

# **EASTERN SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

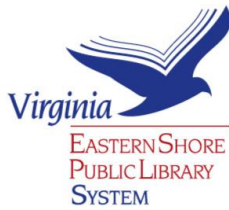
## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**July 13, 2021, 1:00 PM**

Meeting Location: in-person at the **Accomack County Airport** meeting room at 1:00 pm on  
Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 29194 Parkway, Melfa.

### **Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of Minutes of June 8, 2021
4. Financial Report
5. Branch and Friend's Reports
  - a. Cape Charles Memorial Library
  - b. Chincoteague Island Library
  - c. Northampton Free Library
  - d. ESPL Friend's Reports
6. Library Director's System Report
7. ESPL Foundation (Davenport)
  - a. Capital Campaign Update
    - i. Naming Opportunities – updated list
8. Capital Project Update – Steering Committee (Valentine)
9. Old Business
  - a. Strategic Planning (Davenport)
  - b. Grand Opening Planning (Holland and Bloxom)
  - c. ESRL Equipment and Technology Budget and Covid-related operating costs (Burton)
10. New Business
  - a. Trustee Committees (Holland)
  - b. TGD Contract for ESVA Heritage Center (Burton)
  - c. Artwork donation: Guy Shover sculpture (Burton)
  - d. Deposits of ESPL monetary donations
11. Additional Comments
12. Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 1:00 pm, location tbd
13. Adjournment



Main Library – Accomac

Northampton Free Library  
Chincoteague Island Library  
Cape Charles Memorial Library

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June 8, 2021 at 1:00 pm

(Meeting held in-person at Accomack County Airport Meeting Room, Melfa and electronically)

**Present:** Gerry Ryan (Chair), Patricia Bloxom, Dennis Custis, Jay Davenport, Althea Pittman, David Poyer, Carl Rose-Jensen, Tim Valentine (Vice Chair). **Absent:** Joyce Holland, James Lilliston (Treasurer).

**In attendance:** Cara Burton, Director. **Staff:** Charle Ricci, Barbii Rogers. **Capital Project:** Al McMath.

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ryan at 1:00 pm.
2. **Public Comments.** None.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** Davenport motioned to accept the minutes from the March 9, 2021 meeting. Pittman seconded. Motion approved.
4. **Financial Report.** Burton noted that June is the last month of the ESPL's fiscal year. Staff are busy spending remaining budgeted funds with the goal of no carryover of funds into the next fiscal year. Bloxom motioned to approve the reports as submitted. Valentine seconded. Motion approved.
5. **Branch and Friend's Reports**
  - a. Cape Charles Memorial Library - Included in system report. No new updates presented
  - b. Chincoteague Island Library - Included in system report. No new updates presented.
  - c. Northampton Free Library - Included in system report. No new updates presented.
  - d. ESPL Friend's Reports – No report submitted. Burton reported that the ESPL Friends are gearing up to hold a July Book Sale, a favorite event of the local community. Friends' members continue to be very active with assisting Ricci with the withdrawal of books in preparation for the move. Davenport motioned to approve the reports as submitted. Poyer seconded. Motion approved.
6. **Library Director's Report** – Burton updated the board about an ongoing issue where the Accomac well water periodically tests positive for clostridium. A state health department representative recommended that the outdoor faucets be flushed. A plumber is working on replacing and upgrading both exterior faucets. The representative also recommended that the two backflow devices connected to the well and the boiler be replaced. During the boiler inspection earlier today, the inspector determined that the boiler no longer needs a backflow device because of a built-in swing check. The management of the facility and equipment is taking up an increasing amount of the director's time and illustrates the need to expedite the move to the new facility. Moving forward, it will be important that the lease agreement between the ESPL and Accomack County ensures that the County will be responsible for maintenance and repairs of the new library facility. Burton also noted that she, along with other local government entities and non-profits, is busy trying to determine how to spend the available ARPA monies. Rose-Jensen motioned to accept the Director's Report. Davenport seconded. Motion approved.
7. **ESPL Foundation (Davenport)**
  - a. Capital Campaign Update – Davenport reported that the Capital Campaign Committee is operating actively and meeting every two weeks, with committee members working on both existing and new projects.
8. **Capital Project Update – Steering Committee (Valentine)** – Valentine deferred to McMath to provide a construction update. McMath met with the Steering Committee to prepare a funding request to the Accomack Board of Supervisors for additional project costs related to COVID-related delays for both materials and

