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## Talbot County Free Library invites the community to write a testimonial about the library's impact

**EASTON, MD** (MARCH 4, 2022) — The Talbot County Free Library has recently submitted their FY23 budget request to the county; and would like you to answer one question: How has the Talbot County Free Library made your life better? Your voice is important.

All you need to do is go on the website, <u>www.tcfl.org</u>, and click on the "How Has the Library Made Your Life Better," to answer the question either in English or Spanish. You can also stop by one of the library branches and give us your response.

The final day to collect testimonials is Thursday, March 31. Talbot County Free Library Director Dana Newman would like the testimonials to be available in time for the upcoming Talbot County Council and Easton Town Council budget hearings.

"It is important that elected officials hear how library services help support people in our community to find information and jobs, overcome problems and complete projects," said Newman. "The library is a trusted community resource not only by helping individuals to better their lives but by partnering with other organizations to make improvements in the community."

Your participation in this survey also allows the library to use your responses in promotion and advocacy materials for the library. Personal information included in the story will be removed to provide anonymity.

One of the items included in the Talbot County Free Library budget requests is county funding for the design of the St. Michaels expansion and renovation project.

It is important for you to let everyone know how the library has impacted your life, whether the library staff has helped you with an urgent task, or improved your life in any other way. The Talbot County Free Library is a busy community hub that aims to enhance the lives of anyone who enters one of our branches, with resources including books, e-resources, virtual and inperson events for children and adults.

"Our library at its heart is a service organization. In addition to providing books, TCFL makes sure people in our community have access to the information, technology and services they need. We are in the process of exploring what the community needs from the library as a part of our strategic planning process over the next few months and want to hear from residents about how the library is serving them and how those services impact their life," Newman said.

For more information, visit www.tcfl.org.

## **About Talbot County Free Library**

It is the mission of the Talbot County Free Library to enrich and renew the lives of the people it serves. There are two locations: The main library in Easton is located at 100 W. Dover St.; and the St. Michael branch is at 106 Fremont St. The Maryland Room in the Easton branch holds a voluminous collection of genealogical resources and historical documents. Services at both locations include the circulation of books, DVDs, and digital devices, as well as free Wi-Fi, public computers, exhibits, and programs for both children and adults. For more information, please visit www.tcfl.org. Be sure to like the library on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @Talbotcountyfreelibrary.