

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



Frederick Douglass Day 2026

Saturday, September 26, 2026

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Frederick Douglass Day

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 American 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.

Edward “Boots” Robinson

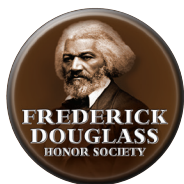
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Douglass Honor Society

Dana Newman

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County Free Library

Megan Cook

Mayor, Town of Easton



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Schedule of Events

Friday, September 25, 2026

5:30pm ~ Wreath Laying Ceremony on the Talbot County Courthouse Front Lawn
in celebration of the 15th anniversary of the Frederick Douglass Statue

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Cancelled Due to Rain ~ Street Parade

10:30am ~ Welcome Ceremony indoors at the Talbot County Free Library

Welcoming Remarks - Edward (Boots) Robinson, President, Frederick Douglass Honor Society
FDD Welcome Ceremony Mistress of Ceremony – Taylor Beck
Invocation – Javion Jones (Minister, Union Baptist Church)
Easton NJROTC Color Guard Presentation of Colors
Pledge of Allegiance – BAAM and the Multicultural Resource Center
Lift Every Voice and Sing – Dana Bowser
Frederick Douglass Reading –LaDarian Blake
Keasha Haythe, Talbot County Council
Easton Mayor Megan Cook
Dr. Sharon Pepukayi, Talbot County Public Schools Superintendent
Dana Newman, Talbot County Free Library
Event Announcements – Taylor Beck

11:30 am - 3pm ~ Children's Village located indoors at the Talbot County Free Library features face paintings, games, mapping challenges, prizes, storybook readings by Shauna Beulah.

Moved indoors to BAAM~ Knowledge Village, Food and Retail Vendors

1 pm to 3 pm ~ Live Entertainment at BAAM, 31 Jowite St, Easton featuring The Talbot County Workshop Choir, Hispanic Dancers, Ella Taylor- Juneteenth Youth Writing Winner, Ayla Dennis, St. Michaels Middle High School Choir and DJ Alan Butler.

1 pm ~ Lecture: Frederick Douglass Lecture & Book Signing, Author **Damon Root**, Senior Editor at *Reason*, in the Main Meeting Room at the Talbot County Free Library

3pm ~ "My Ancestors Journey to Freedom" Harriette Lowery – Guest Speaker at BAAM – talks about her family history, including ancestors who were enslaved alongside Frederick Douglass

Cancelled Due to Rain ~ Walking Tour of the Hill Community with guide **Yvonne Freeman** – Tour departs from the Avalon Theatre. The Hill is known as the oldest African American community in America.

Frederick Douglass Exhibits on display at Talbot County Free Library including documents from the Douglass archives, on loan from the National Park Service.

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>**

Parade

Easton High School NJROTC color guard
FDHS banner carried by Carolyn and Ryann Hayman
Grand Marshal – Marshall Bailey, IV and family
Honorary Marshal –Walter Black and Celeste-Marie Bernier
Community Marshals – Derick & Dina Daly
FDHS President Edward (Boots) Robinson, MC Taylor Beck & Minister Javion Jones
BAAM (Building African American Minds)
TCPS Superintendent Dr Sharon M. Pepukayi
Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center – Scouts Pack 3
TCFL Director Dana Newman
White Marsh Elementary Band, Director Katie Frase
Talbot Council member Keasha Haythe
Polaris Village Academy (PVA)
Talbot 250 Commission, Sarah Kilmon
Hispanic Dance Group
Marvin Jenkins
Chesapeake Radio
Waterfowl Festival Characters: Willa the Fox, Winston the Dog & Webster the Goose
Easton High School Band, Director Lauren Rose
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
Foundation of Hope
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Easton
Easton Middle School Band, Director Sara Booth
East Coast Cruisers Corvette Club
Easton Fire Department

The Frederick Douglass Honor Society would like to thank our drivers:

Peter Whitesell - 2024 Chevy Equinox EV
Joe Whitesell - 1937 Morris Eight Convertible
William Camper - 1996 Mustang Convertible
Antonio Carter - 2023 Nissan Pathfinder
Thaddeus Hackett - Corvette
Mike Newman - Mustang Convertible
Jay Shore - Mustang

Speakers



Edward (Boots) Robinson, President, Frederick Douglass Honor Society. Boots 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.

