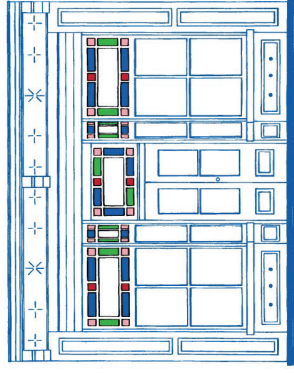


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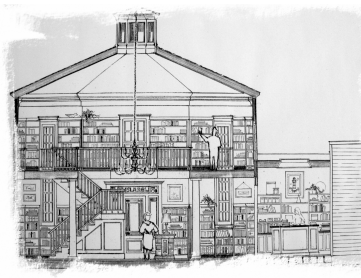
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This issue of The Chincoteague Island Library Review is dedicated to our librarian and volunteer coordinator, Harriet Lonergan who retired from the Eastern Shore Library System on July 1. Harriet's guidance and expertise have enabled our dedicated volunteers and hard-working board to provide quality library services to our residents, visitors and neighbors.

Our Past

“From Barbershop to Library: The Little Library That Could” Photographic Milestones (1982—2020)



In 1982, the Chincoteague Citizens' League purchased the Wallace Jester Barbershop and began fundraising. The Downtown Trust donated the land to enable the building to be moved to its present site. In July 1995, the library opened its doors. In 2008, the Town donated land for expansion and the groundbreaking was held. In 2010, the newly expanded library began serving the community with expanded programs and services.

Our Present

Children's Programs: **Tales 4 Tots**, weekly story time for preschoolers, experienced record growth and attendance from September through March until the programs were placed on hold due to COVID-19 health and safety concerns. Pictured below are some of the highlights.



Capt. Greenley Reads



A Visit to the Museum



Accomack Co. School Bus



Visit to new CVFC

"Lubbock's Learners": Summer Reading Challenge for K - 12 students began May 15 until August 15. Students were encouraged to read at home, log their time, and enter a drawing for prizes. A bag of school supplies was given to all students who completed the program. This program is made possible through the generosity of the owners of Lubbock, a beloved pet who passed away in 2018.

Chincoteague Elementary Reading Award: We instituted a new program to encourage students to read in school. This is a collaborative effort between the library and the Chincoteague Elementary School.



Adult Programs: A **Weekly Tech Hour** was held in the Theatre Annex from October through March. Classes were held in basic computer skills, Microsoft Word and Excel, Ravelry, photography, and memoir writing. This program was made possible through a grant from The United Way of the Eastern Shore. These and other computer programs will begin as soon as it is deemed safe for instructors and participants.



Our monthly book clubs have gone through several transitions from meeting together pre-COVID, meeting virtually on ZOOM, and meeting together with social distancing. Nancy's Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. Please call the library for the upcoming topic and further information. We're always looking for new book club members, please join us!

Our future

Endowment Fund: The Library's future depends upon the health of its Endowment Fund, a charitable trust managed and operated by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation. This fall, we were issued a 25th Anniversary matching Challenge to raise \$25,000 by year-end. In January, a grant was made by the David Landsberger Fund of the Hampton Roads Community Foundation for \$25,000. Donations of \$1,000 or more are earmarked for the endowment fund, acknowledged on a bronze plaque, and will help ensure the library thrives for years to come.



Gifts In Kind: There are many other ways to donate! John Amrhein Jr. donates his book, *The Hidden Galleon* and Sandy Tabor embroiders bookmarks for us to sell. David Landsberger donated 2 new circulation desk computers through a grant from his foundation. Additionally, our dedicated volunteers help to keep our library open. We are so appreciative of ALL gifts both large and small!



Letter from the Board

Dear Friends:

We need your support now more than ever.

The Library experienced a banner year until mid-March when COVID-19 safety concerns forced the cancellation of all our programs and fundraising events. Despite the closure the library continues to serve the community. We have been experiencing record circulation numbers due in part to on-line reserves and porch pick-up. Taking rigid safety precautions and following State and Local guidelines, the library reopened to the public in July.

Your donations enable us to continue to serve our residents, visitors, and neighbors. In addition to purchasing books, computers, printers, and supplies - your generosity covers our expenses for 24/7 Wi-Fi, utilities, insurance, and maintenance of our beautiful building and grounds.

Please help us continue to provide quality library services to the entire community by taking a moment now to return your tax-deductible gift. Simply cut off the section below on the dotted line and return in the enclosed envelope. Thank you.

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☐ YES! I'd like to support the 2020-2021 Annual Friends' Drive.

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Thank you for your ongoing support of our Chincoteague Island Library!