

## Director's Note

### Summer Readers = Achievers

Children are out of school for the summer, but that should not mean they are out of reading! “Summer Reading Lag” is a real phenomenon teachers have to work with in the fall when children have not been practicing their reading over the summer. Help prevent reading lag by bringing your young readers to the library this summer. All four libraries on the Eastern Shore have programs and reading challenges to make this fun!

[Read more here](#)



*A young customer at the Firecracker Book Sale enjoying his purchase.*

## Summer Reading Program 2016

Summer Reading programs are in full swing at all four Eastern Shore libraries! Click below for the full calendar and list of programs.

New this year is a fine amnesty program. Read 200 minutes to erase your fines! Fine Amnesty runs from **June 20 to August 20, 2016**. Click the button below for more information and then sign up at the circulation desk of any Shore library.



**Summer Reading Program  
List and Calendar**

**Summer Reading Program  
Fine Amnesty**



## Curiosity Creates!

This year Eastern Shore Public Library was awarded a Curiosity Creates grant—one of only two given to Virginia libraries—that enabled second graders in the English as a Second Language program at Metomkin Elementary School to learn more about “Making My World a Better Place.”



ESPL volunteers Doris Gebel and Pam Spencer Holley worked with educators at the [Chincoteague Bay Field Station](#) to develop seven programs designed to teach kids about the unique ecology of the Eastern Shore. Through activities held at both the school and the public library, students learned about marshes and beaches, including native plants and animals found in these areas, plus the importance of being good stewards of all our watersheds.



[Read more here.](#)

**Got some time to  
spare? Your library  
needs your help!**

**Volunteer**

## Fourth Tuesdays at ESPL

The Fourth Tuesdays at ESPL summer programs are underway!

Coming up: graphic novelist Bentley Boyd, Bob Savage talks about corn cob pipes, hear about the Nature Conservancy's work from Margaret Van Clief and Art Fisher transforms into Parksley town founder Henry Bennett for an evening.



*Beginning Genealogy with M.K. Miles*

Sponsored by the Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library.

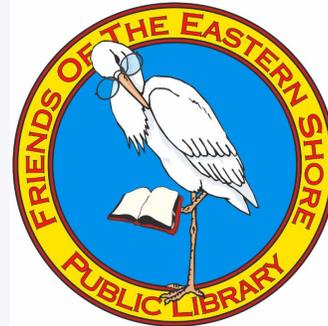
[Full schedule here.](#)

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## Join the Friends!

The Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library recently donated \$1,200 for the Summer Reading Program now taking place through the end of August. This support provides incentive prizes for the youth Summer Reading Challenge and weekly programs that include free movies and educators on a variety of topics. The Friends also donated a new children's reading and activity table custom manufactured by eFab Local in Machipongo. The Friends receive financial support from membership dues, book sales, and other fundraisers.

We're always looking to make new Friends! Find out more and join [here](#).



*New activity table in the ESPL children's room from the Friends and eFab Local*

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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