

**Friends of the South Coastal Library
President's Report
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 7:00PM**

Donations Report

We have received \$450 in donations since the March Board meeting. In addition, the checks from the DoMore24 campaign (\$1,345) and the Fire and Ice Festival (\$8,000) were received and deposited.

Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Event

The Library is holding an event on the Bethany Beach bandstand on Monday, June 16th to kick-off the summer reading program. The staff has invited FOSCL to have an info table at the event which will consist of a show by Cascading Carlos on the bandstand at 7pm, followed by a movie on the beach at dusk. I will be looking for help staffing the table at the event.

Elimination of IMLS

The elimination of the IMLS per a march 14, 2025 Executive Order will have a significant impact on libraries nationwide; IMLS is the only dedicated source of federal funding for libraries. Through its Grants to States program, it distributes Congressionally appropriated funds to all 50 states which are then allocated amongst each state's public library system.

You can learn more here: <https://www.ala.org/faq-executive-order-targeting-impls>

UPDATE:

April 4—Twenty-one state Attorneys General filed suit over the dismantling of IMLS

April 7—American Library Association and AFSCME field suit against the administration over the dismantling of IMLS

April 10—ALA's attorneys filed a preliminary injunction in DC court to stop the dismantling

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 1: Dine and Donate

Saturday, May 10: monthly Book Sale, 10am–noon

Saturday, June 14: monthly Book Sale, 10am–noon

Monday, June 16: Summer Reading Kick-off Event,
Bethany Beach bandstand

Tuesday, June 24: next FOSCL Board meeting, 7pm

