

Frederick Douglass Day 2024

Saturday, September 28, 2024

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On behalf of the Frederick Douglass Honor Society, the Town of Easton, the Talbot County Council, and the Talbot County Free Library, we welcome you to our annual Frederick Douglass Day. Today we salute Frederick Douglass, who was born into slavery in the year 1818 and against all odds became one of the most famous men in history. In an obituary notice (1895), the *Easton Gazette* editor, Wilson M. Tyler, wrote that Douglass "has occupied the most exalted position of any member of his race in the world. Talbot reveres his memory."

An orator and astonishing writer, Douglass became a newspaper editor, a political activist, and statesman. He was a champion for women's rights, especially their right to vote, a brilliant strategist, newspaper owner, and author. No book had as powerful an impact on the American abolitionist movement as the *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*.

His life spanned the Civil War, the end of slavery and the beginning of segregation. Celebrated internationally as the leading Black intellectual of his time, his story still resonates today. Douglass's talents and determination helped him leave an enduring mark upon our history and a ranking among such prominent figures as Abraham Lincoln, W. E. B. Du Bois, Susan B. Anthony, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

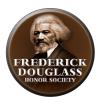
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Schedule of Events

10:00am ~ Street Parade (Glenwood Avenue/Washington Streets)

10:30am ~ Welcome Ceremony at the Talbot County Courthouse
Gabriella Thompson - Mistress of Ceremonies

Invocation by Reverend Elmer Neal Davis, Jr., United Methodist District Superintendent for the Upper Shore and member of Easton Town Council.

Presentation of Colors by Easton High School NJROTC

Pledge of Allegiance led by BAAM (Building African American Minds)

Music Provided by Easton Middle School, Easton High School, St. Michaels Middle High School Band, Melissa Wise, Ian Young and Randy Welch

Frederick Douglass Recitation by Devon Beck, Facilitator of Recruitment, Recreation & Diversity, Talbot County Public Schools

Speakers:

Edward (Boots) Robinson, Vice-President - Frederick Douglass Honor Society,

Deleon Foster - Rutgers University Student

Keasha Haythe, CEcD – Talbot County Council

Sharon Pepukayi – Ed.D., Superintendent – Talbot County Public Schools

Dana Newman - Director - Talbot County Free Library

11:30am - 3pm ~ Children's Village located on the front lawn of the Talbot County Free Library features face paintings, balloons, games, mapping challenges, prizes, storybook readings by author Timothy Young and Shauna Beulah, and free Baltimore Ravens wristbands

11:30am - 3pm ~ Knowledge Village, Food and Retail Vendors located at Dover and West Streets, across from the Talbot County Free Library.

12 noon ~ Pickup your passport with map and instructions and explore the new Frederick Douglass Geocaching Trail created by Autumn Redman, her family, and former members of Girl Scout Troop #1308. Learn about his life in Talbot County and collect a commemorative coin at the end of the trail. (Talbot County Free Library)

12:30 pm to 3 pm – Live Entertainment features Deleon Foster, Melissa Wise, Ian Young, Stefany Sophia Fernandez, Isaiah Robinson, Baba Bomani, Al Butler, and Mistress of Ceremonies Annie Mewborn

1 pm – Lecture: Harvard Fellow Keidrick Roy, Ph.D., will speak in the Easton Branch of the Talbot County Free Library. Dr. Roy's subject will be his newest book, "American Dark Age: Racial Feudalism and the Rise of Black Liberalism" (Princeton University Press, September 2024). Following the lecture a Q& A session will be moderated by Jaelon Moaney, Deputy Director – Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience at Washington College, and a book signing in the lobby of the Talbot County Free Library.

Frederick Douglass History

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 one whose husband, Isaac, was free. The cabin was in a small ravine on Tuckahoe Creek near what is now 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 she was then forced to leave him to fend for himself. His owner, Aaron Anthony, was employed at Wye 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 Hugh and Sophia's son. 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.

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 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.

You can read more about Frederick Douglass at https://frederickdouglasshonorsociety.com/history/

Speakers



Harvard Fellow Keidrick Roy, Ph.D. received his doctorate from Harvard in 2022. His dissertation, entitled "Jefferson's Map, Douglass's Territory," won two major Harvard awards: the Delancey K. Jay Prize (for best work across the University on any subject related to the history or development of constitutional government) and the Helen Choate Bell Prize (for best dissertation on any subject in American Literature). Roy received his undergraduate degree from the United States Air Force Academy, and his Master's from the University of Arizona. He served as a nuclear operations officer in the United States Air Force from 2010-2014. Dr.

