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“The poet’s then is the highest office of all .... His words reach where others fall short. A silly song of Shakespeare’s has done more for the poor and the wicked than all the preachers and philanthropists in the world. No time, no devotion, can be too great, therefore, which makes the vehicle of our message less distorting. We must shape our words till they are the thinnest integument for our thoughts.”

—Virginia Woolf—



Artwork by Andy Goldsworthy

## April Is National Poetry Month

Chaucer begins his *Canterbury Tales*, “When that April with his showers sweet / the drought of March hath piercéd to the root ....” while T. S. Eliot’s “*The Waste Land*” begins “April is the cruelest month ...” but cruel or drought-piercing, April is most definitely National Poetry Month. This year the Talbot County Library will celebrate this very special month with two different poetry programs. On Thursday, April 11, at 6:00 p.m., we will hold an Open Mike Night. Patrons are invited to bring their favorite poem, or one they have written themselves, and share it with a room full of poetry-lovers. On Monday night, April 22, at 6:30 p.m., “the library guy,” Bill Peak, will host a discussion of six different poems on the subject of children. A copy of the poems to be discussed can be found online at:

[www.tcfl.org/poetryaboutchildren](http://www.tcfl.org/poetryaboutchildren)

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# Children's Programming

( Please Pre-Register for All Programs, Except those Requiring Tickets)

## Easton

### **Create Crafts to Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday!**

Saturday, March 2, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

### **Local Children's Author to Read & Play Guitar**

Saturday, March 2, 10:00 a.m. Kyle Taylor of Wittman will read from his new book, *Friends That Care Always Share* and play his guitar. For children of all ages.



### **First Step Storytime**

Tuesdays, March 5 - 26 and May 14 - 28, 10:00 a.m. For children under 3 accompanied by an adult.

### **Preschool Storytime**

Wednesdays, March 5 - 26, 2:00 p.m. For children 3 - 5 accompanied by an adult.

### **Pickering Creek Tiny Tots Program**

Tuesday, March 12, 2:00 p.m. Amphibians.  
Tuesday, April 9, 2:00 p.m. Baby Animals.



### **Lego Time**

Wednesdays, March 13 and April 17, 3 - 4:30 p.m. For ages 6 and up.

### **Newbery Honor Winning Author To Read**

Friday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. Award-winning children's book author Grace Lin will talk about and read from her book *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*, which was named a Newbery Honor winner. This program is sponsored by the Eastern Shore Regional Library.



Grace Lin

### **The Parent Café**

Wednesday, May 29, 11:00 a.m. Parents are invited to a free lunch with activities, giveaways, conversation, and fun.

## St. Michaels

### **Tot time**

Mondays, March 4-25, April 15-29, and May 13 & 20, 10:15 a.m. Story time and crafts for children 5 and younger accompanied by an adult.

### **St. Patrick's Day Crafts**

Wednesday, March 13, 4:00 p.m. Family crafts for all ages.

### **Puppet Show: School's Out for Summer!**

Tuesday, May 14, 4:00 p.m. An original production by our own Miss Carla. For all ages.



I Can Read with My Eyes  
Shut!

I can read in red.  
I can read in blue.  
I can read in pickle color too.

I can read in bed.  
And in purple.  
And in brown.

I can read in a circle  
and upside down!

I can read with my left eye.  
I can read with my right.  
I can read Mississippi with  
my eyes shut tight!

Mississippi, Indianapolis and  
Hallelujah, too!

I can read them with my eyes  
shut!

That is very hard to do!

But it's bad for my hat  
and makes my eyebrows get  
red hot.

So ... reading with my eyes  
shut

I don't do an awful lot.

And when I keep them open  
I can read with much more  
speed.

You have to be a speedy  
reader

'cause there's so, so much to  
read!

—Dr. Seuss—

# Adult Programs

## Easton

### **Brown Bag Lecture: Around the World in 80 Slides**

Thursday, March 21, noon. Globe-trotter Kenneth Court takes us on a tour of the planet through his camera's eye. (Patrons are invited to bring their lunch and enjoy coffee and sweets provided by the library.)

### **Public Discussion: the New Eastern Shore Conservancy Center Opening in Easton**

Thursday, March 21, 6:30 p.m. Come learn about and discuss the new Eastern Shore Conservancy Center planned for the historic McCord Building in downtown Easton. In addition to the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, the center will provide offices for five other non-profits, including the Nature Conservancy.

### **Poetry: Open Mike Night**

Thursday, April 11, 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite poem or one you have written yourself and share it with a room full of poetry-lovers!



