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"We can neither speak for her, nor vote for her, nor act for her ... and the thing for men to do ... is just to get out of her way Her right to be and to do is as full, complete and perfect as the right of any man on earth."

Frederick Douglass, on the rights of Women



Look for this symbol to find a Women's Suffrage 100th Anniversary program.



Look for this symbol to find a "Choose Civility" program.

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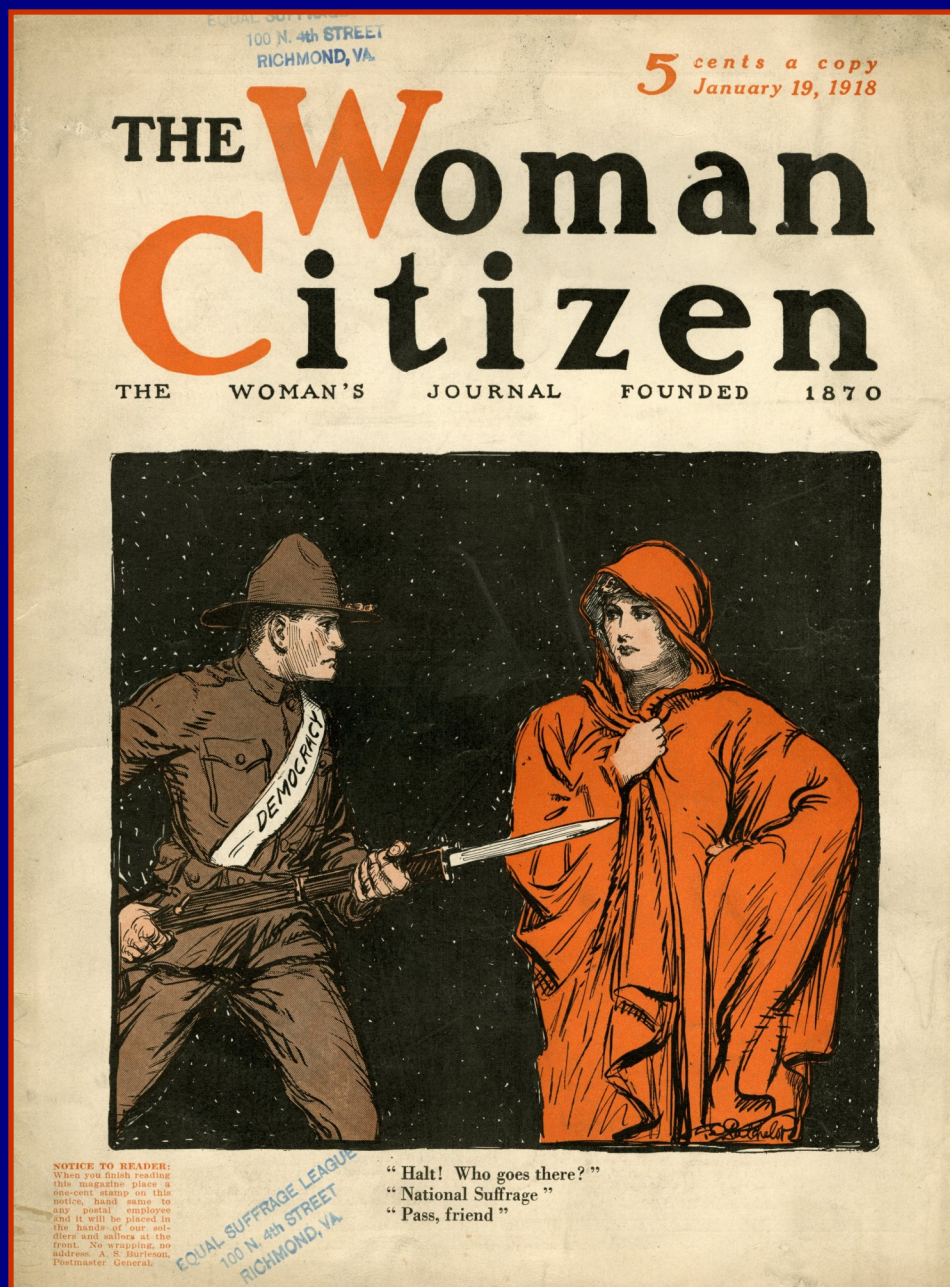
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WINTER 2019 & 2020



Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Suffrage

From the Director's Desk

This is a season of traditions and transitions, preparations and celebrations. It's a busy time of year. But despite the hustle and bustle, I hope you're finding quiet moments to savor the season, reflect on all that has happened, and of course read while sipping a cup of hot cocoa. Before we transition to a New Year, I want to take a moment to reflect on this past year at the library.

