Regional Library and Heritage Center • Cape Charles Memorial Library • Chincoteague Island Library • Northampton Free Library

November 2024



Upcoming December Highlights @ Regional Library & Northampton Free

- 7th: Visit from Santa Claus! ESRL
- 11th: Holiday Scan-a-thon Photo Drive ESRL
- 12th: Author Talk w/ Dr. Art Fournier ESRL
- 12th: Lego Contest NFL
- 13th: ESRL&HC and NFL CLOSED
- 17th: Dennis Custis Lecture, "Henry Wise & Friends, Part 2" - ESRL
- 19th: Holiday Ornament Adult Craft NFL
- 19th Lego Contest ESRL
- 24th: LIBRARIES CLOSED
- 25th: LIBRARIES CLOSED
- 26th: Teen Creative Writing ESRL
- 31st: LIBRARIES CLOSE @ NOON
- Tech Help: Every Tuesday NFL
- Teen Gaming Night: Every Tuesday ESRL
- Storytime Anytime: Every Monday & Wednesday Northampton Free

For more information: espl.org; (757) 787-3400

Director's Update



Christopher Pote, System Director

Coming soon to a library near you... Movie Night! With the recent purchase of licensing to publicly show movies, ESRL&HC can now show motion pictures from most of the major studios. will soon be having regularly scheduled movie nights. Held in the Dennis Custis Lecture Hall, ESRL's free movie nights will be fun for all ages, popcorn included. Want to host a movie-themed birthday party? Watch a childhood favorite on the big screen? Enjoy a comedy in a room filled with laughter? All can be done right here at your local library. Have requests? espl@espl.org.

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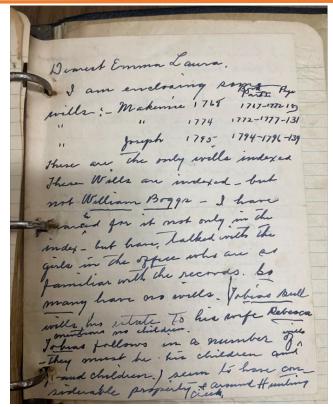
Jazmine Collins, Reference Manager & Local History

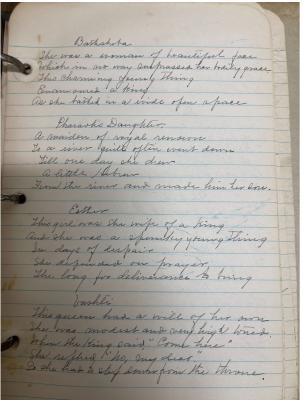
Heritage Center staff displayed a selection of books from the Eastern Shore Room collection during the month of November in observance of Native American and Indigenous Heritage month. This selection included *Eastern Shore Indians of Virginia and Maryland* by Helen Rountree, whose expertise focuses on the Powhatan and Indigenous groups of the Tidewater and the Eastern Shore, as well as the pamphlet *The Accomac and Accohannock Indians from early relations* by C.A. Weslager. Many of Weslager's articles detail archaeological research and history of native tribes Delmarva Peninsula, which are available in our archives, and his published titles focus mainly on the native groups of Delmarva. Also included was Francis Bibbins Latimer's *Journey of a Multiracial Family*, a text that discusses the history of the Gingascount Indian Reservation in Eastville and details the genealogy of the Francis family's Gingaskin Indian, African American, and white ancestry. In the selection *Plain Paths and Dividing Lines*, published in 2023, native and early colonial interactions are explored through the use of the Chesapeake Bay and its waterways. A research guide for Native American history to include Eastern Shore Room titles, archival items, and items in the digital collections will be added to the website.

Heritage Center staff was given permission to take digital photos of the personal notebook of Emma Laura Boggs Mason (1870-1944), which contains genealogical notes and sources for her family surnames such as Savage, Boggs, Nock, Underhill, and Fosque. Of particular interest are several "reminiscences," one of which is an account of her grandfather, Captain Underhill and others, running the blockade during the Civil War. This is perhaps an earlier version of the same story that Mason told in a presentation to a church group which Myra Lorene Boggs references in "Lets Trace our Family Tree." In another account, Mason recalls an incident with a whale at Pungoteague Creek in 1884. In the back of the notebook are verses of poetry and a letter written to Emma Laura from a Fosque cousin, discussing genealogical research and a bit of family gossip. The notebook was brought in by the great-granddaughter of Emma Laura Boggs Mason, visiting from Kentucky and interested in archival material relating to the Boggs and Fosque families.

Genealogical and family history research is a popular hobby for some, and for others it is a frustrating and rewarding ongoing project. The Heritage Center is familiar with all types of researchers at all stages in the journey. In early November, a researcher was referred to the Heritage Center by the clerk of court's office in Accomack to get some assistance with her connection with the last known owners of the property that Allentown cemetery is located on. Her grandmother and mother are buried at the cemetery, and the property has long been known as a "family property," but there was never one specific owner and no deed. The original property had been divided by a state road which separated the cemetery from the now vacant lot. She had a copy of a will dating from 1903, in which James Allen, bequeaths the property to his wife Mary, or in the event of her death, their two daughters Margaret and Missouri. However, all she knew was the name on her grandmother's tombstone, Annie E. Boggs, who died in 1973. She had no obituary for Annie, nothing she had found in any of the obituaries of her family that she had was able to show the relationship. In fact, her mother's obituary named her parents as Annie E. Kellam and John Kellam, and what was even more confusing—her mother also married a John Kellam. So where did the Boggs come from?

