

April – May 2019



# Talbot County Judy Center Partnership Newsletter

## What is the Judy Center?

The Talbot County Judy Center joins together a wide range of services for children from birth through age six, and their families. Our staff is located in the main office at Easton Elementary School-Dobson, and our partners are located within the school and throughout the Easton Elementary community. The Judy Center helps families find quality programs for their children ages birth to six, including P3, PreK, Kindergarten, childcare, Head Start, Early Head Start, home visiting programs, recreational programs, playgroups, and many other services. We also work with teachers and program staffs to make sure they have the education, materials, and support they need to help your child reach their potential. You are your child's first and greatest teacher, so we make sure you have all of the support you need. Whether you need access to housing, food, childcare, medical services, higher education opportunities, employment, parent education, fun family activities, or ways to help your child at home, we can help!

If you would like more information about the Judy Center, or if you have questions about anything in our newsletter, please call us:  
410-822-0689.

Check us out on Facebook:  
*Talbot County  
Judy Center Partnership*



## Did you know that some specific activities are now proven to make a difference in your child's math abilities?

According to research, engaging your child in certain activities can have an impact on his/her number-knowledge in preschool and beyond.

Luckily, these math-rich activities are not complicated, they are FUN! So, you can spend quality time together while boosting your child's brain power! Here are some activities shown to sharpen children's math skills:

**\*Sorting.** Putting objects into categories helps your child grasp basic math concepts. To make it exciting for him/her, turn it into a challenge. "Let's see who can find five square shapes in the living room first." Or, "How fast can you find six red things in the kitchen?"

**\*Cooking and Baking.** Every time your child scoops a half-cup of flour or hands you two eggs, he/she is exposed to mathematical concepts like *quantity* and *fractions*.

**\*Handling Money.** When you are buying something at the store with cash, point it out to your child. "This gallon of milk costs \$3.50. That means we need to give the cashier three one dollar bills and two quarters."

**\*Board Games.** Rolling dice and moving pieces around a board offers hands-on lessons in counting. As a bonus, board games also teach your child how to be a good loser - or a gracious winner! 😊

*Source: B. Mutaf-Yildiz and others, "Frequency of Home Numeracy Activities is Differentially Related to Basic Number Processing and Calculation Skills in Kindergartners," Frontiers in Psychology, niswc.com/ec\_numeracy.*

## Save the Date!

EES-Dobson  
Spring Fling

Thursday, April 11

From 5:30pm-7:00pm  
at EES-Dobson (305  
Glenwood Avenue)

0-5 Judy Center  
Playgroup

Fridays: April 12,  
26, and May 10

From 10:00-11:00am  
at Talbot County Free  
Library (100 W.  
Dover Street, Easton)

Mid-Shore  
Community  
Baby Shower

Tuesday, April 23

From 4:30pm-7:00pm at  
Easton Fire Department  
(315 Aurora Park Drive)

# Coordinated Calendar of FREE Events for Children & Parents in Talbot County

**Mondays & Thursdays, (runs through May)** from 9:00am – 11:00am. “Early Learning” group at Easton Family YMCA (202 Peachblossom Road in Easton). This is a FREE early learning readiness program that provides a stimulating environment for children, and helpful education and support to caregivers. For all children ages 5 and under, with an adult. You do NOT need to be a member of the YMCA to participate. For more information, please contact Ariel Fish: (410) 822-0566 or email:

[afish@ymcachesapeake.org](mailto:afish@ymcachesapeake.org)

**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00am-1:00pm. “Talbot County Community Resource Expo” at Easton Elementary School-Moton (307 Glenwood Ave). Come & learn more about the agencies and services in our community! Lunch provided! Limited transportation available. Please call the Neighborhood Service Center for more information: (410) 763-6745.

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00pm-4:00pm. “Summer Camp Fair” at the Talbot County Community Center, in the Curling Rink (Rt. 50, Easton). Enjoy a free, family-friendly event and meet area camp and day program directors. Activities include wildlife demos, popular slime making café, and crafts. Light refreshments served. For more information, please contact Brandon Silverstein at (410) 200-6469 or [bsilverstein@chespub.com](mailto:bsilverstein@chespub.com)

**Tuesdays, April 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am & 11:00am. “Story Time” at the Talbot County Free Library (TCFL)-EASTON Branch, in the children’s section. For children 5 & under, must be with an adult. For more info, please call TCFL-EASTON: (410) 822-1626.

**Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30am. “STEM Story Time” at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, At the Play on the Bay Building (213 North Talbot Street, St. Michaels). Enjoy STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) story time, and learn about Chesapeake Bay life! For ages 5 & under, must be with an adult. Pre-registration is required for free admission to the museum. Please pre-register online at [TCFL.org](http://TCFL.org) or by calling TCFL-ST. MICHAELS: (410) 745-5877.

**Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00-5:45pm. “Love Your Library Family Read-In” at TCFL-EASTON Branch. Fun for the whole family, snacks served! Find a cozy, comfy spot in the library, gather a few good books or magazines, and READ! For more info, please call TCFL-EASTON: (410) 822-1626.

**Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00pm-7:00pm. “EES Spring Fling” at EES-Dobson Building (305 Glenwood Ave). For EES students in P3, PreK, K, & 1<sup>st</sup> grades, and their families. Come and enjoy Science Fair Displays, Literacy Activities, Code Club Demonstrations, Book Fair, Pizza, and Community Resources! Please check your child’s take-home folder & backpack for the flyer.

**Fridays, April 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, and May 10<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00-11:00am. Judy Center “0-5 Playgroup” at TCFL-EASTON Branch, in the children’s section. Meet with other parents and caregivers, and give your child a chance to explore, play, & interact with other children, while learning songs, games, and activities to support your young child’s development. This is a FREE program, and open to children ages 6 weeks – 5 years old, with an adult. Please contact the Talbot County Judy Center if you plan to attend: [dina\\_myers@talbotschools.org](mailto:dina_myers@talbotschools.org) or please call: (410) 822-0689.

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00am-3:00pm. “Easter EGGstravaganza” at Easton V.F.W. (355 Glebe Road). A fun-filled day of family fun designed for children ages infant-12 years. Carnival games, inflatables/rides, rock climbing wall, egg-hunt, petting zoo, face painting, Fish Mobile, and Easter Bunny! Free admission & food! For more info, please call: (410) 822-3088.

**Tuesdays, April 16<sup>th</sup> & May 7<sup>th</sup>** at 3:30pm. “Family Crafts” at TCFL-ST. MICHAELS Branch (106 Fremont Street, St. Michaels). Fun for the whole family! April 16<sup>th</sup>: *Shrinky Dink Jewelry* and May 7<sup>th</sup>: *Spring Crafts*. For more info, please call TCFL-ST. MICHAELS: (410) 745-5877.

**Wednesdays, Begins April 17<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30pm. “Families Understanding Nurturing (F.U.N.)” (at 301 Bay Street, Easton). Free twelve week group (on Wednesday nights) for families to learn new ways to understand one another and have fun together using the evidence-based Nurturing Parenting Curriculum. Free dinner & childcare provided! Please call Lindsay to register: (410) 770-5750.

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00am-1:30pm. “New Mom, New Baby: Safety & CPR” at UM Shore Medical Center at Easton, Health Education Center (219 S. Washington Street, Easton). All aspects of infant care and safety for new and expectant parents or caregivers. Free! Please register by phone: (410) 822-1000, ext. 5200. For information on more free classes about childbirth and parent education programs, please check out this website: [UMShoreRegional.org/birthing](http://UMShoreRegional.org/birthing)

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00am-2:00pm. “Easton’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt” at the Talbot County Courthouse (11 N. Washington Street). Over 4,000 eggs will be spread out on the Courthouse grounds! Also enjoy free face painting and an appearance by the Easter Bunny! For more info, visit: [www.discovereaston.com](http://www.discovereaston.com)

**Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 4:30pm-7:00pm. **Mid-Shore Community Baby Shower** at Easton Fire Department (315 Aurora Park Drive, Easton). New and expectant mothers on the Mid-Shore are invited to this free Community Baby Shower. Resources will be provided from agencies and community groups throughout the region. Free giveaways! For additional information, please contact: Sherri Allen (443) 896-6791 or [sallen@mdcoalition.org](mailto:sallen@mdcoalition.org)

**Wednesdays, April 24<sup>th</sup>, and May 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 10:30am. **“Story Time”** at TCFL-ST. MICHAELS Branch. For children 5 & under, must be accompanied by an adult. For more info, please call TCFL-ST. MICHAELS.

**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00pm-6:00pm. **“Fourth Friday Food”** at EES-Moton, in the Gym (307 Glenwood Ave). This is open to ANY EES-Dobson and Moton family. You are welcome to use the food for your own family, or **“pay it forward”** to another family in need. We will have meats, fresh fruits, and vegetables as available, plus plenty of pantry staples. If interested, please email: [emoody@talbotschools.org](mailto:emoody@talbotschools.org) or JUST SHOW UP!

