



# The Bookworm

Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library

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**It is time to renew your Friends Membership!!**  
**Please return the enclosed form along with suggestions.**  
**Thank you.**

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Meets at 10am Fourth Wednesdays at Accomac Library. Everyone welcome.

#### From the President

**Save these dates!**

**Wednesday August 23 at 10am**

**Wednesday Sept 27 at 10am**

**Come on down and meet the Friends Board.**

We would welcome your participation—sharing ideas and concerns and maybe considering a regular participation on the Board? We always need new ideas and enthusiasm from member Friends. Meeting usually last 90 mins so not a big time sink. Perhaps you would like to sit in on a meeting? Please come and meet us! The Board meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10 AM in the Children's Room in Accomac Library

Friends and other volunteers continue to “weed” the library collection, which is the source of those bargain discards. This keeps the collection on the shelves fresh and vital and leaves shelf space for the new books that are continually added. One of the criteria for weeding a book out of the collection is that no one has borrowed it for an extended period. Some really fine books end up being neglected in that fashion. Hence, you may have noticed the cart near the new books of “last chancers”—notable books or books by notable authors that will be withdrawn if they can't find a place in a borrowers book bag. Be sure to browse that cart on each visit to the library.

Recently, I have been doing some weeding of the Juvenile Non-fiction. There are some really outstanding books in that collection that you may want to consider whether you classify as juvenile or not. The poetry collection is quite fine—which is immaterial if no one borrows from it. Seek in places you have not been before and you may find gems of great value.

### **Membership renewals**

If you haven't already renewed your Friends membership – now is the time. With your help we are able to continue to support the Accomac Library. This past year we have used your money for the Children's Room. Our purchases helped start the very popular Lego program as well support the Summer Reading Program. We purchased a magazine rack, tables and chairs and a changing table for the Children's Room. We also fulfilled our annual pledge to the ESPL Foundation for the new library. Thanks for your help.

### **!!!Firecracker Book Sale!!!**

The Firecracker Book Sale was, once again, a successful, fun event. The first hour—before the parade, was a crush. Some of the books left from that sale will be on a sale tables until August 12. Then we will turn over the stock on the tables to discards from the library collection that you can buy at really low bargain rates.

When you visit the library, you can bring those books (in pristine condition) that you no longer cherish. We are especially in need of large print books and children's books. We like to offer books that are in such condition that you would consider them a holiday gift items. We can't use condensed books, encyclopedias, text books or books in poor condition.

Our next book sale will be Saturday November 11 from 10am to 1pm. We will have our popular free daily planners as well as pens and book bags. If you would like to help with this book sale (and get a preview of the books) please call Judy at 757-789-7733.

### **Speakers Programs**

A major tenet of the Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library is to make your library experience vital and important. That has been the intention of our Speakers Programs over the past years. The Board has been discussing how to make the speakers programs more meaningful to our members and we determined it was time to talk it over with you.

We have been holding our programs on the fourth Tuesday at 7PM during the summer months. The library is now open at that time so we need to find a time and day that interferes the least for the patrons. Do you prefer the weekday evening or would you prefer an afternoon program on Saturdays? Which would pose the greatest opportunity for you to participate with our programs? The membership enrollment form included in this issue of the Bookworm includes space for your answers to our questions about the speakers' programs. You may mail it to our address or drop it off at the front desk of the library or send suggestions to *friends.es.library@verizon.net*. We hope you will include your membership pledge.

### **Update on the New Regional Library in Parksley**

The Eastern Shore Library Board of Trustees and the Eastern Shore Public Library Foundation have been working together closely to reach their goal of building a New Regional Library in Parksley. Since the kickoff of the Capital Campaign on October 1, 2016, \$730,000 has been