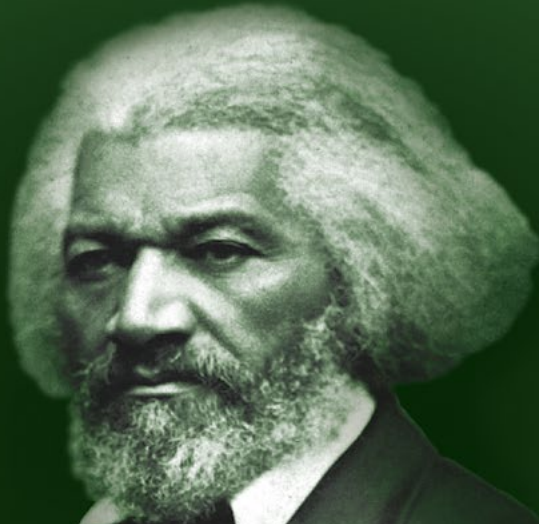


The Frederick Douglass Honor Society,  
The Talbot County Free Library  
and the Town of Easton present



*Frederick  
Douglass  
Day 2016*

Saturday, September 24, 2016

# Frederick Douglass Day

On behalf of the Town of Easton, the Talbot County Free Library and the Frederick Douglass Honor Society, we welcome you to our annual Frederick Douglass Day. This is a proud day for the citizens of Easton, Talbot County and the Frederick Douglass Day Committee as they have long-labored to deliver this grand event filled with history, education, adventure, and entertainment.

Today, we honor Frederick Douglass, a man born into slavery in Talbot County. He had no formal education but taught himself to read and write. Indeed, 'once you learn to read,' he says, 'you will forever be free.' After his escape, Douglass soon became a powerful voice for freedom and equality, and a valued friend and advisor to President Abraham Lincoln. A U.S. Marshal, an Ambassador, and during the Republican National Convention in 1888, he was the first African-American to have his name placed into nomination for President of the United States.

Although he was born a slave, he died a statesman. His compassion for humanity, unyielding advocacy for justice, and intellectual prose writings continue to shape our nation today. "We have to do with the past as we can make it useful to the present and future" - Frederick Douglass.

We hope you enjoy today's celebration of the life and legacy of our native son Frederick Douglass,

## Robert Willey

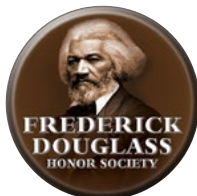
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Director, Talbot County Free Library

## Eric Lowery

President, Frederick Douglass Honor Society



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**10:30am** - Welcome Ceremony at the Talbot County Courthouse  
Mistress of Ceremonies Maya Thomas  
Invocation by Very Rev. James Nash, V.F. - Pastor of SS Peter & Paul Catholic Parish  
Frederick Douglass Address by Terron Quailes  
Speakers include Eric Lowery, President, Frederick Douglass Honor Society; Robert C. Willey, Mayor, Town of Easton, MD; Corey Pack, President, Talbot County Council; Dana Newman, Director, Talbot County Free Library; Kelly Griffith, Superintendent, Talbot County Public Schools

**11:15am** - Children's Village, Knowledge Village, and Food & Retail Vendors open until 4:00 pm Children's Village on the lawn, others at Dover & West Streets, across from the Talbot County Free Library

**11:15am** - Master of Ceremonies Dr. Lorenzo Hughes opens his Entertainment Stage (Federal and West Streets) with the following schedule:

<b>11:20am</b>	Maya Thomas, Soloist
<b>11:40am</b>	Terron Quailes, Soloist
<b>12 Noon</b>	Union Baptist Church Mass Choir
<b>12:30pm</b>	Second Generation Community Choir
<b>1:00pm</b>	Ssuuna
<b>2:00 - 4:00</b>	XPD's Street Concert

**11:30am to 3:00pm** - The Frederick Douglass "Amazing Race" is created in the spirit of the televised Amazing Race reality show. Registration table located at the Talbot County Free Library; Register between 11:30 until 12:15pm. Race officially starts at 12:30pm and ends at 3:00pm. First, Second, Third Place Winners will receive their prizes following the race.