### **Stitching Time**

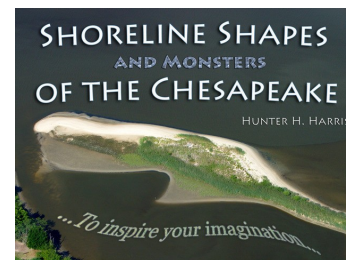
Mondays, April 15 and May 13, 3:00 p.m. Join a group and work on your needlecraft projects. Limited instruction for beginners.

### **“The Hill” of Easton, Maryland**

Monday, April 15, 6:30 p.m. Professor Dale Glenwood Green of Morgan State University will talk about “The Hill”—birthplace of African Methodism on Maryland’s Eastern Shore and one of the country’s oldest African-American neighborhoods.

### **Brown Bag Lecture: Shoreline Shapes and Monsters of the Chesapeake**

Thursday, April 18, noon. Local aerial photographer Hunter Harris regales mind and eye with stories and images of the Chesapeake. Harris’s new book, *Shoreline Shapes and Monsters of the Chesapeake*, documents the many hidden forms and shapes that can be found (if you know where to look) in the landscape around us. (Patrons are invited to bring their lunch and enjoy coffee and sweets provided by the library.)



### **Travel the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel with Book Authors!**

Thursday, April 18, 6:30 p.m. Join former park rangers David and Janet Carle as they follow the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel around the world in search of the cultural and environmental intersections between people and water on this important geographic landmark. The Carle’s account of their journey is documented in their book *Traveling the 38th Parallel, a Water Line around the World*. There will be a book-signing after the presentation.

### **Swashbuckling Colonial Smugglers—Fomenters of the American Revolution**

Thursday, May 9, 6:00 p.m. Al Picardi discusses the life and times of the characters in his book *Jack’s Favorite*—ordinary people who did extraordinary things. The year is 1770 and rebellion smolders with midnight backwater rendezvous, desperate sea chases, smuggler’s coves, cathouses, press gangs, and waterfront riots. A book signing will follow the presentation.



Al Picardi

*(Easton Adult Programming continues on next page)*

## Adult Programs

### **The State of the County ... Economically-Speaking**

Monday, May 13, 6:00 p.m. Paige Bethke, Director of Talbot County's Office of Economic Development, will present an analysis of our area's current economic condition and its prospects for the future. She will also report on a long-term economic development strategic plan currently in the works for Talbot County and its towns.

### **Brown Bag Lecture: Great Photographs Don't Just Happen**

Thursday, May 16, noon. Kevin Fleming, who has covered the world as a photographer for *National Geographic* and been called America's Best Observer by *Readers Digest*, will share his methods for creating great photographs.

### **The Parent Café**

Wednesday, May 29, 11:00 a.m. Parents interested in children's programming at the library are invited to a free lunch with activities, giveaways, conversation, and fun.

## St. Michaels

### **Senior Games**

Wednesdays March 6-27, April 3,17, & 24, and May 1-15 & the 29, noon.  
Learn to play American mahjong.

### **Stitch & Chat**

Thursdays, March 7, April 4, and May 2, 10:00 a.m. Bring your own projects and stitch with a group.

### **Tuesday movie @ noon**

May 14: *Argo*

### **Memoir Writing**

Thursdays, March 14– May 30 (always excepting the first Thursday of each month), 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The St. Michaels branch offers patrons the chance to record and share their memories of life and family with a group of friendly, like-minded people. Participants are invited to bring their lunch. Patrons are asked to pre-register for this program.

### **Brown Bag Lecture: The Gardens of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum**

Monday, April 1, noon. Roger Galvin will speak about his work with the gardens at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, which feature native and heirloom plants. Gardens have been added and existing gardens enlarged, redesigned, and replanted to enhance the educational role of the museum's campus. (Patrons are invited to bring their lunch and enjoy coffee and sweets provided by the library. )

### **Introduction to Computers**

Wednesday, April 3, 10:00 a.m. – noon. Please pre-register. Class size limited.

### **Learn How to Get an E-Mail Address**

Wednesday, April 10, 10:00 a.m. – noon Learn the basics of e-mail and how it works. Please pre-register. Class size limited.

### **A. Aubrey Bodine: Photographer of the Chesapeake**

Saturday, April 13, 2:00 p.m. Join Jennifer Bodine, daughter of *The Baltimore Sun*'s famous feature photographer, for a tour of photographic masterpieces and a remembrance of the man who made them. With a career spanning 43 years, Bodine's photographs have long since become icons of our region.



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