

## **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S READING FOREVER FUND**

### **AWARDS GRANTS FOR WICOMICO SCHOOL BOOKS**

*Over \$43,000 awarded since 1994 to promote reading, literacy*

(April 18, 2005) – Twenty-six public and private schools in Wicomico County received \$5,164 this year from “The Reading Forever Fund” at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

Since 1994, the fund has provided grants for over \$43,000 to school libraries and classrooms in Wicomico County. The fund was established in 1991 by Marilyn C. Seidel and her late husband, Samuel, “to instill and foster a love of reading among the youth of Wicomico County.”

Each year, county public schools and eligible private schools serving students K-12 contribute funds to build the endowment fund. Grants are then distributed based on student enrollment.

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is a charitable foundation dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties by building charitable endowments, maximizing benefits to donors, making effective grants and providing leadership in addressing community needs.