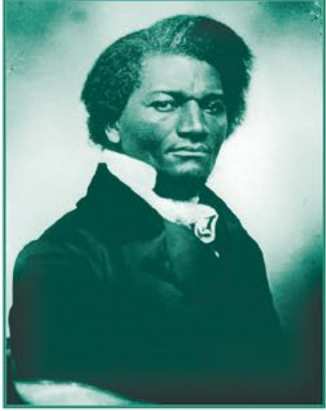
**1:00pm to 2:15 pm** - Keynote Address by John Stauffer, Professor of English, American Studies and African American Studies at Harvard University (Talbot County Free Library)

**2:30pm to 3:45pm** - Lecture by Dr. Clara Small on her new book, "*Compass Points: Profile and Biographies of African-Americans from the Delmarva Peninsula*". Dr. Small recently retired from Salisbury University where she was a professor for nearly forty years.

**4:00pm** - Special guided walking tour with Carlene Phoenix departs in front of the Talbot County Court House. Tour is approximately 45 minutes.

## Frederick Douglass

The man we know as Frederick Douglass was born Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey in Talbot County, MD, February 1818. His mother, a slave named Harriet Bailey, gave birth to him in the cabin of her mother Betsey Bailey, also a slave but whose husband Isaac was free. The cabin was in a small ravine on Tuckahoe

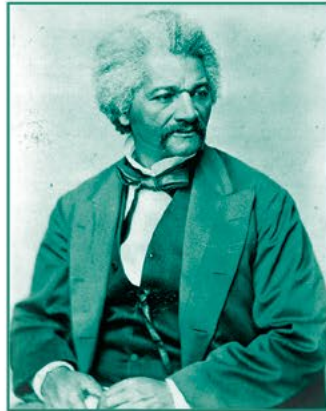


Creek near what is now called the village of Cordova. Frederick's mother soon returned to the farm where she worked, and he only saw her a few times thereafter. She died when he was eight years old. His earliest years were spent with his grandparents Isaac and Betsey Bailey.

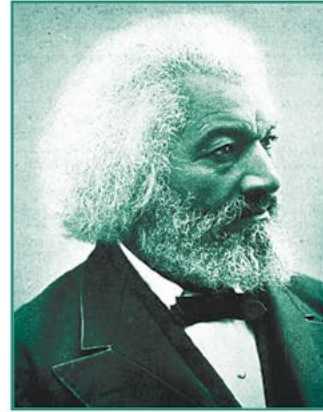
In 1824, at the age of six, Frederick and his grandmother walked twelve miles to Wye House plantation where his owner Aaron Anthony was employed as an overseer. Anthony died within two years and Frederick was transferred to the possession of Thomas Auld, Anthony's son-in-law. He was sent by Auld's wife to her sister-in-law Sophia Auld in Fells Point, Baltimore, to be a companion to the son of Hugh and Sophia. Frederick was recognized as a gifted child, and Sophia began to teach him to read, although doing so was illegal. Her husband stopped the lessons, saying that if a slave was taught to read he would no longer be satisfied to remain a slave, words that Frederick overheard and took to heart. He continued to read in secret. He bought "The Columbian Orator," memorizing the speeches and practicing oratory.

*"I had as well be killed running as die standing."*

Frederick was returned to the Eastern Shore when his services were no longer needed in Baltimore. By then, Colonel Lloyd, owner of the Wye House plantation, owned Frederick. The young man organized a weekly Sunday school, teaching other slaves to read the New Testament. Within a short time, several slave owners discovered this forbidden activity and broke up the meetings. Frederick tried to escape his master several times and was severely punished. After one such attempt, the escape plot



*"Once you learn to read, you will forever be free."*



was discovered and Frederick was tied and led behind a team of horses to the county jail in Easton. Ultimately, his master returned him to Baltimore to learn the trade of ship caulking. In 1838, he managed his successful escape with help from friends. To avoid being discovered and returned to slavery, Frederick stopped using the last name Bailey and called himself Frederick Johnson. He later changed his last name again to Douglass, choosing to spell Douglass with a slight difference – a double "s".