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** **“Oxford Day”** is a one-day family-oriented celebration of life in a small town on the Eastern Shore. Parade begins at 11:00am along Morris Street in Oxford. Enjoy a unique parade, dog walk, dog show, family hour in Town Park, games & prizes for young children, music, food, skipjack rides, and more! Rain or shine. For more info, please visit: [www.oxfordday.org](http://www.oxfordday.org)

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00am-2:00pm. **“Multicultural Festival”** at Idlewild Park in Easton. A celebration of the rich diversity within our community! Fun for the whole family!

**Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00pm-6:00pm. **“Lawyer in the Library”** at TCFL-EASTON Branch. The Lawyer in the Library Project provides FREE civil legal services in your community! Please bring all relevant documents with you. No appointments necessary. Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Maryland Legal Aid attorneys and paralegals, law students, and volunteer attorneys will provide brief one-on-one advice on a variety of civil legal issues including: Bankruptcy, Child Custody & Support, Debt Collection, Expungements, Government Benefits, Foreclosure, Landlord/Tenant, Veterans’ Benefits, & Wage Claims. For more information, please contact the Community Lawyering Initiative at (443) 451-2805 or visit [www.mdlib.org/law-in-lib](http://www.mdlib.org/law-in-lib)

**Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00am-1:00pm. **“Discovery Day”** at Tuckahoe State Park, Cherry Lane Picnic Pavilion (13450 Cherry Lane, Ridgeley). A resource fair for families of children ages birth to 5 years. Free lunch for everyone! Fun, moon bounce, games, face painting, snow cones, and make & take activities for the kids! For more info or to RSVP, please call Stacey Behrens, Talbot County Public Schools: (410) 822-0330, ext. 179.

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** from 12:00pm-4:00pm. **“BAAM Festival”** at Idlewild Park in Easton. Building African American Minds (BAAM) will celebrate its fifth annual event! There will be informational booths, musical entertainment, face painting, a clown show, juggling show, dance contest, a basketball tournament, photo booth, giveaways & door prizes, and food & refreshments!

**Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30-7:00pm. **“Fun with Fathers & Friends: BINGO”** at the Easton Volunteer Fire Department (315 Aurora Park Drive, Easton). The Talbot County Judy Center is inviting all of our EES P3, PreK, K, CACC, and Head Start students with their fathers (or important males) to join us for FREE BINGO, prizes, pizza, & fun! Please check your child’s backpack for the invitation, and return to their teacher as soon as possible.

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** **“Community Day”** at Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) in St. Michaels. This event will take place along CBMM’s Miles River waterfront, and includes free admission for everyone, live music, regional foods & drinks, family activities, free boat rides, and more! For more info, please visit: [www.cbmm.org](http://www.cbmm.org)

**Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00pm-6:00pm. **“Fourth Friday Food”** at EES-Moton, in the Gym (307 Glenwood Ave). This is open to ANY EES-Dobson and Moton family. You are welcome to use the food for your own family, or **“pay it forward”** to another family in need. We will have meats, fresh fruits, and vegetables as available, plus plenty of pantry staples. If interested, please email: [emoody@talbotschools.org](mailto:emoody@talbotschools.org) or JUST SHOW UP!

**Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00am-3:00pm. **“Chesapeake Children’s Book Festival”** at TCFL-EASTON Branch. Free & open to the public. Summer Reading Kick-off Event! Fun for all ages! Meet authors and illustrators of some of today’s best children’s books. Activities include: author-readings, music, hands-on crafts, exhibits, make-a-book (*sponsored by the Judy Center*), free light refreshments and more! For more info, please visit: [chesapeakechildrensbookfestival.org](http://chesapeakechildrensbookfestival.org)



