



Reminder

Northampton Free Library in Nassawadox is open the following hours until further notice:

- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Chincoteague Island Library will be closed and is expected to open Monday, March 30.

Library hours of operation and scheduled programs may change, so you should call the library prior to visiting. All libraries are practicing social distancing which may limit time in certain spaces or at public computers. Your cooperation and patience is appreciated in our efforts to maintain library services to the Shore.

ESPL has lots of resources for families at home!

Explore the outdoors with nature backpacks!

Available for checkout from library locations in Accomac, Nassawadox, or Cape Charles to anyone with a library card. The backpack includes a pair of Celestron binoculars, a folding pocket guide to Virginia birds and pamphlets and maps with information about local birding hot spots and hikes.



Freeding eBooks for Children and Teens (and Parents)

If you are hoping to keep your children stocked up with reading material while they are out of school, the library's Freading eBook app can help. With thousands of eBooks for children and teens, both fiction and nonfiction, Freading has something for every age and interest. [Read more here.](#)



[Start Freading now!](#)

Family History with Kids

Local history exploration is a fun way to spend time with children. Studies show that children who know stories about the relatives who came before them show higher levels of emotional well-being (Emory University, 2010). From home, families can learn more about local history with the help of ESPL's online family history resources.



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[Local history starts here!](#)

What to do?

The first few days of an unexpected "vacation" from school can be lots of fun for everyone, but families quickly find themselves searching for ways to keep everyone busy in productive ways. It is good to remember that there are many different types of activities. Variety is not only the spice of life but also very important in meeting all the developmental needs of children.

[More suggestions and cool websites here!](#)

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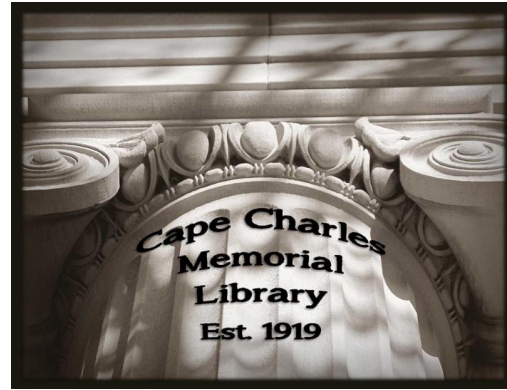
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