

Summer Reading Program – Reading by Design

Are your summer plans designed to include reading? The Eastern Shore Public Library has created a Summer Reading Program that will bring fun and learning for your family. All four Eastern Shore of Virginia public libraries are offering children a free online reading tracking program and a variety of events. The 2017 Summer Reading Program theme is “Reading by Design.” It began on June 19 and ends on August 19, 2017. Readers can sign up on the “Reading by Design” website at espl.readvirginia.org or in person at their local library. Young readers can receive reading incentive prizes and get their fines waived! An adult reading program is also available along with “Book Club Kits” to be checked out.

The library is a great place to read, imagine, and design. In addition to reading great books, library patrons can attend exciting events. Design and create with Legos, recycled items, blocks, and more! STREAM events will explore Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and/or Math. In Accomac on Thursdays and Nassawadox on Fridays, a free lunch will be served to children at 12:00 noon (through August 11) as part of our Summer Food Program, sponsored by the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore and Accomack County Parks and Recreation department. On scheduled days, enjoy visits from groups such as the Nature Conservancy, the Chincoteague Bay Field Station, the Virginia Living Museum, and the Salisbury Zoo. Escape the heat of summer and enjoy a movie at the library in Accomac or Nassawadox. The movie schedule, including titles is available on the library’s website at www.espl.org. Check out a nature backpack, explore nature using the contents of the backpack, and enjoy a free visit to one of the Virginia State Parks.

On July 28, Chris “Hoopoe” Yerlig will perform at the public libraries in Cape Charles and Accomac. In his show Chris blends silent pantomime comedy, movement illusions, sleight of hand magic tricks and balloon wizardry, to create an original vaudeville show that is funny, imaginative and full of surprises.

All events and programs are free and open to the public and do not require a library card. Some require preregistration due to space limitations. Remember a current calendar of events is always available on the Eastern Shore Public Library’s website at www.espl.org or visit your local library for a print copy. All events are subject to change, so please call your library prior to the event to check on dates and times and registration requirements.

Support and/or prizes are provided by the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, Eastern Shore Rural Health, Riverside Hospital, United Way of Virginia’s Eastern Shore, Delmarva Shorebirds, Brown Dog Ice Cream, Arts Enter, the Chincoteague Island Library Board of Directors, and the Library of Virginia. Financial and volunteer support comes from the Friends groups of Cape Charles, Nassawadox, and Accomac libraries and the large group of volunteers at the Chincoteague library.

Reach your local Eastern Shore Library at the phone numbers below:

Eastern Shore Public Library	(757) 787-3400
Cape Charles Memorial Library	(757) 331-1300
Chincoteague Island Library	(757) 336-3460
Northampton Free Library	(757) 414-0010