Taylor Beck is a student at Bowie State University pursuing a degree in Accounting and Business. A graduate of Easton High School, Taylor graduated with honors and received a Certificate of Achievement for her academic excellence and leadership.

During high school, she was a cheerleader, a member of Best & Gold, and served on Dr. Sharon M. Pepukayi's Superintendent's Student Advisory Board. She also volunteered at Polaris Village Early Learning Center and completed a marketing internship at St. Michaels Community Center. Taylor has participated in various speaking engagements with the Frederick Douglass Honor Society and has developed a strong passion for public speaking, leadership, business, and serving her community.



LaDarian Blake serves as the Assistant Director of Talbot County Parks and Recreation, where he works to provide meaningful recreational opportunities and services that strengthen and connect the community. With a background in recreational management, LaDarian has experience developing programs, managing facilities and special events, leading staff, and building partnerships throughout the community.

LaDarian also serves as a staff member for the Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe Advisory Committee, supporting the ongoing development and implementation of plans for the park.

A graduate of Towson University with a degree in Sport Management and a minor in Business Administration, LaDarian is also a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional.

Javion Jones, a student at Easton High School, has been living his life through God since a very early age. At the age of only 15, he is officially a minister at the Union Baptist Church. Javion's long-term goal is to be elevated to the Office of Reverend and become a pastor. Javion is also an assistant at the Bennie Smith Funeral Home in Easton and plans to study mortuary science after his high school graduation in 2028



Mayor Megan J. MacLennan Cook graduated from the University of Rochester with a degree in biology. She received her Master's Degree in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Vermont while her husband completed his pediatric residency. Since arriving in Easton in 2003, she has served on numerous boards including the East End Neighborhood Association, Historic Easton, the Avalon Theatre, Junior Achievement of Talbot County, and the Parent Associations at both Easton Elementary and Country School. Currently she is a member of the Neighborhood Service Center Board, the Gunston School Board of Trustees, and Coordinator for Meals on Wheels for the local Rotary Clubs.

Speakers



Keasha Haythe, CECd - A Talbot County Council member and the first African American woman elected to serve, Councilwoman Haythe has 23 years of experience in economic development. She is the founder of the Foundation of Hope, a nonprofit empowering young girls and women to contribute meaningfully to the workforce and strengthen Eastern Shore communities. Her work has earned her numerous accolades including the 2015 NAACP Harriet Tubman Medal of Honor. Councilwoman Haythe's guiding principle is clear "Our young people are our future and is the time to pour into their lives". Known for her excellent trailblazing accomplishments, she was recently appointed by Governor Wes Moore as a member of the Maryland Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors.

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.

Welcome Ceremony Participants

Evangelist Dana Bowser is from the Word of God Ministry in Chestertown, MD, under the spiritual leadership of Pastor Delbra Christy. She has taught Bible study to teenage girls at the Carter Juvenile Center, led mentoring groups for young girls and teenagers for her church and the Destined to Rise Coalition, Inc. She serves as a board member of BAAM, Minorities in Aquacultural, and the Talbot County Democratic Center Committee. Evangelist Bowser has volunteered with local food distributors and worked with organizations for justice reform. Her passions are singing, teaching, and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the power that brings salvation to those that believe.



The band not only provides an opportunity for contact between and among musicians, both amateur and professional, but also creates and maintains an interest in Concert Band music. Any adult or qualified high school junior or senior who possesses the necessary artistic skills and temperament is eligible for membership.

The Mid-Shore Community Band was formed in September 2009 by Music Director Matt Fullerton. They provide adults, who play or have played band instruments, the opportunity to contribute to the musical environment of the mid-shore and beyond.

Welcome Ceremony Participants



Easton High School NJROTC will present colors at the Welcome Ceremony. NJROTC is a United States Navy youth education program whose purpose is to bring out the very best in every student from grade 9 through 12. The program is conducted at accredited secondary schools across the United States and is led by retired U. S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel. There are a limited number of schools fortunate enough to have such programs.

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 more information: www.baaminc.org



The **Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center** (ChesMRC) empowers people from different cultures to become successful and engaged members of our community. An independent non-profit community-based organization, ChesMRC has provided services to more than 8,000 clients in Talbot County and surrounding areas.

