

Friends of the South Coastal Library
June 24, 2025
Director's Report



Hello all---

- 🐱 The county's FY26 budget is out (available at <https://county-sussex-de-clear.doc.cleargov.com/15105/515841/d> --you can request the full budget in PDF format be emailed to you by ClearGov, using the PDF tab on the left). And our library looks to be in good shape, assuming the state aid stays as predicted. If state aid has dropped in the past, the county makes up the difference. Due to the state of affairs between the federal and state governments, we won't know the funding level there till the state passes/publishes their budget, usually on or about June 30th. So we are still crossing fingers.
- 🐱 On June 12, 2025, the same judge that gave a temporary restraining order against Trump's dismantling of IMLS denied the ALA's request to a preliminary injunction, which undoes the block. At least 21 states were part of this request. The case now goes to the US District Court for DC.
- 🐱 The online craft website CreativeBug will be continuing. FOSCL is currently funding it at \$500 a year, with approximately 100 patrons using it at any given time. CreativeBug was owned by JoAnn's Fabrics, which has gone bankrupt. But Golden Peak Media has purchased CreativeBug and we continue for at least this year—a happy outcome.
- 🐱 Assuming the HVAC makes it through the summer, we should be good for the Tour Party on July 18th. The library will close at 2pm to the public for party prep till 5pm. We are also able to do some prepping before 2pm, just depends on what you need.
- 🐱 The Volunteer Appreciation Brunch will be on Friday, Nov. 21, 2025, from 10am to 12noon at Lighthouse Sound in Bishopville, MD. Mark your calendars!
- 🐱 The Summer Reading Program is in full swing! There are reading challenges for all ages. To register, just go to our website, look under the What's Happening column and click on 2025 Summer Reading! (Please try it—stats make us so happy.)

Susanne Keefe, director

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