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**Seventh Annual Chesapeake Children’s Book Festival drew over 1,000 people to Easton Library**

**EASTON, MD (June 14, 2022)**— The seventh annual Chesapeake Children’s Book Festival (CCBF) kicked off the Talbot County Free Library Summer Reading Program on **Saturday, June 11**.

An estimated 1,000 showed up to the Easton Library branch to listen to keynote speakers Carole Boston Weatherford and Bryan Collier showcase their books. Flying Cloud Booksellers and Bluepoint Hospitality were sponsors for the event and provided an estimated 300 book vouchers for children who registered for the summer reading program.

“For the past 7 years, the Chesapeake Children’s Book Festival has evolved into an event that has impacted the children of the Eastern Shore. We have given families attending the opportunity to not only enjoy a wide variety of books and illustrations, but to also raise awareness of some of the local community resources that makes Talbot County whole,” said Christina Acosta, Communications Manager at the Talbot County Free Library during the program.

Love that Jazz Band started the event on a high note with their performance in the library’s meeting room. Other authors who attended CCBF included David Owen Bell, Melanie Conklin, Lee Harper, Michael Rex, Diane Salerni, Nancy Viau, Ginger Park, Frances Park, Joan Waites, and Chesapeake Children’s Book Festival Co-Founder Timothy Young.

Community partners who joined this event included Academy of Art Museum, Critchlow Adkins, Imagination Library, Judy Center, Shorerivers, Talbot County Public Schools, Friends of the Talbot County Free Library and the YMCA. Inside the library, families had the opportunity to enjoy a balloon station, a 3-D printing station, book making, signing up for the summer reading program, and a pop-up book display.

For more information about registering for the Oceans of Possibility! Summer reading program or the Adult summer reading program, visit [www.tcfl.org](http://www.tcfl.org).

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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at 106 Fremont St. The Maryland Room in the Easton branch holds a voluminous collection of genealogical resources and historical documents.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, digital devices, 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.*