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

April 2024



THE ADVENTURE BEGINS!

Come out and celebrate the beginning of our first summer in the brand-new building

What: ESPL's first-ever SummerFest

When: June 15, 10AM—2PM

Where: Eastern Shore Community College

Why: To kick off the Summer Reading Program and encourage families to sign up and participate in this year's challenge

Who: You!

Who else: Food trucks and community partners

 Featuring: Bounce houses, face painting, games, and crafts

Director's Update



Christopher Pote, Interim Director

Adventure begins at Eastern Shore Public Library this summer! For the first time, Eastern Shore Public Library commences its summer reading program with **SummerFest** on **June** 15th from 10 am to 2 pm for bounce houses, games, crafts, activities, food trucks, face painting, and community outreach tables at Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa. Come sign up for the summer reading challenge, receive your free summer kick-off bag full of goodies, grab a bite, and have a blast! There will also be a variety of exciting programs ESPL Parksley and Northampton Free Library all summer long.



DIRECTOR'S UPDATE CONTINUED

Last month I wrote about how vital maintaining partnerships for the library and the communities we serve are. There are two more partnerships that were active in May that I would like to highlight. The first is the partnership between ESPL and MilesFiles. MilesFiles is a genealogical database that contains "hundreds of Eastern Shore Families from Charlemagne to the Present". M.K. Miles and his cousin Barry created the database in 1996, and it has been hosted by ESPL since 2000. M.K. still inputs data daily and now has a cohort of people assisting him. To date, there are 121,334 individuals accounted for in the MilesFiles. Amongst them are over 6,600 hundred surnames and over 455,000 citations indicating where the information was source.

The relationship between ESPL and MilesFiles is symbiotic in the sense that we are constantly aiding each other in our pursuits. Many of the 455,000 citations are from sources located in the Heritage Center's Eastern Shore Room and its digital holdings that M.K. has either sourced for information or links to directly. People using the database can follow the citations back to the Heritage Center and come in to do follow up research. When people come to us to being their genealogical research, or first question is always "Have you been on the MilesFiles?" so we can better understand the level of assistance needed. The MilesFiles brings traffic to the Eastern Shore Room/ESPL, and ESPL sends traffic to M.K. and the MilesFiles.

A tangible example of this partnership occurred on the evening of May 30. In response to growing community feedback about using the database, M.K. hosted "Eastern Shore Families at Your Fingertips, Using the MilesFiles" here in the Dennis Custis Lecture Hall. The information was so robust that the hour allotted was wholly insufficient. We are thrilled that M.K. will be hosting Part Two in the weeks to come. And we are proud that M.K. has chosen ESPL and the Heritage Center to be home for the MilesFiles in perpetuity. There are forty-five generations that go back to Charlemagne, are you in that lineage?

M.K. will also be presenting on his database during the Genealogists and Historians of the Eastern Shore (GHOTES) conference at the end of the month. To be held in the Heritage Center, the GHOTES conference brings people together from over from all over the country interested in the history and genealogy of the Eastern Shore. The three-day conference will host numerous lectures and presentations June 26–29. We are honored to host them. For more information, please visit: http://www.ghotes.net/.

The second partnership I want to highlight is a new one. You may recall in February we hosted Gerald Boyd, founder of Peacewerks and ESTACI and manager of the Samual D. Outlaw Blacksmith Shop Memorial Museum in Onancock. The lecture was a great introduction to Mr. Outlaw and his shop that is on the National Register of Historic Places. In order to bring more attention to the museum and raise funds, Gerald and his team will be holding a Shoebox Lunch Festival on Saturday, August 24, 10am – 2pm. There will be exhibits, blacksmith demonstrations, hands-on activities, as well as the opportunity to purchase a traditional shoebox lunch. ESPL is participating on the planning and marketing committees. Being supportive and participatory of other cultural heritage organizations on the Shore is imperative, and we are humbled that Gerald invited us to this table.

May was another strong month for the Eastern Shore Public Library System, as the following reports will indicate. June will be a particularly busy month as we begin our summer reading program (See you there: SummerFest, ESCC, June 15.), have a full slate of programming, and work on end-of-year finances.





Jazmine Collins will be authoring the Heritage Center Report while Christopher Pote is in the Director's Office:



The traveling season is approaching and the Heritage Center has already proven to be a popular spot, as this month we have welcomed and assisted genealogical researchers visiting from Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Texas, and Massachusetts, another testament that the ancestral roots of the Eastern Shore have branched all over our nation. Also, the number of remote reference questions the Heritage Center has fielded has increased this year, showing that more individuals are accessing our collections and information via online contact, as well.

The Heritage Center has received additions to the Edmonds' Family Papers, including notes of Katherine H.S. Edmonds, the namesake of our Eastern Shore Room. We have also received materials to add to our cookbook and yearbook collections. While we currently have 194 Easter

Shore high schools yearbooks online, we do not have them all. The Heritage Center is updating our yearbook collection later this year by sending any donated or loaned yearbooks to the Library of Virginia to be scanned and added to the site. Visit our yearbook collection at https://archive.org/details/easternshorepubliclibrary, and please consider donating or encouraging others to loan or donate yearbooks for those missing years.

On May 23rd, the Heritage Center hosted the "Invisible History" talk featuring Thomas Godwin, a community leader and businessperson in Northampton County, who proudly noted that he owns the longest continuously operating funeral home in the county. Godwin explained how he met Metty Pellicer, the author of his memoir, and discussed the impetus for and need to share the story of his in the book *Invisible History: Growing Up Colored in Cape Charles, Virginia*, along with some heartfelt anecdotes. Richard Press, a spokesman for the Invisible History Walking Tour and Speakers Bureau initiative in Cape Charles, shared with attendees how Godwin's memoir inspired the move to preserve and share the African American history of Cape Charles, history such as the 47 businesses that African American owned businesses in the town. Press shared some of the projects that the group has in development, such as the African American walking tour which will be available through the Clio app.