Roy's subject at the Talbot County Free Library will be his newest book, "American Dark Age: Racial Feudalism and the Rise of Black Liberalism" (Princeton University Press, September 2024).

Devon Beck is a leader, builder and connector who has held leadership roles in education, community development, and the music industry. After receiving his undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Devon began working in the school system, mentoring and leading young students with these very lessons. Currently, he is the Facilitator of Recruitment, Retention & Equity for the Talbot County Board of Education and guides leaders and organizations to remove barriers to inclusion. As Co-Founder with Shelton Hawkins of Play in Color, an organization that uses basketball to build communities, Beck continues to make strides to leave a positive impact on the community.





Rev. Elmer Neal Davis, Jr. received his education in Wicomico County where he graduated from James M. Bennett Senior High School and Wor-Wic Community College with an Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice. He enrolled in the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Police Academy in Salisbury, MD, serving as a police officer for twenty-two years and as a Salisbury City Police Department Lieutenant. Continuing his education, he received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Human Resources Management from Wilmington College and later a Master of Divinity Degree from the Howard School of Divinity. He currently serves

as the Upper Shore District Superintendent which includes all the United Methodist Churches on Maryland's Eastern Shore and supervises 82 pastors and 136 churches. In September 2020, Rev. Davis was appointed to the Easton Town Council and subsequently elected to represent Ward 4 and serves as a member of Talbot Community Connections.

Childlene R. Brooks is an original member of the Frederick Douglass Honor Society and currently serves as the President. She has been employed by Upper Shore Aging, Inc. since 2011 and has served as the Manager of Brookletts Place Talbot County Senior Center since 2014. Childlene is a lifetime member of New St. John's U. M. Church under the leadership of Pastor Keith L. Beckett. She is also heavily involved in numerous organizations within the county.



Edward "Boots" Robinson was born in the State of Florida and relocated to Maryland after completing his high school years. He and his wife, Dawn, have three children and a grandson. They enjoy traveling in their free time, supporting their community and spending time with their beloved family. Boots is employed by the St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. He has worked closely with the Frederick Douglass Honor Society and the Frederick Douglass Day Committee for many years and currently serves as the Society's Vice-President.

Speakers



Keasha Haythe, CEcD is serving her first term on the Talbot County Council. She also serves as President and CEO for the Foundation of HOPE, Inc., a non-profit 501c3 organization established to help women and young girls. As founder of the organization, she created their Economic Development and Empowerment Program for the sixth-grade adolescent girls attending Easton Middle School. The program teaches participants to be community leaders and viable contributors to the future workforce.

Dana Newman is the Director of the Talbot County Free Library. She is a graduate of the Maryland Library Leadership Institute, a longtime member of the Maryland Library Association, a member of the Easton Rotary and is serving as President of the Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators, among other professional affiliations. Before coming to Talbot County, Dana was the Chief of Public Services and Branch Management for the Anne Arundel County Library system.



Sharon Pepukayi, Ed.D. was appointed as Talbot County Superintendent of Schools in July 2022. She previously served as an assistant superintendent for the Appoquinimink School District. As an educator for 30 years, Dr. Pepukayi has served in numerous roles including student advisor, mentor, reading coach, teacher, assistant principal, and principal prior to moving to district administration. Dr. Pepukayi is a collaborator and believes in unleashing the talents of others. She has worked tirelessly to develop leaders and promote equity and diversity. A graduate of St. Michaels High School, she pursued her post-secondary education in North Carolina, Ohio, and Delaware.

Gabriella Thompson attends Easton Middle School and is in the 8th grade. She's earned The Principal's Honor each quarter in elementary and middle school. Gabby has earned The Academic Excellence awards in mathematics, social studies and language arts. Additionally, she has earned The Growth, Resiliency, Integrity and Tenacity Award for multiple academic disciplines, as well as the award for the student most likely to win a Nobel Prize. She plays field hockey, softball, attends clubs at school including volleyball and SHOP (students helping other people). She plays clarinet for the Easton Middle School Band and has been part of the All



Shore student band leading to her participation in the Festival of Music. She enjoys running, sports, going to Orioles games, and spending quality time with family.



