

**Chincoteague Island Library****Monthly Update for ESPL Trustees' Meeting**

**Maintenance:** The Board has signed a contract with a contractor to replace the park side door. The work should be completed in early spring. We will be advertising for sale the existing door on our Facebook page. It could be used as an interior door as it is mahogany with beveled glass.

**Donor Recognition:** A small plaque naming Travis Birch who died in 2010 has been ordered to be placed in the Young Adult section of the library. The donor, the recipient of Travis' heart, asked not to be listed, and was very specific that the donation he made to our library was made "by Travis' heart in him."

We are also compiling the names for our larger 2017/18 Honor Wall Plaque which names donors who give \$1,000 or more. Many of these donations are made to honor or memorialize someone.

**Children's Programs:** **Tales 4 Tots** continues to attract upwards of 20 children every week. This week our theme is St. Patrick's Day. Next week, we will be visiting the Island Creamery. May 23 will be our last program before starting the summer program at the end of June. We are beginning to line up summer visits from the Chincoteague Bay Field Station and NASA Outreach.

**Summer Incentive Reading Program for students K - 12** will be called, "Lubbock's Learners" as a result of a very generous donation from an Island resident whose beloved pet passed away last summer. The family has offered to help fund the program each year. We will begin with a sign-up party in mid-June before school lets out and end with a wrap-up party in mid-August with drawings and prizes. Every student to complete the requirements will receive a library bag of "back-to-school" supplies.

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**Events:**

We participated in the Downtown Merchants' Association's "Death By Chocolate" event which was held on Friday, February 15 and Saturday, February 16. This weekend, we will be participating in the "Search for the Shamrocks." This is a way to encourage people to come into the library. We do pay an annual fee to belong to the Downtown Merchants' Association.

Our Board is organizing a poster contest with Chincoteague school students to coincide with the Museum of Chincoteague's Heritage Weekend Celebration the week of March 23. There will be prizes for the winners in the various age groups which will be presented on Sunday afternoon March 24 after a small parade in the Robert Reed Waterfront Town Park.

Local's Week at the Library during National Library Week (April 8 – 14) is in the planning stages. On Wednesday evening from 5 – 6:30 p.m., we will host a Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" program. Light refreshments, networking, and entertainment for area Chamber members. During the week we also hold a drawing with prizes donated by local businesses. And, we are preparing a special display of old postcards and photos from one of our patrons.

Attached is the flyer for the "Business After Hours" event.

Summer Sunset Cruise is scheduled for Thursday evening, June 20 at 6 p.m. There will be a storm date on Sunday, June 23. Tickets will be available shortly as this has been a "sell out" event the past few years.

Labor Day Indoor Yard Sale will once again be held on Saturday and Monday of Labor Day weekend.

**Agreement between ESPL & CIL:** We are awaiting a response from the ESPL Board of Trustees in order to finalize the draft agreement.

Linda Ryan

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