Frederick and his wife Anna had five children; three sons and two daughters. He became a licensed preacher in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and he began to attend abolitionist meetings. Thus began the career of a great orator, editor, author, suffragist, reformer, statesman and advisor to Presidents. In 1878, in sharp contrast to his beginning in Talbot County, Douglass returned to Easton and spoke at the Courthouse, Asbury U. M. Church and Bethel A.M.E. Church as an accomplished and respected leader.

He died February 20, 1895, both nationally and internationally acclaimed as one of the most influential men of his century.

*"I know of no soil better adapted to the growth of reform than American soil. I know of no country where the conditions for affecting great changes in the settled order of things, for the development of right ideas of liberty and humanity, are more favorable than here in these United States."*

## SPEAKERS



**John Stauffer** is Professor of English and African American Studies at Harvard University, and the editor of 21st Editions, which publishes limited edition photography books. He is the author or editor of 15 books and over 100 articles, including two books that were briefly national bestsellers: the award-winning *GIANTS: The Parallel Lives of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln*; and *State of Jones*, co-authored with Washington Post columnist Sally Jenkins, a recently released film starring Matthew McConaughey.

Two other books received awards: *The Black Hearts of Men* was the co-winner of the Frederick Douglass Book Prize and the Lincoln Prize runner-up. *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, co-authored with Benjamin Soskis, was a Lincoln Prize finalist.

His new book, *Picturing Frederick Douglass: An Illustrated Biography of the 19th-Century's Most Photographed American*, published by W.W. Norton in 2015.

His essays and reviews have appeared in *Time*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Huffington Post*. He has appeared on national radio and television shows, including *The Diane Rehm Show* and *Book TV* with Susan Swain, and he has lectured throughout the United States and Europe. In 2009 the U.S. State Department's International Information Programs hired him as one of its speakers.

His interests extend to exhibitions and film. He consulted on the traveling exhibition WAR/PHOTOGRAPHY. He advised and appeared in three award-winning documentaries (*God in America*, *The Abolitionists*, and *The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross*). And he has been a consultant for films including *Django* and *Free State of Jones*.

In 2009 Harvard named Professor Stauffer the Walter Channing Cabot Fellow for "achievements and scholarly eminence in the fields of literature, history or art." He has also received two teaching awards from Harvard: the Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Award; and the Jan Thaddeus Teaching Prize. He lives in Cambridge, MA with his wife, Deborah Cunningham, and their two sons, Erik and Nicholas.



**Carlene T. Phoenix** is the Deputy Director of the Housing Commission of Talbot in Easton, MD, St. Michaels, MD and the Housing Authority in Wicomico, MD. An active member of the community, her passion is research regarding family genealogy and black history. She is involved in the restoration and history of Asbury United Methodist Church and the documentation and restoration of the Hill

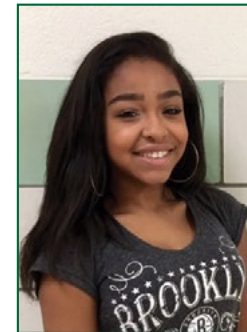
Community. She is the President of Historic Easton Inc., Easton District Lay Leader of the Peninsula Delaware Conference, Blake Blackston Auxiliary Unit 77 Treasurer, Board Member of St. Marks Village and Supervisor of Elections for the Town of Easton. Her greatest joy is her husband, two children and six grandchildren.