Deleon Foster is a student at Rutgers University who plays basketball, runs track and is pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology. She plans to become a mentor for the youth. Deleon is a native of Delaware and began writing poetry several years ago and recently sharing her work publicly. She plans to use her voice through her poetry to reach people and advocate for mental health.

Jaelon T. Moaney is the Deputy Director of the Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience at Washington College.

He is an interdisciplinary visionary, ruralist, historic resource steward, civic change agent, and Eastern Shoreman. Governor Wes Moore appointed Jaelon in 2023 as the youngest to serve on the Maryland Commission on African American History & Culture, established in 1969 as the first-ever ethnic commission in America. Over the past decade, Jaelon has developed into a national leader in the U.S. preservation movement through his advocacy on Capitol Hill and in state capitols across the



nation. He also serves as an elected member of the Board of Directors for the Talbot County Public Schools Education Foundation, the Maryland Sea Grant College External Advisory Board and the Maryland Humanities Center for the Book One Maryland One Book Selection Committee.

Other Participants



Randy Welch began studying bag-piping in 1998. He attended the North American Academy of Piping in North Carolina. He has performed for well over 1,500 events all around the Mid-Atlantic region, including annual events at the US Capitol and for the Maryland Senate in Annapolis. He's piped for the Woman's World Cup Lacrosse Championships, weddings, funerals, parades & festivals, as well as events for police, fire and military. Randy is an officer in a Pipes and Drums band, and Past President of the St. Andrew's Society of the Eastern Shore, which is a Scottish benevolent organization.

Mrs. Sara Urry Booth is a Talbot County native and excited to return to the band room at Easton Middle School. Mrs. Booth was previously the Director of Music at Buffalo Gap High School in Swoope, VA for 10 years where she directed the Marching Band, Symphonic Band, and Concert Choir. She graduated from Chesapeake College in 2010 with an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts and Science and Bridgewater College in 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music. She is an accomplished percussionist previously performing with the Waynesboro



Symphony Orchestra, Valley Wind Ensemble, and award winning Massanutten Brass Band in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and is currently performing with the Mid Shore Community Band and Spark In Da Pan.

The 2024 EHS Warrior Marching Band is comprised of 51 students ranging from 9th -12th grade. This year, the Warrior Marching Band is under the direction of Ms. Lauren Rose. Band students have been working hard over the summer on music and drill for their 2024 field show which contains selections

from the musical West Side Story. You can come watch us perform halftime at every home football game at Warrior Stadium and at



competitions throughout the state this fall. Today we are joined by 10 **St. Michaels Middle High School Band** students, under the direction of Mr. Richard White.

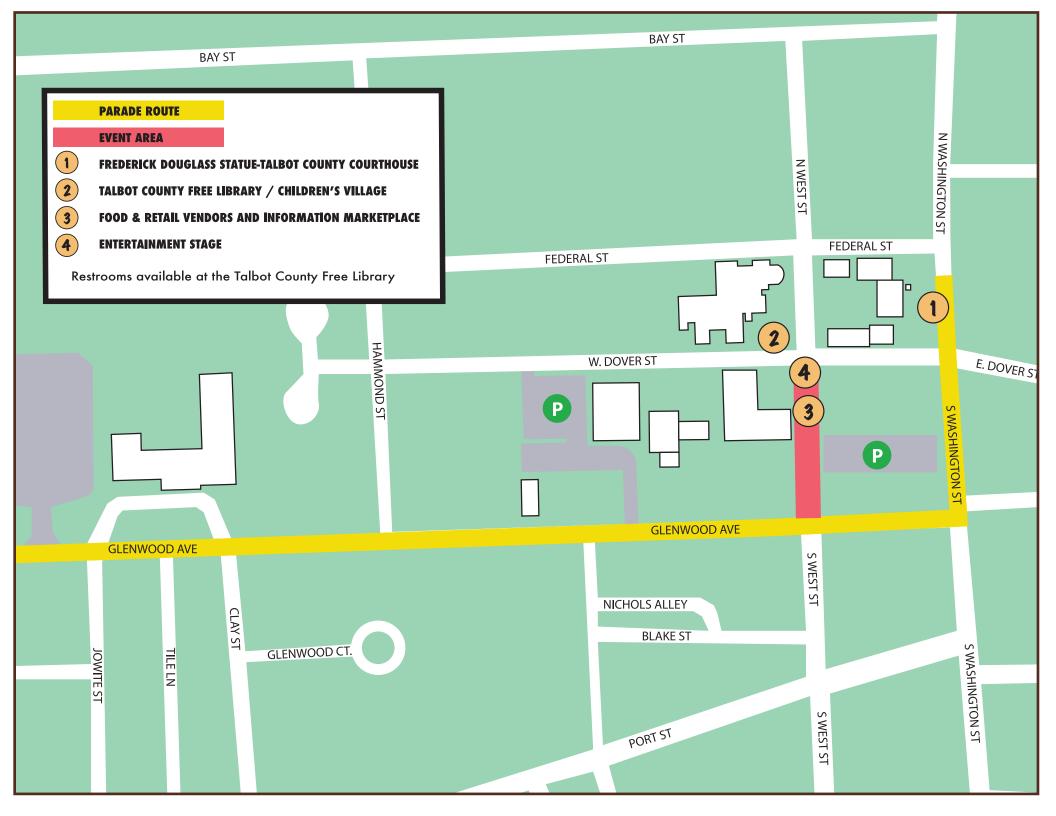
EHS NJROTC's mission is to instill in our students the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment. The program was established in 1996 and has been a stable part of our community.



