



ANNUAL REPORT **2013-2014**





TALBOT COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

FISCAL YEAR
2014

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STATISTICS 2013-2014

TOTAL CARDHOLDERS	28,917
CIRCULATION	281,637
Easton	196,931
St. Michaels	35,484
Children's Outreach Van	1,079
Database use and downloads	48,143
COLLECTION SIZE	112,746 items
REFERENCE QUESTIONS ANSWERED AND PEOPLE INSTRUCTED	32,830
Easton Adult	7,046
Easton Children	3,300
Maryland Room	20,781
St. Michaels	1,703
LOANS FROM OTHER LIBRARIES	4,326
PUBLIC ACCESS INTERNET COMPUTERS	49
PUBLIC COMPUTER AND WIRELESS USERS	62,653
PROGRAMS	
Children (<i>Ages Birth through Five</i>)	374 Programs with 7,730 Attendees
Children (<i>School Age</i>)	107 Programs with 2,764 Attendees
Adult, Teen, Family Programs	172 Programs with 5,078 Attendees
Total	653 Programs with 15,572 Attendees
CHILDREN'S COMPUTERS	4
VISITORS	150,628
TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS	92
TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS	9,245
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS ROI (<i>Valued at \$25.43/hr*</i>)	\$235,100.35

*Independent Sector's Value of Volunteer Time for Maryland
https://www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time



MAIN LIBRARY
100 West Dover Street
Easton, MD 21601

ST. MICHAELS BRANCH
106 Fremont Street
St. Michaels, MD 21663



HIGHLIGHTS 2013-2014

One MD One Book: In August, September, and October, in partnership with the Maryland Humanities Council, the library hosted discussions of this year's One Maryland One Book, the program in which people all across the state read the same book at the same time. This year's title: *King Peggy*.

Geographic Information Systems Workshop for Students

In October, in partnership with the Historical Society of Talbot County and 4-H, geographer Cathy Cooper, using the library's newly acquired laptop computers, taught a two-session workshop designed to introduce middle and high school students to Geographic Information Systems.

Community Conversations on the Chesapeake Bay

In November, in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the library hosted a series of lectures and discussions on the history, ecology, and future of our beloved Chesapeake Bay. Programs included talks on the Bay's ecology. Author Tom Horton discussed his book, *Bay Country*. "Story-Tellers of the Bay" featured five of the Chesapeake's finest raconteurs: Fred Pomeroy, William Roe, Scott Todd, and Michael Vlahovich (watermen all), and legendary Smith Island wife, songwriter, crab-picker, and corrections officer, Janice Marshall. 260 attendees.

Clock Donated to TCFL

In November, Jane and David Christianson of McDaniel donated a Mahogany Tall Case Clock to the Maryland Room. It was built by William Thompson of Baltimore around 1800 and was owned by the Kemp family of Wades Point for more than 200 years. "This is a significant donation, an important piece of material culture from Talbot County's earliest days. We thank the Christiansons for their generous decision to share this historic timepiece with the people of Talbot County," said Robert T. Horvath, Library Director.

Book Publication: Gilbert Byron: A Life Worth Examining

This new biography of the famous regional poet and author was written by Jacques T. Baker Jr. and published in December 2013 with funding from the Talbot County Free Library Foundation. Mr. Baker donated an advance copy of the book to the Talbot County Free Library's Maryland Room. The biography is available in area bookstores.

Survivor Recounts Holocaust

In January, Martin Weiss, a Holocaust survivor and volunteer at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, spoke to 450 students at Easton High School and to a crowd of more than 175 people at the TCFL in Easton. He shared his experience of World War II and warned listeners to take responsibility for their own actions.

Among Friends...and Late Literary Legends

The Friends of TCFL hosted this very successful fundraiser in January to benefit library programming. In addition to delicious refreshments and hors d'oeuvres provided at no charge by local restaurants, guests had the opportunity to meet and chat with various area actors portraying such writers as William Shakespeare, Ernest Hemingway, Julia Child, Mark Twain, and Dorothy Parker. More than 150 guests attended.

Historic Dilworth Map Restored to Talbot Library

After undergoing successful restoration, one of the few surviving copies of William Dilworth's 1858 map of Talbot County was mounted and, in March, returned to public display in the Easton branch of the Talbot County Free Library. The Dilworth map was the first map of Talbot County ever published and only the second map of a Maryland county ever published. It is on display in the Frederick Douglass Meeting Room.

