Weathervane

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"You have a brain, a bike, and a library card. What else do you need?"

—Malcolm Gladwell—

Look for this symbol to find a "Read Across Maryland" program.

Look for this symbol to find a "Choose Civility" program.

Acclaimed Chicago actor Timothy Mooney brings his thrilling, hilarious, one-man *Hamlet* to the Easton library. Mooney's performances across the U.S., Canada, and the United Kingdom have drawn rave reviews, and he was SOLD OUT in the sweet prince's kingdom of Denmark.

Thurs., Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m.

All library programs are free and open to the public.
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From the Director's Desk

What an exciting fall this is going to be at the Talbot County Free Library, as we celebrate Frederick Douglass Day, once more hold our popular STEAM Festival, and Read Across Maryland. In September, the library will be part of the county-wide opioid epidemic awareness campaign, "Talbot Goes Purple." Throughout September, new cardholders will receive purple library cards, and on September 12, we will hold a Sidewalk Chalk Talk Day, in which patrons of all ages can create drug-free messages and inspirational art through the magical power of chalk talk. Help us celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up month in September by telling friends and family why you like the library and about the benefits of having a library card. Come out on September 28 to celebrate Frederick Douglass Day. The library is partnering with the Frederick Douglass Honor Society and others to commemorate Frederick Douglass's legacy with a day full of free music, great food, a Frederick Douglass re-enactor, and a talk about Frederick Douglass's family by Douglass scholar Celeste-Marie Bernier (who has come all the way from Scotland for the occasion!).

Talbot County's most famous native son was a beacon, showing us the power of literacy to lift a life and change the world. The ability to read and write effectively are essential if one is to take advantage of all the opportunities life presents and fully participate in society. Join us as we celebrate Read Across Maryland in October and build awareness for the power of reading to change lives. During the months of October-December, the library will be holding a "Get Caught Reading" campaign and contest to celebrate the power of literacy to change lives. Take a picture of yourself, your friends or family getting caught reading and send it to us at getcaughtreading@tcfl.org. More details of this contest can be found on our website at www.tcfl.org.

As a part of this reading initiative, we are also partnering with Imagination Library of Talbot County to promote the life-long impact caregivers have on children when they read to them, ensuring that they are not only ready to learn to read when they enter kindergarten, but also helping to create a lifetime love of reading that will make their lives so much easier. Through the gift of a book each month to every child enrolled in the program, Imagination Library of Talbot County helps foster a love of reading among our county's preschool children and encourages parents and caregivers to engage with their children and enjoy the magic that books can create.

Please also join us for the fifth annual Maryland STEM Festival, October 11-November 10. On Saturday, October 26, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., the Friends of the Talbot County Free Library will sponsor a STEAM Festival in our Easton branch that will feature Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Mathematics programming. Keep an eye out in the *Weathervane* for more details about the STEAM Festival Day and other STEAM events happening during the month-long festival.

Dana Newman

Youth Programming

Raking Leaves

I raked the leaves on our front lawn;
It took all afternoon.
I started at 'round half past one
and said, "I'll be done soon."

But once I saw how more leaves fell
Each time I made a pile,
I quickly saw this outdoor chore
Was going to take a while.

And so I did what my dad said
A winner does to win:
I studied that great pile of leaves,
And then I jumped right in.

—Barbara Vance—

Easton

Junior Duck Stamp Award Winners on Display
Saturday, September 7, through Saturday, September 28, the Easton branch of the Talbot County Free Library will be hosting a display of 36 prize-winning pieces of art from the annual Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program.

Story Time
Tuesdays, September 10 - November 26, 10:00 a.m. and repeating at 11:00 a.m. For ages 5 and under accompanied by an adult. Read, sing, and play at the library story time. Enjoy making a craft.

Milk and Cookies and … Chapter Books!
Thursdays, September 12 - November 14, 1:30 p.m. For ages 6 and up. Chapter book read aloud with milk and cookies!