personnel. Because of water intrusion in the roof, there is a black mold issue. All parties involved have decided that the roof needs to be completely replaced. The contractor estimates that it will cost \$162,000 to replace the roof and there will be a 4-6 month delay while the necessary materials are acquired. Supervisor Muhly presented a request to the Supervisors for \$230,000 (which includes the cost of roofing materials and related architectural fees). Subsequently, the County has researched and found a materials source for the metal decking to replace the existing gypsum roof with a much shorter lead time of 4 weeks. The Supervisors have given County staff approval to proceed with the ordering of the needed materials. A meeting with Steering Committee members and the County's legal counsel will be held later today to determine who can legally purchase the materials – the County or the contractor. McMath also mentioned that certain items, such as the alarm and video systems, were removed at the beginning of the project through value engineering, however these systems will need to be purchased and installed at the appropriate time in coordination with the construction process. The Foundation has acquired a grant, independent of the original contract, and has received County approval to have these systems installed at the appropriate phase of construction. Additionally, the Foundation would like to sell the Mariner House, but there are currently a significant amount of materials stored there and the Foundation staff member is working there as well. Depending on the timeline of construction completion, the Foundation is contemplating whether or not to move the materials and sell the Mariner House or to wait to move and sell the property when construction is complete. Davenport asked about the possibility of sealing off the Heritage Center and completing that portion of the building while waiting for the roof replacement. McMath explained that the original idea to separate the Heritage Center and get that finished despite the wait for the remainder of the building would cause problems. There are shared electrical and mechanical systems between the two portions of the building and subcontractors objected to working solely on the Heritage Center due to the possibility of water damage while the library portion of the building remained open to the elements. Ryan agreed and noted that Tom Rakowski also determined that this would not be a cost-effective or practical strategy.

**9. Old Business**

- a. Strategic Planning – Davenport noted that strategic plans for the ESPL and the Heritage Center are necessary to qualify for grant funding but developing such plans can take a lengthy amount of time. A subcommittee made up of Davenport, Holland, Burton, and Casey Greer met to draft mission statements and vision. The subcommittee attempted to consolidate the results from the Strategic Planning Retreat into these statements. The subcommittee recommendations for these statements are included in today's trustee packet for editing and approval from the board. Poyer motioned that the statements drafted by the subcommittee be accepted and adopted for both the ESPL and the Heritage Center. Pittman seconded. Motion approved. Ryan expressed appreciation for the work done by the subcommittee. Davenport noted that the subcommittee will continue its work on the strategic plan and will notify the trustees of progress. Burton added that in years past, library staff met to determine how to apply the strategic plan in a practical way in regards to public service. Burton requested approval from the trustees to close the ESPL library system for one day in July to do the same with these newly adopted statements. Davenport motioned to authorize the director to close the library for one day for staff training and strategic planning. Poyer seconded. Motion approved.
- b. Grand Opening Planning – Burton noted that the grand opening committee met yesterday, with Burton and Holland attending as well as Hilary Hartnett-Wilson and Megan Ames, both event planning professionals. The plan is to hold a grand opening event on a Tuesday evening in March, with a donor reception after construction is substantially complete but before the library moves into the building, with 150-200 donors invited. Small group tours would be offered. The second event will

