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### **LIBRARY MAKES ESVA YEARSBOOKS AVAILABLE ONLINE**

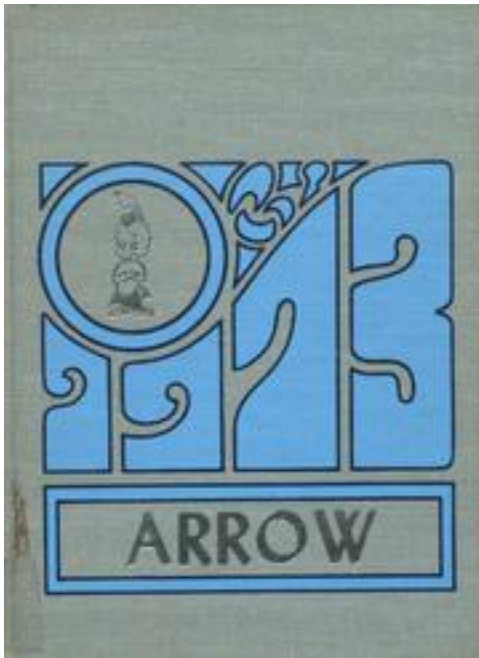
*Photos attached: Images from Eastern Shore yearbooks are now available online. Pictured are faculty from the Practical School of Nursing which was in Nassawadox and the artistic cover of Cape Charles High School's "The Arrow."*

ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA (May 11, 2018) – The Eastern Shore Public Library is participating in the Library of Virginia's digitization project to make school yearbooks available online. Sixty-six Eastern Shore of Virginia yearbooks are now online and can be viewed through a link under the "digital history" page of the "genealogy" tab on the library's website, [espl.org](http://espl.org). The project is funded through the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

Yearbooks, also called "annuals," are a valuable resource for people researching their family history and provide historic information on the school's clubs, sports, and academics. The books are also valued for their artwork. The Eastern Shore yearbooks now online include several from Cape Charles schools titled "The Arrow," loaned by the Cape Charles Museum. Various titles from the ESPL Frances Bibbins Latimer collection including Northampton High School's "The Lighthouse" and the Hampton Institute "Hamptonian" were scanned. The collection also includes annuals from the Northampton-Accomack School of Practical Nursing's "White Caps" and four years from Onancock High School's "The Beacon". The nursing school annuals were donated to Eastern Shore Public Library by Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital prior to the hospital's move to Onley.

The Library of Virginia yearbook project includes yearbooks from across Virginia, however the ESPL project focuses on Accomack and Northampton county schools. Individuals wishing to include their yearbook in the online database can contact the Eastern Shore Public Library at (757) 787-3400 or email [espl@espl.org](mailto:espl@espl.org) for information. Your yearbook can either be permanently donated to our archives or loaned to ESPL only for the duration of the scanning project.

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