



# The Bookworm

*Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library*

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**Come celebrate 60 years of Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library.**

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## **From the President.**

NEWS ALERT: The November 11<sup>th</sup> book sale will be on October 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. Actually, the Book Sale is returning to October after a lapse of a number of years. When the Friends of the Library reactivated about 15 years ago, the Fall book sale was held in conjunction with National Friends of the Library Week, which this year is October 21-27. The sale was intended serve as a membership drive and general membership convocation in addition to the obvious fundraising to support of our various projects. Your dues and generous financial contributions provide the primary source of our finances, but the book sales are certainly significant. And they provide an incentive for booklovers to get together and have a good time—and our book sales ARE a good time! The October sale this year will be our time to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Eastern Shore Public Library.

One of my very favorite books is one that I stumbled upon at one of our sales. I first bought The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society as a trade (for \$1) at a sale. I loved it so much, that I bought the hardcover copy (for \$2) at a subsequent sale. (When possible, it's nice to have the hardcover version for your keepers.) If I remember correctly, I returned the trade copy for resale at another subsequent sale. We kind of see that pattern for some of the books bought at our sales: buy at a sale, read and re-donate for the next sale. Our buyers and donors are book lovers who take good care of books and maintain their condition (the books, not the buyers, although the mental exercise probably keeps the buyers' minds nimble.)

Come to the sale on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Join the Friends if you haven't done so; renew your membership without paying postage if it's that time for you. Talk to folks working the sale if you are thinking to find ways to become a more active Friend. If you are sure you want to be a more active Friend, come to our meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10AM in the Children's Room.

**SAVE THIS DATE!**  
**TUESDAY OCTOBER 23 FROM**  
**2PM TO 8PM.**

**HELP US CELEBRATE 60 YEARS WITH A CAKE AND A SPECIAL BOOK SALE**

Come join us to celebrate the Friends 60 years of service to the Accomac Library and the community it serves.

Our celebration will coincide with the National Friends of Libraries Week which is Oct. 21 through 27. This year is also the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Eastern Shore Public Library in Accomac. Lots to celebrate!!

Bring your Christmas list and shop for books priced from 50 cents to \$2.00 while having some refreshments and sharing stories with our library patrons and staff. We are giving away our new 2019 pocket calendars, bookmarks and coloring books for our future patrons as well as pens and pencils.

Also, bring any questions you may have about the Library E-Book Website. Staff will be available from 2 until 6 pm to guide you on using this very valuable library resource.

We greatly appreciate donated new and gently read books to the library for our Anniversary sale. Thanking you in advance.

Last, but not least, this is an opportunity for our Friends members to encourage others to volunteer and become part of this wonderful library community. This is a great time to volunteer with a new library on the horizon.

**Santa's Library Visit on Saturday December 1st**



Santa will be coming to the library on Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> from 10AM to Noon this year. He is a week early as he already had an appointment in Onancock the following week! We used to explain to my son when he was little that Santa was someone who loved him enough to want to give him a present with no thought of receiving in return. That's our Santa—he wants to assure that every child who visits him gets at least one age appropriate book for Christmas. He will be taking a break from his workshop at the North Pole to chat with us—and maybe read a story, if time permits. (Santa takes his time with each of his library visitors and has a very good record of calming Santa jitters for little ones.) Bring a camera to record your child's visit. We hope the weather this year is better than last and that our visitors return in growing numbers. He will have a book for every child, infant to age twelve and a candy cane for every believer.

**October 21-28, 2018 is the 13<sup>th</sup> annual National Friends of Libraries Week.**

The Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library gets by with a little help from our Friends . . . actually, we get by with a lot of help from our Friends! Established in 1968, our Friends of the Library group have over the years help fund the original building and the extension that we all use today. In 2005 the Friends helped get the library roof fixed! (See photo).

It is also helping fund the new building in Parksley. We have also funded children's programming, provided new furniture; contributed funding for new and emerging technology, and help support staff training. In addition, the Friends have rallied countless times to advocate for adequate library funding and a new building.

The Friends are always looking for new members and volunteers. We have so much fun while working to make our community better. Join us on Tuesday October 23 to see your Friends in action.

Joining the Friends of the Library is a terrific way to make new friends of your own, and give back to our county and make its library even better.

Remember this from 2005?



### **Membership renewals 2019**

We thank everyone who have already renewed and have had a great response. If you haven't already renewed there is an application attached to this newsletter. Our membership dues are what we use to support the library and our activities.