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- 1) Intern Anna Konkel (left) helps Margaret Van Clief, educator with The Nature Conservancy, at Northampton Free Library's Summer Reading Program.
- 2) Intern Jennyiah Boggs (standing) assists children attending the Spectacular Soil summer reading program activity given at the Eastern Shore Public Library by the ESVA Soil and Water Conservation District.

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### **TEEN INTERNS HELP LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAMS**

(Accomac, Virginia) July 12, 2018 - Eastern Shore Public Library now has two teen interns thanks to a grant by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association and the generous sponsorship of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. Jennyiah Boggs is the intern at the central library in Accomac and Anna Konkel is the intern at the Northampton Free Library in Nassawadox. The interns assist Janice Felker, the Youth Services Librarian, with the Summer Reading Program events and the Summer Food Program. The grant supports these paid internships.

“Having interns is a wonderful addition to our library programs. The help provided by these two interns has been amazing,” Felker reports. “Our programs are very busy and having additional help preparing, guiding younger children, and cleaning up makes the events more fun for everyone.” Felker plans to continue the internship programs if additional funds become available. The intern program not only helps the library but provides valuable work experience

for teens and raises awareness of librarianship as a career. Felker also plans to develop a Teen Advisory Board to help plan improvements to the young adult section and programs of the libraries.

For years, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has provided youth literacy grants to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations in hopes to provide assistance in implementing and expanding literacy programs for youth. This is the first time Eastern Shore Public Library has been awarded this grant.

YALSA supports library staff in alleviating the challenges teens face, and in putting all teens---especially those with the greatest needs---on the path to successful and fulfilling lives.

For more information about these programs, to donate to the intern program, or if you have interest in the library's Teen Advisory Board, contact Janice Felker at (757) 787-3400 or [youthservices@espl.org](mailto:youthservices@espl.org). All the Eastern Shore of Virginia's libraries Summer Reading Program events are listed online at [www.espl.org](http://www.espl.org).

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