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# THE NEW CALVERT LIBRARY TWIN BEACHES BRANCH

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

2-3 PM

4100 5th Street, North Beach, MD

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Administered by Maryland State Library Agency Irene Padilla, State Librarian Renee Croft, Library Facilities Program Manager

### **Town of North Beach**

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- Dr. Mark Frazer, Campaign Chair
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# TWIN BEACHES BRANCH HISTORY

Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch has served the communities of North Beach and Chesapeake Beach and the surrounding areas since 1981 with excellent customer service and the latest in technology.

In 1981, after the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department vacated their 1926 firehouse, the upstairs living quarters were transformed into the first Twin Beaches Branch! The new library opened with 5,000 hard bound books, hundreds of paperbacks, LP records, 16mm films, a 16mm projector and hangable artwork. A Timex Sinclair 1000 computer could even be checked out! Storytimes and special programs for all ages were held in the first-floor meeting space. Many memorable summer programs were held on the upstairs deck including puppet shows, theater and musical performances.

Within 10 years, the tiny, upstairs library had outgrown its space and opportunity once again presented itself. In 1991 Twin Beaches Library moved a bit south to Chesapeake Beach to the upper level of Captain's Quarters, with a

spectacular view of Fishing Creek. Library business continued to bloom in a space which was four times larger than the previous space. The old card catalog was superseded by the online catalog, 16mm films were replaced with VHS tapes and LP records were no longer circulated. Audiocassettes for books and music were hot items.

After 33 years the time had come to move again, a bit north, back to North Beach. The library once again has more than quadrupled in size, this time in an upstairs-downstairs library with spectacular views of the Chesapeake Bay from the porch and the terrace.

Enhanced services include more than 25 public computers and laptops along with loanable hotspots and Chromebooks. Technology tools will abound for local artists, students and hobbyists including a sound booth, a 3-D printer, a laminator and a laser etcher, to name a few. Customers of all ages will be entranced with all the amenities of their new library.

-Joanie Kilmon, retired Branch Manager

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