



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Northumberland Public Library

MAY 2022

Happy Summer! Newsletters take a lot of time but are so important for us to get the news out to all of our wonderful supporters and patrons. Since our publicist has now moved on to some great Podcast opportunities, it falls to staff to get these newsletters together and out to all of you. So, you are holding my second attempt at putting together the news for Northumberland Public Library. There is so much happening this summer that rather than make this a lengthy missive to you, I am going to jump right into the activities that are happening in the next three months. We hope to see you at any or all of these free events!!
Happy reading!

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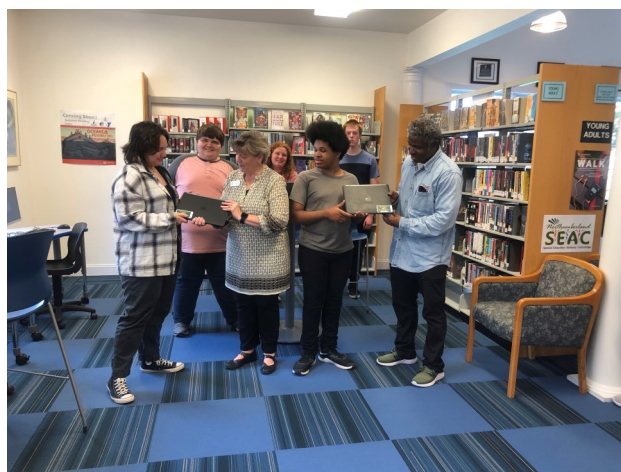
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VA STAR Students Supporting Our Community

Northumberland Public Library and our community recently benefited from the VA Star program. Partnering with the students from Northumberland County High Schools advanced computer sciences class, teacher Jay Lightfoot and his students donated 18 computers to Northumberland Public Library. These computers will be given to patrons who need the opportunity to connect but cannot afford to purchase their own computer or perhaps have one that no longer works and struggle financially to replace it. The computers are part of the Virginia Student Training and Refurbishment program. Students in Mr. Lightfoot’s class learn how to disassemble the computers, recondition them and put them back together again in good working order, ready to go to a new home. This year they received 200 computers, over 100 went to Grenada and St. Kitts, two Islands devastated by storms this past year. The students had the opportunity to give a presentation at the CariCom conference in February to 22 Caribbean Ambassadors. “The opportunity to give back to the community is so important,” Alexandra Steele, tenth grade student shared. “I want to go into computer science in college and I really like that we can help the community”. (cont. on page 2)

Pictured L to R: Alexandra Steele, William Rose, Library Director Jane Blue, Haley Schackelford, Micheal Jones, Henry Patterson III and Library Community Outreach Supervisor Arthur Newman.



Led by teacher Jay Lightfoot, the students have had the opportunity to see their hard work pay off. Northumberland Public Library has given out 8 computers from a donation earlier in the year. Arthur Newman, Library Outreach Supervisor, shared how one patron was so thankful that she cried and asked if she could hug him because she could not at this time afford to buy a computer.

Mr. Lightfoot lives by the adage “if you do the right things, for the right reasons, good things will follow”. “When the partnership with Mr. Lightfoot’s class began we never thought about how much it would grow”, shared Library Director Jane Blue. “Since our first conversation we have had the students not only donate computers through us to those in need, but they now come one or two at a time on Monday’s to help us with our free computer classes. We are so thrilled to be able to work with them.”

“It’s great to be in a program to help people to have more knowledge in the computer world”, senior Micheal Jones shared. He plans to take a year to work after graduation before hopefully pursuing a degree and work in a computer field.

The students still have more computers to work on and, although two from the program will graduate this year, the rest will be coming back to Northumberland High School in the fall and hope that they can continue this work by perhaps turning it into an afterschool club. As Alexandra shared, “There are thousands of people around the world who have benefited from this program and it is gratifying to know that through our efforts people from our own community can benefit as well”.



