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BLOXOM AND MCMATH TO BE HONORARY CHAIRS OF EASTERN SHORE OF  
VIRGINIA'S REGIONAL LIBRARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Eastern Shore Public Library Foundation announces Robert "Bob" S. Bloxom, Sr. and George N. McMath have accepted the positions of Honorary Chairmen for the 2016 capital campaign for the Regional Eastern Shore Public Library. Honorables Bloxom and McMath have a long history of public service in the Virginia House of Delegates, rural health and agriculture.

At a recent meeting with Library Director Cara Burton, George McMath noted that our library system is remarkable in its constant growth. "The Eastern Shore Public Library has made an amazing contribution to life on the Eastern Shore through its expanding service. It is now essential that the central library be expanded. I trust the citizens of Accomack and Northampton Counties will support this effort and that the dream of a new library soon will become a reality."

"Today's libraries are about more than just books," Bob Bloxom stated in reviewing the campaign's slogan, *Check Me Out: More than Just Books!* "A modern fully-equipped library will give our community tools and benefits needed to live successfully in today's digital climate. An additional value of a modern regional facility would be a safe and secure environment for our extensive collection of Eastern Shore history and archives. Join me in supporting this important project that will be beneficial for all Eastern Shore residents."

In addition to playing an advisory role in the fundraising, Bloxom and McMath will be ambassadors in the community to promote the need to support the regional library. Everyone on the Shore, from Kiptopeake to New Church, was invited to attend the fundraising [fiesta](#) which was free and open to the public. Along with food and live music, many community organizations were present to highlight the variety of partnerships the public library has in the two counties. WESR 103.3 FM hosted a Radiothon with special guests. Both events took place on Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more information, call the campaign office at (757) 787-2500 or visit [www.shorelibrary.com](http://www.shorelibrary.com)

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