Building African American Minds, BAAM, is a non-profit, after-school program designed to strengthen opportunities for school-aged African American boys and girls in Talbot County to become productive, successful, and confident citizens through positive

academic, social, emotional, and spiritual experiences. This program partners with local community and faith-based organizations to assist parents in creating a home environment conducive to learning and to accomplishing goals. For information: www.baamsite.com.

For more information visit our recently re-designed & updated website https://frederickdouglasshonorsociety.com



Entertainers



Annie Mewborn is a best-selling author and certified life engagement coach. She currently serves as an Assistant Principal at Easton Elementary School. She is a board member of Critchlow Adkins Children's Center and Talbot Optimist Club and was recognized as Talbot's Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017. Annie was also among the 2024 Women to Watch Chesapeake nominees, celebrated for her impactful contributions to the community and her dedication to inspiring and empowering

Baba Bomani uses his experiences as a producer and MC to teach arts - integrated workshops, residences, assemblies, and professional development with his curriculum, BARS. He is a Kennedy Center for the Arts teaching artist and a roster artist with Young Audiences of New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania, United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, North Carolina, and Arlington County, Virginia. Bomani is also the founder of a literacy and history club for students called the Frederick Douglass Writing Club.





Ian Young is a recent graduate of Duquesne University, having studied with Professor Brent Weber and received a Master of Music in Voice Performance. An alumnus of Carnegie Mellon University, Ian graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Vocal Performance in 2018, and then again in 2019 from the Advanced Music Studies certificate program. While in undergrad, Ian sang with the Carnegie Mellon University choir as well as other extracurricular and professional ensembles, including the Bach Choir of Pittsburgh. As a soloist, Ian has performed many roles including Frank in Die Fledermaus, Sarastro in Die Zauberflöte, and Simone in

Gianni Schicchi. He has a particular passion for new music, having helped to premier an opera titled On Our Street in 2019 as part of the Compos-it Opera festival, and even having commissioned a song cycle set to poems by Emily Dickinson for his 2019 AMS recital. Ian hopes to pursue a career in professional choral singing and church music.

Isaiah M. Robinson is native to Salisbury, Maryland, where he began to love church and greatly appreciate the musical culture. As his passion grew, he learned the arts. Isaiah now is confident in singing, dancing and playing the drums, Hammond organ, and piano. Although Isaiah never experienced lessons from a traditional instructor, he gained lifelong guidance and support from other local mentors. In 2022, Isaiah graduated from Wicomico High School where he worked closely with various churches in his community as the Minister of Music. Isaiah is currently a second year Liberal Arts



& Science major at Chesapeake College. He serves as the Chesapeake College UHURU Black Student Union Events Coordinator, works for Dr. LaSella L. Hall in the Office of Student Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as a Program Assistant, and a member of FOCUS, a minority male initiative program at Chesapeake College. He says that "as long as he can serve his heavenly father by serving others...then he will."