Entertainment Stage performers

Introduction of Master of Ceremonies Devon Beck by Taylor Beck

1 -1:30pm - The Talbot County Workshop Choir

1:45 to 2pm - Hispanic Dancers

2pm - Ella Taylor- Juneteenth Youth Writing Winner

2:30pm - Ayla Dennis

3:00pm - St. Michaels Middle High School Choir

Music and sound by Alan Butler



The Talbot County Workshop Choir is a vibrant, unifying musical ensemble formed and directed by local musician and choir director Leroy Potter. Sponsored by the Covenant Gospel Choir of Easton, the workshop choir builds directly upon a legacy of community harmony. Today, the workshop choir carries that mission forward, bringing together enthusiastic singers and talented musicians from area churches across the Mid Shore, including St. Michaels, Wittman, Bellevue, Royal Oak, Easton,

and beyond. Reflecting true community unity, the choir's members come from all denominations and religions, creating a welcoming space for anyone who shares a love for music. Under the dynamic direction of Leroy Potter, Chris Barnett, and other local musical leaders, the choir made its triumphant debut performance on April 26, 2026, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Easton, Maryland. True to their foundational purpose—"to bring people together through Gospel Music"—the Talbot County Workshop Choir continuously welcomes new vocalists and musicians who share a heart of gratitude and a desire to lift their voices in unity.

Entertainment Stage performers



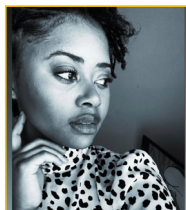
Ella Taylor is a homeschooled junior in high school participating in dual enrollment at Chesapeake College. She is a member of the ECAS Choral Scholars Program and is active in musical theatre as well. Ella enjoys reading, writing, and art. She loves volunteering with the Frederick Douglass Honor Society and other community organizations.

The St. Michaels Middle-High School Choir

is a dynamic and inclusive vocal ensemble that brings together talented student musicians from grades 6 through 12. Dedicated to musical excellence and community engagement, the choir performs a wide range of repertoire, including both secular and sacred music, spanning various styles and traditions. Directed by Mr. Richard White and assisted by the senior leadership, the St. Michaels Choir fosters not only vocal development and musical literacy but also teamwork, discipline, and a lifelong appreciation for the arts. The choir is proud to represent the spirit and talent of St. Michaels Middle-High School in every performance.



Hispanic Dancers: During Hispanic Heritage month, it is almost Impossible not not to share one of the most famous traits of Hispanic culture: Dance. Hispanic dancing originated from a fusion of indigenous American traditions, African rhythm practices brought through the transatlantic slaves, European folk dances beginning in the 16th centuries.

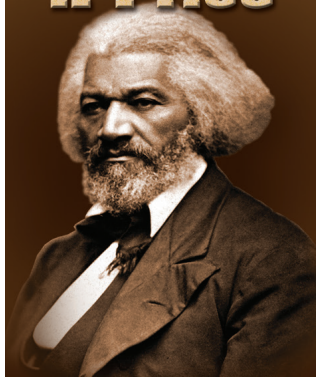


Ayla Dennis hails from Easton, Maryland and is currently in her junior year at Salisbury University, where she studies Vocal Performance and Theatre and works with Dr. John Wesley Wright. Just 19-years old, Ayla has worked with Motown legend Kerry Gordy and Tena Clark, one of today's greatest producers. She has been a contestant on American Idol, selected for The Voice, worked with legendary Patti Labelle, and has been the premier singer for UNICEF (a global organization providing aid to children).

Allen Butler is a Talbot County native who surrounds himself with sounds. His love for music paved the way to his entertainment career. Butler is an amazingly 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.



Freedom Still Has A Price



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's deed of manumission—literally “releasing the hand of authority”—in Baltimore Co.

Join the \$711.66 Endowment

The Price of Frederick Douglass's 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

A Special Talk by Harriette Lowery



"My Ancestors' Journey to Freedom"

Frederick Douglass Honor Society Co-Founder **Harriette Lowery** shares her family's history, tracing ancestors who were enslaved alongside Frederick Douglass and the journey that carried her family to freedom. A firsthand account of history that shaped Maryland's Eastern Shore, told by someone who carries it.

The talk will be held at the BAAM Ryan Family Library, 31 Jowite St, Easton on Saturday, September 26 at 3:00 PM. Free and open to the public, no registration required.