**Dr. Clara Small** recently retired from her professorship in history at Salisbury University, where she taught for 36 years. An Appointed member of the Maryland Commission of African-American History and Culture and the Governor's Commission to Study the Legacy of Slavery in Maryland, Small is a sought-after lecturer known for her studies and presentations of African-American history on the Delmarva Peninsula and for her expertise in African-American women's history. She is the recipient of the Harriette Ross Tubman Lifetime Achievement Award.

Small's book, "*Compass Points: Profiles and Biographies of African-Americans from the Delmarva Peninsula*", features 56 people from the region sharing their notable contributions and includes founders of African-American churches, politicians, educators and civil rights activists.

**Terron Quailles** is a graduate of Easton High School. He received his B.A. in Vocal Performance from Salisbury University May 2012. Terron is the Director of Fine Arts at the Sozo Performing Arts of Greater New Hope Church and Ministries. He is an independent vocalist gifted with a brilliant bass and baritone voice and a member of the Ministerial Staff at Greater New Hope Church & Ministries and a member of the Tidewater Singers.

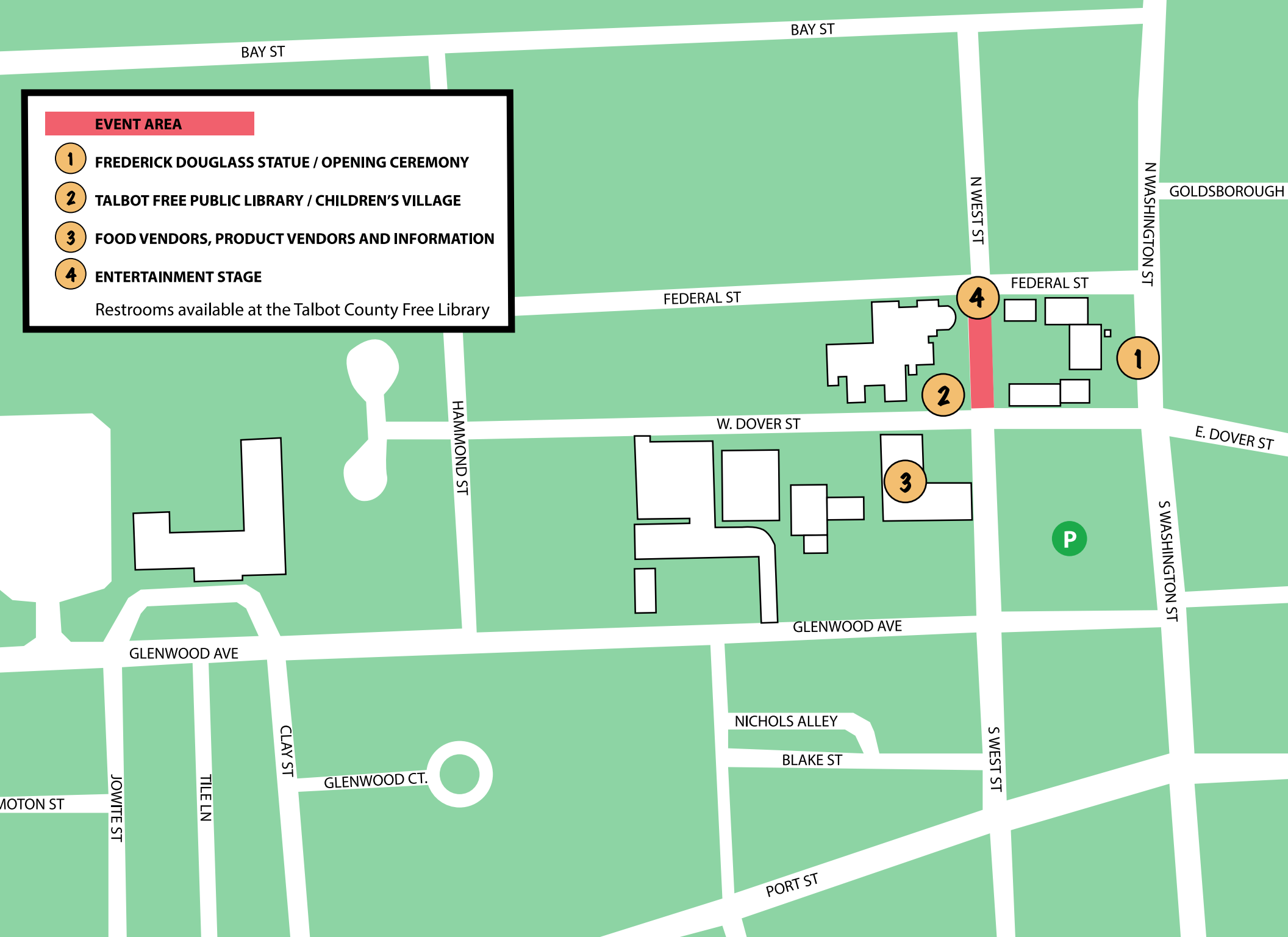


**Maya Thomas** is a senior at Easton High School, who currently hopes to pursue a double major in psychology and musical theatre after her graduation. She has been an avid participant in the theatre program since her freshman year. Her most recent role was that of Irene Molloy in "*Hello, Dolly!*" and she is currently working on her role as Morticia Addams in the Fall production of "*The Addams Family*." She also performs with the Contemporary Music Ensemble at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Easton. She also volunteers at the St. Vincent DePaul Society food pantry and thrift store. Maya is the daughter of Jacquelyn Gonnella-Thomas and the late Harold Thomas.

