



The Bookworm

Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library

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From the President.

The Friends have been active in the library, in our support of programs and the staff. We supported the children's summer reading program, and we gave out books at the end of the Accomac 4th of July parade. We continue to place RFID tags in books on the shelves as we prepare for the move. We continue to scan books, donations and discards, for Better World Books, and have sent an average of four boxes a month to them. We shelve books that have been returned by readers. We have a new book bag that will go on sale at the time of the opening of the new library.

We welcome two new board members, both recent newcomers to the area -- Lillian Waldenmaier (who has agreed to become our Secretary – thanks!) and Margaret Donahue Lynch. We are pleased that they have chosen to use their talents and enthusiasm in support of the library.

All Friends are needed to help with the opening of the new Regional Library in Parksley.

Despite the latest delay in the opening of the new library, the Friends are actively planning for it and all the events associated with it. We will need members to help with many of the events and activities.

Volunteer to be part of these events so that everything about the opening of the library will be successful and a positive experience for everyone in the community.

Some of the activities are in the public eye and some are behind the scenes; some require a few hours of work and those that require a longer commitment can be broken down into shorter sessions.

We have worked so hard to achieve this goal please help us celebrate reaching it.

Cara Burton, Library Director, has invited the Friends to help in pre-opening and opening events:

Pre-opening and opening events

Prior to the opening of the new library, there will be a couple of private events for the donors, local dignitaries and others who have been working hard to make this happen. These will be great opportunities to see the new library before the public and learn more about the new facilities. There will be an evening event and a daytime event. Volunteers will be needed to help with the set up and act as guides at pre-opening day events.

The new library will have many great new features for the staff and the public. We need volunteers to help smooth out the wrinkles of the new systems and layout by acting as 'patrons' and asking questions, checking out books and generally testing the procedures.

On the official Opening Day, we will need volunteers to act as guides to answer any questions, direct people and generally help everywhere.

Friends Book Shop activities

Before the new library opens, the Friends will be working on stocking the Friends Book Shop. We have been storing donations at many locations for the last couple of years.

We will need help in moving books from storage to the library and then unloading, unpacking, sorting, and shelving books in our Book Shop.

For the **first month** once the library is open to the public, we will need to help the Library Staff by having volunteers in our Book Shop during library open hours. This would mean being in the Book Shop either a morning, afternoon, or evening for 3-4 hours maybe once or twice a week or whatever works. It would entail answering questions, helping the patrons and taking donations – just helping out.

On the **Page 3** there is a form to sign up for any of these events. There is also an envelope addressed to the Friends which you can drop off at the Accomac Library or mail to us. You can also email friends.es.library@verizon.net for more information and to sign up for any of the of these events.

Over the last year, many members have indicated their willingness to help. You will be contacted by a Board Member about this opportunity.

At this time – we don't have an actual date for the opening but it should be Fall 2022.

July 4th Book Event at Accomac Parade and Summer Reading Program were very successful!



July 4th. We gave out over 100 books to young parade marchers and watchers from ages 1 month to about 12. The event was very well received and we hope to do it again next year. Once again we had wonderful weather and a great turn out. Thanks to Board Member Sharyn McQuaid and Youth Librarian Tiffany Flores for organizing and to Kate Baird, Liz Bochicchio, Betsy Reich, Carol Callander and Judy Malarkey for helping.

It will join the Visit with Santa as a Friends project to distribute brand new books to children.

Summer Reading Program

This year's program was a great success at both Accomac and Nassawadox libraries. Story Time was particularly successful with 85 children at Accomac and 28 at Nassawadox. The reading program had 30 online, 88 Accomac and 32 Nassawadox participants. Takeaway Activity Bags were 40 Accomac, 40 Nassawadox and 20 Tangier Island.

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**.

Volunteer form for opening new Regional Library building in Parksley.

You may mail this form or drop it off (envelope enclosed) at the Accomac Library Circulation Desk. You can also email the Friends at friends.es.library@verizon.net or call Janet Rochester at 757-787-2097. Either way a Board Member will contact you.

Name

Best way to reach me

Email

Home phone or cell phone

Library event

Pre-opening evening –

How long can you give?

Pre- opening daytime

How long can you give?

‘Dry run’ patrons day

How long can you give?

Opening Day

How long can you give?

Friends Book Shop

Moving books and setting up

How long can you give?

Staffing Book Shop – this will require the most volunteers so anytime -even once or twice will help.

How long can you give: ___times a week: ___every other week: ___once a month

When would you prefer: Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat circle preferred day

Times:___10-2: ___2-5:___5-8 evenings (Tuesday & Thursday):___Sat 9-1 (can be shorter)

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July 2022 to June 2023 renewal application

Please check a category and write in the amount:

Good Friend \$20-\$49 \$ _____
Best Friend \$50-\$99 \$ _____
Great Friend \$100-\$499 \$ _____
Golden Friend \$500 & up \$ _____
Other (any donations small and large welcomed) \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Please make checks payable to: 'Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library'. Send form and check to: P.O. Box 545, Parksley, VA 23421.

*I am interested in volunteering with the **Friends**:*

Board Member _____
Book sales _____
Friends' activities _____
Publicity _____
Newsletter _____
Occasional help _____

*I am interested in the following volunteer opportunities in **Accomac Library**.*

Helping in the library in processing books
Shelf reading and shelving books

A volunteer form is available at the Circulation Desk or you can go to <https://www.esplfoundation.org/volunteer-opportunities>

Call 757-787-3400 or email friends.es.library@verizon.net for more information on how you can help the Friends and the Library.

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