First, we have said or are saying goodbye to several staff members and volunteers who will each be dearly missed! They, as well as the current staff and volunteers, make the library the welcoming and engaging place that it is.

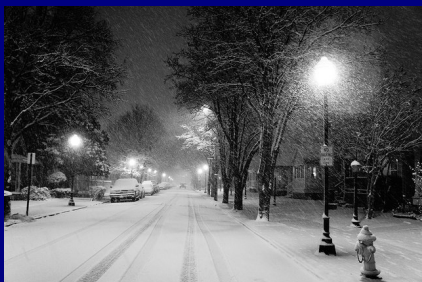
I want to especially share my deep gratitude to Bill Peak, our Library Guy, who is retiring at the end of December after 13 years of incredible service. While he may seem unassuming in person, one only has to talk with him, attend one of his programs, or read his column to see someone who cares very deeply, and shares generously, his knowledge and life story. His wit, wisdom, intellect, and rich experiences are woven into his writings and his work at the library. He is a real part of the fabric of our community; his charm and immediate connection to people, patrons, and fellow staff help to make our library the wonderful place that it is. Bill has given greatly of his time, talents, and skills in service to all of our patrons—no words can adequately express our appreciation.

In 2019, our library continued to build partnerships, increased our outreach programs, and provided a rich variety of programs. Patrons especially enjoyed our numerous, excellent author programs, which we intend to even further increase in the future. We also took great strides in providing more innovative programs and services, including checking out WiFi hotspots and Chromebooks to our patrons and bringing 3D printing and other STEAM programs out to our youth in the community. In FY2019, patrons checked out nearly 360,000 items and over 27,000 adults and children attended more than 780 programs.

Stay warm in the new year by enjoying a good book or by visiting our eResources where you can learn a new language or take a course. Do not miss the rich variety of programs being offered this winter; including a series celebrating 100 years of women's suffrage, ukulele classes for youth, drawing with Tim Young, a camp-in at the library, learning Excel, finding out about a vanished Sharp's Island, wonderful art exhibits and programs at both branches, and our Love of Books program during the Easton Fire and Ice Festival.

As we wrap up another successful year, the Library Board of Trustees, staff, volunteers and I extend our gratitude for your support. May your winter holiday be one filled with joy, strength, humor ... and of course a tote full of good books!

Dana Newman



White Noise

In all the world
There's nothing like
The sound of falling snow –

The only noise
I've ever known
That makes the clocks move
slow.

The only sound
That sweeps away
The din of city streets,

And wraps around,
In soft embrace,
'Most everyone it meets.

A sound that's not
A sound at all –
A quiet, soft and dear,

That comforts all
The sleepy souls
Who sit, and watch, and hear.

—Barbara Vance—

Easton

Afternoon Chess

Tuesdays, December 3 & 17, January 7 & 21, and February 4 & 18, 4:30 p.m. For children 6 – 16 years of age. Learn and play chess. Light snacks served. Please pre-register at <http://www.tcfl.org/child/programreg/>.



Bilingual Story Time/Hora Bilingüe de Cuentos e Historias

Saturdays, December 7 & January 18, 1:30 p.m. Learn and practice Spanish and English, Español y Inglés. For children ages 5 and up. Para niños de 5 años en adelante.



Holiday Cookie Decorating

Friday, December 13, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. Stop in and decorate cookies! First come, first served. Fun for the whole family!

Read with Tiger, a Pets-on-Wheels Therapy Dog

Mondays, December 16, January 27, and February 24, 4:00 p.m. For ages 5 and up. Bring a book or choose a library book and read with Janet Dickey and her dog, Tiger.



