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“Smith Island and Tangier Island ... are highly photogenic canaries in the coal mine, the ‘ground zeroes’ where we’ll soonest encounter the forces that will threaten many of the world’s coastlines.”

—Tom Horton—

Your (Free) Lawyer Is In ...



The Library!

Free Family Law Assistance
Thursdays, January 3 & February 7, 5:30—7:30 p.m.

&

Free Lawyer In the Library
Monday, February 4, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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From the Director's Desk

Approaching the end of the year is like coming to the end of a good book: we recall all that has happened so far and anticipate all that is still to come. At the beginning of each year, I like to reflect on the library's accomplishments as well as our losses. We said goodbye to several staff members and volunteers, who were moving on to other adventures, and welcomed a comparable number of new members into our family. Our library continued to find innovative ways to be an integral part of the community we serve, including increasing outreach visits to schools, County events, and other venues. We also completed a feasibility study for the much-needed expansion of our St. Michaels branch, increased Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programming for patrons of all ages, started offering STEM and family activity kits for checkout, decreased the fine on DVDs, increased purchases of library materials, and increased the number of certain special items that a patron can check out.

As always, our libraries were busy helping patrons last year. Almost 1,500 new people registered for a library card in FY 2018. During that same period, the library saw patrons check out more than 320,000 items, over 250 people took part in our one-on-one computer classes, and over 500 library programs were attended by more than 22,000 children and adults. In the coming year, we are looking at the possibility of circulating Mobile Hotspots and Ipads and offering more technology training and programming options. Additionally, we intend to look for unique partnerships within our communities to expand our reach. From the bottom of my heart, I thank our staff and volunteers for all that they do to serve our patrons. We are so blessed to have so many people working here that truly enjoy assisting patrons of all ages. Each and everyone of us is excited about the coming New Year.

I look forward to seeing each of you in 2019 when you come in to see all the many wonderful opportunities that await you at the Talbot County Free Library. Whether you've come for books, technology, programs, the collection, or just a friendly face, we are here for you. We are so fortunate to have a community that cares so deeply about lifelong learning and cultural enrichment. Should you resolve in the New Year to learn a new language, trace your ancestry, accompany your child to story time, or download the latest ebook, please remember that the library can help you with all of these and more. As always, if you have any suggestions, comments, or questions, please share them with me.

Dana Newman

Youth Programming



Dust of Snow

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.

—Robert Frost—



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Afternoon Chess Academy

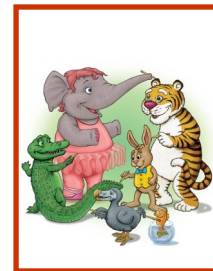
Tuesdays, December 4 & 18, January 15, February 5 & 19, 4:30 p.m. Learn and play chess. For ages 6 - 16. Snacks served. Please pre-register.



Draw Funny Animals!

Wednesday, December 12, 4:00 p.m.

Learn and practice drawing wild, wacky, and funny animals with children's author and illustrator, Tim Young. For ages 6 -12. Please pre-register.



Holiday Cookie Decorating

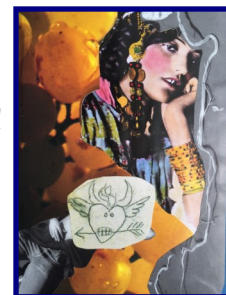
Saturday, December 15, 2:00 p.m.

Stop in and decorate cookies! First come, first served. Fun for the whole family!



Read with Latte, a Certified Therapy Dog

Mondays, December 17, January 28, and February 25, 4:00 p.m. Bring a book or choose a library book and read with Janet Dickey and her dog, Latte. For ages 5 and up.



Soul Collage

Wednesdays, January 9, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Express your inner world! Craft your own Soul Collage and open up to your own inner wisdom. No artistic experience is necessary in this judgment-free zone. For middle school students. Please pre-register.

Story Time

Tuesdays, January 15 - February 26, 10:00 a.m. For ages 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

Young Gardeners Club For children in grades 1 - 4.

Thursday, January 24, 3:45 p.m.

Thursday, February 14, 3:45 p.m.

Please pre-register. This program is sponsored by the Talbot County Garden Club.

Challenge Island: Penguins (STEM Learning Program)

Wednesday, February 13, 4:30 p.m. Join us on a trip to Antarctica, which is home to some adorable penguins.

We will learn about penguins' distinct physical features and the physical and behavioral adaptations that help penguins stay warm in the frigid climate as well as how they move through the snow. We will work in tribes to design a penguin toboggan ride. Our penguins will have a super sliding time! For children in grades 1-5. Please pre-register.



Origami

Saturday, February 16, 11:00 a.m. - noon. Have fun turning two-dimensional squares of paper into three-dimensional objects.

