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### **Talbot County Free Library announces winners from 4th annual Talbot Plays Chess Tournament**

**(EASTON, MARCH 4, 2023)**— Talbot County Free Library (TCFL) held their 4th annual Talbot Plays Chess Tournament on **Saturday, March 4** at the Easton Library that was mixed with competition and entertainment. Sawyer Saunders was the first place winner for the 6 to 11 age group, with his brother Grady Saunders taking second. In the upper age bracket, from ages 12 to 16, Joshua Moon was the first place winner and Max Cerna was the second place winner. The tournament was very competitive, with the players having to battle against the clock and each other. Everyone showed great sportsmanship and the Talbot County Free Library Staff were very happy with the event results. Afternoon Chess will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month at the Easton library. We would also like to give a special thanks to Youth Services Library Assistant and the Lead chess assistant, Alanna Peerman, for her hard work; TCFL Youth Services Librarian Laura Powell, for her planning and organizing support; and Talbot County Free Library Chess Instructor Wala-Neh Labala for helping facilitate the classes and the event. The TCFL looks forward to seeing everyone compete in next year's Talbot Plays Chess 5th annual tournament!

#### **Photo Cutlines**

**Winners 6-11 Photo 1:** From Left: Talbot County Free Library Chess Instructor Wala-Neh Labala, Sawyer Saunders, Grady Saunders, Talbot County Free Library Youth Services Library Assistant Alanna Peerman, and Talbot County Free Library Youth Services Librarian Laura Powell.

**Upper Age Bracket Winners Photo 2:** From Left: Talbot County Free Library Chess Instructor Wala-Neh Labala, Joshua Moon, Max Cerna, Talbot County Free Library Youth Services Library Assistant Alanna Peerman, and Talbot County Free Library Youth Services Librarian Laura Powell.

**Photo 3:** More than 20 kids signed up to be a part of the 4th annual Talbot Plays Chess Tournament that took place on **Saturday, March 4** at the Talbot County Free Library Easton Library.

### ***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. Many of the Talbot County Free Library's programs are made possible by the generous support of the local community. 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.*