



Weathervane

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“You can have the other words—chance, luck, coincidence, serendipity. I’ll take grace. I don’t know what it is exactly, but I’ll take it.”

—Mary Oliver—

Friends of the Library



Book Sale & Membership Drive

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Book Sale: May 4
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Easton Library

Membership Drive:
the entire month of
May

(See back page for details.)

From the Director's Desk

It's hard to believe that spring is almost here! I love the way spring brings us a sense of opportunity and renewal. We all get a revived sense of commitment to our goals and many of us are presented with new opportunities for learning, growth, and positive change. It's exciting! But concerns about how to make the most of personal time and energy to meet those goals always run just below the surface. The Library is ready to assist its patrons with lifelong learning goals and to find the information needed to add and develop new interests.

In addition to the many learning resources and programs that the library makes available, those who are unemployed, retired, or searching for a job, or do not have internet service at home, can use library computers or Wi-Fi to access a wealth of information. There are also job services, children's literacy programs, STEAM programs, cultural programming, and so much more that may interest someone in starting a new hobby or developing a new skill.

Check out this issue of the *Weathervane* to learn about the wealth of programs available at your library, including: book discussions, craft programs, Excel classes, cultural programs, and so much more. Also, this spring the library has partnered with AARP, Maryland Legal Aide, the Talbot County Circuit Court, and other agencies to bring tax and legal assistance to patrons at our libraries—all of it, of course, absolutely free of charge.

Here are some other services you may not know your library provides:

Check out and download free ebooks, audiobooks, and free streaming movies
 Use our scanner to email photos and documents to yourself or others for free
 Use a study room for a small meeting, to study, or to complete a project
 Use an electronic resource to get help from a tutor, learn a new language, or get résumé help
Coming soon: both branches will be checking out Wi-Fi hotspots and Chromebooks for use by patrons at home. Look for more information on this new service in our summer issue of the Weathervane!

This spring, the library will also be offering Choose Civility programming, which is part of an ongoing nation-wide initiative, organized by the Howard County Library System, that values diversity, respect, compassion, empathy, and inclusiveness as essential to our quality of life. Partial funding for this initiative is provided by a grant through the Maryland State Library. Library programs, book discussions, and talks will be highlighted in our *Weathervane*. I hope to see you this spring in the library taking advantage of all the eResources, books, programs, and services that your library has to offer.

Dana Newman

Youth Programming



Children, It's Spring

And this is the lady
Whom everyone loves,
Ms. Violet
in her purple gown

Or, on special occasions,
A dress the color
Of sunlight. She sits
In the mossy weeds and waits

To be noticed.
She loves dampness.
She loves attention.
She loves especially

To be picked by careful
fingers,
Young fingers, entranced
By what has happened
To the world.

We, the older ones,
Call it Spring,
And we have been through it
Many times.

But there is still nothing
Like the children bringing
home
Such happiness
In their small hands.

—Mary Oliver—

Easton

Story Time

Tuesdays, March 5 - April 16, 10:00 a.m., with program repeating at 11:00 a.m. For ages 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

Afternoon Chess Academy

Tuesdays, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16, May 7 & 21, 4:30 p.m. Learn and play chess. For ages 6 - 16. Snacks served. Please pre-register.

Sensory Safari, for 2 – 5 Year-Olds!

Thursday, March 7, 10:30 a.m. Sensory Safari is a Maryland Zoo program in which children learn about the five senses and discover how animals use their senses to survive.

Bilingual Story Time, for Ages 6 - 10

Saturday, March 9, 11:00 a.m. Join a Easton High School Honor Spanish student for Story Time using a bilingual book. Pre-registration is required.

Peer Pilots: Fly into a Day in the Life of a High Schooler

Tuesdays, March 12 & April 23, 6:00 p.m. 8th Graders: Are you on your way to high school? Meet current high school students and discover proven ways to make friends and influence teachers. Games, snacks, and small group activities to foster relationships between 8th grade students and high school students. For 8th grade students exclusively.

Young Gardeners Club

Thursdays, March 14, April 11, and May 9, 3:45 p.m. For children in grades 1 - 4. Please pre-register. This program is sponsored by the Talbot County Garden Club.

Special Story Time: Tooth Fairy!

Thursday, March 21, 10:00 a.m. For ages 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

The Magic of Irish Dance and Song

Thursday, March 21, 4:00 p.m. The Loblollies will lead children and their families in singing and dancing Irish tunes, both ancient and modern. No partners or experience are used in the dancing; it's just about Irish camaraderie and fun! For ages 6 and up. Please pre-register.