Story Time

Tuesdays, January 14 - February 25, 10:00 a.m., and program repeats at 11:00 a.m. For ages 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

Ukulele Class for Youth

Wednesdays, January 15, 22, & 29, and February 5, 12, & 19, 4:30 p.m. For ages 8 and older. Join us for a six-week ukulele lesson adventure! Ukuleles are provided. Limited space, please pre-register at <http://www.tcfl.org/child/programreg/>.



Young Gardeners, For Children in Grades 1 - 4

Fun, hands-on learning program. Enjoy nature! For children in grades 1 - 4. Please pre-register at <http://www.tcfl.org/child/programreg/>.

Thursday, January 16, 3:45 p.m.
Thursday, February 20, 3:45 p.m.

Milk & Cookies...and Chapter Books!

Thursdays, January 23 - February 27, 1:30 p.m. For ages 6 and up. Chapter book read aloud ... with milk and cookies!

Warming Up Your Creativity

Monday, January 27, 4:00 p.m. Draw with tremendously fun children's author and illustrator Tim Young. For ages 6 - 16. Please pre-register at <http://www.tcfl.org/child/programreg/>.



Teen Night: Peer Pilot Mentoring

Wednesdays, January 29 & February 26, 6:00 p.m. For Students in 8th grade. Fly into a day in the life of a high-schooler with student peer mentors from Easton High School and St. Michaels Middle High School! Games, food, and Q&A with mentors.



Talbot Chess Tournament

Saturday, February 1, 10:00 a.m. For children in grades K-5. To be held at the Presbyterian Church, 617 N. Washington Street, Easton. In-person registration at the library required. For more information, please call 410-822-1626 or email Laura Powell at lpowell@tcfl.org.

Sparky and Rhonda Rucker Show

Saturday, February 15, 11:00 a.m. As part of the 2020 Fire & Ice Festival, enjoy some old-time stories told by Sparky and Rhonda Rucker with humor and music. Fun for all ages!

St. Michaels

Read with Wally, a Pets on Wheels Therapy Dog

Tuesdays, December 3, January 7, & February 4, 3:30 p.m. Bring a book or choose a library book and read with Ms. Maggie Gowe and her dog, Wally.

We are Builders

Wednesdays, December 4, January 8, and February 5, 3:30 p.m. Enjoy STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math). Build with Legos, Zoobs, or foam blocks! For children 5 – 12 years of age.

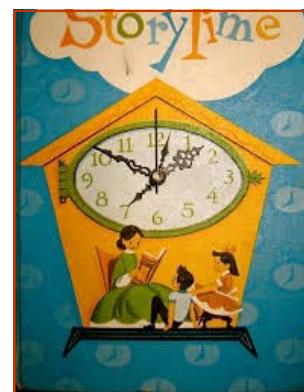


Family Crafts

Tuesday, December 10, 3:30 p.m. Holiday/Winter Crafts
 Tuesday, January 14, 3:30 p.m. Winter Crafts/Make a Yarn Scarf
 Tuesday, February 11, 3:30 p.m. Valentine's Day Crafts/Coloring

Story Time

Wednesdays, December 11, January 15 & 29, and February 12, 10:30 a.m. For children 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

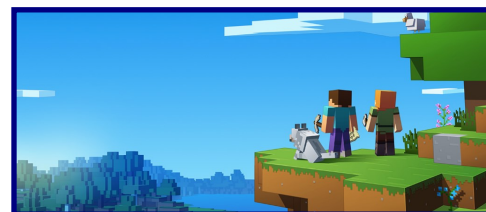


Family Unplugged Games

Thursdays, December 19 & January 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 must be accompanied by an adult).

Minecraft Mondays

Mondays, January 13 – February 24 (except 1/20 & 2/17), 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Mine for diamonds and battle creepers. For ages 10-16. Light refreshments will be served.



Camp-“In” at the Library

Thursday, January 30, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Winter camping themed games, crafts, scavenger hunt, story time, and s'mores around the campfire!! Wear your camping gear or pj's, bring a sleeping bag or blanket (optional). Sponsored by the Talbot County Free Library and St. Luke's School. For ages 2-8 accompanied by an adult. Please call the St. Michaels Library at 410-745-5877 to pre-register for this event.

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.

STEM Story Time at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

Wednesday, February 26, 10:30 a.m. Enjoy STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) story time, and learn about how local animals survive in the winter! 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.