Challenge Island (STEM Learning Program)
Thursday, September 12, 4:00 p.m. For children in grades 1 - 5. Fun hands-on program. Limited space, please pre-register at www.http://www.tcfl.org/child/programreg/.

Afternoon Chess
Tuesdays, September 17, October 1 & 15, November 5 & 19, 4:30 p.m. For children 6 – 16 years of age. Learn and play chess. Light snacks served. Please pre-register at www.http://www.tcfl.org/child/programreg/.

Move2Music
Thursday, September 19, 4:00 p.m. For ages 8 and older. Listen to the Loblollies and move to the music. Move2Music is like a cross between Zumba and social dancing. Curious? Check out this area's only acoustic dance band, the Loblollies at https://youtube/N9ehiPpS1-Y.

Read with Tiger, a Pets-on-Wheels Therapy Dog
Mondays, September 23, October 21, and November 18, 4:00 p.m. Bring a book or choose one from the library's shelves to read with Janet Dickey and her dog, Tiger. For ages 5 and up.

Ukulele Class for Youth
Wednesdays, September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 4:00 p.m. For ages 8 and older.
Join us for a six-week ukulele lesson adventure! Ukuleles are provided. Limited space, please pre-register at www.http://www.tcfl.org/child/

Peer Pilot Night: Crazy T-shirts (for 8th graders only)
Wednesday, September 25, 6:00 p.m. (after the library's closed for the evening). Wear your favorite crazy t-shirt and join in the fun with student peer mentors from Easton High School and St. Michaels Middle High School. Games, food, door prizes, and more!

Young Gardeners For children in grades 1 - 4.
Please pre-register at www.http://www.tcfl.org/child/programreg/.
Thursday, October 3, 3:45 p.m.: Gardening Indoors
Thursday, November 14, 3:45 p.m.: Creating Ornaments for the Festival of Trees.

S.T.E.A.M. Festival
Saturday, October 26, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For all ages. Challenge Island (STEM Learning Program, begins at 10 a.m.); Ray Remish Remix, an interactive demo; Wind Tunnel; LEGOs; Make & Take; food; music; and more!;

Peer Pilot Night: Halloween Costumes (for 8th graders only)
Wednesday, October 30, 6:00 p.m. (after the library's closed for the evening). Dress for Halloween a day early for fun with student peer mentors from Easton High School and St. Michaels Middle High School. Games, food, door prizes, and more!

Bilingual Story Time
Saturday, November 16, 1:30 p.m. For ages 5 and older.

St. Michaels

Family Unplugged Games
Tuesdays, September 3, October 1, & November 5, 3:30 p.m. Bring the whole family to the library for an afternoon of board games and fun educational children's games. For all ages (children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

We are Builders
Wednesdays, September 4, October 2, & November 6, 3:30 p.m. Enjoy STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). Build with Legos, Zoobs, or foam blocks! For children ages 5 – 12.

Story Time
Wednesdays, September 11 & 25, October 23 & 30, and November 27, 10:30 a.m. For children age 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

Note: The library may photograph or film patrons for library promotional purposes.
Please notify library staff if you do not want yourself or your child to be photographed. Thank you.

Minecraft Drop-in (for ages 10-16)
Thursdays, September 12 - November 21 (except October 31), 3:00 -5:00 p.m. Mine for diamonds and battle creepers. Light refreshments will be served.

"Camp-In" at the Library
Monday, September 16, 6:00 -7:30 p.m.
Camping themed games, crafts, scavenger hunt, story time, and s'mores around the campfire!! Wear your camping gear or PJs, and bring your sleeping bag or blanket (optional). Sponsored by the Talbot County Free Library and St. Luke's School. For ages 2-8 accompanied by an adult. Please call the St. Michaels Library to pre-register for this event.

Read with Wally, a Pets on Wheels Therapy Dog
Mondays, September 23, October 21, & November 18, 3:30 p.m. Bring a book or choose a library book and read with Maggie Gowe and her dog, Wally.

