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### **Public invited to next Talbot County Free Library, Talbot Family Network book club meeting**

**(EASTON, January 26, 2022)** – Talbot County Free Library and Talbot Family Network would like to invite the community to the second Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Book Club meeting.

The next book the club will be reading is “We Are Not Like Them,” by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza. The book club discussion will take place on Thursday, February 10 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Interested community members who did not register for the January session should sign up at [www.tcfl.org](http://www.tcfl.org) to get the Zoom link.

This novel tells the story of two lifelong best friends, one who is African-American, and one who is Caucasian. Their friendship takes a turn when a tragic event strikes, leading to an exploration of race in America and how it is impacting the lives of many in this country.

“We wanted the second book of the EDI Book club to open the eyes of the participants to the actual events that are happening in this country at this time,” said Christina Acosta, Talbot County Free Library communications manager. “We know this conversation may be uncomfortable, but we hope it is also one where we can examine identity politics, race, and even the test of a friendship.”

“We Are Not Like Them,” explores these intricate race questions and how they mold intimate spaces in a divided world. The core of the story, however, is the friendship between the two main characters. It is a bond that defies the odds during a challenging time.

“This month's book is a story of friendship and of the complexity of race in America. It's giving me a lot to think about through the unique perspectives of the different narrators,” said Nancy Andrew, Talbot Family Network Director. “I hope participants are able to learn from the characters' experiences and consider how race impacts our relationships. Maybe we'll even take away a sense of how friendships can survive in the face of challenges.”

The next books that are coming up in the EDI Book Club are “When They Call You A Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir,” by Patrisse Kahn-Cullors and Asha Bandele on March 10, 2022;

“Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor,” by Layla F. Saad on April 14, 2022; and “A Place for Us,” by Fatima Farheen Mirza on May 12, 2022.

For more information, visit [www.tcfl.org](http://www.tcfl.org) or call (410) 822-1626.

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***About Talbot County Free Library***

*It is the mission of the Talbot County Free Library to enrich and renew the lives of the people it serves. There are two locations: The main library in Easton is located at 100 W. Dover St.; and the St. Michael branch is at 106 Fremont St. The Maryland Room in the Easton branch holds a voluminous collection of genealogical resources and historical documents. Services at both locations include the circulation of books, DVDs, and digital devices, as well as free Wi-Fi, public computers, exhibits, and programs for both children and adults. For more information, please visit [www.tcfl.org](http://www.tcfl.org). Be sure to like the library on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @Talbotcountyfreelibrary.*