On May 30, M.K. Miles gave a talk on the MilesFiles genealogical database, including the many features of new web-based version, such as finding kinship connections between individuals,

the ability to add photos and documents, and the ease of proving ancestry, for example to the Jamestown Society or to individuals already designated as First Families of Virginia or Gateway Ancestors. Miles was happy to share that with the new software, he has been able to add users as editors to help input individuals and information into MilesFiles. By request, Miles will be joining us for Part 2 in the future.

M.K. Miles, and other notable historians and genealogists, will be speaking at the Genealogy and History of the Eastern Shore Conference June 25-June 29th, here at the Heritage Center. Go to ghotes.net for more information.







Charle Ricci, Collection Management and Acquisitions Librarian

Technical Services Practice and Procedures – Building Greater Consistency



As we approach the end of ESPL's fiscal year on June 30th, Technical Services Department staff have an opportunity to catch up on projects that have taken a backseat during the earlier portions of the year. The collection materials budget must be utilized in full by the end of May to allow time for the ordered items to arrive, be invoiced, and then paid for before the end of June. Now that this has been accomplished, staff can take some time during the month of June to focus on departmental plans and special projects that are sometimes difficult to accomplish when acquisitions and cataloging work are at the forefront.

Two projects that the department is currently working on are related to improving shared documentation regarding book processing and cataloging. While the acquisitions librarian is a full-time staff member, the other three department staff are part-time employees. When the availability of a small band of dedicated volunteers is added into the mix, work schedules don't always overlap. Whenever questions arise about topics such as the details of spine label creation, book covering, or catalog record fields, it is best to avoid delays in obtaining guidance so that materials can continue in their journey to the library shelves and be available for circulation.

To address this challenge, staff are creating guidance documents that will not only provide detailed information for current employees and volunteers but will also free up future time when training additional volunteers or staff for the department. The documents will be shared both in print form and electronically so that they are easily accessible by all who need them and will be updated over time as local practice expands or changes.

The first documentation project currently taking place centers on providing examples and instructions for applying call number spine labels and all accompanying genre and collection labels. At first glance, this may seem like a simple process, but due to the large number of subcollections, material formats, and languages found in ESPL's materials collection, there are many instances where a combination of call number prefixes and labels are needed. A couple of examples of a potentially confusing labeling situation are a Spanish/English bilingual edition of a children's graphic novel, or a Mystery in Large Print format. Maintaining consistency in labeling across time and staff members is essential to ensure that like items will be correctly located together on the library shelves.

The second documentation project currently underway is the creation of Cataloging Practice and Guidelines specific to ESPL. Cataloging language, methods, and technology continuously evolve at the national level, and ESPL actively monitors and evaluates cataloging recommendations and best practices to remain current. The new Cataloging Practice and Guidelines document includes details on local practice for cataloging every field of an item's bibliographic record, which the library's software application then translates into the item information displayed in ShoreCat, the library catalog. Again, consistency in catalog headings and subject classification across different staff members and over time is key to increasing an item's discoverability in ShoreCat by patrons and staff.

While these two projects may not be flashy or sensational, they serve to lay the groundwork for consistency and continuity in the Technical Services Department's ongoing practices and procedures. Through supporting behind-the-scenes processing and cataloging work, the documentation currently being created will make catalog searching and shelf browsing more successful for years to come.



Programs & Outreach Report

Tiffany Flores



May was an exciting time at the Regional Library. Local Children's Author Nan Carlton visited on Saturday, May 10th for a special storytime featuring her first book Huck, Chuck, and Bruce Visit the Shore. 10 patrons participated. Ms. Carlton is interested in collaborating with the library for future programs. Additionally, on May 18th, Kasey Grier, ESPL Foundation President, read Leo the Late Bloomer to children who very much enjoyed the story. Teen game nights had its regular attendees while nights with additional programming such as craft nights or Manga Book Club saw increased participants. The teens enjoy the crafts and suggest they be at every game night. The Teen Creative Writing Club had several participants this month, and the May adult programming saw good attendance. Lectures have been seeing steady attendance participants, as well. Tech Help, which will continue to be offered monthly during the summer, focused on the Zoom webinar service this month. Everyone is welcome to bring in their techrelated questions for assistance.

With the end of the school year approaching, interest in field trips to the library and interest in a librarian visiting the schools has increased. Tiffany Flores visited Migrant Headstart on May 10th, providing ten children with storytime and crafts. The staff was so impressed they invited her to visit anytime. Additionally, she visited Virtual VA on the same day, provided twenty students with storytime, and encouraged them to participate ESPL's summer reading program. On May 15th, Headstart came to the library for a fieldtrip! Eighteen children were given a tour of the library and made puppy paper bag puppets. Tiffany has three more field trips planned before the end of the school year.





Programs & Outreach Report Continued...

Tiffany Flores

On May 16th Tiffany went to Nandua Middle School for their SOL Family Night. Tiffany distributed resources about Homework HelpNow and informed many families about SummerFest. On May 30th, Tiffany and Jamie Johnson attended the Kid's Count Forum hosted by Go and Grow of the Eastern Shore at the Community College. As part of their participation, the library presented a poster advertising eResources and services related to youth and the Summer Reading Program including SummerFest. This was very successful; the library reached a variety of organizations and shared about many of the services we provide. Many of these organizations signed up for the monthly eNewsletter. Overall, the library reached 160 people at this event. In addition to the Forum, Tiffany attended the Occohannock Elementary Parents as Educational Partners Meeting as a guest speaker. She was able to reach twenty-five parents and students about library services and the Summer Reading program.



