



ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013





**TALBOT COUNTY
FREE LIBRARY**

FISCAL YEAR
2013

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STATISTICS 2012-2013

TOTAL CARDHOLDERS 27,192

CIRCULATION

Easton 209,323
 St. Michaels 38,567
 Children's Outreach Van 1,206
Total **249,100**

VISITORS

Easton 132,499
 St. Michaels 46,834
 Children's Outreach Van 3,289
Total **182,622**

COLLECTION SIZE 117,557 items

REFERENCE QUESTIONS ANSWERED AND PEOPLE INSTRUCTED 33,844

PROGRAMS

Children (*Ages Birth thru Five*) 219 Programs with 6,243 Attendees
 Children (*School Age*) 338 programs with 5,651 attendees
 Adult 149 programs with 3,810 attendees
Total **706 Programs with 15,704 Attendees**

PUBLIC ACCESS INTERNET COMPUTERS 49

CHILDREN'S COMPUTERS 4

PUBLIC ACCESS INTERNET COMPUTER USE 41,295

WEBSITE HITS 2,170,536

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS 91

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS 8,048

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS ROI (*Valued at \$23.05/hr) \$185,506**

** Independent Sector's Value of Volunteer Time*



MAIN LIBRARY
 100 West Dover Street
 Easton, MD 21601

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



MAJOR INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS 2012-2013

Basic Computer Literacy and Job seeking Assistance:

TCFL offered both one-on-one and class training in basic computer use and job searching. In the Spring of 2013, thanks to an anonymous grant, TCFL was awarded funds to buy 10 laptop computers that are being used for basic computer use and job searching classes. The first class on basic computing was taught by a staff member of Upper Shore Workforce Investment. Partners included: Dept. of Labor and Licensing and the Upper Shore Workforce Investment. Classes and one-on-one tutoring are ongoing.

Community Conversations: Recordings of stories of the Eastern Shore. This event took place at both branches of the library. Modeled on the StoryCorps program, which aims to provide people with the opportunity to record and preserve their stories, the library's Community Conversations program gave residents the chance to interview someone else from the community, with the exchange recorded and archived. This was part of the fifth annual Jane Lowe Day celebration. Lowe, a long-time community leader, was instrumental in the creation of the St. Michaels branch of the library and was an honored storyteller.

Early Literacy Center: Through a grant awarded to the Eastern Shore Regional Library and funded by the Arthur W. Perdue Foundation, TCFL has added early learning literacy centers at both its branches. The centers includes books, puppets, matching games and sensory toys designed to help librarians create child-friendly areas to encourage children to play and learn. Instruction is offered to encourage parents and caregivers to explore the kits with their children.

Facilities Master Plan: A twenty-year facilities master plan for the Talbot County Free Library was completed by the consultant company Meyer, Scherer and Rockcastle in March of 2013 as part of a grant for long-range facilities plans for all of the Eastern Shore of Maryland public libraries. The grant was written and administered by Eastern Shore Regional Library.

The plan serves two purposes: first it serves as a comprehensive facilities condition audit that projects the maintenance requirements and physical plant replacement priorities and estimated costs projected over the next twenty years (2012 to 2032). The second purpose is to make recommendations for budgeting for needed facilities expansion. The report excludes operating, collections, furnishing and equipment costs, site acquisition costs, soft costs and special site improvement costs. Appendix A of the facilities master plan includes a detailed Facility Condition Assessment prepared by Entech Engineering.

Kaleidoscope June 2013: TCFL's first Makers' Space event had over 1,000 attendees. It included book art, robot building, make a book program, build a window box garden, make bread and granola, make a musical instrument, building with Legos, story-telling, archeological display, Friends book sale, and bake sale, and more. Free hotdogs, popcorn, sno-cones & music. Partners included: Judy Center, 4-H and Maryland Extension, Dolly Parton Imagination

Library, local craftspeople, Avalon Foundation, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Friends of the Library, musicians, scientists, and artists. Play, Create, Discover!