Family Crafts
Tuesday, September 24, 3:30 p.m. Back-to-School Folders
Tuesday, October 22, 3:30 p.m. Treasure Boxes
Tuesday, November 26, 3:30 p.m. Make a Yarn Scarf

STEAM Story Time at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum
Wednesday, October 9, 10:30 a.m. Enjoy STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) story time, and learn about lighthouses! Pre-registration is required for free admission to the museum. For ages 5 and under accompanied by an adult. Please call the St Michaels Library at 410-745-5877 to pre-register for this event.

Family STEAM Program: Create Paper-Engineered Pop-Up Cards
Saturday, October 26, 2:00 p.m. Learn paper engineering techniques to create beautiful pop-up cards! For ages 4 and up (children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

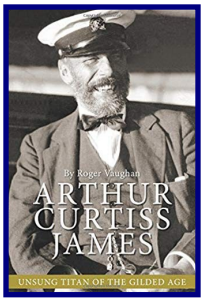
Halloween Party
Thursday, October 31, 4:00 p.m. Wear your Halloween costume (if you dare) for some scary and funny Halloween pop-up book stories, create some slime, and eat a healthy fall snack. Pre-registration is required. For ages 3 – 12 (children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult). Please call the St Michaels Library at 410-745-5877 to pre-register for this event.

Native American Culture Celebration
Tuesday, November 19, 3:30 p.m. Ms. JoAnn Brown, owner of Justamere Trading Post (the largest Native American shop in Maryland), will share Native American artifacts, trivia, storytelling, and the opportunity to participate in crafts. Pre-registration is required. For all ages (children 7 and under accompanied by an adult). Please call the St. Michaels Library at 410-745-5877 to pre-register for this event.

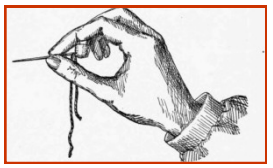
Easton Adult Programs

Chesapeake College: National External Diploma Program
Thursday, September 5, 5 – 7:30 p.m. Find out how Chesapeake College can help adult learners earn their high school credentials.

Free Family Law Assistance at Easton Library
Thursday, September 5, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. A lawyer will be available to provide free consultation to patrons on how to represent themselves and complete forms for divorce, custody, visitation, child support, name change, guardianship, adoption, and juvenile expungement.



Inside Writing: An Interview with Author Roger Vaughan
Thursday, September 12, 6:00 p.m. Roger Vaughan talks about writing his latest book, *Arthur Curtiss James: Unsung Titan of the Gilded Age*, and the process of writing in general. The author of 20 books, Vaughan has been writing for print, television, film, and video for sixty years. A question and answer period will follow the interview.



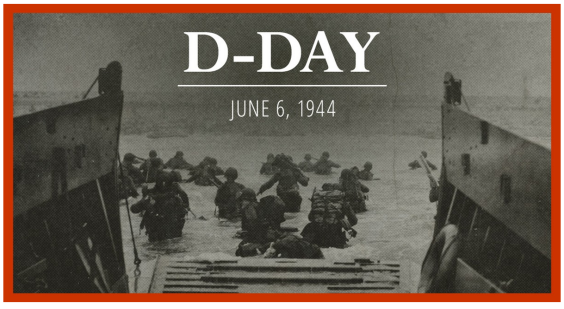
Stitching Time
Mondays, September 16, October 21, & November 18, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Work on your favorite project (knitting, crochet, card making, what-have-you) with a group. Limited knitting and crochet instruction provided for beginners. All are welcome!

Book Discussion: *What the Eyes Don't See*
Monday, September 16, 6:30 p.m. The Easton Book Group (open to all) discusses this year's One Maryland One Book, *What the Eyes Don't See*, by Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha.