The STEM Coop Grant project is ending. Tiffany has been working on the STEM Circulating Kits for Northampton Free Library to finalize her work in the COOP. The last meeting will be held on June 24th to clarify some burning questions about how to catalog and build the circulating STEM kits.





Northampton Free Library

Connor Buyrn, Branch Manager



May was another month of stellar public programs at Northampton Free Library. Younger patrons were invited to celebrate May the 4th at NFL with a LEGO spaceship building competition. Kids, parents, and staff alike had lots of fun and the winning builds by Lochlan, Maddie, and Merrick can still be seen in the library's display case. The library also hosted four different arts & crafts programs in May. Adult patrons were invited to create crochet coasters and glass bead suncatchers, and kids to build and paint their own birdhouses and to participate in a STEM watershed craft activity. Story Time Anytime continued to be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Tech Help continued on every Tuesday and saw steady attendance through the month.

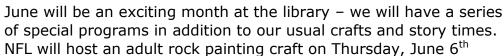








In addition to maintaining the pollinator garden outside the building, the Eastern Shore Master Gardeners are continuing to partner with Northampton Free Library to provide free seeds and educational materials as part of a revolving gardening-focused book display. These can be found on the last display shelf in front of the staff desk.





starting at 6:00 PM. This event is free, but registration in advance will be required. There will be an evening story time for kids on Thursday, June 13th at 4:00 PM with no registration required. Next, Northampton Free Library will be offering an off-site magic show with children's performer the Amazing Mr. B. – this very special event will start at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, June 18th and will be hosted by Northampton Parks & Recreation. Finally, there will be a children's STEM activity on Thursday, June 27th starting at 6:00 PM – kids are invited to hone their engineering skills by completing building challenges with K'nex blocks.

Tech Help will continue on every Tuesday through the month of June, and Story Time Anytime will continue to be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays. Northampton Free Library is also participating in the Beyond Books Library Escape Adventure organized by Eastern Shore Community College and the Eastern Shore Literacy Council. Visit http://tinyurl.com/ESVAescape for more information on how to participate! This program will be ongoing through the month of June. Also be sure to watch the Northampton Free Library Facebook page for more information on all of our public programs.

Northampton Free Library will be closed on Tuesday, June 4th for staff training; Saturday, June 15th for Summerfest; and Wednesday, June 19th in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.



Cape Charles Memorial Library

Sharon Silvey, Library Manager



During the month of May, Cape Charles Memorial Library celebrated Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. Our book display was full of titles by AAPI authors and books recognizing the contributions and influence on America's history, culture, and achievements. Staff created an amazing AAPI "food tasting" display that was enjoyed by many patrons throughout the month. The snacks provided offered quests the opportunity to try something new and exotic, such as lychee jelly and senbei rice crackers from Taiwan, spicy tamarin bites from Thailand, kimchi seaweed and moon pies from Korea, shortbread cookies from Hawaii, banana chips and mango bites from the Philippines, and cacao cream wafers and Eti Burcak from Turkey (Yes! The country of Turkey is part of AAPI month as it is located mainly in Anatolia in West Asia with a small part in Southeast Europe.) Younger patrons were encouraged to also grab a free book, "Because Dragons Love Milk" a bilingual English-Mandarin picture book by Marie Chow.



We hosted our first collaboration of the season with the UVA Coastal Research Center, located in Cape Charles. The Catch, ID, and Release program was such a big hit last summer that we added even more dates this year. Participants meet at Cape Charles beach, where UVA research staff seine the bay. It is amazing to see what creatures are pulled in! Critters are collected and placed in a bucket of bay water for all to observe. Participants may gently examine the creatures and research staff are available to answer questions. CCML will be hosting several more during the summer – every program is unique!







CCML is again participating in the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) with the theme of "Adventure Begins at Your Library". Registration for our summer reading program begins on June 18th. Each participant is encouraged to read 20 minutes per day and earn an incentive for every 100 minutes read. Check out our facebook page for additional information on all upcoming events!



Chincoteague Island Library

Linda Ryan, for the Board of Directors





May is always a super busy month at our library...wrapping up our Tales 4 Tots Storytime, planning for children's summer programs— "Lubbock's Learners (summer reading challenge), Young Explorers, and Tales 4 Tots, and serving our patrons and Island visitors.

During the month of May, our Tales 4 Tots programs revolved around Earth Day, Mother's Day, May Flowers, Kites, Boats, and lastly, a picnic/parade in the park. Below are some of the highlights:











Our boat ride aboard the Martha Lou, Daisey's Island Cruises, and the boat craft:







Armed Forces Day, Misty's Birthday, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day were a few of the library displays this month. The Thursday Morning Book Club read and discussed works by William Shakespeare and books about him. We continue to post on our Facebook page the Eastern Shore Public Library and Foundation events and programs as well as many programs sponsored by other Island organizations.

Upcoming events include registration for our Summer Reading Program, the Sunset/Moonrise Cruise, and the non-motorized parade in the park adjacent to the library. The basket raffle will continue through October 9 (Oyster Festival Weekend). We are beginning to work on our annual newsletter and appeal, which is the main source of funding for our library.

Our part-time staff and volunteers are looking forward to a busy summer.







