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### **Every Town Needs a Spy: A New Model for Community News**

**(ST. MICHAELS, MD March 7, 2023)** — Dave Wheelan, publisher and executive editor of The Talbot Spy, will speak at the St. Michaels Library on Thursday, April 20 at 11:00 am.

Wheelan will talk about the 13-year history of the Spy Newspapers in Talbot, Kent and Dorchester Counties. He will also go into detail about their impact on the communities they serve; and whether the Spy template might prove to be a successful template for other regions in the country that have lost their legacy newspapers.

Wheelan was born and raised in Winnetka, IL. Over the last thirty years, he has worked in the fields of communications, institutional development, and strategic planning with the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation, Washington College, The Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Land, and the University of California, Berkeley.

He founded Spy in 2009, which currently supports three e-newspapers on the Eastern Shore.

For more information, call 410 745-5877 or visit the Events Calendar on the website: [www.tcfl.org](http://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at 106 Fremont St. The Maryland Room in the Easton branch holds a voluminous collection of genealogical resources and historical documents.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](http://www.tcfl.org). Be sure to like the library on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @Talbotcountyfreelibrary.*