Melissa Wise a native of the Eastern Shore, graduated from Wheaton College Conservatory of Music and after many years in the hospitality industry realized that her true passion was sharing her love of music with private students & with her students at Cambridge-South Dorchester High School. Having graduated from CSD Melissa loves that she has been given the opportunity to rebuild the music program that built her love of the arts. She just completed her Masters degree in Educational Leadership at Salisbury University. Melissa performs locally at special events, local theater groups & church services. She can be reached at melissa.wise.music@gmail.com

Stefany Sofia Fernandez is a sixth-grade student at Easton Middle School. A native of Venezuela, she arrived in the United States during April 2021, with a twelvemonth median survival diagnosis but God had a different plan. She enjoys school, singing, and attending Iglesia Evangelica Emanuel Church where she is loved and embraced as a true blessing by everyone.



Entertainment Stage performances begin at 12:30



DJ Allen Butler is a Talbot County native who surrounds himself by sounds. His love for music paved the way to his entertainment career. Butler is an amazing talented DJ for all occasions - from the "Oldies but Goodies" to the great music of today. He finds the perfect sounds for every occasion, from meetings to weddings and special events.

Schedule

- 12:30 Isaiah Robinson Performing two songs
- 12:45 Melissa Wise Performing one vocal
- Deleon Foster poetry reading
- Stefany Sofia Fernandez Two songs
- Ian Young Performing two songs
- Baba Bomani Multiple songs following Baba Bomani- DJ Al Butler

Frederick Douglass Reading Challenge

Frederick Douglass Day, September 28, will once again serve as the kick-off event for the Frederick Douglass Reading Challenge. Beginning on the day of the festival, and continuing till the first of November, young people from 6 to 18 years of age will have the chance to win one of six \$50 gift cards from Target by reading a biography of Douglass (there are plenty of these—suited to all ages—available at both branches of the library).

Once the young person has finished reading the book, he or she will fill out a raffle ticket with their contact information and a fact about Douglass they learned from the book, and then turn the ticket in to either branch of the library. They can fill out a raffle ticket for each and every Douglass biography they read. All raffle tickets must be turned in by November 1st. A drawing will then be held for each of the six \$50 Target gift cards (limit one per child) that will be handed out by representatives of the Frederick Douglass

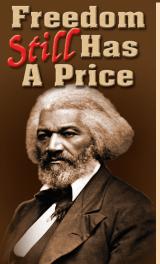
Honor Society at a special reception in the Easton library on Tuesday,

November 5th, at 4 p.m.

So if your child or the child of someone you know might be interested in learning more about Talbot County's most famous native son, and, by doing so, earn a chance to win a \$50 gift card from Target, make sure they don't miss this year's Frederick Douglass Day!







In late 1846, abolitionist and Quaker Mary Richardson of England wrote to slave owner Hugh Auld in Baltimore asking if Frederick Bailey's freedom had a price. Auld replied that he would manumit Frederick for £150, or \$711.66.

Richardson and others on both sides of the Atlantic raised the funds, and on Dec. 5, 1846, Auld filed Douglass' deed of manumissionliterally "releasing the hand of authority" - in Baltimore Co.

Join the \$711.66 Endowment

The Price of Frederick Douglass' Freedom

Pay in installments or one sum. Send your "deed of freedom" made payable to:

Frederick Douglass Honor Society c/o Mid-Shore Community Foundation 102 E. Dover Street, Easton, MD 21601 or use the "contribute" link at

FrederickDouglassHonorSociety.com

Frederick Douglass Artifacts

We are grateful to the National Park Service, who have graciously loaned the Frederick Douglass Honor Society many historic objects from the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site. These have been displayed in the Frederick Douglass Room in the Talbot County Free Library. In the past we have had Douglass's personal bible, his top hat and cane, and various documents.

This year we have a derby hat that Frederick Douglass wore during his time living at Cedar Hill in Washington D.C. The hat may have been purchased in Italy when the Douglasses traveled



Egypt. You can see the hat in the photo above, casually hanging on a chair in his study.

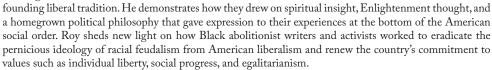
Other objects will be on display including a replica of a document signed by President Lincoln, an authenticated letter signed by Frederick Douglass as well as Laura Era's portraits of Frederick and Anna Murray Douglass. The mosaic "FREEDOM" portrait of Douglass by Autumn Redman, made with the help of many members of the community, will also be on display.