be a ribbon cutting/open house event on a Friday in April or May, similar to the ground breaking that was held a couple of years ago, and open to the general public. The event would continue throughout the day with tours offered, timing it so that the attendees would be spread out and perhaps the downtown restaurants and stores could be open in conjunction with live music downtown. This would spread the celebration throughout the town, help to support local businesses, and feature the revitalized areas of the downtown. Once the library moves, Burton plans to hold an event for children. The committee estimates that all of these events could be held for \$10,000 and requests feedback from the trustees to proceed. The Foundation will need to solicit sponsors for the donor event. Valentine noted that the downtown revitalization project is not moving ahead with much speed. Poyer asked about the possibility of offering transportation to attendees outside of the Parksley area through Star Transit. Ryan pointed out that the Accomack County school buses are used to transport pony swim attendees and Burton noted that buses of that size would hold more people. Burton also pointed out that the Hermitage, the CSB, and the Area Agency on Aging also have buses. Davenport suggested that Parksley businesses could offer a special discount to attendees of the grand opening.

#### 10. New Business

- a. Election of Officers – Davenport offered a report from the nominating committee for the Board's officer positions which expire on June 30, 2021, which was made up of himself and Bloxom. After speaking with current and potential officers, the committee presents the following recommended slate of officers for the July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 term of office. For Chair, Joyce Holland. For Vice Chair: Pat Bloxom. The nominating committee would like to commend Chairman Ryan on his long, faithful, and effective service. The committee would also like to commend Valentine for his leadership contributions. Both officers will remain as active contributors to the Board. Davenport motioned that Holland and Bloxom be elected to the offices described. Valentine seconded. Motion approved.
- b. ESRL Equipment and Technology Budget and COVID-related operation costs – At the Foundation's request, Burton created an updated equipment and technology budget to update the trustees and to make it clear the process she is taking to make decisions. Burton has ordered everything for the NFL USDA Grant, and Burton is awaiting the USDA's approval on procurement. Burton added a column to the budget of how much of each of the needed amounts have been funded. McMath mentioned the video surveillance and the burglar alarm systems earlier and Burton will update these items as fully funded through the Foundation. The contents of the budget have not changed, but the updates include any changes in pricing and items that have been funded. McMath explained that the Foundation is trying very hard to retain the contingency fund so that at the end of the construction project, there will be money remaining to purchase the needed equipment and technology. Burton also created and distributed a summary of the various COVID-related federal and state funding. CARES money was awarded in 2020, and was made up of federal money through the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which was granted to the state library, which then granted it to the ESPL based on need. This money was to be used for the RFID materials tagging system and must be spent by September 30, 2021. Most of the supplies and equipment for this project have been purchased and tagging has begun. This will allow self-checkout and security, particularly with the Heritage Center collection. The construction delays have made it impossible for the purchased RFID system security gates to be installed before the CARES deadline. Thus, the gate installation costs of \$10,000 will not be eligible for reimbursement with CARES money. The LVA is allowing ARPA money to be used for installation instead, and Burton will be using most of the \$10,000 of CARES funding for a portion of a website development project, (which will total \$13,500 for two phases, one

with CARES funding and one with ARPA funding). The remaining CARES funds will support the Red Backpack program through Read Every Day project, which will provide 10 new books for each kindergartner and first grader in both Northampton and Accomack County schools, packed in a backpack, at a cost of \$1,000, and also the printing of the ESPL time capsule booklet to distribute to donors, supervisors, school board members, and participating students at a cost of \$1,500. These projects will utilize the CARES money before the deadline.

The ARPA funding available to the ESPL totals \$28,700 from the IMLS through the Library of Virginia. \$10,000 of the total will be designated for the RFID gate installation. The second phase of the website development project, costing \$5,500 would also come from ARPA. Software for any laptops or tablets purchased with the Equal Connectivity fund will need to be purchased and ARPA can be used for this purpose. The restrictions on the ARPA funding significantly limits what this money can be used for and Burton is deciding on how best to use the remaining \$10,000.

