

Friends of the South Coastal Library
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Director's Report



Hello all---

First and foremost, thank you all so much for the wonderful lunch you brought the library staff for National Library Week. It was a right spot for everyone—strong support and great sandwiches--the perfect team. And the cookies were awesome.

And happy National Volunteer Week! All the work you do to make the library the best it can be for our community is amazing.

Right now, we are holding our own and doing OK. We have lost more programming partners, including the DE Humanities Forum, which was a great resource for speakers. A Creative Aging Through the Arts initiative has been canceled. I don't know what effect this will have on Delaware right now, they also provided art series through the state, but we had no contracts with this for this year.

And for anyone that uses our e-Book collection, Overdrive (uses the Libby app), there is an additional e-book service called Hoopla. You can get up to 4 books a month for free through it. For whatever ill-thought-out reason, Hoopla decided that now would be a good time to raise prices on the e-books. Where Overdrive is subscription-based, Hoopla charges per title usage. And they've increased some of the titles to \$3 or more a "read." So those titles are no longer available to the state—it's just too overbudget, especially with what is happening now. So if you can't find a title that you thought was on Hoopla—or the quantity of the title says "0"—it means it is unavailable due to cost. But it's still better than losing complete access.

If you have any questions, be sure to let me know. And I look forward to being at the next meeting, in a perfect medical world.

Susanne Keefe, director

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