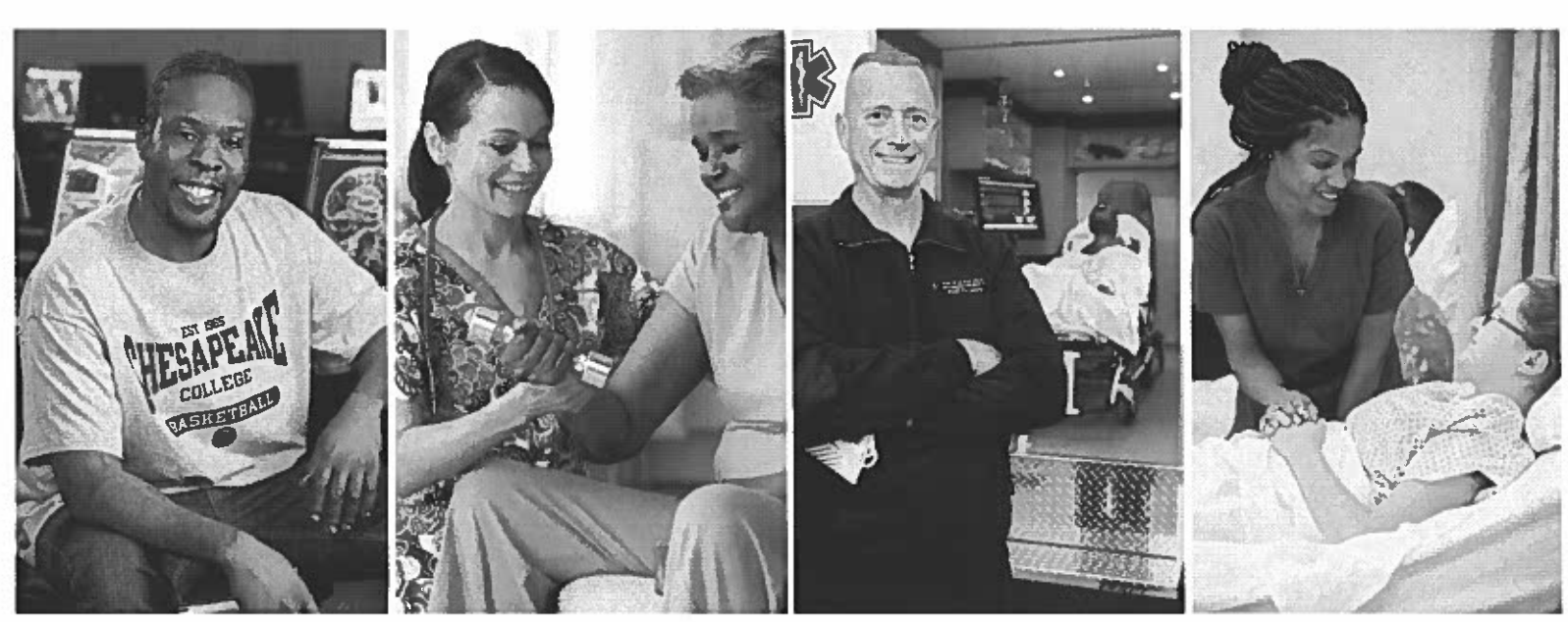
**The Talbot County Free Library (TCFL)  
Contact Information and Hours of Operation**

**Main Branch – Easton**  
100 West Dover Street  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-1626

**St. Michaels Branch**  
106 Fremont Street  
St. Michaels, MD 21663  
(410) 745-5877

**Hours for BOTH Branches**  
Monday & Thursday 9am-8pm  
Tuesday & Wednesday 9am-6pm  
Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm

For more information about TCFL, please check out the website: [www.tcfl.org](http://www.tcfl.org)



# Open *for* HEALTH PROFESSIONS House

**Wednesday, April 24th**

6:00 - 7:30 pm in the  
Health Professions &  
Athletic Center

Preregister by April 19th for a chance to win a door prize.  
Tours will run every 20 minutes.

**For more information and to register contact:  
Cortnie Allen, RN, Nursing Recruiter  
410-822-5400 ext. 2709 or e-mail [callen@chesapeake.edu](mailto:callen@chesapeake.edu)**

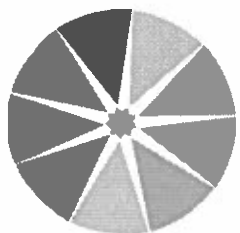
Discover Health Professions  
at Chesapeake College!

**Interested in exploring a  
health career?**

Visit our open house on April 24 to learn more. Meet with faculty, tour classrooms and laboratories, and chat with local businesses representing health careers. Our Health Professions programs are designed to prepare students for employment in a variety of health care fields.

Discover opportunities in:

- Nursing
- EMT/Paramedic
- Radiology
- Surgical Technology
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Veterinary Assistant
- Dental Assistant
- CNA/GNA
- Clinical Medical Assistant
- Administrative Medical Assistant
- Phlebotomy
- Exercise Science



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