



Main Library
Northampton Free Library
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From the Director's Desk

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Director's Report
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Circulation detail – Accomac 5,340; Cape Charles 1,332, Chincoteague 863, NFL 1,513

Recommendation: Additional budget modifications.

• **Library Services & Patron Relations**

- Youth Services planning: Janice Felker has joined staff as Youth Services Librarian. She will coordinate programs and services for all four libraries and liaison with the LVA Youth Services Coordinator. She is working fulltime and will be located at both Accomac and NFL. Her first priority is to execute the early childhood literacy initiative planned by Doris Gebel and begin contacting youth literacy leaders to plan collaborative programs.
- A banned books tabling display was held as a teachable moment in response to public outcry about banned books at the free, public reading of "To Kill a Mockingbird" at North Street Playhouse. It has been well received. ALA send brochures, buttons, bookmarks and information on new library was distributed. Copies of banned books were displayed with black bounds wrapped around them. Pam Holley volunteered.
- Quit Now smoking cessation representative tabled at the Accomac library on December 29 in support of the board's new smoke free policy. She is planning outreach at NFL as well.
- Youth events: the Friends' 12/17 Santa event attracted 80 children. Free movies are being shown during scheduled school closing days with the movie licensing agreement. Storyhour will be done monthly by volunteer Katie O'Shea on Thursday mornings.
- Joined Tidewater Reads planning committee. In process of book selections.

• **Meetings:**

- 12/5 School Board working session with Kitty Hall. "To Kill a Mockingbird" ban removed. WRVO education programs reviewed.
- 12/16 Community Foundation meeting with Badger, Coady, and Godwin to review endowment management.
- 12/20 Nurse Family Partnership Advisory Committee meeting at ESCC.
- 1/5 Linda Floyd and Sheri Noll, librarians at Northampton High School. Introductions and review of services and needs.

• **Facility:**

- Dime Oil is now providing oil to the library under the county contract.

• **Marketing & Communications:**

- Press releases on response to book banning with exhibit and tabling.

• **Outreach:**

- 12/7 TNC Holiday Open House in Brownsville.
- 12/11 Handel concert at Hungars.
- 12/29 Tabled at North Street Playhouse reading of "To Kill a Mockingbird."
- 1/4 Lynwood Lewis Town Hall meeting
- 1/5 ES Chamber Commerce "Eggs & Issues" breakfast at Eastville

• **Technology:**

- Telephone system greeting has been fixed. Now can have hours as well as events announced on message.
- Laptop ordered for new librarian using state Dell contract. Account set-up in addition to TechSoup account.

- Ordered filtering equipment to remain in compliance with e-rate. Software had issues with OS compatibility.
- Continuing Education
 - Reviewed individual needs in staff reviews.
- Personnel
 - 12/14 Staff held a Volunteer Appreciation holiday party.
 - 12/15 Staff meeting. Focused on Reader's Advisory.
 - Staff review meetings were held for most all of staff; rest will be in January.
 - Youth Services Librarian, Janice Felker, started January.
 - Barbrielle Rogers started as Library Specialist 1 at NFL.
 - Personnel manual draft was distributed to staff for comment.
- Library Associations & Library of Virginia:
 - American Library Association sent materials for banned book tabling.
- Other

Upcoming:

Closed January 13 and 16 for holidays.

February 25 - Heritage Festival at ESCC. **Volunteers needed.**

March 2 - Read Across America