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

Tuesday, February 19, 6:00 p.m. Are you on your way to high school? Meet current high school students and discover ways to make friends and influence teachers. Games, snacks, and small group activities to foster relationships between 8th grade students and high school students. This program hopes to actively prepare students for their journey into adulthood. For 8th graders.

St. Michaels

Seasonal Family Crafts (for children of all ages)

Tuesday, December 4, 3:30 p.m. Holiday/Winter Crafts

Tuesday, January 8, 3:30 p.m. Make a Yarn Scarf

Tuesday, February 5, 3:30 p.m. Valentine Crafts

We are Builders

Wednesdays, December 5, January 2, February 6, 3:30 p.m. For children 6 – 12. Enjoy STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). Build with Legos, Zoobs, and foam blocks!



Read with Wally, a Pets on Wheels Therapy Dog

Mondays, December 10, January 14, February 11, 3:30 p.m. Bring a book or choose a library book and read with Ms. Maggie Gowe and her dog, Wally.

Story Time

Wednesdays, December 12 & 26, January 23, February 13 & 27, 10:30 a.m. For children 5 and under accompanied by an adult.

Family Unplugged Games

Thursdays, December 27, January 24, February 21, 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 need to be accompanied by an adult).



Adult Programs

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December Art Exhibit: Plein Air Painters of the Chesapeake Bay

An exhibit of plein air paintings by 23 local and regional members of the Plein Air Painters of the Chesapeake Bay. Celebrate the out-of-doors with fresh works painted on location at a mix of Mid-Shore venues. Twenty-five percent of all sales from the show will be donated to The Friends of the Talbot County Free Library.

Opening Reception

Saturday, December 1, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Closing Reception & Coffee with the Artists

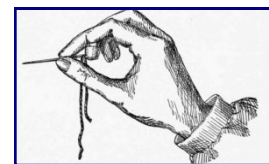
Friday, December 28, 10:00 a.m. - Noon.



Plein Air Painting by
Maggii Sarfaty

Stitching Time

Mondays, December 10, January 14, and February 11, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Work on your favorite project with a group. Limited instruction provided for beginners. Newcomers are welcome!



Cabin Fever Film Festival on Winter Saturdays at One O'Clock

January 12: *Isle of Dogs*

January 19: *Incredibles 2*

January 26: *Jungle Book*

February 2: *Black Panther*

February 9: *Imagine That*

February 16: *Hidden Figures*

February 23: *Akeelah and the Bee*



Free Family Law Assistance

Thursdays, January 3 & February 7, 5:30—7:30 p.m. Meet with an attorney who will help you complete court forms for cases involving divorce, custody, visitation, child support, name changes, guardianship, adoption, and juvenile record expungements.

This program is provided on a first come, first-served basis by the Circuit Court for Talbot County's Family Service Grant through the Administrative Offices of the Courts, Department of Juvenile and Family Services.

Financial Literacy: Your Credit Score and How to Correct it

Monday, January 14, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Laura Heikes presents the last in her series of Financial Literacy lectures sponsored by Shore United Bank and the library.



The Living Landscape

Tuesday, January 22, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Many gardeners today want a home landscape that nourishes and fosters wildlife; but they also want beauty and functionality.

Landscape Designer Rick Darke shares his strategies for making and maintaining a diverse, layered landscape. Darke heads a consulting firm focused on conservation-based landscape design; his work blends art, ecology, and cultural geography in the creation and stewardship of living landscapes. Darke has customized his talk to fit the conditions in our area. This program is sponsored by the Talbot County Garden Club.

Book Discussion: *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini

Monday, January 28, 6:30 p.m. The Easton Book Club (open to all) will discuss *And the Mountains Echoed* by acclaimed *New York Times* Best-selling author Khaled Hosseini.

(Free) Lawyer In the Library

Monday, February 4, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Free legal advice from the attorneys at Maryland Legal Aid for those that qualify. These lawyers can help you with such civil topics such as expungement, bankruptcy, housing law, landlord/tenant, domestic/family, and more!

Legendary Skipjack Capt. Wade Murphy Tells All ...

Monday, February 11, 6:00 p.m. An evening with a local legend and one of our area's greatest storytellers, Captain Wade Murphy, skipper of the *Rebecca Ruark*. If you've never heard Capt. Murphy weave a tale, you're in for a treat, and if you have, you know what we're talking about.



Capt. Wade Murphy

Book Discussion: *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Monday, February 25, 6:30 p.m. The Easton Book Club (open to all) will discuss *Americanah* (named one of *The New York Times Book Review* 's Ten Best Books of the Year) by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, .



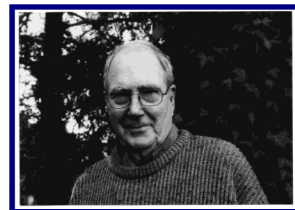
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Director of Horticulture, Delaware Botanic Gardens

Tuesday, February 26, 1:30 p.m. Greg Tepper, professional horticulturalist and lifelong native plant enthusiast, describes the efforts underway to create at Pepper Creek in Dagsboro, Delaware, Delmarva's newest public garden. This program is sponsored by the Talbot County Garden Club.