Book Signing

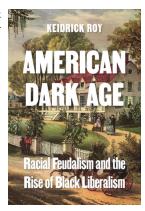
Harvard Fellow Keidrick Roy, Ph.D. will be signing copies of his book "American Dark Age: Racial Feudalism and the Rise of Black Liberalism" after his presentation.

Though the United States has been heralded as a beacon of democracy, many nineteenth-century Americans viewed their nation through the prism of the Old World. What they saw was a racially stratified country that reflected not the ideals of a modern republic but rather the remnants of feudalism. American Dark Age reveals how defenders of racial hierarchy embraced America's resemblance to medieval Europe and tells the stories of the abolitionists who exposed it as a glaring blemish on the national conscience.

Against those seeking to maintain what Frederick Douglass called an "aristocracy of the skin," Keidrick Roy shows how a group of Black thinkers, including Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, Hosea Easton, and Harriet Jacobs, challenged the medievalism in their midst—and transformed the nation's



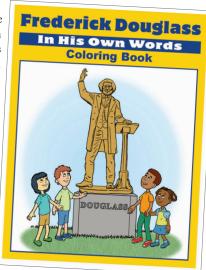
"American Dark Age" reveals how the antebellum Black liberal tradition holds vital lessons for us today as hate groups continue to align themselves with fantasies of a medieval past and openly call for a return of all-powerful monarchs, aristocrats, and nobles who rule by virtue of their race.



Children's Village

The Children's Village, located on the front lawn of the Talbot County Free Library, features a variety of hands-on fun and visual experiences. Children and family members will be inspired to explore history, activate their creativity, and reap rewards (prizes) for learning about Frederick Douglass. The Village experience includes free games, balloons, bubbles, coloring, face painting, stickers, and a photograph opportunity next to Frederick Douglass. Children always learn with ease when they are having fun!

Frederick Douglass Children's Village Sticker Challenge The Sticker Challenger is designed to raise community awareness about the Frederick Douglass Honor Society's Scholarship Program by engaging families in fundraising for the program. Children select and color a large sticker portraying the life and words of Frederick Douglass, then place their sticker on the "Sticker Wall," a panel of unfilled circles that are the same



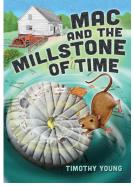
size as the stickers. For each circle they fill, a donor makes a gift to the Scholarship Program. Last

vear, children and their parents had great fun raising funds while learning about Frederick Douglass.

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Troop #1308. Learn about

his life in Talbot County and collect a commemorative coin and photograph at the end of the trail.

Author/Illustrator Timothy Young will read excerpts from his book "*Mac and the Millstone of Time*." Set at Talbot County's Old Wye Mill, this story of a time-traveling mouse is Young's first chapter book and explores historic events on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He will be signing copies of his book which will be available for purchase.





Storytime with Shauna: 11:30 and 12:30

St. Michaels Library Branch Manager Shauna Beulah will be reading *Bread for Words: A Frederick Douglass Story* by Shana Keller and *Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History* by Walter Dean Myers & Floyd Cooper.

Frederick Douglass Honor Society - Board

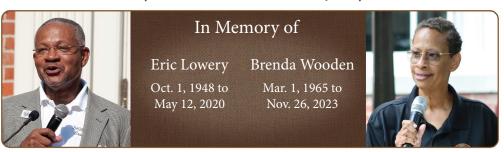


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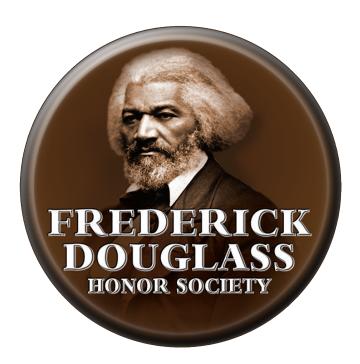












The Frederick Douglass Honor Society Mission Statement:

"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. The statue of him in his birthplace was our beginning. We continue to educate our community and increase the awareness of Frederick Douglass throughout the year during special events, lectures, and collaboration with organizations, government, and educational institutions. Our annual scholarship program provides financial support to our local youth.

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