Easton Adult Programs

Art Exhibit: “Reflections on Botanical Art”

Reflections on Botanical Art will be on exhibit in the Easton Branch of the Talbot County Free Library from December 4 to December 31. There will be an opening reception on Thursday, December 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Painting by Anna Harding

Free Family Law Assistance Available at Easton Library

Thursdays, December 5, January 2, & February 6, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. A lawyer will 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.

MY Tech Clinic – Free hands-on tech help – Just in Time!

Saturday, December 14, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. MY Tech Clinic consists of two tech enthusiasts who want to give back to the community. They will provide free help with technology ranging from (but not limited to) laptops, cell phones, setting up accounts, and Microsoft Office. They will be holding monthly clinics at the Easton library.

Stitching Time

Mondays, December 23, January 13, & February 24, 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!



Intro to Excel Class

Tuesday, January 7, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Computer Training Specialist Rita Hill will teach you the ins and outs of using Microsoft's Excel program. Bring your own PC laptop or just sit and observe (no Macs please).

“When Women Won the Vote—the State by State Drama of Ratification”

Saturday, January 11, 10:00 a.m. Volunteer to participate in the Drama of Ratification program by contacting Sharron Cassavant at 410-822-6323 or email her at cassava39@goeaston.net. Sponsored by the American Association of University Women and the Talbot County Free Library.



Book Launch: *Islander's War* by Don Parks

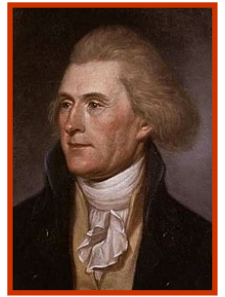
Thursday, January 16, 6:00 p.m. Set during and just after World War I, *Islander's War* portrays a traditional Chesapeake Bay waterman's community as it undergoes a series of challenges and conflicts, both external and internal. The author of five works of nonfiction, *Islander's War* is Parks' first novel.

MY Tech Clinic – Free hands-on tech help – Just in Time!

Saturday, January 25, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. MY Tech Clinic consists of two tech enthusiasts who want to give back to the community. They will provide free help with technology ranging from (but not limited to) laptops, cell phones, setting up accounts, and Microsoft Office. They will be holding monthly clinics at the Easton library.

Book Discussion: *Portrait of a Lady* by Henry James

Monday, January 27, 6:30 p.m. The Easton Book Group discusses Henry James' classic novel. In 2020, in honor of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, the group will focus on books by or about women.



Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden

Tuesday, January 28, 1:30 p.m. Peter Hatch, director of gardens and grounds at Monticello for 35 years, tells the story of Thomas Jefferson's 1,000-foot-long vegetable garden and how it became an experimental laboratory - a virtual Ellis Island for new and unusual vegetable novelties from around the globe. Restored in 1984, the gardens at Monticello continue to inspire the farm-to-table movement today.

Great Dames, a Film Series in Honor of the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in America:

Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am

Monday, Feb. 3, 6:00 p.m. This documentary examines the celebrated author's life and the challenges she faced throughout her literary career. Released in 2018, rated PG-13, 120 minutes. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Amazing Grace

Monday, Feb. 10, 6:00 p.m. A powerful musical documentary revolving around a 1972 Aretha Franklin concert. Rated G, 89 minutes. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Harriet

Monday, March 2, 6:00 p.m. This just released feature film celebrates one of America's greatest heroes, Harriet Tubman, whose courage and ingenuity helped free hundreds of slaves. PG-13, 125 minutes. We welcome Donald Tinder, Director of the Harriet Tubman Museum, who will introduce the film and take questions afterward.



Maiden

Monday, March 9, 6:00 p.m. The triumphant true story of the first ever all-female crew to enter the Whitbread Round the World Race. Rated PG, 137 minutes.

Plein Air Painters of the Chesapeake Bay Exhibit & Reception

Open to the Public: February 4 – 27

Opening Reception: February 6, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Enjoy an exhibit of plein air paintings in the Easton library's main meeting room—all of them produced in the open air at interesting locations on the Shore. Twenty-five percent of all sales from the exhibit will be donated to The Friends of the Talbot County Free Library.



