

## Director's Note

Welcome to our new e-newsletter! We hope you will share it with your friends and family to help spread the word about the Eastern Shore Public Library. As the Shore library system headquarters, we work hard to help all four of our wonderful libraries meet community needs for lifelong learning.

[Read more](#)

## Events

*Director Cara Burton (right) and ESPL staffer Charle Ricci representing ESPL at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Onancock, March 2016.*

## Book a Cruise prize drawing

Win one of three fantastic water excursions with our Book A Cruise prize drawing!

- Boat tour for 6 with Seaside Ecotours
- Sunset cruise for 6 on Onancock Creek with Major Gayle Charters
- Sunset paddle for 6 with Burnham Guides

Tickets are \$20 and are available at all four library locations and The Book Bin in Onley. All proceeds benefit Eastern Shore Public Library's building fund. For more information contact Lynn Badger at 787-8701.

**Book a Cruise!**

A prize drawing to benefit the Eastern Shore Public Library Building Fund

Three chances to win one of these fantastic boat tours on Virginia's beautiful Eastern Shore!

Tickets available at:  
The Book Bin  
Eastern Shore Public Library in Accomac  
Northampton Free Library in Nassawadox  
Chincoteague Island Library  
Cape Charles Memorial Library

A boat tour for six on the seaside with Captain Meriwether Payne of Seaside Ecotours

A sunset cruise for six on Onancock Creek with Captain Lynn Gayle of Major Gayle Charters

A sunset kayak paddle for six on Onancock Creek with Bill & Mary Burnham

Prize drawing June 1, 2016. Winners will be notified by phone and email.

For more information, contact Lynn Badger at 787-8701

Thanks for your support!

**Eastern Shore Public Library Builds!**

A new library will serve the learning and literacy needs of the



entire population of the Shore and a larger, modern main facility will enable Eastern Shore Public Library to play a crucial role in transforming the Shore into a community with a more diversified economy and improved quality of life.

[Follow our progress on Facebook!](#)

## Everyday fun with reading!

ESPL has been proud to host Smart Beginnings workshops for parents and preschool children at all four libraries this spring. The workshops are led by local instructors from public schools and the community who use library books to model effective ways to read aloud with children and help them develop essential components of reading. Workshops are free and no preregistration is required.

### The final workshop dates are:

Monday, May 2, 11:00 to 12:00,  
*Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox*

Wednesday, May 4, 9:30 - 10:30,  
*Chincoteague Island Library*

Thursday, May 5, 10:30 to 11:30,  
*Eastern Shore Public Library, Accomac*

Thursday, May 5, 10:30 to 11:30, *Cape Charles Memorial Library*

[Learn more about the Smart Beginnings program here.](#)



Children's story time, book clubs, adult coloring, author lectures and more! Looking for something fun to do? Check us out!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

## Thank you, Grace!

Grace Murphy has volunteered at Eastern Shore Public Library in Accomac for so long that, honestly, we're not exactly sure when she started. But every Monday and Wednesday morning for about 30 years, Grace has been here to search the shelves for patron requests, get the circulation desk ready and shelve some books.

Unfortunately, due to health issues, she is no longer able to come in and help out at her beloved library. We will certainly miss her and can't thank her enough for her many years of dedication to ESPL!

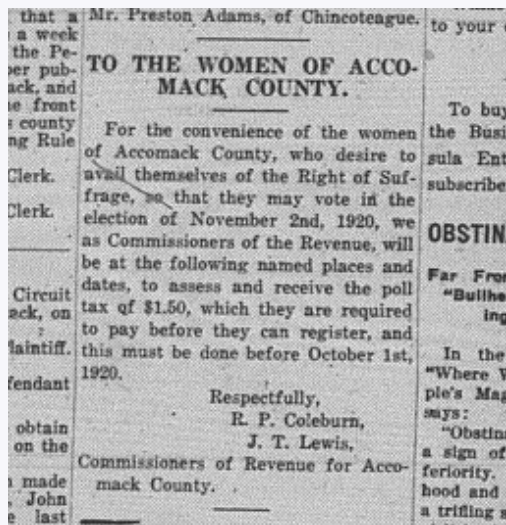
The Eastern Shore News ran a wonderful feature on Grace last year. [Read it here.](#)



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## Historic newspapers in the Eastern Shore Room



The newspapers of the Eastern Shore chronicle the everyday lives of the people who live here. To the family historian, newspapers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries can be helpful because of their abundance of personal news and social items. Besides descriptions of occurrences within the community, they also include information on national, regional, and state events. This provides a wealth of information for the family historian.

[Find out more!](#)

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***IN A BOOK CLUB OR WISH TO START ONE?***

The Northampton Free Library has 54 titles in the **Book Club Bag** program. These bags contain 10 copies of one title and a discussion resource guide to aid conversation. The bags are checked out to one individual in the group and have a six week circulation. Great if you don't want to purchase books all the time. A list of titles can be [found here](#) or call Northampton Free Library at 414-0010 and we will be happy to email you a copy.

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**Learning a new language?  
Try these apps  
recommended by ESPL  
staffer Summer Dahlmans**

Learning a new language on the iPad sounded intriguing to me. I decided to try to learn German. I only know a few words even though my husband is German and speaks the language fluently. I figured that I could use his knowledge as a resource if needed.

The first app that I tried out was Nemo German. [Read more here.](#)

ESPL also offers the children's language course Muzzy online on our website for FREE! [Check out Muzzy and our other free e-resources here.](#)



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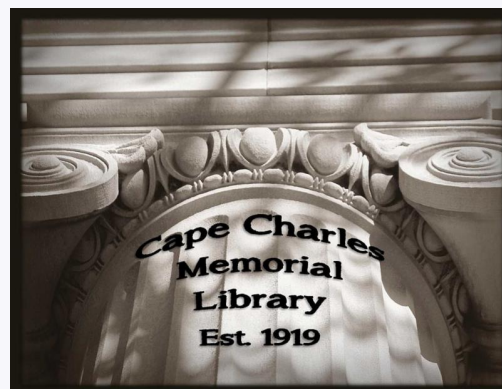
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