

EARLY LEARNING COMPUTER DONATED TO ESVA LIBRARY

WITH UNITED WAY FUNDING



Photo:

(unidentified child using the computer)

(ACCOMAC, VA) – Eastern Shore Children can start the school year with a new learning resource at the Accomac library. The Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library donated an Early Literacy Station computer to the Eastern Shore Public Library in Accomac, Virginia with funds from a United Way of Virginia’s Eastern Shore grant. The colorful computer is designed specifically for the library’s youngest patrons ages two to eight and features over 4,000 localized learning activities. The fun, interactive and engaging content spans all seven curricular areas: math, science and nature, social studies and geography, reading, art and music, writing and computer skills, and reference. The station does not connect to the Internet. “Any child is welcome to use the computer, whether or not they have a library card. The kids LOVE that computer,” says Brian Simpkins, Library Circulation Manager.

Janice Felker, the library’s new Youth Services librarian, reported to the Friends of the Library that, “Early learning stations like this one help children develop their literacy skills and prepare for the STREAM and STEM-based learning they will encounter throughout their education. The applications are child-friendly, easy to use, and fun! Resources like this offer a strong example of why public libraries are more important than ever as places where community learning is valued, supported, and encouraged.”

The Eastern Shore Public Library has actively been acquiring new technologies to help the community be more information literate and have the resources for lifelong learning. Other new equipment includes STEM kits for educators to borrow, iPads, and a SmartBoard. “The library’s goal is to have more of these early literacy stations and at each library,” states Cara Burton, Library Director. “We greatly appreciate every individual and business that supports the United Way. Your donations made it possible for us to provide this new resource for your children.” The Eastern Shore Public Library Foundation is a designated nonprofit in the United Way campaign.

For more information about the United Way of the Eastern Shore, call 757-787-5622. To use this new computer, stop by the Accomac library at 23610 Front Street.

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