Read with Tiger, a Certified Therapy Dog

Mondays, March 25, April 29, and May 20, 4:00 p.m. Bring a book or choose a library book and read with Janet Dickey and her dog, Tiger. For ages 5 and up.



Love Your Library Family Read-In

Wednesday, April 10, 4:00 – 5:45 p.m. Find a cozy, comfy spot in the library, gather a few good books or magazines, and READ! Fun for the whole family! Snacks served.

Challenge Island: Rainforest Zoo (STEM Learning Program)

Wednesday, April 24, 4:00 p.m. Discover the connection between recycling and protecting rainforest animals. Join a “tribe” to engineer a variety of animal likenesses using recycled materials. Share and display your animals in the Rainforest Island Zoo! All materials provided for this fantastic, learning adventure. For children in grades 1-5. Please pre-register.



Youth Chess Tournament

Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m., Presbyterian Church of Easton, 617 N. Washington St. Open to contestants 16 years old and younger. Pre-registration required.

St. Michaels

Read with Wally, a Pet on Wheels Therapy Dog

Mondays, March 4, April 1, and May 6, 3:30 p.m. Bring a book or choose a library book and read with Ms. Maggie Gowe and her dog, Wally.

Family Crafts

Tuesday, March 5, 3:30 p.m. Irish Cultural Crafts

Tuesday, April 16, 3:30 p.m. Recycled Plastic Shrinky Dink Jewelry

Tuesday, May 7, 3:30 p.m. Spring Crafts

We are Builders

Wednesdays, March 6, April 3, and May 1, 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). Build with Legos or foam blocks!



Sensory Safari, for 2 – 5 Year-Olds!

Thursday, March 7, 12:30 p.m. Sensory Safari is a Maryland Zoo program in which children learn about the five senses and discover how animals use their senses to survive.



Story Time

Wednesdays, March 13 & 27, April 24, and May 8 & 22, 10:30 a.m. For children 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

Family Unplugged Games

Thursdays, March 28, April 25, and May 23, 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 accompanied by an adult).

STEM Story Time at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

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



Camp-In at the Library (for ages 2 –8 accompanied by an adult)

Thursday, April 11, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Camping themed games, crafts, scavenger hunt, story time, and s'mores round the campfire! Wear your camping gear or pj's, bring a sleeping bag or blanket (optional). Sponsored by the library and St. Luke's School. Pre-registration at 410-745-5877 required.



Adult Programs

Easton

Intro to Excel

Wednesday, March 6, 1:30 – 3:00 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).

Dr. Griffith Updates Us on the Easton Elementary School Replacement Project

Wednesday, March 6, Dr. Kelly Griffith, Superintendent of Schools, Kevin Shafer, TCPS Plant Operations Manager, and Logan Street, Whiting Turner Project Manager, will take us on a virtual tour of the Easton Elementary School Replacement Project, which will serve as both an educational facility and community resource.



Dr. Kelly Griffith

(Free!) Family Law Assistance

Thursdays, March 7, April 4, & May 2, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. A lawyer will be available to provide free consultation on how to represent yourself and complete forms for: divorce, custody, visitation, child support, name change, guardianship, adoption, and juvenile expungement.

Stitching Time

Mondays, March 11, April 15, & May 13, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Work on your favorite project with a group. Limited knitting and crochet instruction provided for beginners. All are welcome.

The Delmarva Review's 11th Anniversary Celebratory Reading

Saturday, March 16, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Select authors from past issues of *The Delmarva Review*—including Sue Ellen Thompson, Meredith Davies Hadaway, Anne Colwell, Wendy Ingersoll, and Bill Peak—will read from their work published in this nationally-recognized, local treasure.

Book Discussion: *All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren

Monday, March 18, 6:30 p.m. The Easton Book Group (open to all) discusses Robert Penn Warren's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel.



Sue Ellen Thompson

Intermediate Excel

Wednesday, March 20, 1:30 – 3:00 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).



Ever Try to Draw a Flower?

Wednesday, March 27, 1:30 p.m. Award-winning botanical artist Charlotte Heath will journey up the Delmarva Peninsula from her home in Onancock, Virginia, to tell her story of a life-long love of drawing plants and flowers. Having studied at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Heath's work has been exhibited in international juried botanical shows from New York to Seattle. She was one of 45 artists from around the world chosen to exhibit in the first-ever, contemporary botanical art showing at Minneapolis's Weismann Museum.