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**Dr. Lorenzo Hughes** is the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction at Dorchester County Public Schools. As the chief academic officer, he provides innovative leadership, direction, and management for the instructional programs from kindergarten to twelfth grade, including special education and alternative education. The senior member of the Superintendent’s Executive Leadership Team, Dr. Hughes develops, executes, and assesses instructional priorities; interprets policies for staff, students, and community; and is responsible for instructional improvement, long-range planning, budget development, and community relations.

Some of his major accomplishments as Assistant Superintendent for Instruction include these: securing several million dollars in grants to augment instructional and student services programs, including the Race to the Top grant for \$1,044,678; improving graduation rates (DCPS had the second most improved graduation rate in Maryland over the past five years and exceeded Maryland’s rate in 2014); reducing the graduation gap between African American and white students (16.47% in 2011 to 2.91% in 2014); and initiating a partnership with Discovery Education.

Dr. Hughes earned a Bachelor of Arts in English Education from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, a Master of Education in School Leadership and Instruction from Wilmington College (now Wilmington University), and a Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational Leadership from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

## PERFORMERS

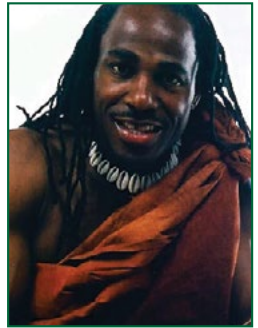
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**Second Generation Community Chorus of Federalsburg** founded by Carolyn Hooper Brinkley and Brenda Magee, and under the direction of Ambia Hooper.



**Ssuuna** is a dancer, drummer, singer, songwriter, and reggae artist from Uganda with a wide range of performance experience. Raised in a small village by grandparents, Ssuuna found comfort in the Ugandan traditional music that was played at school. As a result, his interest in music was born. This interest was then encouraged, nurtured, and reinforced by his grandparents and elders through proverbs, stories, dances and instrumentation. Ssunna’s musical background is priceless. Today, his performance “Mujje: Come Together” opens a window to African culture through dance, music, and storytelling.