EASTERN SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 11, 2024, 1:00PM

Meeting Location: Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library & Heritage Center 24313 Bennett St., Parksley, VA

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Public Comments
- 3. Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2024
- 4. Old Business
- 5. Go Into Closed Session
 - a. Personnel
- 6. Finance Committee (Mason)
- 7. Financial Report (Pote)
- 8. Branch and Friend's 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 Friend's Report
- 9. Library Director's System Report (Pote)
- 10. New Business
 - a. Report of the Nominating Committee
 - b. Meeting Schedule FY2025
- 11. Personnel Committee (Rose-Jensen)
- 12. ESPL Foundation (Custis)
- 13. Additional Comments
- 14. Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 1:00p.m. at Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library & Heritage Center, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley, VA Pending approval of schedule
- 15. Adjournment



MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Eastern Shore of Virginia Public Library System

4.9.24 \mid 1 PM \mid Eastern Shore Regional Library & Heritage Center: Parksley, VA Meeting called to order by Chair, Joyce Holland

Attendance

Present:

Grayson Chesser, Dennis Custis, Larry Giddens, Gary Heintzelman, Joyce Holland (*Chair*), James Lilliston (*non-voting*, *Zoom*), Michael Mason, Christopher Pote (*Interim Library System Director*, *non-voting*), David Poyer, Frank Russell

Absent:

Carl Rose-Jensen

In Attendance:

Tiffany Flores, Jamie Johnson, Judy Malarkey, Colette Nelson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Joyce Holland, Chair at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Judy Malarkey shared the updates from the Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library (attached to minutes).

Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2024

<u>Dennis Custis moved that the March 12, 2024 meeting minutes be approved. David Poyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</u>

Old Business

2nd Reading: ESPL Employee Policy Manual (Holland)

<u>Dennis Custis moved to approve the updated edited version of the ESPL Employee Policy manual. David Poyer seconded. Motin passed unanimously.</u> Christopher Pote noted that some of the policies (including leave accruals, holiday pay and health insurance) won't go into effect until the start of the fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024).

Update from ESPL Director Search Committee (Holland)

Joyce Holland explained that the interview process will begin in May; the committee has received applications from states across the country as well as from Virginia.

Finance Committee (Mason)

Michael Mason shared that there haven't been any recent meetings so there is nothing to report.

Financial Report (Pote)

Christopher Pote covered the key takeaways from the financial report:

- 4th quarter disbursement requests have been made of both counties as of 4/1/24 (so far only Accomack County has acknowledged receipt of request)
- Stipends for 3 staff members that are taking on additional responsibilities in the interim have been requested (*these will be paid out monthly*)
- Last month the HVAC contractor hired by the County placed a dozen or so monitoring stations around the building to hopefully gather the data they need to make the air system work most efficiently
- Profit & Loss Report (pg. 3)- There is a miscellaneous expense of \$16,804.86 [this was a requested payment made in error and the funds have been returned]
- The LGIP account yielded \$322 in interest for the month of March 2024

Michael Mason moved to accept the financial report. Dennis Custis seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Branch and Friends Reports

- a) **CAPE CHARLES MEMORIAL LIBRARY**: Included in the Library Director's System report.
- b) CHINCOTEAGUE ISLAND LIBRARY: Included in the Library Director's System report.
- c) **NORTHAMPTON FREE LIBRARY**: Included in the Library Director's System report.
- d) **ESPL FRIENDS OF THE EASTERN SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT**: Given by Judy Malarkey during the Public Comments section (report attached to minutes).

Library Director's System Report (Pote)

Christopher Pote shared System updates:

- 2 new Information Specialists have been hired to work Circulation and will be starting this month
- Programming: participation has been great across the library branches & affiliates
- Transition to our new Microsoft 365 email client is complete, but some kinks are still being worked out
- Cloud Server Techs has been fantastic to work with thus far
- Wrong version of the edited Employee Manual was included in the board packet, but of the pertinent pages hard copies were provided at this meeting
- Staff were very appreciative of the Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library for delivering baskets of treats and goodies for the ESPL staff today in honor of National Library Workers Day
- The Invisible History lecture that was scheduled for April 25th has been moved to 5/23 @6pm

New Business

Personnel Committee (Holland)

- Joyce Holland will be asking the Personnel Committee to bring nominations for the Board of Trustees for the coming year.
- Carl Rose-Jensen isn't present at the meeting today, but Joyce Holland didn't receive any new
 information from him to share. She did indicate that the committee has been doing a wonderful job.

ESPL Foundation (Custis)

Dennis Custis shared that the Raising the Green event was great and profited about \$17,000. Everything went really well and they've heard lots of positive feedback from attendees.

Additional Comments

- Jane Kellam with the Accomack Garden Club has contacted Joyce Holland and offered to complete plantings at the library and to maintain them.
- Colette Nelson explained that the Foundation is now working on the Zero-Turn Mower drawing; the drawing will likely take place sometime in July.
- Grayson Chesser shared that the Ward Foundation and Salisbury University have parted ways. The
 University owns most of the decoys that were on display in the museum. He suggested that ESPL
 might want to display some at the Parksley branch for a limited time; they would need to be in
 locked display cases.
- Michael Mason asked Public Works for a list of any issues they've detected with the new library in Parksley, VA with all the rain we've been having:
 - o They have ordered new water fountains since the other ones weren't able to be repaired
 - 3 roof leaks have been identified and are being repaired
 - o the HVAC system is currently being evaluated by an outside contractor

Next Meeting

Tuesday, 5.14.24 | 1PM Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library & Heritage Center 24313 Bennett St., Parksley, VA.

Adjournment

<u>Dennis Custis moved to adjourn the meeting. Frank Russell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.</u> The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. by Chair, Joyce Holland.

Library Board of Trustees

2024-2025 Meeting Schedule

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Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library & Heritage Center at 1:00 p.m.

August 13, 2024

Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library & Heritage Center at 1:00 p.m.

September 10, 2024

Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library & Heritage Center at 1:00 p.m.

October 8, 2024

Northampton Free Library at 6:00 p.m.

November 12, 2024

Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library & Heritage Center at 1:00 p.m.

December 10, 2024

Chincoteague Island Library at 5:00 p.m.

January 14, 2025

Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library & Heritage Center at 1:00 p.m.