Jazmine Collins, Reference Manager & Local History





She was unable to put the pieces together and had found nothing in her own database searches. I suggested that we put aside any assumptions or goals of proving connections and start with creating a family tree of her mother. Beginning with just the information in her mother's obituary, using census records from our collection and then marriage records and the Social Security Claims index from AncestryLibrary.com, I was able to help her find documentation that proved that Annie E. Boggs, her grandmother was in fact, Elizabeth Allen, daughter of the Missouri mentioned in the 1903 will. Not only did she have the documentation necessary for the county office, but she discovered things about her grandmother she had never known, including how the last name Boggs came to be.

It is often moving to see the profound emotional impact that surprises even a familiar researcher, such as woman from Kentucky, who brings in her great grandmother's personal notebook but is brought to tears by seeing her mother's name included one of the family charts from the Lewis genealogical files. It was even more rewarding to see such a practical application of genealogical research and reinforce the value of knowing your family history, and in November, I was particularly thankful to see how much the Heritage Center impacts our community and visitors.

As for next month, December 17th, Dennis Custis will be returning to give us the second part of his lecture "Henry Wise and Friends." On December 11th, the Heritage Center will host a Holiday Photo Scan-A-Thon. Patrons are invited to bring a family portrait at the holidays, a holiday meal spread, or a photo of a holiday activity or tradition, as well as a flash drive. Heritage Center staff will scan the photos to create a digital copy for patrons and create a digital collection that helps detail aspects of Eastern Shore culture.





HELP US GROW OUR

COLLECTION

ADOPT A BO

Charle Ricci, Collection Management and Acquisitions Librarian

Adopt-a-Book and Help the Library's Collection Grow!

As the end of the year approaches, our thoughts begin to turn toward giving. Gifts may be shared with those near and dear to our hearts, but also with our local community. To help celebrate the gift of reading, the Eastern Shore Public Library (ESPL) offers the **Adopt-a-Book Program**, which is a perfect way to share one's love of books with their Shore neighbors.

Participants in the Adopt-A-Book program select an upcoming bestseller, or a specific author, title, or subject area, and ESPL then purchases that item. The adopter's tax-deductible donation can be acknowledged with a bookplate inscription that can include the donor's name, or the name of the person for whom the book was purchased to honor or memorialize. Additionally, a letter of acknowledgement can be sent to the recipient of their choice.

An added perk of adoption is that the donor can be the first to read their adopted book – even if there is a waiting list for it! Adopters can jump to the top of the list for their favorite author's newest release and know that their donation will benefit all who enjoy the book in the future.

In 2015, when ESPL began keeping records for the Adopt-a-Book program, which was then known as the Be First program, Estelle Murphy was already the leading and most consistent participant of the program and steadily supported the library through purchases of popular new releases of bestselling authors. Estelle's generosity has not waivered since that time and, at last count, has purchased over 450 titles for the library!

"When I first started purchasing books for the library through the "Be First" program, it was for selfish reasons. Because of working full time, I did not always have time to finish the books that I liked to read before they were due back at the library. The "Be First" program enabled me to have extra time to read the books and also to help the library by returning the books when I finished reading them to be added to their collection", Estelle explains. "It has given me a way to support the library through my love of reading and also to provide a me-

morial to our son, Larry, who left us much too soon."

There's a good chance that local readers who have borrowed a novel from the Northampton Free Library have noticed a bookplate indicating that the book was given through Estelle's memorial contributions. Her donations to the ESPL have occurred book by book over the years and have significantly enhanced the library's fiction collection.

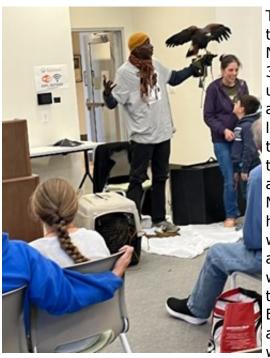
The Adopt-a-Book program is available during

the holidays and also year-round, and is an excellent way to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions. Some readers choose to celebrate the everyday instead, and adopt a book just because they love to read. No matter the reason, consider helping the library's collection grow, and making a difference by supporting ESVA literacy! To participate, please visit https://espl.org/adopt-a-book-program/



Programs & Outreach Report

Tiffany Flores, Programs and Outreach Librarian



This month the Regional Library invited Rodney Stott, Master Falconer, from Rodney's Raptors to visit the library on November 9th. This was a phenomenal family program with 35 attendees. Mr. Stott was an incredible educator who used empathy and understanding to educate children and adults about his birds and how to train them. He even allowed patrons to take pictures with his birds as long as they did so safely. He was one of the library's best educa-

tors invited into the building. In addition to Rodney's success, Maria Burns and Tiffany Flores hosted a Dinosaur Tea Party with pizza, drinks, activities, and games. This program was well attended with 22 attendees of a variety of ages.



Every patron who was asked greatly enjoyed the food and activities provided. Kids even got to take home prize bags with dinosaur-themed goodies in them. To continue with

the dinosaur theme, this month's STEM Night was about fossils! Nine patrons participated in the program and received dinosaur goody bags.

Teen Gaming Tuesdays have been steadily building up. In total, there were twelve teens including some brain new faces. Additionally, more teens are actively hanging out in the space.

To make the room more welcoming, Tiffany purchased activity books, coloring pencils and markers, and teen-appropriate fidget toys. These things have already been actively used.

This month's Author Talk featured local Author Nan Carlton who has published two children's books. The attendees gained insight and advice about publishing books. Additionally, Tiffany's monthly Stitch-a-long only had one attendee, but it worked out well as that person was able to get one-on-one lessons on how to crochet based on her current project. Like many attendees before her, she asked if it could be a weekly engagement. Tiffany is considering turning it into a weekly club where attendees can attend, share advice, and learn from each other.



As part of an initiative to make the space more inviting and welcoming, one of Tiffany's projects was to kid-proof the kids' programming room and make it habitable for parents and kids ages 0-11 so they can have a safe place to play, color, and be kids. With some minor hiccups, this has gone well. Kids and parents with little ones have slowly been trickling in to play with toys. Tiffany noticed that this room has begun to get most its use when parents come after school and directly after a program that's been held in that room.