The Equal Connectivity Fund was given to the FCC by Congress to improve internet connectivity to the general public. A similar discount program that the library currently participates in, known as e-Rate, currently pays for 80% of our internet costs. The Equal Opportunity Fund will pay for 100% of certain items. This money cannot be used for internet or equipment within the library, but could be used for mobile Wi-Fi hotspots at locations outside of the library. Many libraries are offering circulating Wi-Fi hotspots, but this kind of program requires a staffing capacity greater than what the ESPL currently has. Because of this, and because of the number of devices necessary to provide sufficient levels of service to the Shore, Burton is reluctant to pursue this route. Burton has been considering sustainability and staff time in purchasing decisions using these additional sources of funding. Burton instead plans to pursue partnerships with local agencies and nonprofits to determine if they have programs which would lend itself to this type of technological equipment. For example, the library could provide tablets and Wi-Fi hotspots to patients of nonprofit healthcare organizations that would better allow program participants to keep their appointments. The nonprofits know which program participants would benefit from the equipment, and could offer anonymity.

Additionally, because the Tangier museum and library are not officially affiliated with the ESPL, they could benefit from these potential resources. The SmartBus devices that the ESPL placed at the Saxis Museum and at the Tangier Community Center will need to be renewed using either the CARES, ARPA, or Equal Connectivity Funds. Burton noted that more SmartBus devices could be purchased and placed in internet dead zones on the Shore and can help develop more library/community partnerships. Another possibility would be book lockers that could be placed throughout the Shore in locations distant from library branches where patrons can pick up their requested items. Burton noted that this additional federal funding is coming at a point where we've done a lot of planning for the new building, but also allows us to look ahead to use new technology to serve the community, despite our low staffing capacity.

11. **Additional Comments** – Davenport commends Burton and library staff who do excellent work on a consistent basis. Davenport also asked if the Library of Virginia is looking into ways that individual library systems can protect themselves from ransomware. Burton made note of the question and explained that the LVA has just advertised for an adult services position, and that individual could help develop programs that would help with issues such as this. The ESPL has a sophisticated firewall to help ensure security and retains Robert Johnson as our technology consultant to help the library stay up to date. Ryan expressed his thanks to the trustees for their cooperation and understanding during his time Chair and wishes good luck to the new officers.
12. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at ESPL in Accomac at 1:00 pm.
13. **Adjournment** – Valentine motioned to adjourn the meeting. Poyer seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:26 by the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Burton, Secretary

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June 8, 2021

# Library System Report

Cara Burton, System Director

## Director's Update:

### Unheard Voices

The people reading our system report, primarily volunteers, are already sold on the value of public libraries and use the library regularly. There are individuals in our community, however, who do not have the public library as part of their life. Is it because our libraries are not welcoming enough?

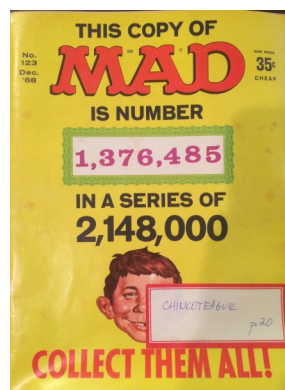
A few weeks ago, a lab technician was chatting with me while I was getting some labwork done and her coworker, overhearing that I work at the library, asked "How much does it cost to join the library?" This was a modern, young adult who must have gotten some education above high school. My first thought was, "Wow, we have a lot of work to do to teach our citizens about public library use!"

This past weekend, the ESPL Friends held a book giveaway of discarded library books. One of the volunteers commented that a woman took bags of books, selecting them as if choosing a special treasure. I emphasized that this is why book sales and giveaways are so important: some people are afraid to

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## The Acquisitive Character of the Collector

The wide scope of the Kirk Mariner Collection becomes more apparent every day. Having completed the processing of close to 2,000 books from Mariner's personal Eastern Shore library, staff is now indexing and packing up the periodicals. (Over 1,500 issues so far, and we're only about halfway through the alphabet.) Like with his book collection, Mariner made it a point to acquire any magazine, journal or newsletter that contained even the slightest mention of the Eastern Shore of Virginia. In some cases, such as Chesapeake Bay Magazine, he seems to have kept an entire run even if the ESVA wasn't mentioned, with issues containing a mention placed in the front of the cabinet and the other issues relegated to the back. But we can't be sure because the only place they are indexed is in his card catalog, and there only by title of the article.



