

Summer Newsletter

Northumberland Public Library

June 2023

There are not many seasons in the year I don't like, maybe in the dead of winter when its really cold or maybe in the high heat of summer when I would rather be in the air conditioning but for the most part I love the different seasons and summer is no exception!



June is when we launch into summer reading and all of the fun programs, many sponsored by our Friends of the Library. Later in this newsletter you will find information on all we have to offer, from teen and adult Bingo to a Teen Escape room to story times and special events at the YMCA.

Arthur is going to be out and about on the Mobile Library and our new Children and Youth Services Coordinator, Nicole Carrington, will be making the rounds as well.

I hope you will make it a point to stop by the Library and check out some of our summer reading fun as well as get a few books to read.



As always we are here to serve you and we thank you for your support!

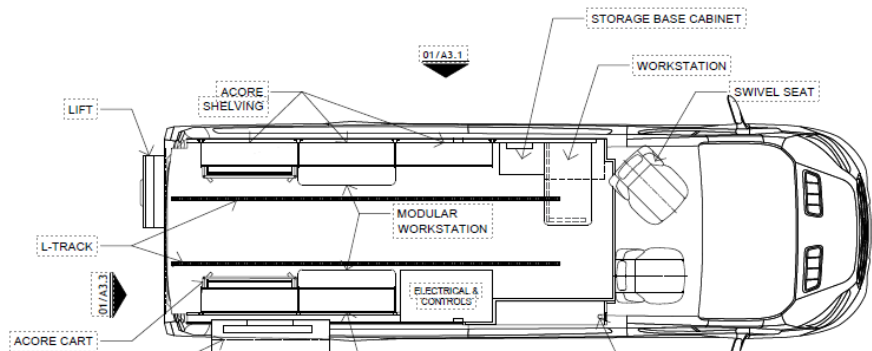
Happy reading!

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New Mobile Library In Progress

Our New Mobile Library is now a work in progress and we are in touch weekly with the folks at TechOps in Stevensville, MD. We are hoping to take delivery by the beginning of July and then we will be working on the wrap which is being designed by Barbara Brecher, a local artist and friend of the Library. Check out the sketch below of the interior, this is just one of many we received before work began. We are most excited about the monitor on the outside as well as external plugs for charging stations. We will no longer have to run the engine to power the generator. Our interior lights and the items we need for service will all be powered by a battery pack connected to a solar panel. More environmentally friendly for everyone. I hope you will come celebrate with us when we get ready for our launch. In the meantime, donations are still needed to help cover the cost of upgrading and the wrap. If you are interested, stop by to see the rest of the drawings.



A sketch of the interior layout

Monthly Happenings at the Library

Computer Classes Every Monday 3-5 PM

No sign up required, bring your own computer or use one of ours, phone and iPad help too! No class when the Library is closed. Questions? Contact Arthur Newman.



Make your **Genealogy Research Appointment** today. 30-minute appointments can be made with Andrea Trescott on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month or Friday afternoons from 1:30-4:30 PM. Call 804-580-5051 or email

atrescott@nplibraryva.org for more information

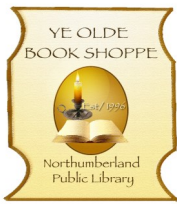
THANK YOU MRS. SMITH

On May 20th we said a fond farewell to Marilyn Smith our Children's Program coordinator for the past 6 years. Marilyn and Dave are moving to St. Louis to live closer to their sweet granddaughter. She tells me she may work part-time for a Library but not for a while. Any Library will be lucky to have her and she will be greatly missed. Marilyn was instrumental in so many of our wonderful programs here at NPL to include a robust summer reading program, a fall festival and so much more. Incoming Children and Youth Services Coordinator Nicole Carrington had the opportunity to spend about 2 weeks learning the ropes before Marilyn headed out. Nicole just moved back to the United States after teaching English as a Second language in Japan. "Hi, I'm Nicole Carrington. I'm a well-travelled reader who has gone from the west of Colorado and Wyoming to the east of Japan. I enjoy travelling and reading a good fantasy/

sci-fi book. If you don't find me in the children's or YA sections of the library, you'll probably find me in back making crafts or preparing crafts at my Disney-fied desk! I'm looking forward to helping everyone I can and working for the library!"

Thank you Marilyn for your service and welcome Nicole!





Ye Olde Book Shoppe Update

Many people have stopped by to inquire about our book shop and the status. To date we are in a holding pattern. Insurance companies are not the easiest to deal with and this one is no exception. We are hoping that brick work will begin in the next week or so and once that is completed we can work on the inside. I know many are anxious to make donations and many of our volunteers are ready to get back to serving our customers. Be patient, we will be back, better than ever!