The Hill Community Walking Tour

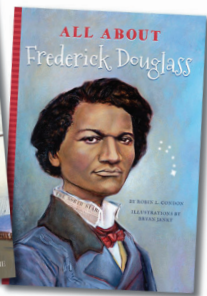
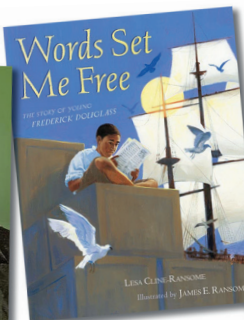
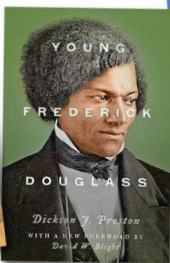
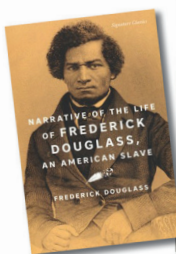
The Hill Community Walking Tour will begin at 3 p.m. in front of the Avalon Theatre in Easton and will be led by **Yvonne Freeman**. Easton's Hill Community has been home to free African Americans since the 1780s, more than 80 years before the Civil War ended in 1865. Free black people resided throughout early Easton, living side by side with white neighbors and with enslaved people. Stops on the tour include the Hambleton House, the James Freeman Home, the Bethel African American Episcopal Church, the Buffalo Soldier House, and the Asbury United Methodist Church.



Frederick Douglass Reading Challenge

This Frederick Douglass Day, September 26th, the winners of the Frederick Douglass Reading Challenge will be announced and will receive their prizes. The challenge, which began earlier this summer, invited kids to read a biography of Douglass (any biography- there are a lot!) and fill out a raffle ticket with their contact info and a fact they learned about Douglass from reading the book they chose. Six lucky winners will be chosen to receive a \$50 gift card, presented by an FDHS representative.

The winners will be announced at noon in the Children's Area in the Talbot County Free Library. Snacks will be served.



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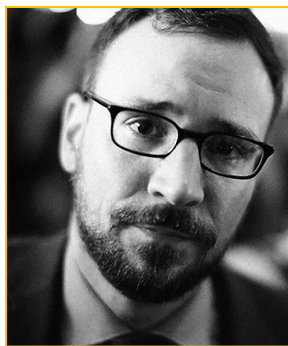


PARADE ROUTE

- 1 **FREDERICK DOUGLASS STATUE-TALBOT COUNTY COURTHOUSE**
- 2 **TALBOT COUNTY FREE LIBRARY / CHILDREN'S VILLAGE**
- 3 **FOOD & RETAIL VENDORS AND INFORMATION MARKETPLACE**
- 4 **ENTERTAINMENT STAGE**

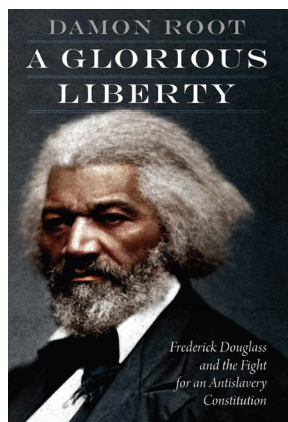
Restrooms available at the Talbot County Free Library

Keynote Speaker



Damon Root is a senior editor at *Reason*, and the author of *Reason's* semiweekly *Injustice System* newsletter. He is also the author of two books: *A Glorious Liberty: Frederick Douglass and the Fight for an Antislavery Constitution* (Potomac Books, 2020) and *Overruled: The Long War for Control of the U.S. Supreme Court* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014). Root's third book, *Emancipation War: The Fall of Slavery and the Coming of the Thirteenth Amendment* (Potomac Books 2026).

A Glorious Liberty, has been praised by reviewers, who called it “refreshing and thoughtful” (*Intellectual History Review*), “thoroughly researched and readable” (*The Objective Standard*), “informed” (*Shepherd Express*), “a meticulously researched celebration of the intellectual legacy of Frederick Douglass” (Radley Balko), “a highly accessible and engaging overview of abolitionist constitutionalism” (Randy Barnett), “a great and important book” (Greg Lukianoff), and “brilliant...one of the best concise histories of the movement to end slavery” (*Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine*). According to the columnist and author George F. Will, “today once again the original constitution is being vilified, as a validation of slavery, by people with disresponsible agendas and negligible understanding. Damon Root, who explicates the great document as well as anyone writing today, brings the patience of Job and noble ally – Frederick Douglass – to the task of refuting this recycled canard. Root and Douglass, like root beer and ice cream, are an irresistible American combination.”



