety of craft materials.

Young Gardeners Club, Sponsored by the Talbot County Garden Club

Thursday, January 12, 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. Fairy Gardens

Thursday, February 16, 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. Terrariums

For grades 1-4. Pre-registration required.

Judy Center 0-3 Playgroups

Fridays, January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24, March 10 & 31, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Valentine's Crafts

Wednesday, February 8, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. For all ages.

St. Michaels

Coloring for Teens & Adults

Mondays, December 5, January 30, & February 13, 3:00 p.m. Explore the relaxing process of coloring!

Family Crafts

Monday, December 12, 3:00 p.m. Holiday/Winter Crafts

Monday, February 6, 3:00 p.m. Valentine Crafts

Story Time (often joined by "Canine Companions for Independence" dog Vail)

Wednesdays, December 14, January 11 & 25, and February 8 - 22, 10:30 a.m. For children age 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

Family Unplugged Games

Thursdays, December 15, January 5, February 16, 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 need to be accompanied by an adult).

Book Arts for Teens & Adults

Monday, December 19, 3:00 p.m. Fold and Cut Book.

Monday, January 23, 3:00 p.m. Accordion Book.

Monday, February 27, 3:00 p.m. Japanese Stab Binding Book.

Explore the fascinating process of creating a personal journal!

Minecraft

Wednesdays, January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22, 3:30 p.m. Explore Minecraft on the library's computers. For ages 5 and older.

St. Michaels Children's Programs (continued)

Puppet Show: Will You Be Mine?

Thursday, February 9, 3:30 p.m. Get in the Valentine spirit! Performed by the library's own Ms. Carla. For ages 3 and older.

Adult Programs

Easton

Stitching Time

Mondays, December 12, January 23, February 13, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Bring projects in progress (sewing, knitting, cross-stitch, what-have-you). Limited instruction available for beginners and newcomers.



Library Café

Tuesdays, January 10 - February 14, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Drop in and enjoy the music and coffee and cookies. Work independently on personal projects, or socialize working on puzzles, playing board games, or coloring.

Easton Library to Reveal ... The Future!

Monday, January 23, 6:00 p.m. Join "the library guy," Bill Peak, for a discussion of Scientific American's September issue, which was devoted exclusively to an examination of the future. Find out what tomorrow holds in store for the human race, the planet, and you! Extra copies of this special edition of the magazine are available for check out at the library.



Book Discussion: Orange Is the New Black: My Year in a Woman's Prison

Monday, January 23, 6:30 p.m. The Easton book group discusses Piper Kerman's bestseller.

Successful Gardening in Deer County

Tuesday, January 24, 1:00 p.m. Each adult deer in a small herd will consume up to 10 pounds of plant material per day. Ruth Rogers Clausen will teach you how to avoid having all that plant material include your favorite ornamentals. This program is sponsored by the Talbot County Garden Club.



Among Friends Gala: Celebrity Stumpers ... A Battle of the Wits

Friday, January 27, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Enjoy an evening of fine food and drink, great company, and a live, TV-style game show in which famous celebrities match wits with local notables trying to answer questions about the Eastern Shore and all things Maryland. The fourth annual Among Friends Gala—Celebrity Stumpers ... A Battle of the Wits—has it all! Bring your thinking caps as well as your sense of humor as each team will poll the audience to help them answer the questions. Watch your mail and e-mail for your invitation to this must-attend Among Friends event. Individual tickets are \$50 and sponsorships are available. Spend a warm, lively winter evening celebrating and supporting the work of our Talbot County Free Library.

A Salute to the Films of Ethan and Joel Coen

A showing of three of these Academy Award-winning film-makers' finest movies on the library big, professional screen.

Monday, January 30, 6:00 p.m. *Raising Arizona*

Monday, February 6, 6:00 p.m. *Fargo* (won 2 Oscars, including Best Actress)

Monday, February 13, 6:00 p.m. *The Big Lebowski*



Raising Arizona

Book Discussion: *The Accidental Superpower*

Monday, February 27, 6:30 p.m. The Easton book group discusses this work by Peter Zeihan.

Adult Programs

St. Michaels

Arts & Crafts Group

Thursdays December 1, January 5, & February 2, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Free instruction for knitting, beading, needlework, and tatting. Bring your coloring book, Zentangle pens, or anything else that fuels your passion for being creative. You may also bring a lunch.

Memoir Writers

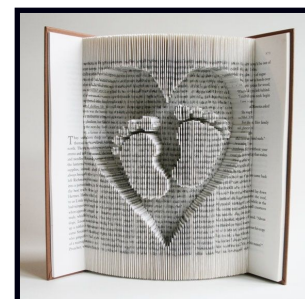
Thursdays, December 8 & 22, January 12 & 26, and February 9 & 23, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Record and share your memories of life and family with a group of friendly, like-minded people. Participants are invited to bring their lunch. Patrons are asked to pre-register for this program.

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Book Discussion: *When Breath Becomes Air*

Wednesday, January 18, 3:30 p.m. The St. Michaels book group discusses this work by Paul Kalanithi. Open to all.



Inside the Academy Awards

Saturday, January 21, 2:00 p.m. William Gordean—film editor, producer, and member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences—talks about the history, process, and inner workings of the Oscars.

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Brown Bag: “Amazing Grace: Slave Ships, Their Captains, Crew, and the People Who Survived Them”

Monday, February 6, noon. Dr. John H. Miller will explore the history and heroic stories of slave ships and the valiant people who, despite being taken aboard as “cargo,” rose above their circumstances to display amazing courage and grace. An exciting and engaging speaker, Dr. Miller has taught at Carnegie Mellon, Washington College, and American University.



Dr. John Miller

Tuesday Movie@noon

Enjoy feature films on the library’s big, professional screen.

February 7: *Concussion*

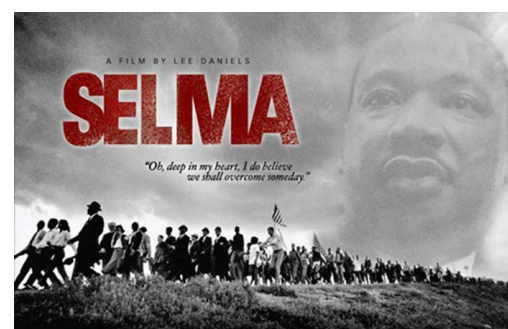
February 14: *Selma*

February 21: *Pride*

February 28: *I Am Ali*

Book Discussion: *Did You Ever Have a Family*

Wednesday, February 15, at 3:30 p.m. The St. Michaels book group discusses Bill Clegg’s novel. Open to all.



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