Northampton Free Library

Connor Buyrn, Branch Manager



Northampton Free Library had a very successful month of public programming in November even with several holiday closings to work around. For the entire month, library staff have been hiding grow-your-own dinosaur eggs throughout the children's section daily in celebration of Dino-vember. This turned out to be very popular with our younger patrons, with several making special trips to the library just to hunt for eggs. On Thursday, November 7th, the library hosted a children's STEM program in keeping with the paleontological theme – kids were invited to learn how to make their own fossils using plaster of Paris and were able to dig through a fossil box to find real fossils to take home. Library staff also read out a dino-story on November 21st for this month's special evening story time. November's adult craft on the 14th was seasonal and cozy, with attendees learning how to make decorative pumpkins out of wine corks. Finally, Northampton Free Library hosted its second annual hot apple cider bar all day long on Wednesday the 27th. Besides free spiced cider and cookies, patrons were able to put together their own bag of cider mulling spices to take home and produce their own batch.





The library has another full schedule of programs lined up for December, with next month's evening story time and snack taking place on Thursday, December 5th at 4:30 PM. On the following Thursday, December 12th, Northampton Free Library will host another children's STEM activity starting at 6:00 PM. Kids are invited to compete in a LEGO competition to see who can build the best winter wonderland. Snacks and prizes will be provided. December's adult craft will take place on Thursday the 19th starting at 6:00 PM – attendees will be able to make and decorate their own holiday ornaments. Spaces are limited for this program and signup in advance is required. Ask at the front desk or keep an eye on the Northampton Free Library Facebook page for more information. Tech Help will also continue to be offered all day long every Tuesday through the month of December.

Northampton Free Library will be closed on Friday, December 13th for staff training as well as on Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The library will also close early at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, December 31st for New Year's Eve. Happy Holidays!



Cape Charles Memorial Library

Sharon Silvey, Library Manager



During November, Cape Charles Memorial Library had two passive programs for visitors to participate in. The first program was, "Your Vote, Your Future". The display was simple but allowed younger visitors to learn about the voting process. Those who participated were asked



to vote for their favorite "candy-date" and chocolate was the overall favorite! Our second passive program was a "Thankful Tree" in which visitors were encouraged to write on a paper leaf what they are thankful for. By the end of the month, our little tree was full of love and gratitude!

CCML received a notification of approval for a DEQ FY25 non-competitive Litter Prevention and Recycling Program.

For the past several years, the CCML Board has hosted a Town Wide Read, which encourages the residents of Cape Charles (and beyond!) to participate in a giant book club. The title for this year will be, *Hidden Figures* by

Margot Lee Shetterly. Hidden Figures is about the lives of

three <u>African-American women</u> who worked as <u>computers</u> to solve problems for <u>engineers</u> and others at NASA. CCML hopes to also have a book discussion and a showing of the film. Stay tuned for upcoming programs and dates.

Over the course of the month, staff hosted three story times, three read-a-louds, and two Dungeons & Dragons meets. Staff also hosted a new favorite program, STEM Club which is held twice each month. This month, STEM Club participants attended Spy School. Library Assistant and STEM Club creator, Olivia Palmer, describes the program:

"As new agent recruits arrived, they were presented with a classified file, containing the chal-

lenge they were to complete to graduate the academy, and the tools needed to complete the challenge. Included in this packet were keys for three different types of ciphers, an activity sheet using each of these ciphers to practice, a "top-secret" notebook, an invisible ink pen with a UV light, and a take-home activity book from the FBI. Agents were tasked with decoding each cipher using the given keys. First was the Ceaser shift cipher and the corresponding cipher wheel. The cipher wheel allows agents to input the given shift value and decode the cipher from there. This teaches critical thinking and applies some understanding of numeric values. Next was the pigpen cipher, which is a symbol-based cipher that also tests critical thinking. Finally, agents were given some addition and subtraction problems to solve which resulted in num-



bers that were translated to text with the A1-Z26 cipher. After completing all or some of the ciphers, agents were allowed to test their dexterity in our yarn "laser" maze, after which they faced one last puzzle. Using their invisible ink UV lights, they uncovered the Ms. Sharon held their graduate badges, which they collected at the end of the program."

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Cape Charles Memorial Library

Sharon Silvey, Library Manager



Festive Fridays are just around the corner, and we are working hard on decorating the building and getting crafts ready. This year CCML will be participating on December 6 and December 13. Each Friday evening, families are invited to visit the library and put together some great holiday crafts. The special guest on December 6 will be the PBS Literacy Van and on December 13 we will have a special guest musician. The Friends of CCML will also be attending, selling yummy baked goods and the official Town ornament of Cape Charles Memorial Library (all proceeds directly benefit CCML).









Chincoteague Island Library

Linda Ryan, for the Board of Directors



Lots happening at our library in November! The library was all decked out for fall, Thanksgiving, Native American month, and Veterans' Day.





Adult Programs: In addition to our two monthly book clubs, we hosted an Eastern Shore Rural Health program in which Diana Ralph, R.N., discussed the importance of immunizations, vaccines, and preventive care. Liz Walraven from the Eastern Shore Community College was at the library to provide information, answer questions, and assist with the application process for the College. She will visit again in December.

Maintenance & Improvement: The board hired a contractor to build a wall between the stairs and talk box which improved the look of the room and added some much needed storage. He also, with help of board members and volunteers, removed the carpeting in the front room and replaced it with luxury vinyl plank flooring. The library security was updated with cameras installed in each room of the library. The cameras are viewed from a wall display across from the circulation desk to enable staff and volunteers to see into each room.