Pictured L to R: Henry Patteron III, Sophia Sapanara, Haley Schackelford, Alexandra Steele, Library Director Jane Blue and Outreach Supervisor Arthur S. Newman

In May the students returned with a \$1000.00 check to use toward the installation of a power pole in the computer area and a large screen TV for programs in the meeting room. Henry Patterson III shared that this program really helped him learn better collaboration skills and a better knowledge of computer software. He will be a senior in the fall and hopes that the VA STAR program can be an after school club that will draw in more students.

We are so thrilled to be partnering with the students from this program and hope that we can continue this collaboration in the fall. The students are helping us with our computer classes on Monday’s and have really impacted our ability to provide free computers to those who need them and can’t purchase them on their own. If you see any

of the students, Mr. Lightfoot or High School Principle, Dr. Burns, be sure to say Thank you!

Reminder: Northumberland Public Library will be closed for the following Holidays this summer:

Monday May 30th: Memorial Day

Monday June 20th: Juneteenth

Saturday July 2nd and Monday July 4th: Independence Day



Summer Reading 2022 is here! We have some new things planned for You at NPL this summer and we hope you will join us!



Both in person and virtual programs will be offered this summer.



***Checkers Library TV** will return this summer with **Deep Sea Readers**. A new virtual episode will be posted each Monday in June and July, featuring field trips with Checkers and Snoozer as well as a craft, book recommendations and more.

***Sand & Sea Virtual Story Time** with Mrs. Smith will be offered every other week. Virtual programs can be viewed from the library's website, Facebook page, or YouTube channel. After they are posted, you can watch any time for the rest of the summer.

We are looking forward to welcoming children to the library this summer. Events will include-

***Sand & Sea Story Time** for younger children every other week. There will be stories, crafts, and fun activities.

***Read to the Dogs** is a popular activity every summer.

***A Craft Day** with crafts for preschool and elementary artists.

***LEGO Build** will challenge children to build a specific item and give some free-build time too.



***Explore the Bay series.** This series will help our children learn about what makes the Northern Neck special! Hands-on activities included.

Learning the Ropes Fun with the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. We'll learn to tie nautical knots and build a boat model.

Something Fishy How do you fish for menhaden?...and more, with Omega Protein.

How Do You Grow an Oyster? The Tidewater Oyster Growers Association will help us learn how it happens.



***Take & Make Bags** Pick up a monthly bag of activities for Preschoolers and elementary students.

Performers will return this year! These special events will be held at the YMCA so there is room for everyone. **All events are on Friday mornings at 10AM.**

***June 3 - Pirates: Lost at Sea** presented by **Talewise**. Science and story combined in a fun way! Volunteers from the audience will help with experiments that 'ARR' sure to amaze you.



***July 15 - Deep Sea Biology**, a presentation from a research manager at the **Virginia Institute of Marine Science**. She has been with us before and is excited to return. There will be deep sea specimens to view.

***August 5 - Oceans of Fun with Rainbow Puppets.** A fast-paced musical review featuring creatures that live in and around the ocean and Virginia waterways. Lots of audience participation!



There are reading challenges for all ages- children, teens and adults! The entire family will be able to log their reading on **Beanstack**, using either our **Beanstack** website or a free app for your mobile device. Instructions will be available on nplibraryva.org or pick up a print copy at the library. We think you'll love it!...but print copies of all logs will be available as well.

We're looking forward to a full summer of activities and to seeing you this summer!

