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**Talbot County Free Library now accepting applications for authors and illustrators for  
2023 Chesapeake Children's Book Festival**

**(EASTON, MD DECEMBER 7, 2022)**— Talbot County Free Library announces that applications for authors and illustrators for the eighth annual Chesapeake Children's Book Festival will officially open on Saturday, December 10th.

Interested authors and illustrators must complete and return their applications either via email or by mail. The deadline for submissions is on Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

The audience will be Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The upcoming Chesapeake Children's Book Festival will take place on Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. It also coincides with the summer reading program, which runs from June 1 through August 9.

“The theme for the next Chesapeake Children's Book Festival will be All Together Now: *Todos Juntos Ahora* (Kindness/Friendship/Unity),” said Scotti Oliver, Talbot County Free Library Assistant Director. “We are looking forward to having fresh new voices to the festival as well as an exciting upcoming Summer Reading program for all ages, so stay tuned.”

Twenty-five authors/illustrators will be approved, and all will be notified. The Chesapeake Children's Book Festival committee will accept traditional books only, not self-published books. As specified, authors with new, available books will be given preference.

“We aim to have a mix of new authors who have not been at CCBF before as well as popular authors who have new books to offer,” said Timothy Young, Chesapeake Children's Book Festival Co-Founder. “As stated in the application, we aim to have diversity in our choices so that it reflects the community here in Talbot County.”

Email applications and attachments to: [authors@ccbookfest.net](mailto:authors@ccbookfest.net) or mail applications to:

Chesapeake Children's Book Festival  
Attn: Laura Powell  
Talbot County Free Library  
100 W. Dover St.

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You can also access the application at <http://bit.ly/3F4dPqR>. For more information, visit [www.tcfl.org](http://www.tcfl.org) or call (410) 822-1626.

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*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](http://www.tcfl.org). Be sure to like the library on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @Talbotcountyfreelibrary.*