Let's Be Shore: Community conversations about land and water. Partners included the Maryland Humanities Council, Chesapeake Film Festival and the Maryland Judiciary and Mediation Conflict Resolution Office. In the Fall of 2012, TCFL hosted this series of discussions and films on land use, agriculture, and water quality in our region.

One Maryland, One Book: Librarian Bill Peak hosted a series of book discussions and musical performances on *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway. *The Cellist of Sarajevo* was 2012's One Maryland One Book selection. OMOB is a program of the Maryland Humanities Council in which people all across the state read the same book at the same time. Partners: Talbot County Public Schools, Talbot County Farmer's Market, Maryland Humanities Council.

St. Michaels Branch Computer, Printer and Network Upgrades:

St. Michaels has all new staff and public computers, printers, and network equipment. The computers and printers came from capital funds requested by TCFL from the County government. The network equipment was provided by Eastern Shore Regional Library.

Science Backpacks, Programs and Displays: Thanks to a grant from an anonymous donor, fourteen new science backpacks have been added to our children's collection. Each backpack contains the tools necessary to give a child hands-on experience of a particular field of science. Subjects covered include the weather, the solar system, birding, dinosaurs, microscopy, geology, and the human body. Children in Talbot County can now check out the backpack of their choice free of charge and explore the world around them using sturdy, fully operational, and well-made tools of science.

Maryland Room volunteer, Ted Suman, has also provided state-of-the-art science displays at the entrance to the children's wing in Easton on a wide variety of natural history topics. Partner organizations like Pickering Creek have conducted a number of hands-on science programs for children on science throughout the year.

Small Business and Veterans' Assistance: Chamber of Commerce and Veterans Corp. partnered with TCFL on workshops on franchise opportunities for Veterans and on using Social Media by non-profits and service organizations. The programs were very well attended.

Library also hosted and took part in an SBA Open House at the Library on June 26. Representatives from many different organizations attended and took part in this program. Organizations included SCORE, Maryland Small Business and Technology Center, Chesapeake College Continuing Education, and other county, state, and federal agencies.

COLLECTIONS AND PUBLIC SERVICES 2012-2013

Collections

Adult and Teen Books	60,533
Children's Books	38,839
DVDs	7,562
Music CDs	1,647
Audiobooks	3,048
Downloadable E-Books and E-Audiobooks (<i>All Ages</i>)	40,683
Newspaper and Magazine Subscriptions	176
E-Magazine Titles	150
24/7 Research Databases	25
Public Computers	49
Children's educational and bi-lingual computers	4
Science Kits	14
Children's Puppet Packs and Book Kits	202

Public Services

- Reference
- Tutoring
- Instruction
- Homework Help
- Programming
- Public Internet and Wi-Fi
- Printing and Photocopying
- Referral to Other Agencies
- Loans From Public and Academic Libraries
- Spanish Language Collection
- Bi-Lingual Children's Collection
- Outreach to Senior Centers
- Outreach to Schools and Childcare Centers
- Teacher Cards
- Science Displays
- Art Exhibits
- Craft Programs
- Concerts
- Quiet Study Rooms
- Meeting Room Space for Community Organizations
- Book Discussions
- Business and Career Information
- Law and Government Information
- Virtual Reference and Tutoring Services

SPOTLIGHT ON: THE MARYLAND ROOM

The Maryland Room Collection is one of the best collections anywhere of historical and genealogical materials relating to the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Talbot County. The Maryland Room collection includes over 6,965 books, a large rare map collection, microfilm of early Eastern Shore newspapers, census records, land records, church records, tax lists, and more. There is also vertical file material containing thousands of clippings, and pamphlets. There are bible records, oral histories, photographs, cemetery records, family genealogies, and 87 boxes of manuscript material. Maryland Room Librarian, Becky Riti and her volunteers work with patrons, scholars and writers from all over the country on their research.

*In Fiscal Year 2013 the Maryland Room had 920 visitors.
Over 23,312 research questions were answered.*



Maryland Room



Maryland Room Librarian Becky Riti