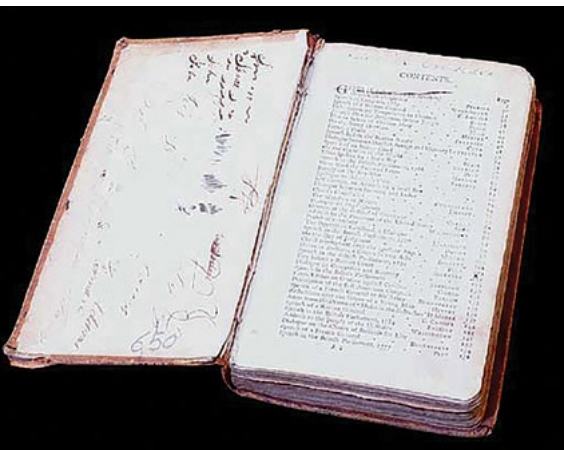
**Union Baptist Church Mass Choir** was founded in the early 1950’s, and although many of the original members are no longer with them, the Easton, MD choir continues their legacy of singing the Gospel. They have traveled extensively over the years, bringing their message of faith to New York, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C. and throughout the Delmarva

Peninsula. Choir members’ commitment and determination express their strong belief in Christian teachings and their faith that they have been given a mandate to sing. The Union Baptist Church Mass Choir was honored to be featured as one of the participants at the unveiling of the Frederick Douglass statue.

**The XPD’s** have performed on stage for hundreds of events ranging from corporate events to weddings, charity and special occasion parties. The band has performed mostly in the Maryland and Washington, D.C. area but have also traveled along the East Coast. Recognized as one of the best bands in the Metropolitan area, the XPD’s is a high-energery group band that plays a full palette of music including Motown, R&B, jazz, rock, country, swing and all in between. With more than thirty years of experience, they have perfected their voices and instrumental musical sounds. The two-hour concert will have everyone on their feet dancing or simply tapping their toes.



## FREDERICK DOUGLASS' "COLUMBIAN ORATOR"



The "Columbian Orator", which once belonged to African American abolitionist Frederick Douglass, who died in 1895, will be on display at the Talbot County Free Library on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 11am until 4 pm. "We are honored that the National Park Service has allowed us to showcase Douglass' copy of the Columbian Orator during our Frederick Douglass Day celebration", said Eric Lowery, President of the Frederick Douglass Honor Society.

According to the National Parks Service, when Frederick Douglass was about 12 years old, he was able to save 50 cents from small coins given him as gifts or as his own spending money. He purchased a popular schoolbook of the day, the Columbian Orator. Eagerly, he devoured this treasury of famous speeches and powerful documents that supported liberty and civil rights. There was even one passage where a fictional slave, after escaping three times only to be captured each time, finally convinced his master so thoroughly of the evils that the slave was set free. This book influenced Douglass deeply. It caused the passionate desire for freedom to torment him daily. In addition to the loan of the Columbia Orator, the National Park Service has also allowed us to display the Douglass family's croquet mallet and croquet balls. In the Douglass' family collection is a 1880s picture of his granddaughter, Harriette "Hattie" Bailey Sprague playing croquet on the back lawn of Cedar Hill. The Frederick Douglass Honor Society, the Talbot County Free Library and the Town of Easton are proud of their partnership with the National Park Service in Washington, D.C. and grateful for their generosity in sharing these value pieces from their Frederick Douglass collection.

## FREDERICK DOUGLASS DAY'S AMAZING RACE

The Amazing Race is a televised reality competition in which teams of two race around the world. While Easton is generally not the first place that may come to mind whenever you think about this award-winning television show, the Frederick Douglass Day Committee is offering you the opportunity to try your hand at solving clues, finding destinations, meeting challenges, and crossing the finish line to win a prize on Saturday, Septembere 24, 2016.

Amazing Race Chairman Annie Mewborn, Talbot County's Teacher of the Year

and Clairdean Black have created a fun way to learn about Frederick Douglass and Talbot County's history. The teams of two will receive an all-access pass as they race around the Town of Easton. Teams will follow checkpoints where they will be given directions (challenges and clues) to complete at that location. The two-member teams will need to use an I-Phone, Smartphone or digital camera to photograph theirselves solving the clue at each site. Volunteers stationed at each site will assist team players and handout the next clue.