February 11, 2025

Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library & Heritage Center at 1:00 p.m.

March 11, 2025

Cape Charles Memorial Library at 7:00 p.m.

April 8, 2025

Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library & Heritage Center at 1:00 p.m.

May 13, 2025

Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library & Heritage Center at 1:00 p.m.

June 10, 2025

Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library & Heritage Center at 1:00 p.m.

Highlight – indicates evening meetings not held at ESRL&HC, Parksley



Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library P.O. Box 545

Parksley, Virginia 23421

June 3, 2024 – Report to Board of Trustees Submitted by Judy Malarkey

Annual Meeting July 24

Our June 2024 Bookworm will be mailed next week to all members announcing our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on July 24 meeting. Members of this Board are invited to join us.

2024-2025 funding for Regional Library System

We are putting together our budget for 2024-2025 and have scheduled a meeting with Chris Pote to determine where we can help with computers, programs, special supplies and e-books – wherever there is a need.

Better World Books Literacy Grant.

We have been awarded a grant of \$3000 towards ESPL Early Literacy Program. This is a first for the Friends and we have our newest Board Member, Maureen Teague, to thank for filling out the forms!



Better World Books 2024 Literacy Grants

EARLY READER PROJECTS



Book Club Bags

This is a very popular program that has been going for many years. It has been individually funded in the past by one of our members and we will take over the funding. The bags contain 10 to 12 copies of a particular title and a resource guide with author bios, reviews and discussion questions. The bags can be checked out for 6 weeks at a time to any Book Club.

STEM Activities funding

Our goal is to assist the library in planning events that enhance STEM learning and bring children to the library. Funds could be used to purchase books and/or manipulatives.

Thank you for your support.

Judy Malarkey

Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library is a 501(c)(3) organization.

President: Margaret Donahue Lynch, Vice-President: Vacant, Treasurer: Carol Callander,
Secretary: Kate Baird

Directors:, Liz Bochicchio, Judy Malarkey, Sharyn McQuaid Betsy Reich, Janet Rochester, Maureen Teague, Emeritus Ann Scott.

Eastern Shore Public Library Balance Sheet As of May 31, 2024

	May 31, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings LGIP - Investment Account #1155 Petty Cash	69,854.93
Main NFL	61.75 76.87
Total Petty Cash	138.62
Truist - Operating #2396 Liability Reserve Truist - Operating #2396 - Other	15,299.64 368,134.43
Total Truist - Operating #2396	383,434.07
Total Checking/Savings	453,427.62
Other Current Assets 1300 · Prepaid Expenses 1400 · Security Deposit	21,609.08 1,600.00
Total Other Current Assets	23,209.08
Total Current Assets	476,636.70
Fixed Assets Equipment Purchases 1500 · Land 1510 · Buildings 1515 · Equipment 1520 · Vehicles 1550 · Accumulated Depreciation	97,804.92 5,000.00 660,459.20 568,040.09 22,000.00 -486,134.07
Total Fixed Assets	867,170.14
Other Assets 1600 · Deferred Outflows 1700 · Right-to-use Asset	63,258.00 20,800.00
Total Other Assets	84,058.00
TOTAL ASSETS	1,427,864.84
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Liabilities Current Liabilities Accounts Payable	
2000 · Accounts Payable	10,506.26
Total Accounts Payable	10,506.26
Credit Cards Atlantic Union Credit Card	-268.00
Total Credit Cards	-268.00

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	May 31, 24
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 · Payroll Liabilities	767.15
2270 · Minnesota Life	0.05
2290 · Anthem, Medical	-163.36
2300 · Anthem, Dental	7.57
2360 · AFLAC	165.30
2380 · Compensated Absences	20,512.97
2400 · Net Pension Liability	67,309.00
2500 · Deferred Inflows	39,997.00
2700 · Lease Liability	20,800.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	149,395.68
Total Current Liabilities	159,633.94
Total Liabilities	159,633.94
Equity	
1110 · Retained Earnings	756,134.88
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	489,567.32
Net Income	22,528.70
Total Equity	1,268,230.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,427,864.84

Eastern Shore Public Library Profit & Loss May 2024

	May 24
Ordinary Income/Expense Income 40000 · INCOME 41000 · Government Income	
41020 · Northampton County	41,460.50
Total 41000 · Government Income	41,460.50
42000 · Contributions 42030 · Contributions Unrestricted 42040 · Contributions Restricted 42060 · Adopt-A-Book 42070 · ESPL Foundation	144.00 300.00 50.00 13,609.20
Total 42000 · Contributions	14,103.20
43000 · Reimbursements	104.60
44000 · Fines & Fees 44010 · Fines 44020 · Photocopying 44030 · Fax 44040 · Inter Library Loan	103.99 915.20 0.80 47.00
Total 44000 · Fines & Fees	1,066.99
Total 40000 · INCOME	56,735.29
Total Income	56,735.29
Gross Profit	56,735.29
Expense 60000 · EXPENSES 61000 · Operations 61100 · Building 61102 · Building Maintenance, NFL 61104 · Building Maintenance - Parksley	412.90 5,136.30
Total 61100 · Building	 5,549.20
61200 · Utilities 61202.1 · Electricity - NFL 61203 · Telephone 61204 · Water/Sewer - Parksley	301.01 1,189.08 136.12
Total 61200 · Utilities	1,626.21
61300 · Vehicle Operation 61500 · Computer 61513 · Online Services 61514 · Internet Services, State	181.71 2,171.48 458.80
Total 61500 · Computer	2,630.28
Total 61000 · Operations	9,987.40