Raffle Winners: The winners of our annual fundraiser came into the library to pick up their baskets. Our next basket raffle will begin Valentine's Day Weekend with our participation in the Downtown Merchants' Death By Chocolate event.



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Chincoteague Island Library

Linda Ryan, for the Board of Directors



<u>Tales 4 Tots Storytime:</u> During the month of November, our story time themes were mail carriers and their trucks, Paw Patrol, and turkeys/Thanksgiving. George Tripp from the Chincoteague Post Office paid us a visit to show the children the mail truck. He handed out special USPS coloring books and stickers. Volunteers led the children in songs and read stories. We averaged 19 children each week. On November 21, following our Tales 4 Tots story time, we received a visit from 19 children from the Chincoteague Elementary School Preschool class. Each child received a take-home turkey craft and treat.







Mrs. Ashley Powers' CES Preschool Class







<u>Upcoming Programs:</u> On November 29, the Downtown Merchants' Holiday Tree Lighting and Santa Visit will take place at the library. Tales 4 Tots will resume on Thursday, January 9 with a Pajama Party and special guest reader, Tiffany Flores. On January 16, a representative from the United States Coast Guard will be coming by to read and then show the children one of the boats and safety equipment.

EASTERN SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 10, 2024, 5:00PM

Meeting Location: Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St, Chincoteague, VA 23336

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Public Comments
- 3. Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2024
- 4. Old Business
- 5. Financial Report (Pote)
- 6. Library Director's System Report (Pote)
- 7. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee (Chesser)
 - b. Personnel Committee (Rose-Jensen)
 - c. Trustee Training Committee (Holland)
 - d. Facilities Committee (Poyer)
- 8. Branch and Friends' Reports
 - a. Cape Charles Memorial Library (included in System Report)
 - b. Chincoteague Island Library (included in System Report)
 - c. Northampton Free Library (included in System Report)
 - d. ESPL Friends' Report
- 9. New Business
- 10. ESPL Foundation (Custis)
- 11. Additional Comments
- 12. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, @ 1:00p.m. at Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library & Heritage Center, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley, VA
- 13. Adjournment



MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Eastern Shore of Virginia Public Library System

11.12.24 | 1 PM | Eastern Shore Regional Library & Heritage Center
Parksley, VA

Meeting called to order by Chair, David Poyer

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Grayson Chesser, Dennis Custis, Joyce Holland, Janet Justis, James Lilliston (*Zoom; Non-Voting*), M.K. Miles, Christopher Pote (*Non-Voting*), David Poyer (*Chair*), Frank Russell, Maureen Teague

Absent:

Carl Rose-Jensen

In Attendance:

Margaret Donahue-Lynch, Jamie Johnson, Colette Nelson, Reagen Thalacker (Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, David Poyer at 12:59 PM a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No Comments.
- Maureen Teague distributed the Chincoteague Island Library annual appeal letter to all the Board members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [Oct. 15, 2024]

<u>Dennis Custis moved that the 10.15.2024, meeting minutes be approved with the changes outlined below.</u> Grayson Chesser seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

In the 10.15.24 meeting minutes, the sentence below was listed in David Poyer's Facilities Committee Report:

"David Poyer presented the proposed expansion of the Northampton County Board of Supervisors at their last meeting. (Presentation attached)."

The text should have read:

David Poyer presented the proposed expansion of the Northampton Free Library to the Northampton County Board of Supervisors at their last meeting. (Presentation attached).

Maureen Teague expressed concerns with the atrium design and suggested better utilization if the space was enclosed.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was shared.

TRUSTEE TRAINING WITH THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

Topic (R. Thalacker)

Reagen Thalacker, Public Library Consultant presented a webinar to the Board members covering the general overview of the responsibilities of a functional Library Board of Trustees.

FINANCIAL REPORT [C. Pote]

Christopher Pote provided a snapshot of the System's finances:

- The library system is currently in good financial shape for the year.
- Staff have been working hard to find information and fill requests from the auditor. The auditor understands the time crunch necessary to submit the audit on time, while still completing the process earnestly.
- LGIP statements have been distributed. Reinvested dividends for October were \$305.92 bring the account total to \$72,070.85.
- Budget revisions are in progress, and C. Pote is trying to convene a meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss where the System is but have been unable to get a response from the Northampton County representative. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of 11/26.
- Lastly, the Eastern Shore Public Library System received a large bequest from Ms. Agnes West Hancock of Onancock. She was a long-time patron of the Accomac library, and she generously included the library in her will. The bequest was given with no strings attached. At this stage, with Board consent, C. Pote would like to discuss budget revisions and this bequest with the Finance Committee to determine best course of action, and then make a recommendation to the full Board.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S SYSTEM REPORT [C. Pote]

Building Update

- **HVAC system update**: The County has been to the Parksley location a couple of times to check on things with the HVAC system, but C. Pote has not received any updates regarding any outstanding work. C. Pote is confident that the County representatives are on top of this problem.
- Heritage Center side door entrance: The requisite equipment to repair the side entrance door was
 received and installed, but the door is still only 75% functional. The technician, after several hours,
 was not able to get the automatic opener system working properly. The automatic door does not
 currently work exiting the building at the side entrance. C. Pote is waiting for more information
 regarding a possible solution.

Emergency Preparedness

- The Knox Box requested by public safety has arrived, and we will be having it installed soon.
- Two AEDs/defibrillators have been purchased; one for the Regional Library & Heritage Center and one for the Northampton Free Library. Once installed, we will coordinate with CSB for training, and that will coincide with other REVIVE training they provide such as Narcan.

Staffing

- After an internal search, the Technical Services open position has been filled. Former full-time and current part-time employee Stacia Childers will be taking on that role. She begins on December 1.
- After a round of Zoom interviews, the archivist search is down to two finalists. In-person interviews will be conducted with the candidates this week and next.

