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Talbot County Council Awards Architectural Design of the St. Michaels Library Expansion and Renovation

(EASTON) – In a unanimous vote, Talbot County Council members approved the award of architectural design for the St. Michaels Library Expansion project on Tuesday, January 10.

“I am deeply grateful for the support of the Talbot County Council, staff, board members, Friends of the Library, the Library Foundation, and the community,” said Dana Newman, Talbot County Free Library director, “The St. Michaels Branch not only serves St. Michaels but the entire surrounding community. The current building is in need of upgrades and repairs and is too small to meet the needs and expectations of its patrons. The library is a vital resource to the community and we hope to continue to grow with the community and its needs.”

The county council awarded the design of the St. Michaels Library expansion to Davis, Bowen, & Friedel, Inc., a local firm that provides architecture, engineering, planning, and surveying services for governmental, commercial, and residential clientele and that has experience with the design of libraries.

The County Council approved partial funding of \$160,000 for the design of the St. Michaels Library. These funds come from the County, the Maryland Library Capital Grant program, and federal earmark funding through Senator Ben Cardin's office.

The total design for the St. Michaels Library expansion will cost \$306,200. The library will request additional funding to complete the design and begin construction during the FY24 capital budget process and has also applied for matching funding through the state's capital grant program.

The Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library are also raising funds for new books and furniture for the planned expansion. More information about donating towards the purchase of library materials or naming opportunities can be found at tcfl.org.

“I just want to thank you and the library staff and the board for all you are doing in the community. [You are] an integral part in education and educating the students here in Talbot County and the partnerships that you establish,” said Talbot County Council Member Keasha Haythe.

For more information, visit www.tcfl.org.

About Talbot County Free Library

It is the mission of the Talbot County Free Library to enrich and renew the lives of the people it serves. There are two locations: The main library in Easton is located at 100 W. Dover St.; and the St. Michael branch is at 106 Fremont St. The Maryland Room in the Easton branch holds a voluminous collection of genealogical resources and historical documents. Services at both locations include the circulation of books, DVDs, and digital devices, as well as free Wi-Fi, public computers, exhibits, and programs for both children and adults. Many of the Talbot County Free Library's programs are made possible by the generous support of the local community. For more information, please visit www.tcfl.org. Be sure to like the library on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @Talbotcountyfreelibrary.