Lunch & Learn: Insects, the Environment, & Us
Thursday, September 19, noon. Insects play a crucial role in our ecology systems, doing everything from pollination to nutrient recycling. Come learn from Emily Zobel, Dorchester County's Agriculture Extension Agent, about some of our common native insect species, the ecological roles they play, what their decline means to us, and what you can do to make your yard more insect friendly.

Emily Zobel

Talbot County in WWII: A Perspective on D-Day
Thursday, September 19, 6:30 p.m. As we commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day, Larry Denton, executive director of Talbot County Historical Society, tells the story of locals citizens of Talbot County and the sacrifices they made to help win that epic battle. Learn both the good and the not-so-good of D-Day.



AARP NEEDS YOU! … to Help People Prepare Their Tax Returns
Friday, September 20, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. This information session will explain how the Tax-Aide program works and how you can become a certified tax counselor in the AARP system and give back to our community.

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Dr. Margot Miller

Book Discussion: *The Overstory*
Wednesday, September 25, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Dr. Margot Miller gives a lecture, entitled "The Lure of the Immediate Advantage," on Richard Powers' Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *The Overstory*. Discussion to follow.

Introduction to Excel Class
Thursday, September 26, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Computer Training Specialist Rita Hill will teach you the ins and outs of using Microsoft's Excel program. Bring your own PC laptop or just sit and observe (no Macs please).

Seeds: Cracking the Code
Friday, September 27, 10:00 a.m. You've enjoyed a full summer of garden bounty, but it isn't over yet! Come learn how to collect and store seeds for next year's garden. Mikaela Boley, Univ. of MD Senior Agent Associate, Urban Horticulture, will answer questions on how to gather seeds, store them properly, and use them in the future. Hands-on demonstrations and free seeds will be available!

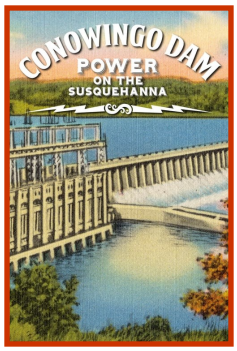
Frederick Douglass Day
Saturday, September 28, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. A parade, welcoming ceremony on the courthouse lawn, free music, food vendors, children's village, and a special presentation by Professor Celeste-Marie Bernier of the University of Edinburgh on Frederick Douglass and his family at 1:00 p.m. in the Easton library's main meeting room.

Christopher Tilghman

Author Christopher Tilghman to Read from and Discuss His Eastern Shore Saga
Thursday, October 3, 6:30 p.m. Christopher Tilghman will read from the latest book—*Thomas and Beal in the Midi*—in his acclaimed Mason-Bayly family saga. The first two books in the series, *Mason's Retreat* and *The Right-Hand Shore* were both *New York Times* Notable Books.

Free Family Law Assistance Available at Easton Library
Thursday, October 3, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. A lawyer will be available to provide free consultation to patrons on how to represent themselves and complete forms for divorce, custody, visitation, child support, name change, guardianship, adoption, and juvenile expungement.

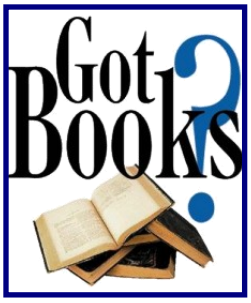
Free Screening of 3 Chesapeake Film Festival Documentaries
Saturday, October 5



10:00 a.m. – noon: ***Science Fair***
Nine high school students from different corners of the globe navigate rivalries, setbacks, and hormones on their quest to win the international science fair. Only one can be named "Best in Fair."

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.: ***Conowingo Dam: Power on the Susquehanna***
The dam's unique story and place in Maryland history is told by Maryland Public Television in a one-hour documentary that recalls the drama and controversy that have shadowed the structure since its opening in 1928. A panel discussion will follow the screening of this film.

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.: ***Saving Sea Turtles: Preventing Extinction***
A record-breaking sea turtle stranding on Cape Cod brings people from over 10 states and 21 institutions to save the creatures from sure death.