Northampton Free Library Expansion Project

• The Northampton Free Library Phase II Planning Committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow at 1pm.

Questions/Comments from the Board:

- > David Poyer inquired as to library staff plans for when the internet goes out. C. Pote indicated that hotpots could be used, and other alternatives are being investigated.
- D. Poyer also asked who C. Pote's second in command would be, should he be unavailable. C. Pote explained that Charle Ricci could handle most issues in the event of his absence, and he would discuss with appropriate and make it official.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee (G. Chesser)

Grayson Chesser shared that the committee will be meeting on 11.26.24.

Personnel Committee (C. Rose-Jensen)

M.K. Miles shared on behalf of Carl Rose-Jensen, that the Personnel Committee hasn't had another meeting since their last. Early January will be their next meeting.

Trustee Training Committee Report (J. Holland)

Reagen Thalacker will be presenting two additional webinars to the Trustees:

Feb 2025 [Topic: Advocacy]May 2025 [Topic: Legal Issues]

Facilities Committee Report (D. Poyer)

David Poyer reminded the Board that on 12/5/24 at 4PM, the Facilities Committee will be at CIL for a facilities site visit. Maureen Teague, David Poyer & Christopher Pote will attend.

BRANCH AND FRIENDS REPORTS

Cape Charles Memorial Library (C.Pote)

Included in the written Library Director's System Report.

Chincoteague Island Library (C.Pote)

Included in the written Library Director's System Report.

Northampton Free Library (C.Pote)

Included in the written Library Director's System Report.

ESPL Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library (M. Donahue-Lynch)

Friends President, Margaret Donahue-Lynch shared the update from the Friends. (Report attached).

NEW BUSINESS

- Janet Justis shared that the Board of Trustees page on the ESPL website is out of date, with names of people who no longer serve on the Board.
- Christpher Pote explained that a lot of the Library System's policies are out of date and need to be amended. His hope is to start working on updating policies throughout the year.

- Frank Russell shared a few updates about the Town of Parksley:
 - o there were roughly 2,000 people in Parksley for the annual Trunk-Or-Treat event on 10.31.24
 - Free Thanksgiving dinners will be handed out on Thanksgiving Day at the Parksley Fire House for anyone who wants one
 - The Town will host their Old Fashioned Christmas in December, with carolers, a brass band,
 Santa, vendors, treats, etc.
- F. Russell wondered if Dennis Custis would consent to having some of his talks recorded for posterity and stored in the Heritage Center.
 - Chris Pote explained that the lectures are being recorded, and the Heritage Center is working out the best way to store and share the recordings. They will likely be stored on a YouTube page.

ESPL FOUNDATION [D. Custis]

Dennis Custis asked Colette Nelson to share with the group.

- C. Nelson informed the Board that the Foundation is sending out their annual appeal letter in the coming week to request funds for needed furniture in the Eastern Shore Regional Library.
 - Christopher Pote requested that all Trustees consider donating, even a small gift, so that the Foundation can say that the BOT are 100% in support of the Foundation.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

No additional comments.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 12.10.24 at 5PM | Facility: Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main Street, Chincoteague, VA 23336

ADJOURNMENT

Frank Russell moved to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Custis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 PM by Chair, David Poyer.



Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library P.O. Box 545 Parksley, Virginia 23421

November 11, 2024 – Report to Board of Trustees Submitted by Margaret Donahue Lynch



Outreach at the laundromat, we continue our outreach efforts

We received gifts from the Library and its dedicated staff for Friends Appreciation Day



Friends and staff have fun at Trick or Treat at the library





Saturday, December 7th 2024 from 10am to noon the Friends will sponsor Santa and some of his elves at the Children's Room at the Regional Library in Parksley. He will have an age-appropriate book for each child from newborn to age 12 and there will be candy canes for all believers of any age.

Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library is a 501(c)(3) organization. PLEASE DONATE https://www.friendsespl.org

Eastern Shore Public Library Profit & Loss November 2024

	Nov 24
Ordinary Income/Expense Income 40000 · INCOME 42000 · Contributions 42030 · Contributions Unrestricted 42060 · Adopt-A-Book	172.41 80.00
Total 42000 · Contributions	252.41
43000 · Reimbursements 43020 · Island	372.28
Total 43000 · Reimbursements	372.28
44000 · Fines & Fees 44010 · Fines 44020 · Photocopying 44040 · Inter Library Loan 44000 · Fines & Fees - Other	109.08 977.45 12.00 15.90
Total 44000 · Fines & Fees	1,114.43
49000 · Miscellaneous Income	10.00
Total 40000 · INCOME	1,749.12
Total Income	1,749.12
Gross Profit	1,749.12
Expense 60000 · EXPENSES 61000 · Operations 61100 · Building 61102 · Building Maintenance, NFL 61104 · Building Maintenance - Parksley	369.97 305.78
Total 61100 · Building	675.75
61200 · Utilities 61202.1 · Electricity - NFL 61202.2 · Electricity - Parksley 61203.1 · Telephone - NFL 61204 · Water/Sewer - Parksley	282.65 1,027.47 594.54 153.59
Total 61200 · Utilities	2,058.25
61300 · Vehicle Operation 61500 · Computer 61513 · Online Services 61514 · Internet Services, State 61518 · Technology	77.29 1,854.50 264.10 1,288.95
Total 61500 · Computer	3,407.55
Total 61000 · Operations	6,218.84