Eastern Shore Public Library Profit & Loss May 2024

	May 24	
62000 · Equipment 62300 · Equipment Maintenance 62310 · Contractual Services	2,436.31	
Total 62300 · Equipment Maintenance	2,436.31	
Total 62000 · Equipment	2,436.31	
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63000 · Programs 63100 · Adult 63300 · Outreach 63000 · Programs - Other	33.75 324.95 -330.00	
Total 63000 · Programs	28.70	
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)	7,120.52 27,728.88 15,470.43 4,596.10 2,525.74 -0.08 -0.03 5,222.56 111.44	
Total 64080 · Insurance	5,333.89	
Total 64000 · Personnel	62,775.56	
65000 · Supplies 65100 · Custodial 65300 · Library 65400 · Youth Program Supplies 65500 · Archival Supplies	2,292.07 1,636.09 76.29 15,454.88	
Total 65000 · Supplies	19,459.33	
66000 · Materials 66310 · System Materials 66311 · Books, State Aid 66313 · Continuations, State Aid 66315 · Electronic Resources, State Aid 66317 · AV, State Aid	6,079.09 10.97 4,985.04 980.27	
Total 66310 · System Materials	12,055.37	
66350 · Affiliates 66351 · Books, Affiliates	1,499.34	
Total 66350 · Affiliates	1,499.34	
66900 · Restricted	32.37	
Total 66000 · Materials	13,587.08	

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	May 24	
67000 · Other		
67100 · Postage	54.62	
67200 · Travel & Meals	24.12	
67300 · Dues	30.00	
Total 67000 · Other	108.74	
68000 · Miscellaneous		
68100 · Bank Fees	378.10	
68500 · Advertising	206.40	
68600 · Continuing Education	503.88	
Total 68000 · Miscellaneous	1,088.38	
69000 · Professional Services		
69001 · Professional Services,Financial	1,600.00	
Total 69000 · Professional Services	1,600.00	
Total 60000 · EXPENSES	111,071.50	
Total Expense	111,071.50	
Net Ordinary Income	-54,336.21	
Net Income	-54,336.21	

Eastern Shore Public Library Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July 2023 through May 2024

	Jul '23 - May 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income 40000 · INCOME				
41000 · Government Income				
41010 · Accomack County 41011 · Accomack County On Behalf	758,672.99 0.00	762,973.00 0.00	-4,300.01 0.00	99.4% 0.0%
41020 · Northampton County	165,842.00	165,842.00	0.00	100.0%
41030 · State Aid 41040 · Grants	292,257.22 140,433.55	292,133.00 335,250.00	124.22 -194,816.45	100.0% 41.9%
Total 41000 · Government Income		<u> </u>	-198,992.24	87.2%
	1,357,205.76	1,556,198.00	-190,992.24	07.270
42000 · Contributions 42010 · ESPL Friends	5.934.34	5.000.00	934.34	118.7%
42020 · NFL Friends	1,000.00	4,000.00	-3,000.00	25.0%
42030 · Contributions Unrestricted 42040 · Contributions Restricted	4,641.00 5,102.99	1,000.00 5,500.00	3,641.00 -397.01	464.1% 92.8%
42050 · Legacies & Bequests	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
42060 · Adopt-A-Book 42070 · ESPL Foundation	800.00 50,929.49	500.00 55,000.00	300.00 -4,070.51	160.0% 92.6%
42000 · Contributions - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 42000 · Contributions	68,407.82	71,100.00	-2,692.18	96.2%
43000 ⋅ Reimbursements				
43010 · NFL Book Endowment	5,800.00	5,000.00	800.00	116.0%
43020 ⋅ Island 43030 ⋅ Cape Charles	2,606.43 15,482.11	2,000.00 14,000.00	606.43 1,482.11	130.3% 110.6%
43040 · Book Replacement	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
43050 · NFL 43000 · Reimbursements - Other	0.00 209.41	500.00 0.00	-500.00 209.41	0.0% 100.0%
Total 43000 · Reimbursements	24.097.95	21,600.00	2.497.95	111.6%
44000 · Fines & Fees	21,007.00	21,000.00	2,101.00	
44010 · Fines	881.76	0.00	881.76	100.0%
44020 · Photocopying 44030 · Fax	7,710.72 23.72	3,500.00 0.00	4,210.72 23.72	220.3% 100.0%
44040 · Inter Library Loan	235.00	50.00	185.00	470.0%
44000 · Fines & Fees - Other	41.01	0.00	41.01	100.0%
Total 44000 · Fines & Fees	8,892.21	3,550.00	5,342.21	250.5%
45000 · Endowments 45010 · Edmonds (UBS)	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
45020 · General (Merrill Lynch)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
45090 · Miscellaneous Endowments	226.65	15,000.00	-14,773.35	1.5%
Total 45000 · Endowments	226.65	17,000.00	-16,773.35	1.3%
45500 · GASB 68 Benefit 46000 · Private Grants	0.00 100.00	0.00 2,000.00	0.00 -1,900.00	0.0% 5.0%
49000 · Miscellaneous Income	0.00	000.00	000.00	0.00/
49020 · Driver Education Test Proctorin 49000 · Miscellaneous Income - Other	0.00 50.00	200.00 100.00	-200.00 -50.00	0.0% 50.0%
Total 49000 · Miscellaneous Income	50.00	300.00	-250.00	16.7%
Total 40000 · INCOME	1,458,980.39	1,671,748.00	-212,767.61	87.3%
4250 · Grants, Other	4,600.00			
Total Income	1,463,580.39	1,671,748.00	-208,167.61	87.5%
Gross Profit	1,463,580.39	1,671,748.00	-208,167.61	87.5%
Expense				
60000 · EXPENSES 61000 · Operations				
61100 · Building	0.004.00	0.540.00	4.040.04	05.00/
61101 · Building Maintenance 61102 · Building Maintenance, NFL	2,301.06 11,124.79	6,512.00 15,000.00	-4,210.94 -3,875.21	35.3% 74.2%
61104 · Building Maintenance - Parksley	11,683.43	38,500.00	-26,816.57	30.3%
61105 · Rent 61100 · Building - Other	9,600.00 0.00	15,876.00 0.00	-6,276.00 0.00	60.5% 0.0%
Total 61100 · Building	34,709.28	75,888.00	-41,178.72	45.7%
61200 · Utilities				
61201 · Fuel Oil	-49.20	0.00	-49.20	100.0%
61202 · Electricity 61202.1 · Electricity - NFL	3,324.70 4,517.09	2,000.00 9,000.00	1,324.70 -4,482.91	166.2% 50.2%
61202.2 · Electricity - Parksley	13,220.09	40,000.00	-26,779.91	33.1%
61203 · Telephone 61204 · Water/Sewer - Parksley	5,028.34 1,792.60	6,000.00 3,400.00	-971.66 -1,607.40	83.8% 52.7%
Total 61200 · Utilities	27,833.62	60,400.00	-32,566.38	46.1%
61300 · Vehicle Operation	1,883.35	35,000.00	-33,116.65	5.4%
61400 · Insurance (VRSA) 61401 · Insurance, Building	0.00	4,300.00	-4,300.00	0.0%
61400 · Insurance (VRSA) - Other	15,628.00	15,000.00	628.00	104.2%

