



The Bookworm

Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library

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From the President.

Read Any Good Books Lately?

Usually, at this time of year, the Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library (at Accomac) would be deep into the planning for the Firecracker Book Sale. But for the second year in a row, things are a bit different this year—not different in the same way as last year. Last year, we had NO book event around the Fourth of July. But since we have not been able to receive your donations of gently read books and sell them at fantastic fireworks prices, we are having a one of a kind, perhaps never to be repeated **Free Summer Book Giveaway on Saturday July 3.**

During the time of quarantine, the library staff has been refining and updating the book collection. So, while we do not have your donations to offer for sale, we do have a large selection of our ex-library books to offer for your reading delight. These are not the pristine books you are used to from our past sales—and that is why they are **NOT FOR SALE.** We will be holding this year's book adoption gala outdoors, in front of the library from 9am to 11am. The library will be open on that day from 9am to 1pm. You'll have to pass through the tables the Friends will have out front with free books to good homes. These will be books by authors and on subjects that you have cherished for years—because that is what the library collection consists of. You, the readers, by your check outs, determine what the library staff focuses on for acquisitions. So, as you enter or leave the library or stroll past on the parade route, stop to see if there are any treasures available.

While we do not charge for any books you might want to take away, we do appreciate your **cash donations** which are all reinvested in projects to benefit the library and you, as patrons. Elsewhere in this Bookworm, you will see some articles that cover some of those projects the Friends help finance—such as the Children and Youth Summer reading projects, including the visit by the Zoo and the Juggler.

This year is decidedly different, but we hope you join us on July 3rd to find a good book or two or three. And we hope you join the Friends to support our library in meeting the needs of this community in old and new ways, at the Accomac facility and as the library transitions to Parksley in the future.

Free Summer Book Giveaway!!
The Library collection is being updated.
Books not moving to the Regional Library in Parksley will be available for your personal library.

FREE Book Giveaway!
Help the Friends find new, loving homes for the books.
Saturday July 3rd, 9 to 11 am

**Location: PARKING LOT IN FRONT OF
ACCOMAC MAIN LIBRARY
23610 FRONT STREET, ACCOMAC
Phone: 757-787-3400
Previous best sellers to classics.
Come find some old 'friends'.**

CASH DONATIONS WELCOME!

Please note new hours.

Donations and book sales

During the long period of inaccessibility, the Library staff has been refining and updating the book collection. The Friends check all these books with Better World Books where they get a new life. Then the books are made available to you on the Friends tables at the front of the Library. These are the books which are part of the Book Giveaway on July 3 from 9am to 11am in the library parking lot. We appreciate any you can take away. There is no charge for the discards but appreciate any donations.

Friends donation to Summer Reading Program at library.

The Friends are once again donating \$1500 to the Summer Reading Program at Accomac Library.

Tails and Tales – 2021 Summer Reading Program

June 21 to Aug 13

Explore the wilds this summer with the Eastern Shore Public Library in this year's virtual summer reading program **Tails and Tales** and participate in an easy to access online reading challenge. **Beanstack** returns again this year as part of this year's reading challenge. Readers can register, record time spent reading, participate in challenges, and share book reviews. As they log their reading and activities, readers will earn digital badges redeemable for cool incentives. The summer reading program will begin June 21st and end on August 13th, 2021.

As part of the Tails and Tales reading challenge, the **Beads to Read** incentive program is also making a comeback this summer. Young readers earn their neck chain by reading and participating in fun activities. More reading and activities earn additional beads and brag tags all summer long. Library staff will collect the rewards in personalized bags for the participants to be picked up at the library at the end of the program. To kick off Tails and Tales, Salisbury Zoo's Zoo4U program will be at the Accomac library on Monday June 21st at 11 am to teach all about three fascinating animals. Additionally, Carlos the Juggler on July 23rd will demonstrate all about his Juggling practice. Both Programs will be free and open to the public. Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, both programs are planned to be held outdoors at Eastern Shore Public Library. For everyone's safety, we expect everyone to socially distance and wear a mask. More details will follow as we get closer to each event.

Registration for the Tails and Tales Reading Challenge can be done online at espl.beanstack.org starting June 21st. Questions and requests for help should be directed to the Youth Services Librarian, Tiffany Flores at youthservices@espl.org or by calling Eastern Shore Public Library at 757-787-3400.

Becky Rootes Art Show

The late Becky Rootes was a member of the board of the Friends of the Library from August 2017 until her death early this spring. She was a talented artist and former president of the Eastern Shore Art League. Her family donated many of her paintings to the Art League, which is holding a retrospective show and sale at the Historic Onancock School on College Avenue in Onancock. The show is open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., at the school and runs until September 2. Proceeds from the sale will benefit a scholarship fund that Becky initiated.

What's happening at Accomac and Nassawadox Libraries

Visitors can enter the library on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, and Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Visitation time limits remain at one hour. Masks covering the nose and mouth and social distancing are required at all times within the libraries. Curbside pickup of reserved items will continue all day from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Patrons need to call the library first before picking up their curbside holds to ensure the items are ready. Chincoteague Island Library and Cape Charles Memorial Library patrons need to call those libraries to learn their reopening plans.

Membership 2021-2022 – where did the time go??

Renew your membership now.

The last page on this Bookworm is a form for making your donation of time, talent or treasure . Please keep up your Friendship however you are able.

Your membership will help fund the programs outlined in this Bookworm and other programs and equipment that may need our help as the year proceeds and as we get closer to having a new library.

Volunteering at Accomac Library

If you would like to volunteer at Accomac Library you will need to fill out a simple form. A copy of form is enclosed – Library checkbox is on second page. You can print your own copy from the www.espl.org web site under ‘About Us’ then ‘Volunteer Opportunities’. You may also pick up a form at the Circulation Desk at Accomac Library.

If you want to help the Friends organization with their activities you may check the other boxes on the membership form attached and a Friends Board Member will contact you. Also let us know if you are interested in being on the Friends Board.