International Migratory Bird Day

In April, Pickering Creek Audubon Center and TCFL hosted an International Migratory Bird Day. Activities included: live bird of prey demonstration from Scales and Tales, urban bird walks, bird-themed crafts, and games.

Award-winning Quilt Donated to Library

In May, members of the Bayside Quilt Guild donated a quilt they created to the Talbot County Free Library. It is an "architectural quilt," which features important buildings in the Town of Easton, including the Academy Art Museum, the Odd Fellows Building, and the Talbot County Courthouse. In 2006, the quilt was awarded second place, Viewers' Choice, at the Annapolis Quilt Guild's annual show.

Kaleidoscope and Summer Reading Programs

In June, TCFL had its second Maker's Space and kickoff to the children's and teen's summer reading program. More than 1,000 people attended. Partners included Clay Baker's, Community Emergency Rescue Training (CERT), Fiber Art Bee, 4 H and Md. Extension Service, Master Gardeners, Judy Center, MidShore Riverkeepers, University of Maryland Archeology Department, Evergreen Cove, and Phillips Wharf. Activities included "make a book", archeological displays from the "Hill," fiber art, Zentangle, paper-marbling, gardening, live music, and more. The Summer Reading program had 1,304 participants.

Raising A Reader

This early literacy program was done in partnership with Talbot County Public Schools, the Talbot County Early Literacy Council and the Maryland Department of Education. Talbot County was one of only six counties in Maryland invited to participate, based on school readiness scores. Raising A Reader is a national research-based initiative that puts books and library cards into the hands of pre-K children and their families. More than 50 Talbot County families, represented by 80 to 85 parents, participated.

St. Michaels Branch Renovation

Following the recommendations made by TCFL's 2013 Facilities Master Plan, work has begun on prioritizing needs and seeking funding for the renovation and possible expansion of the St. Michaels Branch Library over the next five years. In February 2014, TCFL requested county capital funds for the renovation and expansion of the St. Michaels Branch.

COLLECTIONS AND PUBLIC SERVICES 2013-2014

Collections

Adult and Teen Books	64,019
Children's Books	36,795
Audiobooks	3,274
DVDs	8,251
Downloadable Ebooks and Audiobooks (All Ages)	42,132
Newspaper and Magazine Subscriptions	176
E-Magazine Subscription Titles	150
Public Computers	49
Children's Educational and Bi-lingual Computers	4
24/7 Research Databases and Online Tutoring Services	25
Music CDs	1,684
Children's Puppet Pack and Book Kits	208
Science Kits	16

Public Services

- Audiobooks
- Bi-lingual Children's Collection
- Book Discussions
- Business and Marketing Research
- Community Art Exhibits
- Concerts
- Craft Programs for All Ages
- Early Literacy Materials
- Ebooks
- Homework Help
- Instruction
- Job Search and Resume Writing Assistance
- Large Print Book Collection
- Law and Government Information
- Loans from Public and Academic Libraries
- Maryland Room
- Meeting Room Space for Community Organizations
- Outreach to Schools and Childcare Centers
- Outreach to Senior Centers
- Printing and Photocopying
- Programming for All Ages
- Public Computers and Wi-Fi
- Quiet Study Rooms
- Referral to Other Agencies
- Research Assistance
- Science Displays
- Spanish Language Collection
- Teacher Cards
- 24/7 Online Research and Tutoring Services

OUR FRIENDS MAKE IT HAPPEN!

The Friends of the Talbot County Free Library was founded in 1974. Today it has more than 1,000 members. Its mission is to support the Talbot County Free Library in its role as an educational and cultural center, assist in improving the library's facilities and services, and promote the library's use by the public.

In FY2014, the Friends sponsored eighteen library programs and provided funding for: Migratory Bird Day, our Kaleidoscope festival in June, summer reading programs for children and adults (including books and prizes for participants), and for the taping of "On the Shelf," TCFL's monthly television program. They also paid for new meeting room tables, a new bi-lingual children's computer, and a new LCD projector for our St. Michaels Branch.

Please join the Friends of the Talbot County Free Library. Your individual or family membership does so much!



Friends Council



Children's Reading Program