Emancipation War: The Fall of Slavery and the Coming of the Thirteenth Amendment draws on Damon's encyclopedic knowledge

of constitutional law and history. Pulitzer-Prize winning columnist George Will called Damon “one of the most consistently illuminating writers of constitutional questions”, and Greg Lukianoff, CEO of the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, praised *Emancipation War* “a powerfully written book – and a genuine joy to read.”

Root is the winner of the 2015 Los Angeles Press Club Award for Best Political/Government Reporting and the winner of the 2011 R.C. Hoiles Prize for Journalism. Root's book *A Glorious Liberty* was named a 2021 Outstanding Academic Title by the editors of *Choice*, a publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Root's work has been cited by the Texas Supreme Court and in the writings of U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens. His work has been cited in leading scholarly journals, including the *Columbia Law Review*, the *Notre Dame Law Review*, and the *Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy*. His 2007 essay on NAACP co-founder Moorfield Storey was recommended in *Race & Liberty in America: The Essential Reader* (University Press of Kentucky).

Root's writing has appeared in the Los Angeles *Daily News*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Newsweek*, *New York Post*, *New York Daily News*, *New York Press*, *Washington Times*, *WallStreetJournal.com*, *The Globe and Mail*, *The Orange County Register*, and other publications.

Root has spoken before audiences at Harvard Law School, Georgetown Law Center, Columbia University, and the New York Civil Liberties Union, and he has been featured on C-Span's Book TV, the Fox Business Channel, New York Public Radio, SIRIUS Satellite Radio, and other media outlets.

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Frederick Douglass Artifacts

Some of the items from the National Park Service that we will have on display at the Talbot County Free Library:

Photo of Frederick Douglass in Haiti (top right)

Frederick Douglass served as the Minister to Haiti (known today as ambassadors) from 1889-1891. Douglass worked tirelessly to help stabilize Haiti, a country amid turmoil. He promoted "enlightened diplomacy," endorsing U.S. expansion into the region while aiding Caribbean development.

Sitting at his desk in Haiti, Douglass fought for the independence of Haitian politics from U.S. interference. Douglass announced his resignation by saying he could not accept imperialism "as a foundation upon which I could base my diplomacy."

Washington Monument Invitation (middle right)

From his home on Cedar Hill, Douglass potentially watched the monument being constructed. Douglass served as the Recorder of Deeds from 1881-1886, and his occupation is denoted on the invitation.

John Sherman, a United States Senator from Ohio, invited Douglass to the dedication of the monument. It is unknown if Douglass attended the event, but he frequently walked to the Monument for daily exercise.

Frederick Douglass' signature (bottom of page)

Washington Monument Painting (not shown)

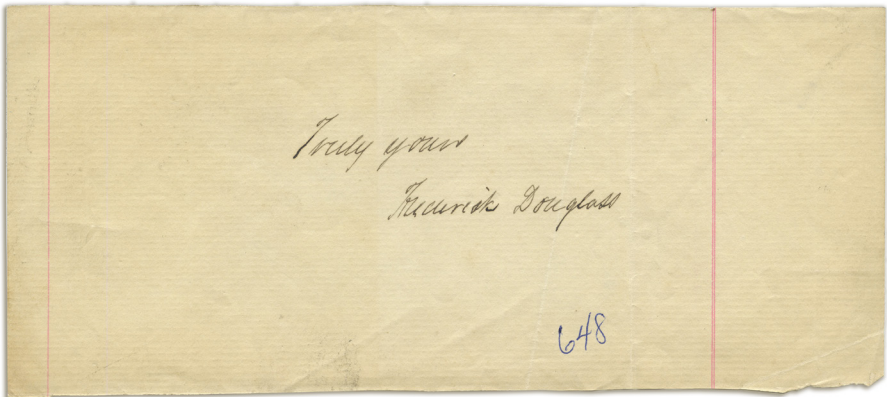
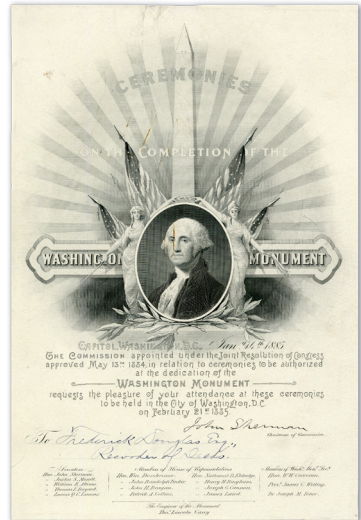
Little is known about this piece, but it is painted on granite of similar color to that used for the monument. On the back, there is an indentation from a tool, possibly a drill or chisel.

