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Talbot County Free Library Honors Hispanic Heritage Month

EASTON, MD (September 10, 2021) — Talbot County Free Library (TCFL) would like to invite the community to attend various family-friendly events that will highlight Hispanic Heritage Month.

TCFL will be joined alongside Easton Downtown, Easton Economic Development Corporation (EEDC), the Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center (ChesMRC), the Avalon Theatre, Talbot Arts Council, and the Academy Art Museum to celebrate the festivities. Hispanic Heritage Month takes place from September 15 to October 15. During this time, TCFL will be celebrating the history, cultures, and accomplishments of Latinos in the United States.

“This year, Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the theme: ‘Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope.’ The library is a place where people learn about, experience, and celebrate other cultures,” said Dana Newman, Talbot County Free Library director.

Newman added “Organizations in the community have come together to provide a rich schedule of programs that are a part of this month's Hispanic Heritage observance. We invite people to reflect on the 2021 theme of hope and resilience, and find inspiration in the experiences and stories that will be shared.”

The U.S. Census Bureau notes Latino Americans have become the nation's largest minority group with an estimated 60.5 million Latinos currently living in the United States.

Here are some events visitors and local residents should plan on attending:

Poster Art: Exhibition and Awards— Thursday, September 16 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Academy Art Museum, 106 South Street.

Outdoor Movie Night: The Book of Life— Friday, September 17 from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at The Park at 17 East Dover Street.

Outdoor Festival at Culture Crossing— Saturday, September 18 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Rails to Trails. At this event, patrons can enjoy music by *Los Compas del Rancho, Grupo*

Gitano, and Pasión Musical. There will also be food from Asbury UM Church, *Camino de Fe Church*, tacos from Belen Food Truck, and popsicles from *Paletas Heladas Veracruz*.

Family Art Day Crafts and Art Making— Saturday, September 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Academy Art Museum, 106 South Street.

Outdoor Storytelling & Book Event— Friday, September 24 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at The Stoltz Pavilion, 218 N. Washington St. Three local Latin American families from *Nuestras Raíces* (Our Roots) will be presenting their journey from their homeland to Easton, Maryland. Javier Bustamante, director of the Center for Cultural Engagement for the Catholic University of America, will be the keynote speaker and a live performance will be provided by Tori Gomez. For Tickets, visit <https://tickets.avalontheatre.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=1309>

“There is a lot of diversity in this county, so we have a little bit of everything including having an opportunity to have different businesses including stores and restaurants. Our presence, our culture, and our traditions give a lot to our community,” said Victoria Gomez Lozano, ChesMRC Hispanic Outreach coordinator.

Lozano went further to say that the nation as a whole has embraced the Hispanic culture.

“The fact that the United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month and other holidays including *Cinco De Mayo* says a great deal,” Lozano said. “We would like for the community to come and join us and have fun. Have a little piece of our culture either with food, music, dancing and art, so please join us and celebrate.”

The TCFL also offers an extensive collection of books, audiobooks, and DVDs that embrace Hispanic Heritage Month that are all ready to be checked out at both Easton and St. Michaels libraries. For more information, stop by one of the locations or visit www.tcfl.org.

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About Talbot County Free Library

The Talbot County Free Library (TCFL) has been a fundamental center for knowledge through books and digital devices that is offered to locals and visitors alike. 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. You can find the Maryland Room in the Easton location. It holds a voluminous collection of genealogical resources and historical documents. Services both locations offer include free Wi-Fi, special talks, exhibits, and programs for adults and children. For more information, visit www.tcfl.org. Be sure to like the library on Facebook and follow on Instagram @Talbotcountyfreelibrary.