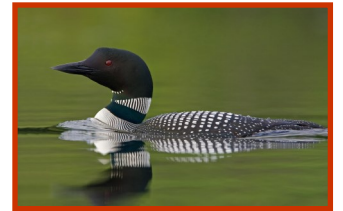


The Academy Art Museum at 60: Looking Ahead

Thursday, March 28, 6:30 p.m. Academy Art Museum Director Benjamin T. Simons takes you on a tour of the history and future of one of Talbot County's principal jewels: the Academy Art Museum. He will describe the upcoming courtyard entrance renovation project, and other new initiatives planned for the museum, which celebrated its 60th anniversary last year.

The Dark Side of the Loon

Monday, April 1, 6:30 p.m. Cornell ornithologist, Dr. Paul Spitzer will discuss the migration and winter ecology of the Common Loon.



Advanced Excel

Wednesday, April 3, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Feeling pretty confident in your skills with Microsoft's Excel? Computer Training Specialist Rita Hill will show you how the pros use it. Bring your own PC laptop or just sit and observe (no Macs please).

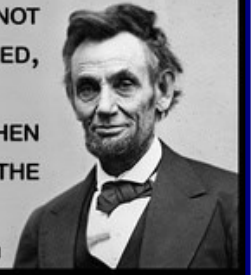
Better Angels Discussion

Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Better Angels Alliance hosts a full-day of structured conversations between 5 - 7 (red) conservative/Republican-leaning citizens and an equal number of (blue) progressive/Democratic-leaning citizens, with 5 - 7 observers. In our dangerously divided nation, the Alliance believes we all need to be touched by something "better" within us and within the country we share. Pre-registration required by contacting Nancy Andrew (blue) at nandrew411@gmail.com, phone 443-239-1712 or Pat Ingram (red) at creekside203@atlanticbb.net or 443-786-1553.



WE ARE NOT ENEMIES, BUT FRIENDS. WE MUST NOT BE ENEMIES. THOUGH PASSION MAY HAVE STRAINED, IT MUST NOT BREAK OUR BONDS OF AFFECTION. THE MYSTIC CHORDS OF MEMORY WILL SWELL WHEN AGAIN TOUCHED, AS SURELY THEY WILL BE, BY THE BETTER ANGELS OF OUR NATURE.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN



An Evening with National Book Award Finalist Naomi Shihab Nye

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m. Celebrated American writer Naomi Shihab Nye talks about her life and work, which includes poetry, short fiction, and novels. William Stafford called Nye "a champion of the literature of encouragement and heart. Reading her work enhances life." Nye's appearance is made possible by the Eastern Shore Regional Library.



Naomi Shihab Nye

Plan Your Permaculture Garden

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. Talbot County Master Gardener Missy Corley will explain the basic permaculture principles, showing gardeners how to take advantage of what nature already provides in terms of light, soil, air, and water. Learn how to save time and money while helping to heal the earth. Materials will be provided. Corley will also provide a tour of the Talbot County Free Seed Library for those interested.



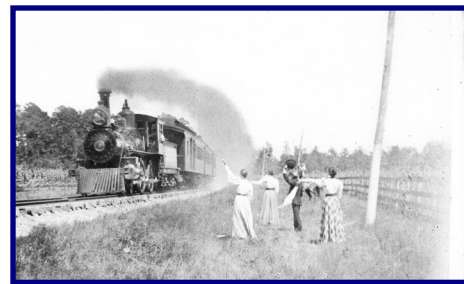
Book Discussion: *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones

Monday, April 15, 6:30 p.m. The Easton Book Group (open to all) discusses Jones' novel, which was longlisted for the National Book Award.



A Treasure Trove of Historic Photos of Talbot County

Thursday, April 18, 6:30 p.m. The Talbot Historical Society is home to a world-class archive of some 50,000 photographic negatives. Larry Denton, Executive Director of the Historical Society, will give an illustrated lecture featuring a number of these historic photos, including early aerial shots of the county, early Oxford sailboat races, the first Tred Avon Yacht Club, the first phone booth in Easton, the Original Floating Theatre at Easton Point, a Pennsylvania Railroad Engine running through downtown Easton, and more.



A Tribute to the Life and Work of Poet Mary Oliver

Monday, April 22, 6:00 p.m. Join a group of poetry lovers to discuss a selection of poems by one of our country's most popular poets, National Book Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winner Mary Oliver, who passed away January 17.

