



The Bookworm

Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library

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From the President.

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Eastern Shore Public Library. Some of you, no doubt, remember the early days. There are even some "classics" in the fiction collection that have been around for the entire time. I recently borrowed James Hilton's *Random Harvest* and saw the familiar (to me) stamp identifying this as one of the original seed books provided to the starter library on the shore. I always get a kick when I come across one of those books that have been enjoyed by so many for so long and are still enjoyable to readers today. (Can you guess who was the most borrowed author in 2017? Answer: David Baldacci at 221.)

While the current Friends of ESPL only reactivated about 14 years ago, when the roof leaks were posing a threat to the book collection, there have been various volunteer supporters of the library from its beginning. Your support of the Friends over the years has provided funding for many enhancements to the library far beyond repairing the leaky roof. It was a Friends project that initiated the drive for a new library facility about 12 years ago, with a study that evaluated the library as it existed and explored what it could/should be for the future. Through your contributions to the Friends, we have been able to give ongoing support each year to the realization of the goal of a modern library responsive to the needs of our community. In June, we will be giving our latest pledge of \$5000.

We continue to provide time, talent and treasure to support the current library programs. Friends volunteer time and talent in helping prepare new books for entry into the collection, in maintaining the sale tables and hosting the two big sales each year that bring your donations to our user community. Recently, NPR reported that volunteer time is valued at \$25.69 per hour. The contributions of you and fellow Friends enhance the library experience to the "priceless" realm.

Friends support the Children's Summer Reading Program, which includes periodic entertainment and enrichment events. Friends support provided recognition for the entrants to the recent Tidewater Reads poetry event. Keep an eye out for a new monitor behind the checkout station to keep library users informed of events and happenings at the library. This device will be transferrable to the new library in approximately 2020. That transferability has been our approach to tangible assets in recent years.

Remember that the Friends Board meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10AM in the children's room. Your participation is always welcome.

!!!Firecracker Book Sale!!!

Join the fun at our annual Friends of the Library Book Sale from 9am to 12:00pm on Wednesday July 4th. This is our major fund raiser so come and browse our great selection of books and enjoy some free refreshments. Books will be priced from 50 cents to \$2.00. We will be selling our popular Book Bags at a discount or buy \$20 of books and get one free! Either way they are perfect for carrying away your books and use later for your groceries. Buy extras as gifts. Free coloring books and pencils for children. Come and watch the Accomac Independence Day Parade from under the trees outside the Library!

Tidewater Reads 2018 Poetry Contest

Tidewater Reads, a literary collaborative that began in 2015, launched its 3rd program this April with a special focus on Kwame Alexander. Public libraries on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and in Hampton Roads joined with others to sponsor this year's initiative.

To get the community excited for a month of celebrating the famed writer Kwame Alexander, poet, educator, and the New York Times Bestselling author, Tidewater Reads challenged people of all ages to submit an original poem to a poetry contest.

The libraries on the Eastern Shore of Virginia are pleased to announce that 56 library patrons entered our local contest. The following were chosen as the 1st-place local winners:

Name	Category	Library
Corrin Burrell	Grades K - 2	Northampton Free Library
Ava Siegrist	Grades 3 - 5	Cape Charles Memorial Library
Josephine Kohler	Grades 6 - 8	Cape Charles Memorial Library
Kanijah Brickhouse	Grades 9 - 12	Northampton Free Library
A'Marie Bailey	Adult	Northampton Free Library

15 finalist poems were sent to the Tidewater Reads regional contest including the 5 above.

During the Kwame Reads event at the Slover Library in Norfolk prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of each age category. Winning entries will be compiled into a digital poetry book made available at TidewaterReads.org. The Eastern Shore Public Library system is proud to announce that Robin B. Butler, a patron of Accomac Library, was the first-place winner in the Adult category and Kayla Durst, a patron of Northampton Free Library, was the third-place winner in the Grades 9 - 12 category.

The Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library funded the printing of a compilation of the fifty-six local poems and provided a free copy to everyone who entered the contest. Each of the fifteen finalists also received a book by Kwame Alexander thanks to the Friends.

Eastern Shore Public Library was one of twenty libraries in US to receive Summer Teen Grant

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) has chosen Eastern Shore Public Library to be 1 of 20 public libraries in the United States to receive its 2018 Summer 'Teen' Intern Grant. The grant is worth \$1000 and is possible through the generous sponsorship from The Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

Janice Felker, Youth Service Librarian of the Eastern Shore Public Library, is very grateful and excited to be awarded this grant. The library aspires to see these young interns expand their interpersonal skills, communication, and organizational skills, and explore careers available in library settings while gaining workforce training through a variety of library intern experiences. They will also have the opportunity to connect with adult mentors, improve their leadership and decision-making skills, and gain an enhanced knowledge and understanding of how libraries serve our communities.

With the generous support of YALSA and the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, the library will be able to develop a strong teen intern program that will lead to many growth opportunities for our community teens including volunteer or employment positions. Also planned is the creation of an active Teen Advisory Board to help with the planning for our new regional library in Parksley which will house a room designed specifically for teens.

A portion of the grant funds will be used to hire and provide stipends for two 'teen' interns, one for the Accomac and one for the Nassawadox location. Students interested in applying for this part-time, temporary summer internship program should visit the library's website, www.espl.org, to register. or stop by one of these two libraries to get the form. The student must be between sixteen and eighteen years old, a resident of either Accomack or Northampton County, and have transportation to the library.

Summer Reading Program

As usual, the Friends will be giving money to support this year's program.

Reading Takes You Everywhere 2018 Virginia Eastern Shore Libraries Summer Reading Program

What is the Summer Reading Program?

Keep up and improve your reading skills this summer!

At your public library, kids of all ages can sign up to track their summer reading and earn prizes. **The program begins June 25 and ends on August 19.**

Very soon, more information will be available at your local public libraries, on our website, and on our Facebook pages. **Watch for announcements about special registration events that will take place earlier in June.**