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Total 61400 · Insurance (VRSA)	15,628.00	19,300.00	-3,672.00	81.0%
61500 · Computer				
61510 · Computer Hardware 61511 · Computer Hardware, State	2,332.64 3,867.00	0.00 0.00	2,332.64 3,867.00	100.0% 100.0%
61513 · Computer Hardware, State	3,667.00 13,175.07	26.620.00	-13,444.93	49.5%
61514 · Internet Services, State	6,613.28	11,100.00	-4,486.72	59.6%
61515 · Computer Software	29,674.50	0.00	29,674.50	100.0%
61516 · Computer Software, State	1,497.50	7,818.00	-6,320.50	19.2%
61517 · Computer Maintenance	2,420.00 574.99	10,000.00	-7,580.00	24.2% 2.5%
61518 · Technology 61500 · Computer - Other	0.00	23,024.00 0.00	-22,449.01 0.00	0.0%
Total 61500 · Computer	60,154.98	78,562.00	-18,407.02	76.6%
Total 61000 · Operations	140,209.23	269,150.00	-128,940.77	52.1%
62000 · Equipment				
62100 · Equipment, General	117,607.02	0.00	117,607.02	100.0%
62200 · Equipment, State	12,635.24	84,050.00	-71,414.76	15.0%
62300 · Equipment Maintenance				
62310 · Contractual Services	26,227.74	10,000.00	16,227.74	262.3% 100.0%
62300 · Equipment Maintenance - Other	3,625.18	0.00	3,625.18	100.0%
Total 62300 · Equipment Maintenance	29,852.92	10,000.00	19,852.92	298.5%
62000 · Equipment - Other	-580.93	0.00	-580.93	100.0%
Total 62000 · Equipment	159,514.25	94,050.00	65,464.25	169.6%
63000 · Programs 63100 · Adult	624.60	3,000.00	-2,375.40	20.8%
63200 · Youth	4,699.08	6,000.00	-1,300.92	78.3%
63300 · Outreach	2,708.83	3,000.00	-291.17	90.3%
63400 · Foundation Restricted Funds	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
63000 · Programs - Other	592.91	1,000.00	-407.09	59.3%
Total 63000 · Programs	8,625.42	18,000.00	-9,374.58	47.9%
64000 · Personnel	05.044.07	04.700.00	5 704 00	00.70/
64010 · Salaries - Director	85,911.37 351,889.37	91,703.00 416,898.00	-5,791.63 -65,008.63	93.7% 84.4%
64020 · Salaries - Other 64030 · Hourly Employees	163,057.60	182,776.00	-19,718.40	89.2%
64050 · Payroll Expenses	54,161.56	61,533.00	-7,371.44	88.0%
64070 · Retirement (VRS)	31,590.97	36,555.00	-4,964.03	86.4%
64080 · Insurance				
64083 · Insurance, Life (VRS)	-0.57	0.00	-0.57	100.0%
64084 · Insurance, Gen, Liability (VRS) 64085 · Insurance, Medical (Anthem)	-0.26 63,873.15	0.00 0.00	-0.26 63,873.15	100.0% 100.0%
64086 · Insurance, Dental (Anthem)	1,908.19	0.00	1,908.19	100.0%
64080 · Insurance - Other	0.00	79,000.00	-79,000.00	0.0%
Total 64080 · Insurance	65,780.51	79,000.00	-13,219.49	83.3%
64090 · Liability Reserve	6,125.00	10,500.00	-4,375.00	58.3%
64100 · Staff & Volunteer Appreciation	421.96	3,000.00	-2,578.04	14.1%
64000 · Personnel - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 64000 · Personnel	758,938.34	881,965.00	-123,026.66	86.1%
65000 · Supplies 65100 · Custodial	14,916.17	20.400.00	-5,483.83	73.1%
65200 · Office	8,328.56	0.00	8,328.56	100.0%
65300 · Library	25,830.50	53,284.00	-27,453.50	48.5%
65400 · Youth Program Supplies	1,392.21	3,000.00	-1,607.79	46.4%
65500 · Archival Supplies 65000 · Supplies - Other	20,406.14 18.91	0.00	20,406.14	100.0%
Total 65000 · Supplies	70,892.49	76,684.00	-5,791.51	92.4%
66000 · Materials				
66310 · System Materials				
66311 · Books, State Aid	63,520.96	63,121.00	399.96	100.6%
66312 · Periodicals, State Aid	1,678.57	1,500.00	178.57	111.9%
66313 · Continuations, State Aid 66314 · Microforms, State Aid	360.25 0.00	500.00 500.00	-139.75 -500.00	72.1% 0.0%
66315 · Electronic Resources, State Aid	19,504.85	21,500.00	-1,995.15	90.7%
66317 · AV, State Aid	6,477.94	7,500.00	-1,022.06	86.4%
66318 · Other Non-Book, State Aid	16.26			
66320 · Cape Charles Contract #15 66310 · System Materials - Other	2,002.00 0.00	2,000.00 0.00	2.00 0.00	100.1% 0.0%
Total 66310 · System Materials	93,560.83	96,621.00	-3,060.17	96.8%
66350 · Affiliates	00.000.55	47,000,00	5.000.55	100 50/
66351 · Books, Affiliates Total 66350 · Affiliates	22,692.55	<u>17,000.00</u> 17,000.00	<u>5,692.55</u> 5,692.55	133.5%
66900 · Restricted	9,928.23	17,000.00	5,692.55	133.5%
				
