



## Talbot County Free Library Goes Purple

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As part of Talbot Goes Purple, Sheriff Joe Gamble's Opioid Epidemic/Drug Awareness initiative, the Talbot County Free Library will itself turn purple during the month of September. Every night, purple lights will be trained on both the Easton and St. Michaels branches of the library to remind passers-by of our community's ongoing campaign to fight and vanquish the opioid plague. Nationwide, drug overdoses have now surpassed traffic accidents as the most common cause of accidental death in the United States in Americans 25 to 50 years of age.

The Talbot County Free Library is our area's go-to resource when it comes to self-help, information, public education, and community involvement. In keeping with this tradition, the library will offer programs and educational campaigns throughout the month of September to help individuals and families learn all they need to know about this crisis and how, as a community, we can defeat it.

The library's programming begins on Thursday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m., in the Easton library, as Jayne Fitzgerald, executive director of the Talbot Partnership, will give a talk entitled, "Adolescence & Substance Abuse: The Times They Are A-Changing." Fitzgerald, who has called adolescence "one of the most extraordinarily positive times in any person's life, and also one of the most risky," holds a BA in psychology and has spent her career studying family life and adolescent behavior. All library programs are free and open to the public. Patrons do not need to pre-register to attend this program.

For more information about programs being offered throughout the community during Talbot Goes Purple, please access the County's site: <https://www.talbotgoespurple.org/> or call the library at 410-822-1626.

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