Census 2020

Help your community: Work for the U.S. Census Bureau! The U.S. Census Bureau is currently hiring for the 2020 Census. The positions are temporary with varying pay ranges. For Census Takers residing in Oceana County, the pay starts at $21.00/hour. By working for the Census Bureau, our community has a special opportunity to help make the 2020 Census an accurate and complete count. There are so many reasons our nation needs to be counted completely and accurately. The count happens every 10 years with the decennial census, which influences how more than $675 billion from more than 100 federal programs are distributed to states and localities each year. Here’s some of what census numbers effect: Medicaid, school lunch programs, community development grants, road and school construction, medical services, and business locations. Many people choose not to fill out their Census for various reasons. They may be unaware that each person is worth $1800 to their community; they may not be aware that their responses to the Census are kept completely confidential for 72 years and cannot be used against them. Census Takers help explain the important of being counted, help individuals complete and submit their Census form, and are sworn to protect any personal information they collect. If you’re interested in a job, please visit the Census Bureau job site to apply. You’ll also be able to see descriptions and frequently asked questions at 2020cen-sus.gov/jobs. Feel free to spread the word to someone in your network who may be looking for a job. Working for the Census Bureau is a unique opportunity!

“Information helps you to see that you’re not alone. That there’s somebody in Mississippi and somebody in Tokyo who all have wept, who’ve all longed and lost, who’ve all been happy. So the library helps you to see, not only that you are not alone, but that you’re not really any different from everyone else.”

—Maya Angelou

Next Library Board Meeting: Tuesday February 25 at 5pm
Next Friends of the Library Meeting: Thurs. April 16 at 5pm
Notes from Friends

At our quarterly meeting held January 9, the Friends of S.A.D.L. were happy to approve sending $1,230 to the United Way of Lakeshore to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Fund. This donation honors the memory of Dorothy Juterbock with her family and friends contributing to make this donation special. Thank you to all who contributed over the last several months in Dorothy’s name. The Friends also approved a donation of $570 to the Community Foundation of Oceana County, the amount representing 10% of fundraising efforts for 2019 by the Friends of S.A.D.L.

Looking to 2020 many events are in the works for our Shelby Library! The Princess and Knights Party on February 29 can always use a few more volunteers to assist Mary Sloan and Mary Ann Carey so let the circulation desk know if you can help.

Fundraising dates for 2020 are:
- May 1 - 2 Special Mother’s Day Pottery Sale by Cheryl Jordan, a local potter.
- May 30 - Annual Free Plant Giveaway and Garden Sale
- August 8 - Annual Used Book Sale
- December 3 - 6 Celebration of the Trees and Holiday Bazaar

At our January meeting, Gina Mead discussed the American Veterans Traveling Tribute presenting the Vietnam Wall July 8 - 12 at the Hart Fairgrounds. Many volunteers are needed to support this moving tribute to our Vietnam Vets. Call the Oceana County Veteran Affairs office at 231-873-6834 to help.

Our April 16 5:00 meeting will include the election of Board and Officers for the Friends of the Shelby Area District Library. Fresh ideas, fresh faces, all are always welcome! Let us know if you would like your name placed in nomination. National Library Week will also be celebrated at this meeting with refreshments.

And finally, February is “Love Your Library Month!” Show your love by thanking our wonderful library staff who make our Shelby Library so welcoming.

Cindy McKinnon, President, Friends of S.A.D.L.