



The Bookworm

Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library

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From the President Janet Rochester

We continue with our regular activities as we wait for announcements about the opening of the new library. If you have not already done so, please consider signing up to volunteer to assist at the library opening events, preparations for the move, and setting up the Friends Bookshop.

We shall be repeating our successful book give-away after the 4th of July parade in Accomac. The parade is always an enjoyable event, and we shall have books for children who participate or watch. We have provided a budget of \$1500 to Megan, the Youth Services Librarian, for the Summer Reading Program. Details will be available on the library’s web site and in the library.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on 26 July 2023. We will be voting on changes and updates to our bylaws and on new officers for the upcoming year. We encourage you to attend the Annual Meeting to meet the Friends board and officers, hear about plans for the upcoming year, and possibly take steps to become more involved.

Save the Date – July 4th Kid’s Book Giveaway

The Fourth of July is practically around the corner. The Friends of the Library will still be at Courthouse Square in Accomac for the post-parade festivities. Mark your calendars to stop by with children 12 and under to select a free book from the Friends. Last year, over 100 children browsed our selections and left with a book of their choice (some of the Youngest may have had some help from Dad or Grandmom). While we expect the parade will take place on the 4th, we will be there whenever the parade takes place. **Courthouse Square, Accomac, July 4, 10AM.**



Martha Joyal: A Loyal Library Patron Turned 100 Years Young

By Betsy Reich (photo of Martha and Board Member, Betsy)

I had a lovely conversation with Martha the other day about books and reading, among other things.

Reading develops our brains and gives us the ability to understand life. There is also grammar and language development. When you read many books, you expand your vocabulary.

Martha primarily read books for pleasure and the love of a good story, but she would read "anything she could get her hands on." She has difficulty reading now, even with Large Print.

In her younger days, Martha was the Friends most loyal Book Sale attendee. She was our Large Print fan, always waiting at the library front door for our sale to begin. Happy Birthday, Martha! And many more!

Summer Reading Programs in Accomac and Nassawadox

The Summer Reading Program for children and youths will launch on June 20th and run through August 11. Among the featured events will be a visit from the Salisbury Zoo. There will be separate pizza party finales for children and teens. The youth librarian, Megan Gallipeau expects to offer bookbags and other rewards to participants. This program is under construction so await further details--including locations and times.

Volunteer Opportunities for Library Opening from Kate and Lillian

There is still time to sign up to help with opening activities for the library in Parksley and to help set up the new Friends Bookshop.

Please contact Kate Baird (tbaird1985@gmail.com) or Lillian Waldenmaier (lillian690@hotmail.com) If you have already signed up, we will be in touch as soon as exact moving dates have been announced!

What Your Friends are Reading with Sharyn McQuaid

The Cotton Queen by Pamela Morsi

I “found” Pamela Morsi when one of her books was advertised on Book Bub for free. I enjoyed that book, so I checked Shore Cat and found The Cotton Queen in the library collection. It covers a span of about 50 years and three generations of women, each connected to the Cotton Days Pageant in McKinney, Texas. Babs was first runner-up in her day. Laney was Cotton Queen reluctantly in her day. And now it is granddaughter Rachel’s turn. The story opens with the debate between the women about appearing on the float together in the parade—particularly Laney’s reluctance. The life changing events in the preceding 50 years are revealed, some of those events are gut-wrenching but, in the end, redemptive. If you like Women’s Fiction, give this one a try. If you have found a book that you really like, be sure to check the library for others by the same author, in the same genre or otherwise, up the same alley.

It is time to renew your annual membership for 2022-2023!!

Please return the attached membership form. Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the Friends. 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. The last page on this Bookworm is a form for making your donation of **time, talent or treasure and signing up for Parksley library opening.**

National Library Workers Day April 25

As part of **National Library Week**, (April 23 thru April 29) we celebrate the valuable contributions made by all our library staff at Accomac Library. The Friends will once again recognize this day with a card and gift basket for the staff members. Please let the staff know how much you appreciate them and the great job they do. They will be extra busy in the coming months.

Move to Parksley.

We will be in touch as soon as the exact moving dates have been announced dates have been We have been eagerly anticipating the move to the Parksley location. We are closer than we have ever been. Optimistically, it is just over the horizon.

Wowbrary

WOWBRARY- Be in the Know about What's New @ the Library

By Charle Ricci, Collection Management & Acquisitions Manager

Each month, ESPL adds approximately 300 new books, audiobooks, and DVDs to the four Shore libraries. With items arriving all the time, it can be a challenge for library patrons to keep up with what's new. ESPL is pleased to offer **Wowbrary**, a free weekly email newsletter, which serves as an online version of the new bookshelf, but better! It's like seeing the new bookshelves at all four ESPL libraries simultaneously, including even the new books that might be currently checked out.

Not only can library patrons see what's new, **Wowbrary** makes it easy to reserve items from the library's catalog, **ShoreCat**. Clicking "Borrow" beside each title of interest in Wowbrary connects directly to that item in **ShoreCat**. Once in the catalog, patrons can place a reserve on any or all the titles featured in that week's Wowbrary newsletter.

In each week's newsletter, Wowbrary includes 20 "Top Choices", highlighting new items that are expected to be popular. Each featured choice includes a summary of the item and a link to more information. In addition to the "Top Choices", a menu along the left side of the screen contains all the week's new items and is organized by subject. These subject lists include Fiction, Mystery and Thrillers, Romance, Science Fiction and Fantasy, Graphic Novels, Large Print, and DVDs.

Wowbrary makes it easy to scan quickly through what's new and then request your favorites. To sign up, visit espl.org and click on the Read, Watch, Listen tab. Next, click on the button that says, "Sign up for **Wowbrary eNewsletter**" and enter your email address. After signing up, all that's left to do is to look forward to receiving your newsletter each Wednesday, and to enjoy being in the know about everything new at the library.