New Book Drop in Callao

Did you know we have remote book drops throughout Northumberland County?

Our newest one in the parking lot at Tootsies Diner in Callao is checked every Friday morning. We also have book drops in the Lillian Retail store in Burgess which is checked on Wednesday morning and in the Wicomico Church Post Office, checked on Friday afternoon and over the weekend.

If you can't get to us feel free to drop your NPL items only in one of these convenient locations!



Get to know your Library Staff:

Jane Blue: Library Director

Cate Land: Customer Service Supervisor

Arthur S. Newman: Community Outreach Supervisor

Alison Towles: Librarian

Nicole Carrington: Children & Youth Services Coordinator/Outreach Assistant

Hannah Jett: Children's Program Assistant

Andrea Trescott: Library Assistant

Kara Goodrow: Library Assistant

Sandy Heath: Library Assistant

Karen Whelan: IT Specialist

Kathy Lewis: Bookkeeper

Gay Posey: On Call-Library Assistant



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Northumberland Public Library 2023 Summer Reading



Read Together this Summer!

Reading challenges for everyone!

Children's Challenge Babies-Grade 5 Earn **Brag Tags!**
alternate prizes for younger readers

Teen Challenge Middle & High School - Play **Book BINGO**

Adult Challenge age 18+ - Play **Book BINGO**

Log books read from **May 31 - Aug. 13**



Track reading at nplibraryva.beanstack.org or download
the free "Beanstack" app on your mobile device.

Have questions?

Visit nplibraryva.org or pick up an instruction sheet.

Paper reading logs also available.



Friends Together! Story Time

Stories, crafts, songs & fun
for ages 3 & up

Tuesdays at 10:00 am
from **June 13 - August 1**



Special Community Helpers Story Times:

Meet our Northumberland County helpers!

June 20 - Sheriff's Office & patrol car

July 11 - Emergency Medical Services & ambulance

July 25 - Callao Volunteer Fire Dept. & fire truck



Middle School, High School & Adults:

Play **BINGO** and be entered to win prizes!



Play on Beanstack or pick up
a paper copy at the library.



Northumberland Public Library 2023 Summer Reading



Special Events

for all ages

Fridays - 10:00 AM

at the Northumberland Family YMCA
6348 Northumberland Hwy, Heathsville



June 16
**Jonathan Austin's
24 Hour Emergency
Juggling and Magic
Service**

The name says it all!



July 14
**Science Heroes:
Saving Earth Together**

with **Talewise**
Science and stories collide!
Audience members work with the
performer to stop a super
polluting mastermind!



July 28
Birds of Prey
with **Earthquest**
Features a variety of
live birds in a unique
demonstration.



Other Events

June 22 - 3:00 pm Kindness Rocks!

Paint a rock to share and help spread kindness!



June 29 - 3:00 pm We've Got Rhythm

Music & movement with Barbara Hays, NES music teacher

July 6 - 3:00 pm

Little Red & the Big Bully Wolf

Bright Star Theatre gives a virtual show retelling
of Little Red and her friends focused on
friendship and kindness



July 13 - 3:00 pm Let's Play Together!

Join us in the backyard for an afternoon of fun games!

July 20 & 27 - 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Create a Book from Cover to Cover

Let your imagination go as you join Arthur
Newman on July 20th to learn to write your
own story. Then come July 27th to join
Barbara Brecher, a one-of-a-kind book
designer, to create your own book cover!



Our partners...



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Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Northumberland Public Library 2023 Summer Reading



Teen Escape Room
Friday, Aug. 4 at 5:00 - 7:00



You have been recruited by a scientist, along with several other students who were looking for some extra cash. You were chosen to take part in an experiment to increase cognitive response time. At least, that is what you and the others were told.

Mysteriously, each of you blacked out during the experiment and when you woke, you found yourselves trapped in the scientist's laboratory.

Each of you discovered an incision on the right side of the temple. Upon discovering that all of you were nothing more than lab rats, soon your life will not be your own. You are in a race against time before you all become brain dead animatrons.



Check out our social media pages:

YouTube [@northumberlandpubliclibrary](https://www.youtube.com/northumberlandpubliclibrary)

Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/northumberland.library/>,

Or like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/northumberlandlibrary>

Scam Alert-Don't be scammed by the scammer!