Event Calendar

Red=Virtual event watch on website, Facebook or YouTube

Black=In-person event

June 3 **Pirates: Lost at Sea** Special Event 10:00 am at YMCA
June 6 **Checkers Library TV- Our Home, Our Earth**
June 8 Sand & Sea Story Time- Ocean Wonders 10:00 am
June 9 LEGO Build Challenge 1:00 pm
June 13 **Checkers Library TV- Look at That!**
June 15 Read to the Dogs 10-11 am
June 15 **Sand & Sea Virtual Story Time- Fish Tales**
June 16 Learning the Ropes 1:00 pm
June 20 **Checkers Library TV- Batten Down the Hatches**
June 22 Sand & Sea Story Time- Come Sail Away 10:00 am
June 23 LEGO Challenge Build 1:00 pm
June 27 **Checkers Library TV- Creatures of the Sea**
June 29 Read to the Dogs 10-11 am
June 29 **Sand & Sea Virtual Story Time- Shark!**
June 30 Beachcomber Crafts 1-3 pm

July 4 **Checkers Library TV- Beachin'**
July 6 Sand & Sea Story Time- Toes in the Sand 10:00 am
July 7 Family Game Day 10:00 am-4:00 pm
July 11 **Checkers Library TV- Out to Sea**
July 13 Read to the Dogs 10-11 am
July 13 **Sand & Sea Virtual Story Time- So Crabby!**
July 14 How Do You Grow an Oyster? 1:00 pm
July 15 **Deep Sea Biology** Special Event 10:00 am at YMCA
July 18 **Checkers Library TV- Which Way to Read**
July 20 Sand & Sea Story Time- Down by the Bay 10:00 am
July 21 Something Fishy 1:00 pm
July 23 Everyone is an Artist Teen Painting Party 10:30 am
July 25 **Checkers Library TV- Shiver Me Timbers**
July 27 Read to the Dogs 10-11 am
July 27 **Sand & Sea Virtual Story Time- The Little Mermaid**
July 28 LEGO Challenge Build 1:00 pm

Aug. 3 Sand & Sea Story Time- Walk the Plank 10:00 am
Aug. 4 Build a Sea Creature 1:00 pm



**Dive in...to reading
this summer!**

There is a reading challenge
for everyone!

Little Sea Stars Toddlers-5 year olds
Students PreK-Grade 5 Earn **Brag Tags!**
Teen Challenge Middle & High School
Adult Challenge age 18+

**Build a Sea Creature Work-
shop**

Thursday, August 4 1:00
pm Choose your 15" sea
creature to stuff and love

**Sign-up and
\$5 payment
required by July 18**

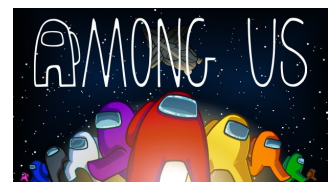


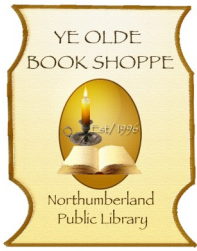


**Among Us on the High Seas! Friday August 12 5-7 PM
Teen Program Grades 6-12**

Ye'r invited to a special Among Us on the High Seas set to the theme of pirates. Thar be tasks that you will have to complete, but watch out, thar be imposters among us who are looking to sabotage the mission. Even worse these scallywags are seeking to do each of ye in. If ye catch them in the dastardly deed ye can spoil their plot.

Mutineers will be dealt with swiftly, aye shark bait comes to mind, as er walk the plank. We will put all stowaways to work, don't ye fear, all laddies and lassies are welcome. We will set sail Friday night August 12th 2022. This will be a teen night you won't want to miss me hearties. Aye, ye will get to feast on the finest grub and drink the rarest grog.





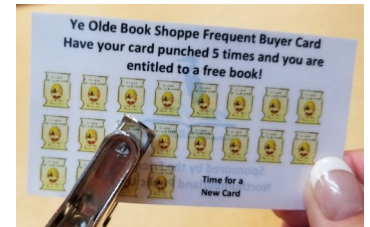
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Ye Old Book Shop is located at 7202 Northumberland Hwy, Heathsville VA .

We are open Wednesday through Friday 10-4 and Saturday's 10-2

Ye Olde Book Shoppe began in 2014 as a place to sell used books and benefit the Library and Community. Run by volunteers, the Shoppe sells used books donated by the public and books that have been de-assentioned from the Library. What does not sell, goes to Thrift Books in Baltimore to be sold and the Library receives 50% of the profits. Book donations are taken at the Book Shoppe during operating hours only.