Team Members can register at the registration table located outside of the Talbot County Free Library on West and Dover Streets from 11:30am until 12:15pm. The Race offically starts at 12:30pm and ends at 3:00pm. Participation is free and open to the public. Each team will be assigned an identifying color and will hence be called by that color. If team members would like, they can create a complimentary addition to their names such as Red Fireballs or Purple Panthers.

On the televised show, all teams are all racing to the same pit stop at once, but during the Frederick Douglass Amazing Race, the teams will start out with different destination clues. This change eliminates backups and keeps an element of mystery alive. Every team must visit every pitstop; they will just do it in different orders. The witness (volunteers) will know the order of the team routes ahead of time, and be prepared to pass the clues accordingly.

First, second, and third-place prizes will be awarded to the winners at the end of the race. When you hear these words ...The Town is waiting for you. Good Luck. Explore Safely. Go!...the Race begins. Upon completion, return to the registration desk outside the library to sign out and determine if you are among the winners.

## CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

The Children's Village located on the front lawn of the Talbot County Free Library showcases fun and interactive activities. Young minds will be inspired by creative artistic experiences through face painting, bubbles, balloons, and using their imagination as they color free Frederick Douglass stickers. Children will also receive their very own complimentary copy of the Frederick Douglass: In His Own Words Coloring Book depicting a few of his famous quotes, images, and more.

The Children's Village activities start at 11:15 and are a perfect approach to create memorable Frederick Douglass Day moments.

*Children learn best when they are having fun.*



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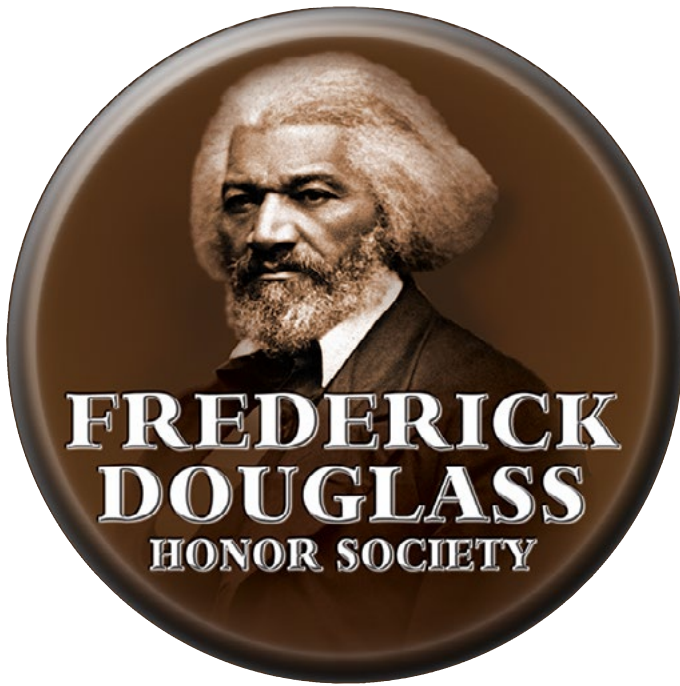
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Mission Statement:**

*"The Frederick Douglass Honor Society is dedicated to developing programs that continue the Douglass legacy of human rights, education, personal growth, and involvement of citizens."*

Our goal is to honor Frederick Douglass here in his birthplace, Talbot County, Maryland, where his experiences in his youth – both positive and negative – helped form his character, intellect and determination. It became Frederick Douglass's life goal to bring black people, and America, away from the ancient institution of slavery.

It is our hope that Frederick Douglass will be seen as a true leader by all Americans. His brilliant oratory and his influence both here and abroad helped black people and our country through one of the most difficult and painful struggles in our history. He is known, honored and respected around the world; we believe he should be considered among the foremost of our many American heroes. A statue of him in his birthplace is just a beginning...

For more info: <http://www.frederickdouglasshonorsociety.org>