<u>Friends Book Sale:</u> Book Donation Days
Monday, October 7, through Wednesday, October 9, at 3:00 p.m. We would love to find a new home for your books, CDs, and DVDs. Please: items in good, clean condition only. Bring them to the Easton library (100 W. Dover St.). Make room on your shelves, and get a tax write-off too!

<u>Friends Book Sale:</u> Preview Party & Annual Meeting
Wednesday, October 9, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Members of Friends of the Library get first dibs on the Big Book Sale goodies. You can join at the door if you're not already a member. Come party with your library Friends at the library's Easton branch. Yummy food and drink, good company, and great reads!

<u>Friends of the Library Big Book Sale</u>
Thursday, October 10, through Saturday, October 12, at 3:00 p.m. The Friends of the Library's Big Book Sale is open to all, with thousands of books, DVDs, and CDs at bargain prices. Two large rooms full at the library's Easton branch, 100 W. Dover Street. All profits benefit both our Easton and St. Michaels libraries.

Intermediate Excel
Wednesday, October 16, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Already know a little bit about Microsoft Excel? Computer Training Specialist Rita Hill will take you to the next level. Bring your own PC laptop or just sit and observe (no Macs please).

Film & Discussion: ***Flash of Genius***
Saturday, October 19, 2:00 p.m. Based on the true story of Robert Kearns who, having invented an intermittent windshield wiper that he thought would make him wealthy, finds himself and his family cheated out of his just reward by the automakers of the 1960s. Special guest: Timothy Kearns of Oxford, MD, son of the inventor.

Book Discussion: *Killers of the Flower Moon*
Monday, October 21, 6:30 p.m. The Easton Book Group (open to all) discusses National Book Award finalist *Killers of the Flower Moon*, by David Grann.

Cork Pumpkin Tabletop Decorations
Wednesday, October 23, 10:30 a.m. – noon. Fall is in the air. Come join us as we create a whimsical pumpkin decoration for your home. Pre-registration is required.

One Maryland One Book Author to Speak at Chesapeake College
Monday, November 4, 7:00 p.m. Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha will discuss her *New York Times* "Notable Book" *What the Eyes Don't See*—this year's One Maryland One Book. One Maryland One Book is a program of Maryland Humanities. Dr. Hanna-Attisha's appearance at Chesapeake College's Todd Performing Arts Center is sponsored by Maryland Humanities, the Talbot County Free Library, the Caroline County Public Library, and the Queen Anne's County Public Library. Like all library programs, this program is free and open to the public. No tickets will be issued for the event.

Dr. Hanna-Attisha

Mayor Robert C. Willey's State of the Town Address
Wednesday, November 13, 6:00 p.m. Mayor Robert C. Willey delivers his annual State of the Town address. Come find out what the future holds in store for one of the world's friendliest places.

Salisbury Professor to Speak in Honor of the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage
Saturday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. In honor of the 100th anniversary of the enfranchisement of women in America, Dr. Kara French, Associate Professor of U.S. Women's History and Program Director for Gender and Sexuality Studies at Salisbury University, will give a talk entitled "The Long Road to Women's Suffrage."

Book Discussion: *Varina*
Monday, November 18, 6:30 p.m. The Easton Book Group (open to all) discusses *Varina* by National Book Award winner David Frazier.

Recycled Book Turkey
Wednesday, November 20, 10:30 a.m. – noon. Looking for a unique decoration for your Thanksgiving table? Why not make one yourself? This is a wonderful and simple craft that will bring a smile to everyone around the table. Pre-registration is required.

Lunch & Learn: Mindfulness & Meditation: What Can They Do for Me?
Thursday, November 21, noon. Join Maggie Black & Dave Parker as they talk about the science and benefits of mindfulness and meditation. A licensed psychologist, Black began training and incorporating mindfulness and meditation practices into her work with clients over the last several years. An architect and builder by trade, Parker has found mindfulness and meditation helpful in negotiating the daily stresses of the construction business.