Did you know we have an Instagram Page, a FaceBook page and a YouTube Page? We are hoping to get 100 subscribers on our YouTube page so that we can change the name to Northumberland Public Library. You can help by subscribing, just click on the subscribe button on our YouTube page. You can access all three by visiting our Website and clicking on the icons in the top right corner. They look like this:



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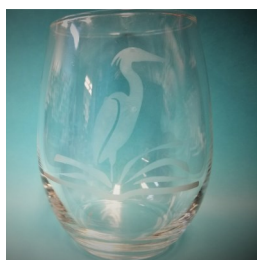
Tote Bags \$15 Hats \$15

Summer Reading T-shirts
2022 \$6 or 2021 \$3



Stemless Wine Glasses \$10 each

Coffee Mugs: \$10 each



Library Polo : \$15



Mobile Library News

We are thrilled to be traveling into the community more this summer with our Mobile Library. Below is our Mobile Library schedule through August. Want us at your event?

Contact Jblue@nplibraryva.org or Anewman@nplibraryva.org or call 804-580-5051 and talk to Jane or Arthur about adding your event to our calendar today.

JUNE	Where	Time
June 2	Kingdom Kids	9:30-11:30
June 4	Irvington Farmers Market	9:00-1:00
June 7	YMCA Heathsville	9:30-11:30
June 8	Callao	1:00-4:00
June 9	Gleamers and Blenders	9:30-12:00
June 9	Festival Hall Reedville	1:00-4:00
June 15	Boys and Girls Club Burgess	1:00-3:00
June 16	Gleamers and Blender	9:30-12:00
June 16	Festival Hall Reedville	1:00-4:00
June 18	Heathsville Farmer's Market	9:00-1:00
June 21	YMCA Heathsville	9:30-11:30
June 22	Callao	1:00-4:00
June 23	Gleamers and Blenders	9:30-12:00
June 23	Festival Hall Reedville	1:00-4:00
June 29	Boys and Girls Club Burgess	1:00-3:00

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July 2	Irvington Farmers Market	9:00-1:00
July 5	YMCA Heathsville	9:30-11:30
July 6	Callao	1:00-4:00
July 7	Kingdom Kids	9:30-11:30
July 13	Boys and Girls Club Burgess	1:00-3:00
July 14	Gleamers and Blenders	9:30-12:00
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July 21	Gleamers and Blenders	9:30-12:00
July 21	Festival Hall Reedville	1:00-4:00
July 27	Callao	1:00-4:00

AUGUST	Where	Time
August 2	YMCA Heathsville	9:30-11:30
August 3	Boys and Girls Club Burgess	1:00-3:00
August 4	Kingdom Kids	9:30-11:30
August 6	Irvington Farmers Market	9:00-1:00
August 10	Callao	1:00-4:00
August 11	Gleamers and Blenders	9:30-12:00
August 11	Festival Hall Reedville	1:00-4:00
August 18	Gleamers and Blenders	9:30-12:00
August 18	Festival Hall Reedville	1:00-4:00
August 20	Heathsville Farmers Market	9:00-1:00
August 24	Callao	1:00-4:00
August 25	Gleamers and Blenders	9:30-12:00
August 25	Festival Hall Reedville	1:00-4:00



Get to know your Library Staff:

Jane Blue: Library Director

Cate Land: Customer Service Supervisor

Arthur S. Newman: Community Outreach Supervisor

Alison Towles: Librarian

Marilyn Smith: Children's Program Coordinator

Hannah Jett: Children's Program Assistant

Andrea Trescott: Library Assistant

Kara Goodrow: Library Assistant

Sandy Heath: Library Assistant

T.T. Haynie: Library Assistant and Mobile Library Driver

Karen Whelan: IT Specialist

Kathy Lewis: Bookkeeper

Gay Posey: On Call-Library Assistant



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