



The Bookworm

Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library

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**It is time to renew your Friends Membership!!
Thank you**

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From the President

The members of the Board hope we have met our goal of advocating for the community to improve the library and advocating with the library to best serve the community. It is important that the board is active and occasionally, revitalized. A number of the Board members have been active since the 2005 revitalization. But we need to assure that we stay fresh and represent the interests of the community accurately. While we hope that you think we have done well by you, we hope that you will also consider becoming a Board member. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month except November (which bumps into Thanksgiving too nearly) at 10AM in the Children's Room. You are always welcome.

New library director

Since last we issued a Bookworm, the library has welcomed a new Director. Cara Burton is well settled in and making strides in improving the current facility and progressing with the Parksley facility. Among the changes we have seen are the relocation of the Friends Sale tables and the repositioning of the Young Adult section. The computer area has also been reconfigured.

Cara has been quite active in making presentations with various local groups to market the library. If you are a member of a group that hasn't heard from her yet, be sure to invite her to an upcoming meeting.

!!!Firecracker Book Sale!!!

Our fantastic Firecracker Book Sale will be on Monday July 4 from 9am to noon. Great books and free refreshments.

Membership renewals.

It's that time again to renew your memberships. With your help we are able to support the Accomac Library as shown in the following articles. Thanks for your help. Click on 'Join the Friends' from Home Page.

Recent financial support from the Friends

Among recent monetary donations to the library from the Friends, Legos were purchased for children's events. Friends also purchased a magazine rack to improve display and access of children's magazines. We also purchased some chairs for the smaller children's table. Once again, we will be providing significant financial support for the Summer Reading Program. If you have ideas for things that you would like the Friends to consider doing, let us know. If you can't attend one of our regular meetings, you can always leave us a note at the front desk.

Lego at the Library

The ESPL with volunteers from the Friends hosted two successful Lego events for children in February and April. Thanks to a generous donation of Lego sets from the Friends Group, over 80 children attended and built some amazing creations. In June, the Legos are heading to Pungoteague Elementary's Field Day to provide a quiet activity during all the outdoor fun. The library will also be featuring the Legos during the Summer Reading Programs at Accomac, Nassawadox, and Chincoteague locations. Stay tuned for more Lego fun in the future!

School contacts

The library has been withdrawing books from its collection to maintain its relevancy and to remove materials in poor condition. Accomac has resized and relocated its Young Adult section and is currently "weeding" the Easy Readers (picture books for children). We thought that the community might be better served if the withdrawn YA and children's books were made available to the local schools and charities. Arcadia, Chincoteague and Nandua librarian/media specialists have all selected books for their schools from the discards at no charge. Some of the audio books have been passed along to Arcadia and Nandua Middle School. Some easy readers have been given to Pungoteague Elementary, the Literacy Council and the Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

We plan to continue to offer free access to local schools and charities before including juvenile discards/withdrawals on our sale tables.

Friends Book Sale Table Clearance

To make room for the books for the Firecracker Book Sale we have a special offer.

Buy great books at 10c or \$1.00 per bag. Offer good until Wed June 29 at 6pm.

Anything that is left on the tables then will be sent either to local schools and organizations or they will go to Better World Books.

Fourth Tuesdays at the Library

Our upcoming programs. Free refreshments.

July 26 at 7pm

Graphic novelist Bentley Boyd

Mr Boyd will talk about combining art with writing.

August 23 at 7pm

Historic Pipes to Modern Corn Cob

Bob Savage will speak about the artifacts found on the Savage farm and how the Corn Cob Pipe business grew from that.

Sept 27 at 7pm

Henry R Bennett, founder of Parksley

Art Fisher will be Mr Bennett for the evening and speak about how he made a 'model' community on the Eastern Shore.

October 25 at 7pm

The Nature Conservancy in Virginia.

Margaret Van Clief will speak about the role of The Nature Conservancy and Virginia Coast Reserve.

Summer Reading Program

Begins June 20 and runs for 9 weeks.

All programs are free and open to the public, though some require pre-registration due to space limitations. A calendar of events is at the Eastern Shore Public Library's website, www.espl.org, or visit your local library for a print copy.

Each of the four Shore libraries has its own "Summer Reading Challenge." Readers can sign up to read and earn incentive prizes throughout the summer. For every 100 minutes of reading each week, a prize is earned. After five weeks and 500 minutes of reading, readers earn a ticket for a grand-prize drawing. Up to four drawing tickets can be earned during the nine-week program which starts June 20.

If library fines are preventing your child from participating, the Eastern Shore Public Library is offering a fine amnesty for Summer Reading Challenge participants who complete 200 minutes of reading. Contact your local library for more information. Additionally, library fines on children's and young adult reading materials have been reduced to 10 cents per day, effective June 1. Reading materials not only include books, but also magazines, graphic novels, audiobooks, and TumbleBook e-books

The Summer Reading Programs and Challenge are partly sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, Eastern Shore Rural Health, Riverside, United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore, and the Library of Virginia. Financial and volunteer support comes from the Friends groups of Cape Charles, Nassawadox, and Accomac libraries. Corporate reading incentive prize donations will be accepted throughout the summer.