This 1968 issue contains the word "Chincoteague."

A magazine from the Kirk Mariner Collection.

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use the library. Public libraries are overwhelming to some because of all the choices that need to be made in selecting a book. Negotiating the stacks and Dewey Decimal System to find a subject area or a particular title requires skills that some do not have. We expect people to



**Book events provide staff and volunteers the opportunity to listen to potential library users.**

use the computer or an app to identify materials and their location. People may feel uncomfortable asking for help and intimidated. They may not feel it is worth the effort or they may have too much pride.

The staff, the arrangement of furniture, the lighting, the flooring, and other environmental elements in the library also affect whether someone feels welcome. They may just think that the library has nothing to offer if they think that the people managing the library or working in the library are different from them and do not have their interests in mind. Charle Ricci and Stacia Childers have been working hard to ensure our collection development for both library and archival materials is being accomplished with best practices for DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion). Tiffany and I work to

ensure programs follow DEI practices.

As the young lab technician indicated, a barrier to using the library is the misconception that it costs money to have a library card. For many, the money it costs for transport to the library is burdensome, if they even have the means to get there. ESPL has been working to minimize any costs incurred at the library, such as eliminating overdue fines and faxing fees. Upgrades in technology have allowed this to happen without being burdensome to ESPL's budget. Still, there is much misinformation about library access that ESPL needs to overcome, which requires outreach.

As we move forward with our Strategic Plan, we must realize that the people referred to here are the **"unheard voices."** They do not easily provide input into what services we should be offering or how we offer them. Their opinions have historically been marginalized in most facets of community decision making. For the past five years, staff and I have interacted with nonprofits that provide services to our community, therefore, indirectly gaining an understanding of their needs. We have attended many community events and listened. Board members act as ambassadors in the community when they talk about the library and listen. Decisions we make as a public library needs to include input from all voices in the community. Let's listen up!

As we move through the Strategic Planning of ESPL, we need to continually ask ourselves "are we welcoming enough?" Big letters saying "WELCOME" need to be over our entrance and we need to live up to that invitation.

The Friends of ESPL sent 1,311 books weighing a total of 1,793 pounds to Better World Books in the past 6 months, making for a good fundraiser and giving the books a second life.



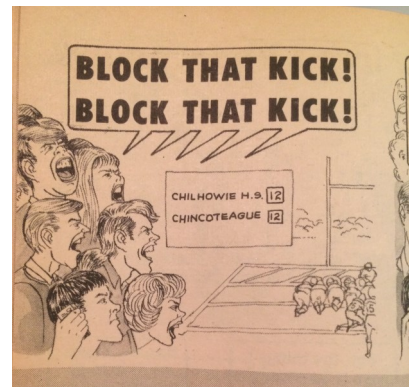
# Heritage Hub

## Local History Services

Stacia Childers, LH Specialist

In comparing the existing Eastern Shore Room collections with those of the Mariner Collection a slight difference in focus has emerged. Though there is much overlap between Mariner's library and that of the Eastern Shore Room (approximately 30% of the items were duplicative to our existing ESR collections and will serve as much needed backup copies), the distinction seems to fall along the lines of collector versus scholar. While Mariner was certainly a keen and astute student of Eastern Shore history, he also possessed the acquisitive character of the collector, where even the slightest mention of something related to the Shore—the name “Chincoteague” popping up in a single frame of a MAD Magazine comic from 1968, for instance—was worthy of inclusion.

On the other hand, the Eastern Shore Room collection developed over the course of nearly 40 years by Dr. Miles Barnes followed the primary criteria outlined by Barnes in “A Bibliography of the Eastern Shore of Virginia,” published in 1976: “Works dealing with the Eastern Shore of Virginia are included provided they expand knowledge of and/or provide insight into the history of the Eastern Shore.” The focus here has been more specific, geared more toward the substantial rather than the ephemeral.