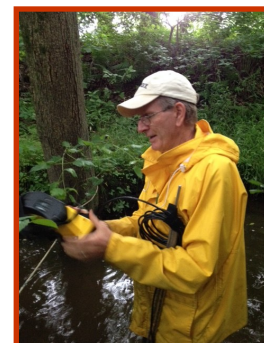


Science After Hours: Horn Point Presents: "Good News from the Choptank"

Monday, April 29, 6:30 p.m. As part of Horn Point Laboratory's Science After Hours series, Dr. Tom Fisher will share some good scientific news about the Choptank.

Your (Free) Lawyer in the Library

Monday, May 6, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Attorneys from Maryland Legal Aid will provide legal assistance on civil topics such as expungement, bankruptcy, housing law, landlord/tenant, domestic/family, etc., for those that qualify based upon their income level.



Dr. Tom Fisher

Special Free Film: *Moving Stories*

Saturday, May 11, 3:00 p.m. Chesapeake Film Festival presents *Moving Stories*, which follows a Battery Dance Troupe as its dancers teach at-risk youth the tools of choreography in India, Romania, Korea, and Iraq.

Master Gardener Lecture: Invasive Plants of Maryland

Wednesday, May 15, 10:15 a.m. DNR Restoration Specialist Sarah Hilderbrand explains how invasive species threaten our environment and what can be done to stop them.

Engaging Seniors: Connect, Create, Contribute

Thursday, May 16, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Local experts describe all the opportunities available to seniors in Talbot County who wish to engage and contribute to their community. This program is hosted by Maryland Community for Life—Talbot.

Book Discussion: *The Ninth Hour*, a Novel by Alice McDermott

Monday, May 20, 6:30 p.m. The Easton Book Group (open to all) discusses *The Ninth Hour*, a nun's tale written by National Book Award-winner Alice McDermott.



Memorial Day Wreath

Tuesday, May 21, 10:00 a.m. – noon. Join us to make a special Memorial Day wreath for your door. Space is limited. Please pre-register by calling the library at 410-822-1626.



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.

Lunch & Learn: Early American Herbs

Thursday, May 23, noon. Cookbook author Katie Barney will lecture on Early American Herbs and how they were used for medicinal purposes, insect repellants, and in teas. She will explain which herbs were brought here from the old world and which were already native to North America. She will also give a cooking demonstration using some of the herbs, and do a book signing.

Special Screening: *Star Wars: Revelations*

Thursday, May 30, 6:30 p.m. Watch the famous fan film on the library's big, professional screen. Special appearance by two of the film's stars: Gina Hernandez and Frank Hernandez.



St. Michaels Adult Programs

Lunch & Learn: Women's History Month, Author to Speak

Monday, March 4, noon. In honor of Women's History Month, Dr. Kathleen Sander will talk about the subject of her book, *Mary Elizabeth Garrett: Society and Philanthropy in the Gilded Age*. A Baltimore philanthropist and businesswoman, Garrett forever changed American medicine and the way physicians were educated in the United States by starting the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1893, the nation's first coeducational, graduate-level medical school. The Lunch and Learn series is sponsored by the Friends of the Library; coffee and dessert will be provided.



Arts and Crafts

Thursdays March 7, April 4, & May 2, 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Bring your own needlework projects, Zentangle pens, coloring books or anything else that fuels your passion for being creative. Limited instruction for needlework.

The Greatest Speech of All Time

Saturday, March 9, 2:00 p.m. Impersonator extraordinaire, Timothy Mooney reenacts the speeches (Churchill, Roosevelt, King, etc.) that made history. You won't want to miss this one.



Timothy Mooney

Coloring for Teens & Adults

Tuesdays, March 12, April 23, & May 14, 3:30 p.m. Explore the relaxing process of coloring!

Bay Hundred Chess

Wednesdays, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, and May 8 & 22, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Learn and play the strategic game of chess. Beginners welcome.



Memoir Writers

Thursdays, March 14 & 28, April 11 & 25, and May 9 & 23, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Record and share your memories of life and family with a group of friendly, like-minded people. Participants are invited to bring their lunch.

The Changing Portrayal of Women in the Mass Media over Six Centuries

Monday, March 18, noon. In honor of Women's History month, Dr. Stephen Goldman will show, through the "magic carpet time machine" of historical newspapers, just how the portrayal of women in the media—from the 16th century's Catherine De Medici to the 21st century's Hillary Clinton—has changed over time.