Black & Parker

Breakneck Hamlet
Thursday, November 21, 6:30 p.m. Acclaimed Chicago actor Timothy Mooney brings his thrilling, hilarious, one-man *Hamlet* to the library's Easton branch. His performances at festivals across the US, Canada, and the United Kingdom have drawn rave reviews, and he was SOLD OUT in the sweet prince's kingdom of Denmark.

Timothy Mooney

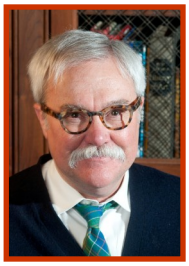
St. Michaels Adult Programs

Arts & Crafts
Thursdays, September 5, October 3, & November 7, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Free instruction for knitting, beading, needlework, and tatting. Bring your coloring books, Zentangle pens, or anything else that fuels your passion for being creative. You may also bring a lunch.

Bay Hundred Chess
Wednesdays, September 11 & 25, October 9 & 23, and November 13 & 27, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Learn and play the strategic game of chess. Beginners welcome.

Memoir Writers
Thursdays, September 12 & 26, October 10 & 24, and November 14, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Record and share your memories of life and family with a group of friendly, like-minded people. Participants may bring their lunch.

Fall Garden To-Do Lists: A Permaculture Perpsective
Saturday, September 14, 10:00 a.m. Master Gardener Missy Corley shares details on fall garden practices to ensure healthy plants in the spring. What to clean up, what to leave, and what to plant now will be covered, all from a permaculture perspective. Permaculture is a method for healing the land while still enjoying a bountiful garden.



Bill Peak

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Book Discussion: *Educated: a Memoir*
Wednesday, September 18, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. The St. Michaels Library Book Club (open to all) discusses *The New York Times* bestseller *Educated: a Memoir* by Tara Westover.

Tuesday Movie@Noon
September 24: *On the Basis of Sex*
October 29: *Aquaman*
November 26: *Maria by Callas: In Her own Words*

Dr. Elizabeth North

Science After Hours with Horn Point Lab: "OysterFutures: a Process for Consensus"
Thursday, October 3, 6:30 p.m. Horn Point Lab's Dr. Elizabeth North will summarize the science and the stakeholders' efforts that led to a sweeping and meaningful package of recommendations for oyster management in the Choptank region.

Lunch & Learn: Pete Howell, the Movie Maven
Monday, Oct. 7, noon. Pete returns to share his love and knowledge of movies. His topic this time is "Handicapped Characters on the Big and Small Screens." His movies quiz includes questions like: Which actress has won the most Academy Awards? What are the only three movies ever to score an Academy Award Grand Slam (Best Picture, Director, Actor, Actress and Screenplay)? There will be prizes!

Science After Hours with Horn Point Laboratory: "Lost and Found: Historic Role of Oysters and New Approaches to Leveraging Their Ecosystem Services"

Thursday, October 24, 6:30 p.m. Dr. Matthew Gray will describe how oysters and the services they provide can be leveraged to tackle serious environmental problems in the Chesapeake Bay and beyond.

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Dr. Matthew Gray

Book Discussion: *Pachinko*

Wednesday, October 16, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. The St. Michaels Library Book Club (open to all) discusses National Book Award finalist *Pachinko*, by Min Jin Lee.

Lunch & Learn: A Brief History of Tilghman Island

Monday, November 4, noon. Local author Gary Crawford will tell the history of the island at the southern tip of the Bay Hundred, which in colonial times was known as Great Choptank Island. Making use of numerous slides, he will provide an historical overview of this interesting and unique place.