Eastern Shore Public Library Profit & Loss

November 2024

	Nov 24		
62000 · Equipment 62300 · Equipment Maintenance 62310 · Contractual Services	436.17		
Total 62300 · Equipment Maintenance	436.17		
Total 62000 · Equipment	436.17		
63000 · Programs 63100 · Adult 63200 · Youth 63300 · Outreach 63000 · Programs - Other	101.41 688.99 451.07 780.00		
Total 63000 · Programs	2,021.47		
64000 · Personnel 64010 · Salaries - Director 64020 · Salaries - Other 64030 · Hourly Employees 64050 · Payroll Expenses 64070 · Retirement (VRS) 64080 · Insurance 64083 · Insurance, Life (VRS) 64084 · Insurance, Gen, Liability (VRS) 64085 · Insurance, Medical (Anthem) 64086 · Insurance, Dental (Anthem)	8,810.00 29,302.94 17,159.65 4,955.94 2,261.01 -0.07 -0.03 5,222.56 111.44		
Total 64080 · Insurance	5,333.90		
64090 · Liability Reserve	833.33		
Total 64000 · Personnel	68,656.77		
65000 · Supplies 65100 · Custodial 65200 · Office 65300 · Library 65400 · Youth Program Supplies	2,086.82 1,371.73 552.20 128.37		
Total 65000 · Supplies	4,139.12		
66000 · Materials 66310 · System Materials 66311 · Books, State Aid 66313 · Continuations, State Aid 66315 · Electronic Resources, State Aid 66317 · AV, State Aid 66320 · Cape Charles Contract #15	5,881.61 16.50 735.75 49.15 341.15		
Total 66310 · System Materials	7,024.16		
66350 · Affiliates 66351 · Books, Affiliates	2,582.01		
Total 66350 · Affiliates	2,582.01		

Eastern Shore Public Library Profit & Loss November 2024

	Nov 24
66900 · Restricted	449.75
66000 · Materials - Other	-219.87
Total 66000 · Materials	9,836.05
67000 · Other	
67100 · Postage	2.31
67200 · Travel & Meals	833.80
Total 67000 · Other	836.11
68000 · Miscellaneous	
68100 · Bank Fees	209.16
Total 68000 · Miscellaneous	209.16
69000 · Professional Services	
69001 · Professional Services,Financial	1,600.00
69002 · Professional, Library Services	600.00
Total 69000 · Professional Services	2,200.00
Total 60000 · EXPENSES	94,553.69
Total Expense	94,553.69
Net Ordinary Income	-92,804.57
Net Income	-92,804.57

Eastern Shore Public Library Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July through November 2024

	Jul - Nov 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income 40000 · INCOME				
41000 · Government Income	000 045	700 00	000 045	
41010 · Accomack County 41011 · Accomack County On Behalf	399,012.50 0.00	798,025.00 4,300.00	-399,012.50 -4,300.00	50.0% 0.0%
41020 · Northampton County	119,550.00	239,100.00	-119,550.00	50.0%
41030 · State Aid	204,062.00	408,124.00	-204,062.00	50.0%
41040 · Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 41000 · Government Income	722,624.50	1,449,549.00	-726,924.50	49.9%
42000 · Contributions 42010 · ESPL Friends	5,786.30	3,800.00	1.986.30	152.3%
42010 · ESPE Friends	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
42030 · Contributions Unrestricted	1,630.87	1,000.00	630.87	163.1%
42040 · Contributions Restricted	423.23	5,500.00	-5,076.77	7.7%
42050 · Legacies & Bequests 42060 · Adopt-A-Book	90,633.51 327.60	100.00 500.00	90,533.51 -172.40	90,633.5% 65.5%
42060 · Adopt-A-Book 42070 · ESPL Foundation	949.99	0.00	949.99	100.0%
42000 · Contributions - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 42000 · Contributions	99,751.50	12,900.00	86,851.50	773.3%
43000 · Reimbursements				
43010 · NFL Book Endowment	6,120.00	5,000.00	1,120.00	122.4%
43020 · Island 43030 · Cape Charles	926.12 4,192.96	2,000.00 14,000.00	-1,073.88 -9,807.04	46.3% 29.9%
43040 · Book Replacement	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
43050 · NFL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
43000 · Reimbursements - Other	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total 43000 · Reimbursements	11,239.08	21,600.00	-10,360.92	52.0%
44000 · Fines & Fees	700.00	0.00	700.00	400.00/
44010 · Fines 44020 · Photocopying	702.09 5,779.58	0.00 7,500.00	702.09 -1,720.42	100.0% 77.1%
44030 · Fax	11.40	0.00	11.40	100.0%
44040 · Inter Library Loan	158.40	50.00	108.40	316.8%
44000 · Fines & Fees - Other	25.84	0.00	25.84	100.0%
Total 44000 · Fines & Fees	6,677.31	7,550.00	-872.69	88.4%
45000 · Endowments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00/
45010 · Edmonds (UBS) 45020 · General (Merrill Lynch)	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.0% 0.0%
45090 · Miscellaneous Endowments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 45000 · Endowments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
45500 · GASB 68 Benefit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
46000 · Private Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
49000 · Miscellaneous Income 49020 · Driver Education Test Proctorin	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
49000 · Miscellaneous Income - Other	10.00	100.00	-90.00	10.0%
Total 49000 · Miscellaneous Income	10.00	300.00	-290.00	3.3%
Total 40000 · INCOME	840,302.39	1,491,899.00	-651,596.61	56.3%
Total Income	840,302.39	1,491,899.00	-651,596.61	56.3%
Gross Profit	840,302.39	1,491,899.00	-651,596.61	56.3%
Expense 60000 · EXPENSES 61000 · Operations 61100 · Building				
61101 · Building Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
61102 · Building Maintenance, NFL	2,378.81	15,000.00	-12,621.19 0.012.25	15.9% 53.1%
61104 · Building Maintenance - Parksley 61105 · Rent	10,187.75 0.00	19,200.00 0.00	-9,012.25 0.00	53.1% 0.0%
61100 · Building - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 61100 · Building	12,566.56	34,200.00	-21,633.44	36.7%
61200 · Utilities				
61201 · Fuel Oil	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
61202 · Electricity 61202.1 · Electricity - NFL	0.00 2,017.66	0.00 7,000.00	0.00 -4,982.34	0.0% 28.8%
61202.1 · Electricity - NFL 61202.2 · Electricity - Parksley	5,993.05	20,000.00	-4,962.34 -14,006.95	30.0%
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Eastern Shore Public Library Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July through November 2024