Constitution of the United States (not shown)

A "pocket sized" copy of the United States Constitution gifted to Frederick Douglass by William H. Smith in 1866. Smith, a prominent African American Washingtonian, served as a House of Representatives library messenger.

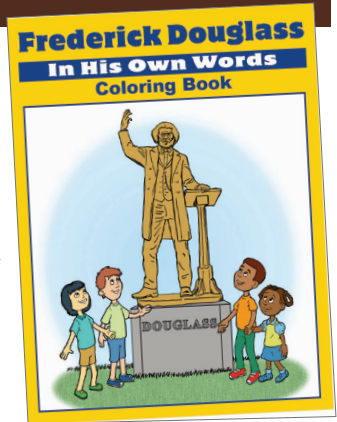
In 1881, Smith became the Librarian of the House, elevating him to be one of the highest-ranking African Americans in the federal government at the time. Smith worked closely with Douglass to oppose segregation in the District of Columbia.

Representatives of the National Park Service will attend Frederick Douglass Day and will answer any questions.



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

Storytime with Shauna: 11:30 and 12:30

Shauna Beulah, recently retired as the St. Michaels Library Branch Manager, will be reading *Bread for Words: a Frederick Douglass Story* by Shanna Keller at 11:30 and *Frederick Douglass : the Lion who Wrote History* by Walter Dean Myers at 12:30



Frederick Douglass Geocache Trail:

Pick up your passport with map and instructions and explore the new Frederick Douglass Geocaching Trail created by Autumn Redman and former members of Girl Scout Troop #1308. Learn about his life in Talbot County and collect a commemorative coin and photograph at the end of the trail.

Frederick Douglass Honor Society - Board



Left to Right Back Row:

Anna Howie, Kirk Howie,
Vice President - Devon Beck,
President - Edward Boots Robinson,
Public Relations - Elizabeth North

Left to Right Front Row:

Treasurer - Vickie Wilson,
Carolyn Hayman, Ryann Hayman,
Secretary - Jeannie Whitesell

Not Pictured:

Dana Newman, Anastasia Robinson,
Corey Pack, Jill Ferris, Jessica Taylor

Walter Black, Emeritus Board Member,
Doreen Getsinger, Emeritus Board Member

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Celeste-Marie Bernier,
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Frederick Douglass Day Planning Committee

Edward (Boots) Robinson, Chairperson

Vickie Wilson, Financial Secretary

Jeannie Whitesell, Secretary

Debbi Dodson, Event Planner and PR/Marketing Chair

Vickie Wilson and Jeannie Wilson, Parade Co-Chairs

Debbi Dodson, Welcome Ceremony Chair

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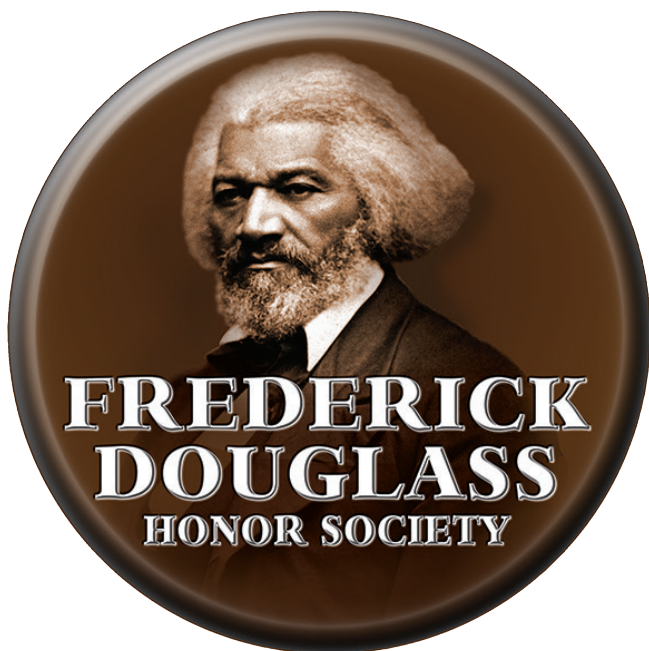


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Our goal is to honor Frederick Douglass here in his birthplace, Talbot County, Maryland, where his experiences in his youth – both positive and negative – helped form his character, intellect, and determination. It became Frederick Douglass's life 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 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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