Top Eight Scams

- Advanced Fee
- Tech Support
- Phishing
- Emergency
- IRS or Government
- Foreign Money Exchange
- Counterfeit Cashier's Checks
- Bogus Debts



I hope you like your money more than the persons behind these popular scams. You don't have to be a victim. There are a handful of tips to help you spot one of these pesky rip offs.

To think one phone call, text message, or email could spell financial ruin for an unscrupulous person is unfathomable, but this threat is real. Here at Northumberland Public Library we provide practical suggestions and steps you can take to avoid the above fraudulent activities.

Before you answer that call, text message, or email stop in and ask our local techie if it is worth your hard earned money. We provide thirty minute appointments with someone who has been in the IT industry for thirty eight years. We also have an electronics, cellphone, and computer class on Mondays from 3-5, except holidays.

Tip: If you are not sure if you are about to be scammed. Take a screenshot of the suspected fraudulent activity, bring it to the library and let us investigate it for you. If you are not sure how to take a screenshot stop by and let us show you.



INFLATION-BUSTING LOTTERY

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

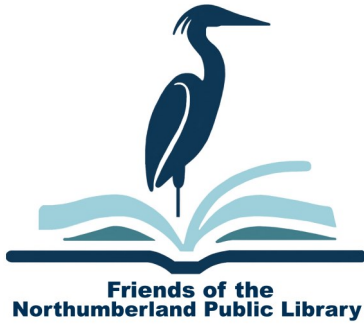
Tickets are only \$100 each and can be split among purchasers!

\$5000.00 Grand Prize

6 \$500.00 First Place prizes

Winners will be drawn at the Heathsville Farmers Market on September 16th in front of the Ye Olde Book Shoppe Philosophers tent!

Sponsored by the Friends of Northumberland Public Library, all proceeds benefit Northumberland Public Library.



Friends of Northumberland Public Library Launch Membership Drive Lottery Tickets Go On Sale By Cheryl Reed

The nonprofit Friends of Northumberland Public Library is launching a membership drive to increase financial support for the public library in Heathsville. The library depends on money raised by the Friends nonprofit to buy books for its mobile library, to pay for summer interns, underwrite a summer reading program, and fund all special programs at the library, such as visiting author talks and a family fun night.

Last year the Northumberland Library received a little less than half of its \$420,000 operating budget from the county and about 20 percent from the state. The rest was made up by private donations and funds raised by Friends.

“I cannot do special programs without the Friends’ support,” said Jane Blue, Northumberland librarian. “I am so thankful for everything they do. Whenever I’ve needed something, they’ve always stepped forward and are willing to support it.”

The biggest source of the Friends’ contributions comes from the Ye Olde Book Shoppe, a used bookstore at 7072 Northumberland Highway in Heathsville. But that financial source was paused after a car struck the side wall of the building March 22, forcing the store to close for repairs. It was the third time in 14 months that the building has been struck by cars and the store forced to close for months during necessary reconstruction. In April, the book shop lost \$800 in revenue while still having to pay rent.

Last year Ye Olde Book Shoppe raised \$24,397 for the Northumberland library. So far, this fiscal year beginning in July, the bookstore has raised \$20,000 but was forced to close again last fall in September and October for building repairs after a car hit the building and then again after this latest accident in March. Blue said she doesn’t know when repairs will be completed and the bookstore can reopen.

The closure comes at a critical time for the library as it is currently raising money for a new mobile library van, which costs \$213,000 fully retrofitted as a library with books. Private donations have raised \$170,000 for the van so far. But the library still lacks \$43,000. The library’s current mobile van has required repeated costly repairs and the generator runs on gas. The new van generator uses lithium batteries and a solar panel.

On April 23, the Friends raised \$1,100 for signage for the mobile library by hosting an English Tea at the library. The sold-out event was so popular that the Friends plans to host future teas to raise money.

Another popular fundraising event the Friends nonprofit is sponsoring this summer is the library lottery. This year’s lottery is called the “2023 Inflation Busting Lottery” and the Friends will be selling 300 tickets. The grand prize is \$5,000; six runner-up prizes of \$500 will be given. Tickets are \$100 a piece but be purchased collectively with friends and family. The lottery winners will be drawn at the Sept. 16 Heathsville Farmers Market.

Friends’ annual memberships are \$20 for a single, \$35 for a family and \$100 for a benefactor. Benefits of membership are a free book after five book purchases and a gift certificate for benefactors. Members are invited to all events at the library, including a volunteer dinner in the spring and an appreciation lunch in the fall. For more information, visit: <https://nplibraryva.org/friends/> or check out Friends of Northumberland Public Library Facebook page. Membership applications are available at the library.