	Jul - Nov 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
61203 · Telephone	1,903.66	6,000.00	-4,096.34	31.7%
61203.1 · Telephone - NFL 61204 · Water/Sewer - Parksley	1,189.08 891.00	3,400.00	-2,509.00	26.2%
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Total 61200 · Utilities	11,994.45	36,400.00	-24,405.55	33.0%
61300 · Vehicle Operation 61400 · Insurance (VRSA)	549.46	5,000.00	-4,450.54	11.0%
61401 · Insurance, Building	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
61400 · Insurance (VRSA) - Other	0.00	16,000.00	-16,000.00	0.0%
Total 61400 · Insurance (VRSA)	0.00	16,000.00	-16,000.00	0.0%
61500 · Computer	0.00	4 000 00	4 000 00	0.0%
61510 · Computer Hardware 61511 · Computer Hardware, State	0.00 2,045.52	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.076
61513 · Online Services	24,811.00	26,620.00	-1,809.00	93.2%
61514 · Internet Services, State 61515 · Computer Software	1,320.50 475.00	12,000.00 0.00	-10,679.50 475.00	11.0% 100.0%
61516 · Computer Software, State	2,262.65	7,818.00	-5,555.35	28.9%
61517 · Computer Maintenance	0.00	16,000.00	-16,000.00	0.0%
61518 · Technology	6,706.28	2,720.00	3,986.28	246.6%
Total 61500 · Computer	37,620.95	69,158.00	-31,537.05	54.4%
Total 61000 · Operations	62,731.42	160,758.00	-98,026.58	39.0%
62000 · Equipment	2.22	0.00	2.22	0.00/
62100 · Equipment, General 62200 · Equipment, State	0.00 379.99	0.00 31.000.00	0.00 -30,620.01	0.0% 1.2%
62300 · Equipment Maintenance			,	
62310 · Contractual Services 62300 · Equipment Maintenance - Other	5,209.85 0.00	12,000.00 0.00	-6,790.15 0.00	43.4% 0.0%
Total 62300 · Equipment Maintenance	5,209.85	12,000.00	-6,790.15	43.4%
62000 · Equipment - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 62000 · Equipment	5,589.84	43,000.00	-37,410.16	13.0%
63000 · Programs	040.40	4.500.00	4 050 55	10.10/
63100 · Adult 63200 · Youth	246.43 3,540.96	1,500.00 7,000.00	-1,253.57 -3,459.04	16.4% 50.6%
63300 · Outreach	919.55	0.00	919.55	100.0%
63400 · Foundation Restricted Funds	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
63500 · Restricted Programs - Other	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
63000 · Programs - Other	860.67	0.00	860.67	100.0%
Total 63000 · Programs	5,567.61	14,500.00	-8,932.39	38.4%
64000 · Personnel 64010 · Salaries - Director	43,622.27	105,000.00	-61,377.73	41.5%
64020 · Salaries - Other	145,863.03	452,756.00	-306,892.97	32.2%
64030 · Hourly Employees	85,342.60	180,000.00	-94,657.40	47.4%
64050 · Payroll Expenses 64070 · Retirement (VRS)	24,647.58 11,220.25	68,085.00 65,000.00	-43,437.42 -53,779.75	36.2% 17.3%
64080 · Insurance	11,220.23	03,000.00	-33,779.73	17.570
64082 · Insurance, Worker's Comp.	28.00			
64083 · Insurance, Life (VRS)	-0.31	0.00	-0.31	100.0%
64084 · Insurance, Gen, Liability (VRS) 64085 · Insurance, Medical (Anthem)	-0.14 26,112.80	0.00 0.00	-0.14 26,112.80	100.0% 100.0%
64086 · Insurance, Dental (Anthem)	557.20	0.00	557.20	100.0%
64080 · Insurance - Other	0.00	91,820.00	-91,820.00	0.0%
Total 64080 · Insurance	26,697.55	91,820.00	-65,122.45	29.1%
64090 · Liability Reserve 64100 · Staff & Volunteer Appreciation	4,166.65 73.95	10,000.00 3,000.00	-5,833.35 -2,926.05	41.7% 2.5%
Total 64000 · Personnel	341,633.88	975,661.00	-634,027.12	35.0%
65000 · Supplies				
65100 · Custodial	11,465.14	26,000.00	-14,534.86	44.1%
65200 · Office 65300 · Library	3,666.95 10,615.11	0.00 33,467.00	3,666.95 -22,851.89	100.0% 31.7%
65400 · Youth Program Supplies	370.71	3,000.00	-2,629.29	12.4%
65500 · Archival Supplies 65000 · Supplies - Other	1,308.46 -120.98	0.00	1,308.46	100.0%
Total 65000 · Supplies	27,305.39	62,467.00	-35,161.61	43.7%
66000 · Materials	,	. ,	,	

Eastern Shore Public Library Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July through November 2024