Reflecting his upbringing in northern Accomack County, Mariner's book collection also includes more items related to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. And, in line with his wider scope, more books about the Chesapeake region as a whole. There is much overlap here with ESPL as well though. The difference is that many of these titles were only available in ESPL's circulating collections, not in the Eastern Shore Room. Often this was simply because of the lack of available shelf space in the Eastern Shore Room. However, with the retirement of Dr. Barnes (and his extensive and personal knowledge of both the circulating and ES Room collections) and the acquisition of the Mariner collection, the decision was made to move these titles to the Eastern Shore Room with Mariner's copies serving as back up.

Since much of the Mariner Collection is being integrated into the existing Eastern Shore Room collections, it is not really a standalone collection like Latimer. Therefore, Mariner's acquisition philosophy may have an effect on the collection development policy of the Eastern Shore Room moving forward. It is important that staff has an understanding of how the two are similar and where they diverge.

## Youth Services

Tiffany Flores, Youth Services Librarian

On June 19th, Youth Service Librarian Tiffany Flores attended the Juneteenth festival at Exmore Town Park with Cara Burton and Jazmine Collins. During this event, library services such as Youth Services, Genealogy, and our resources were promoted. While at this event we were able to reach many people about our resources especially about Summer Reading and the programs going on at the library throughout the next few months. It was a successful event that reached over an estimated 300 people.



**Books were given away at the Juneteenth festival.**

Summer Reading has officially begun! June 21st we celebrated the beginning of Summer with a visit from Salisbury Zoo and their Zoo4U program. 20 kids and adults joined us outside at Eastern Shore Public Library for an educational program showcasing many animals. The Zoo brought with them a snack, a painter turtle, a barn owl, and a chinchilla; each accompanied with a presentation full of exciting facts. Kids and parents alike got to learn a lot about these animals then come inside to sign up for our Tails and Tales Reading Challenge. So far, we have 11 kids registered for our challenge with hopes of more signing

up. All in all, it was a successful kick-off.

During the end of June, both Nassawadox and Accomac locations began distributing Grab and Go lunches to hand out to children as they come into the library. While each location has seen different results in attendance, we are proud to be distributing food to children who are in need. Since beginning in Accomac, we have successfully distributed upwards of 13 meal kits on distribution days. However, Northampton has seen much lower numbers with only upwards of 3 meals if any at all. While it is disappointing to see such low numbers, it is important to note that schools are also giving out food during summer school which may have contributed to such low numbers.



# Chincoteague Island Library

Karen Sharp, Library Manager



CIL is experiencing a very busy beginning to Summer! Our circulation, new cards and patron/visitors are increasing. For the month of June, CIL has had 1,039 patron/visitors! We have created 25 new cards, however our computer usage has been low at 27.

As re-opening began, CIL has had, and will continue, to hold events. On June 17th, we held a Island Library Sunset Cruise to benefit the library. It sold out with 60 enjoying the beautiful weather, great company, music, food and drink. The cruise set sail on the Martha Lou with her crew, including Captain Scott and Carla Landolt. The music was provided by Clara and Troy Outten and the Grazing Boxes were by Gail Beard.



On June 21st, CIL was host to Zoo2You which was held at the Island Theatre. About 100 were in attendance and everyone experienced a great time seeing and learning about the animal ambassadors. Some of the animals visiting us were Clack-Clack the barred owl, a ball python named Lucy and her mate, Ricky, Stormy the chinchilla, and an Eastern Painted turtle. Much thanks go out to the Zoo2You handlers, Dawna Spangler and Journie Drew-Hargrow, and to the CIAO (Chincoteague Island Arts Organization) for the use of the Island Theatre!