Total 66000 · Materials	126,181.61	130,621.00	-4,439.39	96.6%

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	Jul '23 - May 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
67000 · Other				
67100 · Postage	1,445.01	3,000.00	-1,554.99	48.2%
67200 · Travel & Meals	3,799.44	8,000.00	-4,200.56	47.5%
67210 · Travel - State Aid	2,442.13	0.00	2,442.13	100.0%
67300 · Dues	2,921.00	3,500.00	-579.00	83.5%
67000 · Other - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 67000 · Other	10,607.58	14,500.00	-3,892.42	73.2%
68000 · Miscellaneous				
68100 · Bank Fees	2,332.99	1,000.00	1,332.99	233.3%
68300 · Refunds	36.98	300.00	-263.02	12.3%
68500 · Advertising	1,202.40	0.00	1,202.40	100.0%
68600 · Continuing Education	923.88	5,500.00	-4,576.12	16.8%
68700 · Tangier	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
68000 · Miscellaneous - Other	91,467.50	95,171.00	-3,703.50	96.1%
Total 68000 · Miscellaneous	95,963.75	102,971.00	-7,007.25	93.2%
69000 · Professional Services				
69001 · Professional Services, Financial	17,750.00	22,200.00	-4,450.00	80.0%
69002 · Professional, Library Services	34,491.97	44,040.00	-9,548.03	78.3%
69003 · Erate Consultant	4,955.04	5,720.00	-764.96	86.6%
69004 · Auditor	5,500.00	11,148.00	-5,648.00	49.3%
69000 · Professional Services - Other	8,718.50	700.00	8,018.50	1,245.5%
Total 69000 · Professional Services	71,415.51	83,808.00	-12,392.49	85.2%
69005 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 60000 · EXPENSES	1,442,348.18	1,671,749.00	-229,400.82	86.3%
Total Expense	1,442,348.18	1,671,749.00	-229,400.82	86.3%
Net Ordinary Income	21,232.21	-1.00	21,233.21	-2,123,221.0%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
7010 · Interest Income	2,354.93			
Total Other Income	2,354.93			
Other Expense				
61103 · Capital	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
8020 · Miscellaneous	1,058.44	0.00	1,058.44	100.0%
Total Other Expense	1,058.44	0.00	1,058.44	100.0%
Net Other Income	1,296.49	0.00	1,296.49	100.0%
Net Income	22,528.70	-1.00	22,529.70	-2,252,870.0%
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Report to the Accomack County Board of Supervisors – June 2024

Libraries are so much more than book-lending organizations. They are community centers that seek to engage and enlighten and even provide recreation for their constituents. The Eastern Shore Regional Library and Heritage Center hosts many programs to engage its citizenry and is open for all Shore communities.

The Heritage Center recently heard from M.K. Miles on May 30 during his presentation "Eastern Shore Families at Your Fingertips, Using the Miles Files." The database has over 121,000 records of individuals with ties to the Eastern Shore. This presentation was so popular that we are already planning Part Two.







Continuing to leverage local resources, we had two story times this month that were "close to home". Local children's author Nan Carlton visited on Saturday, May 10th for a special story time featuring her first book *Huck, Chuck, and Bruce Visit the Shore*. And on May 7th, we welcomed representatives from the Chincoteague Bay Field Station. Attendance was good, and we are always happy to highlight the plentiful resources of the Shore.

Thank you for your continued support of the Eastern Shore Public Library System.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher P. Pote

Interim System Director



Report to the Northampton County Board of Supervisors – June 2024

Libraries are so much more than book-lending organizations. They are community centers that seek to engage and enlighten and even provide recreation for their constituents. Northampton Free Public Library hosts many programs to engage its constituents and the Eastern Shore Regional Library and Heritage Center is for all Shore communities.

The Heritage Center recently heard from artist Richard Press, funeral home director Tom Godwin, and author Metty Pellicer. The conversation not only focused on some of the lost or "invisible" history of Cape Charles, but also the initiative to create a speaker's bureau and walking tour to help make this history more widely available.





And at Northampton Free Public kids, whole families, and ESPL staff had a blast at the LEGO spaceship building contest. The winning builds are currently on display for people's enjoyment and to encourage more participation in programming. Branch Manager Connor Buyrn has been doing a fantastic job of running the facility and engaging the community.

Please come out and join us at Eastern Shore Community College on June 15th as we celebrate SummerFest, the kick-off of our summer reading program, with food, fun, and games. See attached flyer.

Lastly, please note that Northampton Free Public Library will be closed June 4 for staff training; June 15 for SummerFest; and June 19th in observation of the Juneteenth holiday.

Thank you for your continued support of the Eastern Shore Public Library System.

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