Gary Crawford & friend

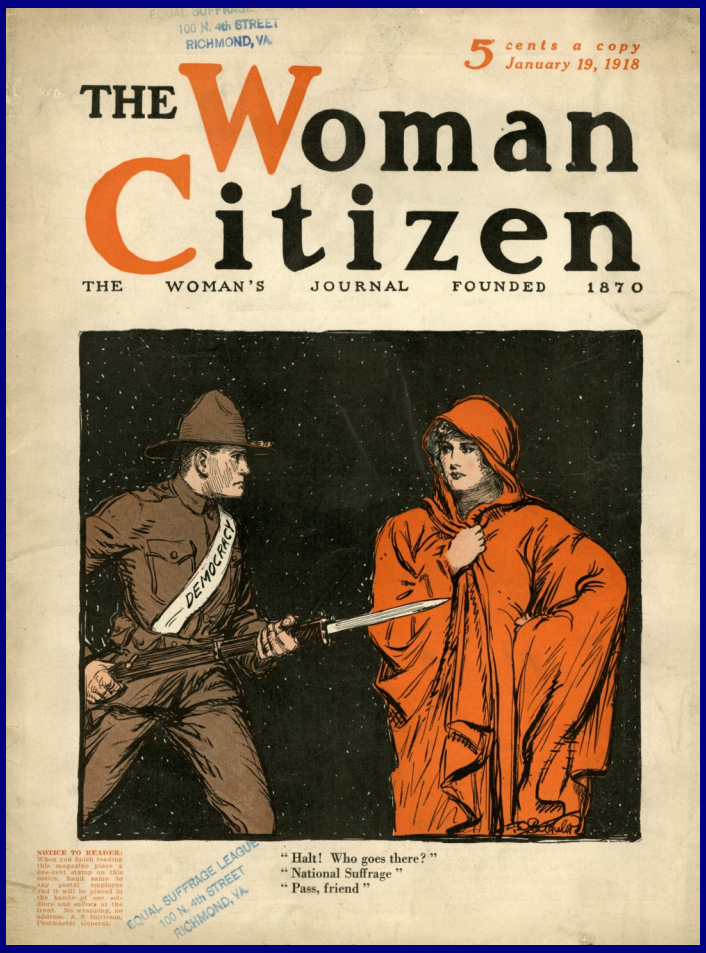
Book Discussion: *Crashing Through: The Extraordinary True Story of the Man Who Dared To See*

Wednesday, November 20, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. The St. Michaels Library Book Club (open to all) discusses *Crashing Through:The Extraordinary True Story of the Man Who Dared To See* by Robert Kurson.

Take the Internet Home with You!

Check Out a Free Chromebook & Wi-Fi Hotspot From Your Library

In Honor of the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage



Salisbury Professor to Speak at Easton Library on "The Long Road to Women's Suffrage"
Saturday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. An introductory lecture at the Easton library by Dr. Kara French, Associate Professor of U.S. Women's History and Program Director for Gender and Sexuality Studies at Salisbury University.

"When Women Won the Vote—the State by State Drama of Ratification"—Easton Library
Saturday, January 11, 10:00 a.m. Volunteer to represent a state in the drama of ratification, contact Sharron Cassavant of the American Association of University Women at 410-822-6323 or cassava39@goeaston.net.

Great Dames, a Film Series at the Easton Library:

Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am
Monday, Feb. 3, 6:00 p.m. This documentary examines the celebrated author's her life and the challenges she faced throughout her literary career. Released in 2018, rated PG-13, 120 minutes.

Amazing Grace
Monday, Feb. 10, 6:00 p.m. A powerful musical documentary revolving around a 1972 Aretha Franklin concert at the New Bethel Baptist Church. Rated G, 89 minutes.

Harriet
Monday, March 2, 6:00 p.m. This just released feature film celebrates one of America's greatest heroes, Harriet Tubman, whose courage and ingenuity helped free hundreds of slaves. PG-13, 125 minutes.

Maiden
Monday, March 9, 6:00 p.m. The triumphant true story of the first ever all-female crew to enter the Whitbread Round the World Race. Rated PG, 137 minutes.