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LIBRARY ANNOUNCES LATIMER ORAL HISTORY CONTEST



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(ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA) February 14, 2019 – Eastern Shore Public Library will host the 2019 Frances Bibbins Latimer Oral History Contest. All Eastern Shore of Virginia middle and high school students are invited to video or audio record an interview with someone fifty years of age or older. The fifteen to twenty minute interviews will cover the life of the person during their younger years. Cash prizes will be awarded with first place for each age group being \$500. Contest packets are available at area schools and on the library's website, espl.org.

The collection of oral histories will be stored for future generations at the Eastern Shore Public Library's future Eastern Shore of Virginia Heritage Center to be built within the new regional library in Parksley. The contest was named after Francis Bibbins Latimer, a renowned local historian. Latimer's family donated her archives collection, rich with African American materials, to the Eastern Shore Public Library, and it is currently being processed for future public access.

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For more information, call the Youth Services Librarian, Janice Felker, at (757) 787-3400.

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