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**MONSANTO AMERICA'S FARMERS GROW GRANT AWARDED TO EASTERN SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION**



*Photo above: Sands Gayle tends to the Mt. Nebo Farm rapeseed crop, adding a colorful sight to the Eastern Shore of Virginia's countryside drives.*

(Accomac, Virginia) January 31, 2019 – Eastern Shore Public Library Foundation received the 2018 America's Farmer Grow Communities project award by the Monsanto Fund. The awarded funds will be used for the new regional library to be built in Parksley, Virginia, opening in 2020. The library project was submitted for the award by Mount Nebo Farm.

Mount Nebo Farm, LLC in Accomack County was started by Lynn and Linda Gayle in 2013 and operates now with their son Sands Gayle taking up the reins. The farm has 2,500 acres with primarily crops of wheat, corn, soybeans, and high erucic acid rapeseed. In 2017, Mount Nebo Farms was presented the Virginia Clean Water Farm Grand Basin Awards by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation for their no-till farming practices and other conservation farming techniques. Since the Gayles moved to the Shore in the 1980s, they have supported numerous nonprofits on the Eastern Shore and been advocates for agriculture and its economic benefits to the community.

For more information about the library's building project, visit [www.shorelibrary.com](http://www.shorelibrary.com)

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