	Jul - Nov 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
66310 · System Materials 66311 · Books, State Aid 66312 · Periodicals, State Aid 66313 · Continuations, State Aid 66314 · Microforms, State Aid	27,153.94 0.00 205.91 0.00	61,437.00 500.00 500.00 500.00	-34,283.06 -500.00 -294.09 -500.00	44.2% 0.0% 41.2% 0.0%
66315 · Electronic Resources, State Aid 66317 · AV, State Aid 66318 · Other Non-Book, State Aid	7,424.17 1,487.72 10.26	25,500.00 7,500.00	-18,075.83 -6,012.28	29.1% 19.8%
66320 · Cape Charles Contract #15 66310 · System Materials - Other	1,255.95 0.00	2,000.00	-744.05 0.00	62.8% 0.0%
Total 66310 · System Materials	37,537.95	97,937.00	-60,399.05	38.3%
66350 · Affiliates 66351 · Books, Affiliates	10,503.82	17,000.00	-6,496.18	61.8%
Total 66350 · Affiliates	10,503.82	17,000.00	-6,496.18	61.8%
66900 · Restricted 66000 · Materials - Other	4,535.96 -219.87	17,000.00	-12,464.04	26.7%
Total 66000 · Materials	52,357.86	131,937.00	-79,579.14	39.7%
67000 · Other 67100 · Postage 67200 · Travel & Meals 67300 · Dues 67000 · Other - Other	271.58 3,216.21 928.00 350.00	3,000.00 8,000.00 3,500.00	-2,728.42 -4,783.79 -2,572.00	9.1% 40.2% 26.5%
Total 67000 · Other	4,765.79	14,500.00	-9,734.21	32.9%
68000 · Miscellaneous 68100 · Bank Fees 68300 · Refunds 68500 · Advertising 68600 · Continuing Education 68700 · Tangier 68000 · Miscellaneous - Other	1,460.61 0.00 0.00 104.62 0.00 219.41	1,000.00 300.00 0.00 7,800.00 1,000.00 0.00	460.61 -300.00 0.00 -7,695.38 -1,000.00 219.41	146.1% 0.0% 0.0% 1.3% 0.0% 100.0%
Total 68000 · Miscellaneous	1,784.64	10,100.00	-8,315.36	17.7%
69000 · Professional Services 69001 · Professional Services,Financial 69002 · Professional, Library Services 69003 · Erate Consultant 69004 · Auditor 69000 · Professional Services - Other	8,000.00 3,038.59 2,495.75 5,775.00 0.00	20,000.00 14,800.00 5,720.00 10,000.00 0.00	-12,000.00 -11,761.41 -3,224.25 -4,225.00 0.00	40.0% 20.5% 43.6% 57.8% 0.0%
Total 69000 · Professional Services	19,309.34	50,520.00	-31,210.66	38.2%
69005 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 60000 · EXPENSES	521,045.77	1,463,443.00	-942,397.23	35.6%
Total Expense	521,045.77	1,463,443.00	-942,397.23	35.6%
Net Ordinary Income	319,256.62	28,456.00	290,800.62	1,121.9%
Other Income/Expense Other Income 7010 · Interest Income	1,267.38			
Total Other Income	1,267.38			
Other Expense 61103 · Capital 8020 · Miscellaneous	0.00 69.85	0.00 0.00	0.00 69.85	0.0% 100.0%
Total Other Expense	69.85	0.00	69.85	100.0%
Net Other Income	1,197.53	0.00	1,197.53	100.0%
Net Income	320,454.15	28,456.00	291,998.15	1,126.1%

Eastern Shore Public Library Balance Sheet

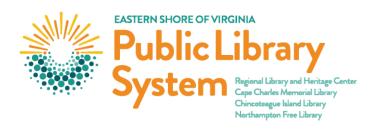
As of November 30, 2024

	Nov 30, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings LGIP - Investment Account #1155 Petty Cash	72,070.85
Main NFL	121.91 76.87
Total Petty Cash	198.78
Truist - Operating #2396 Liability Reserve Truist - Operating #2396 - Other	31,924.64 536,550.14
Total Truist - Operating #2396	568,474.78
Total Checking/Savings	640,744.41
Other Current Assets 1300 · Prepaid Expenses 1400 · Security Deposit	28,317.48 1,600.00
Total Other Current Assets	29,917.48
Total Current Assets	670,661.89
Fixed Assets 1500 · Land 1510 · Buildings 1515 · Equipment 1516 · Equipment Purchases 1520 · Vehicles 1550 · Accumulated Depreciation	5,000.00 660,459.20 800,050.16 97,804.92 51,680.00 -580,956.70
Total Fixed Assets	1,034,037.58
Other Assets 1600 · Deferred Outflows	73,814.00
Total Other Assets	73,814.00
TOTAL ASSETS	1,778,513.47
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Liabilities Current Liabilities Accounts Payable 2000 · Accounts Payable	5,500.00
Total Accounts Payable	5,500.00
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Credit Cards Atlantic Union Credit Card	-6,562.98
Total Credit Cards	-6,562.98
Other Current Liabilities	

Eastern Shore Public Library Balance Sheet

As of November 30, 2024

	Nov 30, 24
2100 · Payroll Liabilities	744.94
2270 · Minnesota Life	0.05
2280 · State Unemployment Tax	-26.27
2290 · Anthem, Medical	2,806.64
2300 · Anthem, Dental	144.13
2360 · AFLAC	165.30
2380 · Compensated Absences	26,325.52
2400 · Net Pension Liability	118,709.00
2500 · Deferred Inflows	21,947.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	170,816.31
Total Current Liabilities	169,753.33
Total Liabilities	169,753.33
Equity	700 700 07
1110 · Retained Earnings	798,738.67
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	489,567.32
Net Income	320,454.15
Total Equity	1,608,760.14
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,778,513.47



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Report to the Accomack County Board of Supervisors – December 2024

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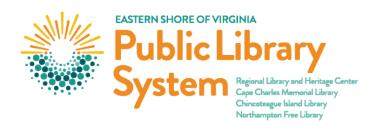
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