CIL's Young Explorers (3rd - 5th Grade) held their first get-together at the Theatre Annex on July 1st. With about 7 explorers and parents in attendance, Susan Birch, a retired Kindergarten teacher and CIL Board Member, presented "Bees and Bee Keeping". At the same time, parents with younger children met in the library for reading by their parents, to check out books and for coloring.

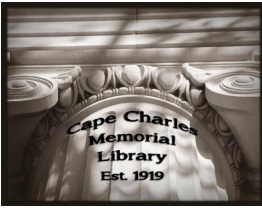


CIL has the following events coming up:

Young Explorers Summer Schedule, 10AM to 11AM-

- July 8-Wildlife Refuge Program
- July 15-Walking Tour by Cindy Faith
- July 22-Behind the Scenes @ the Island Theatre
- July 29-Chincoteague Pony @ the Library 1PM, no formal program
- August 5-Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport (MARS)

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# Cape Charles Memorial Library

Ann Ruttledge Library Manager

Our Summer Reading Program, *Tails and Tales* began on Monday, June 21 with a big bang! Our favorite performer, Hoopo the Mime, happened to be in the area and he was able to provide us with a great show. We capped the attendance at 50% for safety and we had a total of 45 people. It was great to see all the children and to hear laughter in the library again.

We have had over 50 children to sign up to participate in the Summer Reading Program. Each child who signs up gets a safari hat or an animal headband for signing up. After they have read for 100 minutes, they receive another prize, and they are entered into our monthly drawing.

The library has been very busy this month with locals returning to use the library and tourists viewing our beautiful building.



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\*During this time, 10AM to 11AM, parents with younger children may meet in the library to read to them, check out books, and for coloring.

Other upcoming events:

- July 12th @ 7PM-Magician Rob Westcott will perform at the Island Theatre.
- August 2nd @ 7PM-Barefoot Puppet Theatre will be performing at the Island Theatre.

All programs are free and open to the public.

Registration continues until July 8th for CIL's "Lubbock's Learners" Summer Reading Challenge either at the library or on-line.

The CIL Board meeting will be held in-person at the library on July 9th.



# Technical Services

Charle Ricci, TS Manager

## World's Largest Digital Book Club and Eastern Shore Public Library Hunt for the Truth

Local book lovers joined thousands of readers around the world in reading a debut mystery/thriller eBook during the Big Library Read, the world's largest digital book club. From June 28 through July 12, patrons of the Eastern Shore Public Library were able to borrow and read copies of this summer's selection, S.F. Kosa's "The Quiet Girl," with no waitlists or holds.

The Big Library Read is an international reading program that connects millions of readers around the world with an eBook through public libraries. *The Quiet Girl* could be read on all major computers and devices through Libby or libbyapp.com, including iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phones and tablets, Chromebook™ and Kindle®. The title automatically expired at the end of the lending period, and there were no late fees.

Each year, the Big Library Read offers three opportunities for library patrons to enjoy simultaneous, community-wide access to a digital version of a book club using Libby (Overdrive). The ESPL was excited to offer this program to local readers and hoped to generate excitement and raise awareness about the library's digital collections through this event. The next Big Library Read will occur in November 2021.

ESPL readers solved the mystery by visiting <https://espl.org/how-do-i/audiobooks-and-ebooks/> to download the Libby app on their desktop or mobile device. The Big Library Read also offered an online discussion board and a live author interview on July 7<sup>th</sup> (registration required) at biglibraryread.com. This free program ran for two weeks and only required an ESPL library card to get started.



5 ESPL patrons took advantage of this program. By promoting the Big Library Read, ESPL provided a passive program for our patrons that required minimal staff time.

# Northampton Free Library

Coming Soon! A new Branch Manager



June 30th was Barbrielle Roger's last day as Branch Manager at NFL. We appreciate the vivacious atmosphere she brought to the Library and her hard work as manager. She also assisted with outreach and technical services. Of note was her role in implementing the online card registration when the pandemic started. She also helped connect us with Northampton Public Schools, such as involving ESPL with their community events, and we wish her success as she returns to work for NHS.

