



The Bookworm

Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library

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Please return the attached 2017 membership application if you haven't renewed since July 2017. If you have - thank you!!

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<u>Board Members</u>	
Judy Malarkey	Ann Scott
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Judith Phillips	Becky Rootes

From the President

Congratulations to Barbara Coady for her selection as Virginia “Trustee of the Year”. This is State-wide recognition of her stellar service on the ESPL Board of Trustees. Barbara has been indefatigable in advancing library interests on the Shore.

This provides a perfect opportunity for a little discussion of the various unpaid and voluntary Library support groups.

Barbara is on the **Board of Trustees**. This group includes representatives from both Accomack and Northampton counties appointed by the Supervisors’ Boards. It is the library interface with local government entities and is vital in securing budgetary support. It also develops budget projections and determines priorities in budget execution. The **Friends of the ESPL** was formed many years ago when ESPL was young. After a period of quiescence, it was reactivated about 12 years ago when it was clear that the Accomack location needed some love and support from the community. (The primary impetus was a leaky roof that was causing periodic threats to the collection.) The group has continued to be active since then. There are Friends groups at the other facilities on the Shore—Nassawadox, Cape Charles and Island.

The newest member of the triumvirate of Library support groups is **The Eastern Shore Library Foundation**. The purpose of the Foundation is to ensure the long-term financial stability of the Eastern Shore Public Library by securing private financial support and grants for capital needs and endowments. The current project is to raise funds for a new Regional Library to serve residents of Accomack and Northampton Counties.

The **Friends** mission for Accomack library has been defined as “Advocating for the library with the community and for the community with the library”. The Board is a small group who meets to plan projects and coordinate events with the library staff. We welcome Board participation from our membership. If you would like to pursue that, we meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 10AM in the Children’s Room.

Our Board Members have changed.

Two of our Board Members recently resigned. Teri Betz had been on the Board since 2005 and will be missed – she rarely missed a meeting in all that time and we appreciated her dedication. Nancy Petersen was our publicity person and is hard to replace. We thank them both for their contributions.

However, we would like to welcome two new Board members both fairly new to the Shore. Becky Rootes from Onancock and Judith Phillips from Belle Haven have joined us. Thanks for helping out.

November Book Sale

Saturday November 11 from 10am to 1pm.

Books will be priced from 50 cents to \$2.00. Come and browse our great selection of books and enjoy some free refreshments. We will be selling our popular Book Bags at a discount or buy \$20 of books and get one free. Free monthly planners, scratch pads, coloring books, pencils and pens, drinks and cookies.

We are taking donations of books that are in pristine or very good condition. Topics of interest are boating, nature, history, cooking and gardening. Also children's books in very good condition and large print books. We **can't** use condensed books, encyclopedias, text books or books in poor condition. Books can be dropped off until Nov 8. If you would like to help with sorting the books prior to the sale call Judy at 789-7733. A great opportunity to get first pick!

Santa Claus is Coming to the Library

Our annual visit from Santa will occur this year on **Saturday December 9 from 10AM to Noon**. Santa will have a book for each child from age newborn to 12. He will give a candy cane to all believers. Santa has an outstanding record of "no tears" visits—he has NEVER cried and very few kiddies have either. Bring your camera to capture the event for your family. Santa takes all the time you need to get your shot (and for your believers to give him your list to take back to the North Pole.) Last year, 93 children got a book from Santa. We hope to break 100 this year.

Membership renewals for 2017.

If you haven't already renewed your membership, please return the attached application. With your help we are able to support the Accomac Library. Your membership donation that you make to the **Friends** is spent entirely on library projects other than small expenditures on things such as postage to mail out the Bookworm. Thanks for your help.

Little Free Library in Onancock

The **Friends** helped open the new Little Free Library in Onancock at the corner of Ames and Market Streets in Custis Park. The LFL was designed and built by local resident Andy Nunnally and donated by Kathy Carmody who will serve as the library's steward with the help and support of the **Friends** and the Onancock Town Council.

Friends support of Summer Reading Fun

The **Friends** supported many of these programs. We paid for the performer, Salisbury Zoo visit, movie rentals for the Summer Programs and mounting of the projector in the Children's Room to show the movies. We also paid for the **Eclipse Glasses** which were a big hit. All of these programs would not have happened without the dedication and great ideas from Youth Services Librarian Janice Felker.

Summer Reading Fun at the ES Libraries

What a wonderful summer we had at the libraries on the Eastern Shore of Virginia this year!

In Accomac on Thursdays and Nassawadox on Fridays, we served over 150 children's lunches as part of our Summer Food Program.

Over 130 kids took our summer reading challenge, read some great books, earned some prizes, and kept track of their summer reading minutes. In addition, we offered many exciting library programs and provided great places for kids of many ages to read, imagine, and design! All together we offered over 100 kid events with a total attendance of over **2100** kids!

All programs were free, open to the public, and enjoyed by many.

The Great American Eclipse at the Library

Here at your Eastern Shore of Virginia public library we thoroughly enjoyed August 21, 2017, the day of the Solar Eclipse. This event offered a great opportunity for our library community to celebrate science.

In Accomac and Nassawadox during the two weeks before the eclipse, we handed out "free" eclipse viewing glasses until we ran out.

In Nassawadox and Accomac, we took advantage of our digital projectors to display NASA's live streaming of the eclipse as it occurred across the United States.

In Accomac, we shared a few pairs of our own eclipse glasses with patrons visiting the library and took turns viewing the eclipse at different phases. We also had some kid fun creating pin hole projections of the eclipse using card stock and a hole punch.

The last total solar eclipse that occurred in the United States was nearly 40 years ago and the next one will not be until 2024. We hope to enjoy another fun day of celebrating with our patrons then too!

AmazonSmile

The holiday season is fast approaching! If Santa will be using Amazon instead of elves, be sure he's using AmazonSmile to support the Eastern Shore Public Library Foundation! AmazonSmile, the corporate giving subsidiary of Amazon, is a simple and automatic way for you to support your library every time you shop, at no cost to you. With AmazonSmile you'll find the exact same shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Eastern Shore Public Library Foundation. The more you buy through AmazonSmile, the more you help your library! Thank you for your support! *Go to [smileamazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) instead of amazon.com, and log in with your normal Amazon password.*

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on Thursdays at 10:30 AM

@ Northampton Free Library in Nassawadox
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2-5 years old.
Bring your
adult along
and let's read
together!