

Wicomico Schools receive support from Samuel W. Seidel Reading Forever Endowment Fund

10th Anniversary of Fund brings expanded grantmaking

Twenty-four public schools and two private schools in Wicomico County are sharing \$7,660 from the Samuel W. Seidel Memorial Reading Forever Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

The late Samuel W. Seidel believed that encouraging reading helped students achieve in school and later, in life. Mr. Seidel had been a teacher at Wicomico High School, who went on to become a highly successful businessman and respected local civic leader. He and his wife, Marilyn, established the Reading Forever Fund in 1991. The fund's goal is to instill and foster a love of reading among Wicomico County youth by purchasing books, other than textbooks, and providing them to school libraries and classroom book collections.

Beaver Run, Chipman, Delmar, East Salisbury, Fruitland Primary, Fruitland Intermediate, Glen Avenue, North Salisbury, Northwestern, Pemberton, Pinehurst, Pittsville, Prince Street, West Salisbury, Westside Primary, Westside Intermediate, Willards, Bennett Middle, Bennett Senior, Mardela Middle and High, Parkside, Salisbury Middle, Wicomico Middle and Wicomico High were the public school recipients.

Salisbury Christian School and Salisbury School were the private school recipients.

Marilyn Seidel helped distribute the 26 checks Feb. 8 in recognition of the tenth anniversary of the fund's first distribution. Each year, the Seidels have provided several thousand dollars to local schools, and Mrs. Seidel has expanded the fund's scope to benefit all state-approved schools in Wicomico County, public and private, which offer kindergarten through 12th grade studies and wish to participate.

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore works to improve the quality of life in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties by building charitable funds like the Reading Forever Fund, maximizing benefits to donors, making effective grants, and providing leadership to address community needs. For information about how to support the Reading Forever endowment, or how to start a fund of your own, call the Foundation office at (410) 742-9911 or explore the donor menu of this website.

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