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At the current main library in Accomac, the name of the building is the same as the name of the library system: Eastern Shore Public Library. This has always been confusing for the public, particularly when explaining building/location specific information versus system information. This is the opportunity to change this communications issue! The name requested is what people involved in the construction project have been using, including County staff, and it is what the Foundation and ESPL have been using in grant applications. The name defines the library as being a regional library serving both Counties. The request also highlights the Heritage Center and distinguishes the facility from the Eastern Shore of Maryland (Note: There is an Eastern Shore Regional Library in Maryland.). Now is the time to select the name, before signage is created for the new building, both building and street directional signage. It would be very difficult and expensive to change the name of the library system as it is a nonprofit entity.

Date: February 9, 2021

Name of requester: Eastern Shore Public Library Board of Trustees

Address: PO Box 25, Parksley, VA 23421

Phone Number: 757-787-3400

Please provide any additional information with the application, e.g., newspaper articles, letters of recommendation, etc.

Direct questions to:

Accomack County Administrator  
23296 Courthouse Rd.  
Accomac, VA 23301  
(757) 787-5700

## **ADDENDUM A**

### **Application for Naming / Re-naming**

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**Proposed Name:** \_\_\_\_ "Bea" Johnson Small Study Room \_\_\_\_

**If proposing the name of an individual, please include a biographical description of nominee:**

Mrs. Beatrice "Bea" Justis Johnson, wife of Richard "Dick" Riley Johnson and a resident of Parksley, passed away on November 24, 2015 at Riverside Shore Rehabilitation Center in Parksley. Bea is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Dick, and many caring friends.

**Describe the individual's involvement and distinction in Accomack County:**

Bea graduated from Mary Washington College with a Bachelor of Science degree. She worked for the A&N Electric Cooperative, Accomack County Social Services, and was a social services placement supervisor for Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital for over 25 years. Her professional life benefited the citizens of both Accomack and Northampton Counties.

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Bea always had a love of reading and libraries. In her memory, Dick has sponsored a Small Study Room in the new Regional Library. Her memory will live on with his thoughtful and generous gift.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of requester: Albert J. McMath, President, Eastern Shore Public Library Foundation

Address: PO Box 554, Accomac, VA 23301

Phone Number: 757-787-2500

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Legal Description: (Please print or type):

Eastern Shore Public Library

General Location or Street Address:

24313 Bennett Street, Parksley, VA 23421

Please Check Appropriate Application Category:

Naming or Re-naming of a County-Owned Street

Existing Name:  
Proposed Name:  
Proposed Re-name, if applicable:

County-Owned Property—Park or Library

Existing Name: None  
Proposed Name: "Bea" Johnson Small Study Room  
Proposed Re-name, if applicable:

Other County-Owned Property (other than park, library, or street)

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**Proposed Name:** Otho Wescott and Diana Ciuffreda Custis Entryway

**If proposing the name of an individual, please include a biographical description of nominee:**

Otho Wescott Custis was born in Craddockville in 1922 and has lived his entire life on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, residing today on the family farm in Nandua. After a degree from the College of William and Mary and service in the U.S. Navy as a communications officer in World War II, he returned to work in the family store in Craddockville. He operated a hardware store and John Deere farm equipment franchise there for almost thirty years. 'O.W.' was a long-time member of the Board of Directors of the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Onley, a bank his father O. K. Custis helped re-open after the financial crisis of 1929 closed banks. He began flying airplanes as a hobby in 1948 and created flying adventures with his family as well as being active in the Civil Air Patrol. A founding member of the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club, he remains an honorary member as well as a member of the Pungoteague Ruritan Club where he was the treasurer for many years. In a second career he was a driver education teacher for the Accomack County Public Schools until his retirement in 1990.

Diana Ciuffreda Custis was born of Italian parents in the Bronx, New York in 1924. Her love of the Eastern Shore began with her love of O.W. which began with meeting him at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg. She passed away in 2003 and is remembered by many as a caring and popular teacher with the Accomack County Schools. Many students of the old Atlantic High School and the newer Arcadia High School remember her with affection. Prior to her final retirement she also taught at the Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa. After retirement she turned to painting in a home studio she created. Eastern Shore places were the subjects for much of her work, but she also created coats-of-arms that are now hanging in many Eastern Shore homes and one that was adopted by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce. The Eastern Shore Public Library was frequented often for her genealogical research. This was, of course, the same library to which she introduced her three children at early ages, bringing them there or visiting the bookmobile in Craddockville with all three in tow.

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Otho and Diana's children have also served their community throughout the years. The couple's oldest child is Paul Custis whose career was in education, having taught at many levels from sixth through twelfth grades plus community college mathematics and university level graduate education courses. He was the principal at Northampton High School from 1984 until 2004 and subsequently taught at the Eastern Shore Community College for ten years until his retirement in 2018.

Son Roy Custis devoted his professional career to many areas of public service including with Accomack County Social Services and the Virginia Circuit Court System as a Parole Officer. In recent years he has often been seen in the county seat doing title research, serving on the Accomack County Planning Commission and assisting the public at the Clerk of the Court's Office.

Daughter Chicki Custis Jester retired in 2014 after teaching thirty-five years in the Accomack County Schools. She is remembered as a lively, energetic and entertaining art teacher at the Smith, Parksley, and Nandua Middle Schools. She received a Conservation Educator Award on retirement for her work with students creating local and state award-winning conservation projects over many years.

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The Custis siblings have requested this naming opportunity to honor their family's deep roots in and service to Accomack County. The family has also recently made a substantial donation to the library project under the ESPL Foundation's fundraising program.

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Existing Name:  
Proposed Name:  
Proposed Re-name, if applicable:

County-Owned Property—Park or Library

Existing Name: None for new Heritage Center entryway  
Proposed Name: Otho Wescott and Diana Ciuffreda Custis Entryway  
Proposed Re-name, if applicable:

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**Proposed Name:** Katharine H. S. Edmonds Eastern Shore Room

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**Describe the individual's involvement and distinction in Accomack County:** Ms. Edmonds helped found the library in Accomac in 1968, and later served as its librarian. She also did genealogical research and published articles on Eastern Shore history and culture and assisted her husband in editorial duties on the paper, and research on Locustville Academy and local history.



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Proposed Re-name, if applicable:

County-Owned Property—Park or Library

Existing Name: The Eastern Shore Room  
Proposed Name: The Katherine H.S. Edmonds Eastern Shore Room  
Proposed Re-name, if applicable:

Other County-Owned Property (other than park, library, or street)

Existing Name:  
Proposed Name:  
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