St. Michael's Library Book Club (open to all)

Wednesday, March 20, 3:30 p.m. *Varina* by Charles Frazier

Wednesday, April 17, 3:30 p.m. *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

Wednesday, May 15, 3:30 p.m. *Need to Know* by Karen Cleveland

Author to Discuss: *Reboot!: What to Do When Your Career Is Over and Your Life Isn't*

Thursday, March 21, 1:00 p.m. Author Phil Burgess is an award-winning educator, businessman, and writer. He has lectured worldwide, appearing on PBS, NPR, CNN and CNBC, as well as in popular print media. Various prior faculty appointments include The Ohio State University, University of Colorado, and UCLA. He is the president of The Annapolis Institute and a columnist for *The Capital* in Annapolis. Burgess wrote *Reboot* after two failed attempts at retirement. He has said, "Our post-career life presents a huge opportunity to re-calibrate, and then to reboot, to try something new, explore paths not taken, or even start over."

**Tuesday Movie@noon**

March 26, *The Post*: Katherine Graham (Meryl Streep) and Ben Bradlee (Tom Hanks) join forces to expose a decades long cover-up.

April 30, *Marshall*: This is the incredible true story of future Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall (Chadwick Boseman) as he battles through one of his career defining cases.

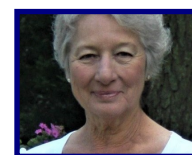
May 28, *The First Man*: NASA astronaut Neil Armstrong (Ryan Gosling) rigorously trains to become the first man to walk on the moon.

Lunch & Learn: Maryland Sports History

Monday, April 1, noon. Jeff Korman, retired manager of the Enoch Pratt Free Library's Maryland Department, brings his *Maryland Sports History* challenge to St. Michaels. He will share stories of Maryland's iconic sports teams, and of the great athletes who have played for them. This program includes images of historic events, places, teams, and personalities. The Lunch and Learn series is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, coffee and dessert will be provided.

**Award-Winning Local Author to Read from *The Night Is Young***

Thursday, April 4, 5:00 p.m. Barbara Lockhart uses the setting of the Eastern Shore of Maryland for her two novels, *Requiem for a Summer Cottage* and *Elizabeth's Field* (Independent Book Publishers Award silver medal winner 2014), as well as in her new collection of short stories, *The Night is Young* (Indie Excellence Book Awards finalist 2017). With lyrical prose, she captures the flavor of the land and the people, ordinary folk living in small towns and on farms in both the present era and in pre-Civil War history.



Barbara Lockhart

Special Film Presentation

Monday, April 15, noon. *A Night to Remember*. *RMS Titanic* sank on her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York City on April 15, 1912, one hundred and seven years to the day before this screening. This film chronicles that tragic event.

Lunch & Learn: Helping the World See Clearly

Monday, May 6, noon. J. Kevin White, former U.S. Marine and founder and executive director of Global Vision 2020, explains how his small, Easton-based team is able to provide free prescription glasses to the world's most impoverished people. White is currently building programmatic partnerships in several nations in Sub-Saharan Africa and South America. Last year, he won the We Work Creator Award's \$1 million prize. The Lunch and Learn series is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Coffee and dessert will be provided.



Kevin White

Local Author to Read from His Vietnam Novel

Saturday, May 18, 2:00 p.m. Jim Richardson reads from his debut novel, *Middle Blue*, set in South Vietnam. The novel's protagonist is a fun-loving young dreamer and art student who, in 1970, suddenly finds himself drafted into the Army. While he is begrudgingly transformed into a foot soldier, he begins to discover how his wit and artistic talent can help him survive. Richardson will share his reasons for writing the book and talk about the strong bonds formed by young soldiers in combat, a central theme of the story.



Jim Richardson



Friends of the Library Mini-Book Sale

Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Easton Library

The Friends of the Library will hold a mini-book sale in support of library programming. This is a clearance sale, so bring a tote and fill it with books for only \$1.00! Or you can purchase a library tote for \$6.00 and fill it for free! The library tote will be an ongoing show of your support for our grand community library.

Friends Membership Drive

The Friends of the library will conduct their annual membership drive during the month of May. Sign-up forms will be available every day at the library's front desk, and there will be special sign-up tables each Saturday (except Memorial Day Weekend) in the main library lobby. Or simply fill out the form at the bottom of this page and turn it in, along with your check, to the nice people at the library's front desk. We welcome you aboard!



SCORE Representative in Easton Lobby
Wednesdays, April 10 & May 8, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SCORE Mid-Shore is a volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to providing free business mentoring to individuals wishing to establish a small business, grow a small business, or enhance overall small business operations.

BE A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY!

Please enroll me as a member of Friends of the Talbot County Free Library

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