

Power Point Presentation--Town Council Meeting--February 5, 2018

Page One. I am here this evening to thank the Town Council for its support of our Chincoteague Island Library and to show you how your assistance made a tremendous difference in the programs we have offered this year.

Although we have increased many of our adult programs and services, tonight I will be focusing on the children's programs which have been greatly expanded due to your help.

Page Two. Overall View of Children's Programs

Tales 4 Tots – year-round songs, stories & crafts for 2 – 5 year-olds

Young Explorers – newly expanded summer program for 6 – 10 year-olds

Incentive Reading Program for grades K – 12

Special Programs for children of all ages

Page Three. This fall, our Tales 4 Tots program was all about “Ride Into Reading” as the next few slides will show. The program ran from September 14 through December 14 beginning with “Ride the School Bus” and ending with “Ride Santa's Sleigh.”

Page Four. These photos show”

Ride the School Bus – thanks to driver Ellen Richardson. After stories and crafts, the children had an opportunity to climb on board the bus.

Next, they Rode the “Stormy” the Trolley – thanks to Larry Welsh and driver Jodi Andreach. The children all had a short ride around Town in the trolley and each received a trolley token. The Library will be participating this year in the Town's “Stuff the Trolley” project. **The next photo, “Ride the Broomstick”** shows volunteer & board member Beverly Gorsuch reading and demonstrating a witch's broom stick. The children all came dressed in their Halloween costumes.

Page Five. Ben Ellis brought his Harley Davidson motorcycle to the library and the children had a chance to climb aboard.

George Tripp brought the Mail Truck to the library and cleared out the back so that the children could climb in.

Next, after our stories and crafts at the library, we took a trip to the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company where Fire Fighter Roe Terry showed everyone the fire trucks and let them climb on board.

Page Six. Captains Carlton Leonard & Scott Landoldt reviewed boat safety with the children and took them on a boat ride under the bridge to Chincoteague Bay.

Police Chief Randy Mills and Officer Sean Lenhoff came to the library to read to the children take them outside to show them the police car.

Page Seven. Each week, after our songs and stories, our crafts revolve around the weekly theme. Pictured are trains, trucks, airplanes, Santa's sleigh, a police car and mail truck.

Page Eight. We couldn't provide the year-round program without the help of our many volunteers. Pictured are Dawn Ellis, summer helpers Sofia & Stephanie, Sarah Needs, Young Explorers' coordinators Jackie Albanese & Joan Selby, Barbara Mason with Ellen Richardson, and yours truly with Roe Terry.

Page Nine. With your help, we were able to expand our programs to include the summer Young Explorers program for the older children. Programs included visits from The Nature Conservancy, NASA Outreach, The Chincoteague Bay Field Station, The Delmarva Discovery Center, Accomack County Master Gardeners, the Chincoteague Pony Centre, and Salisbury Zoo. We are grateful to The Chincoteague Island Arts Organization (CIAO) for allowing us to use the newly renovated Theatre Annex for many of the Young Explorer programs.

Page Ten. Sarah Needs from NASA Outreach taught the Young Explorers how to make & fly kites. The Chincoteague Bay Field Station provided a touch tank, crafts and read stories about sea creatures.

Page Eleven. Staff from The Nature Conservancy showed the children how to catch, identify and release butterflies and bees.

Salisbury Zoo 2 You staff brought a large tortoise, snake and a peregrine falcon and explained how simple littering can harm wildlife. As you can see, we had a “full house.” This year, for our special children’s programs, we have been offered the use of the Social Hall at Christ United Methodist Church.

Page Twelve. What’s Next? We are now in the process of planning our summer programs with library volunteers and representatives from CIAO, the Chincoteague YMCA, and the Museum. We hope to include special programs from the Salisbury Zoo, magician Chris Yerig, Cosmic Adventures—an indoor planetarium program, as well visits from local artists and musicians. With your assistance, we will continue to maintain, expand and upgrade our programs

Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to show you how you have helped us serve our residents and visitors. We are hopeful that you will consider assisting us again this year as we continue to strive to be a source of pride to the Community.