

Chincoteague Island Library  
Update for ESPL Board of Trustees Meeting in January

**Agreement between ESPL & CIL:** Linda & Gerry Ryan, Jackie Davis and Cara Burton will be meeting in a few weeks to discuss of the agreement.

**Maintenance** continues to take a huge portion of our budget. To keep our heating/cooling costs down, the Board voted to have insulation sprayed under the old section of the building at a cost of almost \$2,000.

Additionally, the park side door lock has not been working properly, and we are getting estimates for a smaller replacement door. The cost may be approximately \$8500. We are looking into possible grants.

On January 24, we will be having our annual fire suppression system inspection. The fire extinguishers have been inspected this month and are up-to-date.

**Events:** The Library Board is working with the Museum of Chincoteague to help celebrate **Heritage Week** beginning March 22 (which is when the museum reopens). Several non-profits on the Island are also planning events to coincide with this event. Our Board decided to hold a poster contest for Chincoteague students in grades K – 12. There will be 4 separate age groups with prizes going to the best poster in each of the age groups. The Theatre Annex will display the posters and prizes will be presented on the Sunday afternoon on the porch of the library (following a small parade).

**Locals Week at the Library** is being planned for National Library Week, April 8 - 14. The event will include displays, tours, and a drawing with prizes. We are making plans to coordinate a program with The Museum for Marguerite Henry's birthday which occurs during that week.

**Sunset Cruise** is scheduled for Thursday evening, June 20 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person which includes sandwiches, drinks and live entertainment. This is usually a sell-out. Tickets will go on sale shortly.

**Children's Programs:** Tales 4 Tots Winter/Spring program begins on January 10 at 10 a.m. and will run through May 23. First program will be a pajama party.

We will begin our summer T4T and Young Explorers in late June. One of our volunteers has expressed an interest in starting a teen book club to be held on Thursdays during the summer and continuing at another time during fall and winter.

One of our major donors has expressed an interest in funding our Summer Incentive Reading Program which will be called: "Lubbock's Learners" after their beloved dog who died last summer. We will again have a kick-off party and registration in June before school lets out for the summer and will continue the program through mid-August.

**Adult Programs:** Both book clubs have chosen their books and topics for the year. The Island Readers' Book Club which meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. hosted guest author, Daniel Thomas, who wrote the book, *The Come'eres*. The evening was very well attended.

**Coloring, crafts, and needlework** has begun on Thursday afternoons. Residents & visitors are encouraged to bring their projects and come in to relax and socialize for a couple of hours during the winter months. Coloring supplies are provided.

**Fundraising & the Database:** Our "Friends" mailing has been successful. Most of the donations are sent in by December 31. Volunteers Tom Myers and Carrole Welsh met with the Foundation Board to explain how we have updated our patron list. Carrole & Tom were informed that Carl Palmer had resigned from the Foundation Board and asked our Board name a replacement for Carl. Harriet Lonergan has volunteered to represent our Library on this board providing they do not meet on a Tuesday.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting is February 1.

Linda Ryan, for the Board

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