**St. Michaels Adult Programs****Local Author Gerald F. Sweeney to Discuss *Comes the Electric Circus***

Saturday, December 1, 2:00 p.m. Trappe author Gerald F. Sweeney has completed a series of seven novels called *The Columbiad* that follows one family through the 20th Century. On November 11th, the one hundredth anniversary of the end of World War 1, the saga's final novel, *Comes the Electric Circus*, was published. *Comes the Electric Circus* reflects the tumultuous changes that occurred between the traditional 1950s and the mind-blowing '60s. Reading and discussion, followed by book sale and signing.



Gerald F. Sweeney

Science After Hours with Horn Point Laboratory Presents:**"Changing Chesapeake: What's in Store for the Eastern Shore"**

Monday, December 3, 6:30 p.m. Horn Point's Dr. Victoria Cole will take us back in time through the last century using local weather stations to learn how our weather has been changing—and what models predict for the future. While most of us easily recognize the natural beauty Bay country offers, the Horn Point Laboratory is offering these "Science After Hours" talks to make the science of the Chesapeake Bay as accessible as its beauty.



Dr. Victoria Coles

Arts & Crafts

Thursdays, December 6, January 3, and February 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.

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First Day of the Big Annual Book Sale

Saturday, December 8, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. We'll keep selling them till Xmas if need be. (Donations for this sale are being accepted now.)



Bay Hundred Chess

Wednesdays, December 12 & 26, January 9 & 23, February 13 & 27, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Learn and play the strategic game of chess. Beginners welcome.

Memoir Writers

Thursdays, December 13 & 27, January 10 & 24, February 14 & 28, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Record and share your memories of life and family. Participants are invited to bring their lunch.

Coloring for Teens & Adults

Tuesdays, December 18, January 15, February 12, 3:30 p.m. Explore the relaxing process of coloring!

Lunch & Learn: Reading into Rebellion

Monday, January 7, noon. Phillip Hesser, Ph.D., explores the emotional climate that led to “The Phony Insurrection” of 1855 in Dorchester and Talbot Counties and the resulting Sabbath School Purge. In March and April of that year, false rumors of an impending insurrection by enslaved people in Dorchester and Talbot counties placed everyone on edge, with whites and blacks alike fearing for their lives. During this period, Sabbath schools and other religious institutions for black people—both enslaved and free—were put into jeopardy because they were thought to encourage conspiracy and rebellion. Dr. Hesser’s special focus will be a Sabbath school for African Americans in St. Michaels. The Friends of the Library invite everyone to bring their lunch or a snack to their Lunch & Learn programs and enjoy coffee and dessert on the Friends.



St. Michaels Library Book Club

3rd Wednesday of each month from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

January 16: *Big Russ and Me: Father and Son Lessons of Life* by Tim Russert

February 20: *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly



Lunch & Learn: Sergeant Major Donna Dear

Monday, February 4, noon. Sergeant Major Donna Dear, U.S. Army Ret., will share stories of her life in the military and as a co-owner of Pleasant Acres Farm. Dear served in the Army for 27 years, including tours in Vietnam and the Gulf War. She was a part of the Women’s Army Corp at a time when neither women nor blacks were welcome. A member of the American Legion Blake-Blackston Post No. 77, Dear served as the Post’s first female commander. Dear and Paulette Greene, co-owners of a 70-acre farm outside Preston, raise organic grain and produce. As African Americans, they feel a special connection to the property which was once part of the Underground Railroad. They have helped other black farmers become established. The Friends of the Library invite everyone to bring their lunch or a snack to their Lunch & Learn programs and enjoy coffee and dessert on the Friends.



Sgt. Major Donna Dear

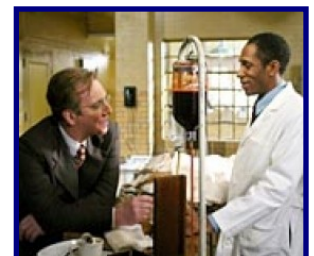
Tuesday Movies at Noon

February 5: *Something the Lord Made*

February 12: *Marshall*

February 19: *Hidden Figures*

February 26: *Red Tails*



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hoopla Book Club Hub's Spotlight Selection: *The Leavers* by Lisa Ko

The Leavers tells the moving story of a boy who must find his own inner strength after his mother's disappearance. Winner of the PEN/Bellwether Award for Socially Engaged Fiction and a National Book Award Finalist. Available on audiobook and eBook.

*"There was a time I would have called Lisa Ko's novel beautifully written, ambitious and moving, and all of that is true, but it's more than that now: if you want to understand a forgotten and essential part of the world we live in, *The Leavers* is required reading."*

— #1 NYT bestselling author Ann Patchett

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