Intermediate Excel Class

Monday, February 10, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Already know a little about Microsoft's Excel program? Computer Training Specialist Rita Hill will take you to the next level. Bring your own PC laptop or just sit and observe (no Macs please).

Potted – Gardening on the Edge

Tuesday, February 25, 1:30 p.m. For garden iconoclast Louis Raymond (a self-acknowledged "plant geek"), countless containers are not nearly enough. Presented in time to spur your own adventures in container gardening this season, Raymond will talk about expanding the limits of gardening in pots, pools, troughs, and even drinking glasses and forgotten vases. Hold onto your hat and dream of creating a one-of-a-kind patio pot!



Lunch & Learn: “Romance Is In The Cards”

Thursday, Feb. 13, noon. In honor of Valentine’s Day, Tarot historian and collector Suzanne Sanders shows how the cards can shine a light on your questions of love and romance. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Meet Your Native Species Plants!

Thursday, February 13, 6:30 p.m. Native species plants are easy to grow *and* help the environment and the Bay! Native species plants are also the best for bird lovers, because birds love “going native.” Come to a cheerful discussion of how to choose the right plants for your gardening goals, whether it’s just pretty flowers or creating the greatest bird yard you’ve ever had. Discussion led by Maureen Rice, Master Gardener.

Book Discussion: *Why They Marched: Untold Stories of the Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote* by Susan Ware

Monday, February 24, 6:00 p.m. “Ware’s excellent compendium expertly shows there are new ways to tell the suffrage story. This is a must-read for those interested in women’s and American history.”—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review) Dr. Tom Goyens, Associate Professor of History, Salisbury University, will lead the discussion.



Get Caught Reading Contest Reception & Awards

Tuesday, February 25, 5:00 p.m. Enjoy wonderful, imaginative entries from the competition, light refreshments, and have a chance to win door prizes. The grand prize of a \$50.00 gift card will also be awarded to someone who entered the contest. You must attend the reception to win. The contest is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Talbot County Free Library Foundation.

Lecture on the Family of Frederick Bailey Douglass

Thursday, February 27, 6:00 p.m. Professor Ezra Greenspan will give a talk about the Baileys (including Douglass) in and of Talbot County. Hear about the local history of his family, of slavery in its final years, of the coming of the Civil War to Talbot County and the sale of two Bailey cousins to the Union Army.

St. Michaels Adult Programs

Arts & Crafts

Thursdays, December 5, January 2, & February 6, 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, December 11, January 8 & 22, and February 12 & 26, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Learn and play the strategic game of chess. Beginners welcome.

Memoir Writers

Thursdays, December 12, January 9 & 23, and February 13 & 27, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Record and share your memories of life and family. Participants are invited to bring their lunch.

Lunch & Learn: *Something Malevolent & Boundless: Shipwrecks on the Bay*

Monday, January 6, noon. There are a few ways to float a boat, but there are many more ways to sink it on Chesapeake Bay. Join Phillip Hesser as he discusses the four top ways to send a boat to Davy Jones' locker: explosions, storms, collisions, and groundings. Follow the ill-fated saga of the *Howard Dail* as it falls victim to nearly all of these calamities

St. Michaels Library Book Club

Wednesday, January 15, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.: *The Spy and the Traitor* by Ben Macintyre

Tuesday Movie@Noon

January 28: *The Public*



Watercolor Workshop

St. Michaels Library

Thursdays, February 6 – 27, 2:00 p.m. Join others who enjoy watercolor to watch and discuss six instructional DVDs by famous watercolorist Eric Wiegardt. Come and listen or bring your own paints or sketch books and follow along.

Therapeutic Horticulture

Monday, February 10, 10:00 a.m. Master Gardener Coordinator Mikaela Boley shows you how to increase health and happiness through the art of horticulture. Will include hands-on activity. Please pre-register by calling 410-745-5877.

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The Sparky & Rhonda Show Saturday, Feb. 15, 11 a.m., Easton Library

“They really raised the roof. Sparky and Rhonda work flawlessly together and embody the essence of folk music. They held the audience in thrall like a revival meeting.”

—Rich Warren—

Host of *Folkstage* and *The Midnight Special*, WFMT, Chicago, IL

