

## **Eastern Shore Public Library's 2017 Winter Reading Program**

It is always a good time to snuggle and read a good book with a child, but winter is an especially great time! During the month of February, the Eastern Shore Public Library is offering a Winter Reading Program called "Snuggle with a Book." Sponsored by the Library of Virginia, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and Smart Beginnings, this program encourages parents and caregivers to read aloud with young children ages 0 to 6, and is open to families, daycare providers, and teachers. Many studies indicate that frequently reading aloud to children helps them develop a love of reading and leads to future success in school. We all know it is a great way to create some quality family time.

There are two ways to register for the 2017 Winter Reading Program. You can complete everything online by using the link <https://espl.readvirginia.org>. If you prefer the paper method, you can visit your local Eastern Shore Public Library in Accomac, Cape Charles, Chincoteague, or Nassawadox to pick up the 2017 Winter Reading Program materials. Each child will receive a "Snuggle with a Book" packet including a reading log, a Book Booster Activity Sheet, and a bookmark. At the end of the program, a certificate of completion will be awarded. The program begins Monday, February 1 and runs through the end of the month. We hope to see you at the library!

To learn about upcoming library programs, visit [www.espl.org](http://www.espl.org) or ask one of the library staff when you visit. The Eastern Shore Public Library also has a free email newsletter. For more information about the Winter Reading Program call the regional library at (757) 787-3400 or stop by your local library.