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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK TO BE CELEBRATED AT EASTERN SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Photo: Despite what many people think, there are still many young people who love to read. You can help make checking out at the library go smoother with your Random Act of Kindness.

(ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA) April 2, 2019 – Eastern Shore Public Library will be celebrating National Library Week **April 7 to 13, 2019** with several activities. The library will be launching a “**Random Acts of Kindness**” program to support reading and will have a special “engraved brick” drawing to celebrate the new library. Additionally, the library system is hosting the “**Profiles of Honor**” World War I and World War II traveling exhibit and document scanathon on April 12, 13, and 14. The Library of Virginia’s “**New Virginians**” traveling exhibit will begin April 8 and be in place at the library in Accomac until May 18, 2019. **National Library Giving Day** is April 10, 2019.

The **Random Acts of Kindness** program enables library users to provide library fine relief for children. A jar will be at the circulation desk for library visitors to donate change that will then be used toward overdue fines on children’s library cards. Youth cards with fines will be provided \$1.00 from the jar toward their overdue account as long as donations are available. While library fines encourage responsibility in borrowing materials from the library, staff recognize that children are often in circumstances that prevent them from returning books on time. This Random Acts of Kindness program will help ensure children can continue to borrow materials, will help build good-will in the community, and will promote a supportive reading environment.

The brick drawing will be for an engraved brick paver to be installed at the new Regional Library to be built in Parksley and opening in mid-2020. The drawing provides the opportunity to win a donor brick, which are available now with a donation of \$100 each. During the month of April, library visitors to the Accomac and Nassawadox locations will receive a free drawing ticket. One winning ticket will be drawn.

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

This year's theme, Libraries = Strong Communities, illustrates how today's libraries are at the heart of our cities, towns, schools and campuses, providing critical resources, programs and expertise. They also provide a public space where all community members, regardless of age, culture or income level, can come together to connect and learn.

For more information about the library exhibits and these National Library Week activities, call the library at (757) 787-3400 or visit their website at www.espl.org. To participate in the National Library Giving Day on April 10, visit www.shorelibrary.com.

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