A Librarian is in the process of being hired as the new Branch Manager. Local challenge with housing is causing the delay in the start date.

In the meantime, Roger's absence is felt with a reduction in service hours. The NFL Friends and some patrons have expressed dissatisfaction with this situation. They have been informed that every effort is underway to expedite a return to five days a week. Reopening on Saturdays will be challenging as it is difficult to find staff that can work those hours. The goal is to return to pre-pandemic hours with staff qualified to provide the level of service expected, which means computer use and customer service competency.

In the meantime, new computers for NFL are on order as well as tables and chairs. Grounds maintenance with pruning is scheduled. The search for a contractor to repair the building leakage is underway.

## Muddy Toes Public Library, Tangier

Director Cara Burton visited Tangier's Muddy Toes Public Library in June to deliver Summer Reading Program packets, books, and supplies. The library re-opened on June 30! Some seating, donated by ESPL, was delivered via Captain Mark Crockett's ferry in time for the opening.





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The mission of the Eastern Shore Public Library Foundation (ESPLF) is to raise funds to complete construction of the new Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library and Heritage Center in Parksley and to continue to support the regional library and its affiliates in perpetuity.

As part of this mission, we developed a "Naming Opportunity and Plaque Attribution" list. Rooms can be named as a donor wishes to acknowledge their donation. Equipment and furniture will have attribution plaques assigned to each piece according to the donor's instructions.

Please consider helping us to complete equipping the new Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library and Heritage Center. For more information, please contact our office at 757-787-2500 or email us at

[esplibraryfundraiser16@gmail.com](mailto:esplibraryfundraiser16@gmail.com)

Best regards,

Albert J. McMath  
President

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Rooms – Naming Opportunity	Donation Level
Archivist Office	\$ 25,000.00
Archivist Processing Room	\$ 25,000.00
Children's Program Room	\$ 50,000.00
Computer Area	\$ 50,000.00
Gallery	\$ 25,000.00
Group Study Room	\$ 50,000.00
Lecture Hall	\$ 100,000.00
Magazine Area	\$ 25,000.00
MakerSpace	\$ 50,000.00
Staff Kitchenette	\$ 10,000.00
Public Service Area	\$ 50,000.00
Reading Room	\$ 100,000.00
<b>Equipment &amp; Furniture – Plaque Attribution</b>	
Assistive Hearing Equipment	\$ 5,000.00
AV Presentation Equipment	\$ 5,000.00
Climate Monitoring System	\$ 5,000.00
Community Information Display	\$ 20,000.00
Computer Station	\$ 5,000.00
Copier	\$ 10,000.00
Digital Film Reader	\$ 10,000.00
Display Case	\$ 10,000.00
Flag Pole	\$ 20,000.00
Granite Bench – engraved and installed	\$ 2,500.00
LED Chandeliers – each – 5 available	\$ 7,500.00
Sculpture	variable
Shelving	\$ 2,000.00
Study Room Equipment	\$ 5,000.00
Table (small)	\$ 2,000.00
Virtual Reality Equipment	\$ 10,000.00
Visual Assistance Technology	TBD



**PROPOSED FOR THE JULY 13, 2021 MEETING OF THE  
EASTERN SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Eastern Shore of Virginia Heritage Center**

**Vision Statement**

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Heritage Center enables families to discover their history and write their own stories and those of their communities. The Center's unique resources are accessible to scholars from everywhere.

**Value Statement**

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Heritage Center believes that the unique historical resources that it preserves and protects should be available to a wider audience in their search to understand the past and relate to the present and plan for the future. Therefore, we value:

- **Historical Stewardship** – We collect, preserve and share our rich heritage. We seek to include all the voices in our community.
- **Partnerships** - We build collaborative relationships with educational systems, cultural institutions, community-based organizations and local governments.
- **Inclusiveness and Discovery** - We provide resources for everyone to experience the adventure of exploring documentary heritage.
- **Sustainability** – We ensure that the past has a future.

Approved by ESPL Board of Trustees on xxxxxxxx