

Dear Library Patron,

The Westmoreland Players Theatre, located in Callao, is offering a \$10 discount to patrons of the Richmond County Public Library for tickets to the upcoming production of "Alabama Story," by Kenneth Jones, playing from May 16 through June 1. This offer is being made to library patrons in recognition of the play's themes about libraries and the freedom to read.

"Alabama Story" is a play based on a true-life incident that took place in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1959. It is the story of Emily Wheelock Reed, who was the head of the Alabama State Public Library Service. Miss Reed was attacked by a segregationist Alabama State Senator for promoting a children's book called "The Rabbits' Wedding," that the senator claimed carried hidden integrationist messages. It is also the story of childhood friends - an African American man and a woman of white privilege - who are reunited as adults in Montgomery by happenstance at the same time the book controversy is unfolding around them. It is a courtroom thriller, a memory play, a romance, and a historical drama. Above all it is about how character is tested in a time of great social change.

The Westmoreland Players Theatre serves the entire Northern Neck. The theatre has repeatedly been named as the Best Performing Arts Company in Eastern Virginia by Virginia Living Magazine.

Tickets may be purchased at <https://www.westmorelandplayers.org/tickets>

Tickets are normally \$25 for adults and \$17 for students. However, Richmond County Public Library patrons may obtain a \$10 discount for each ticket purchased by entering the payment code "RCPL" when prompted. This discount is available to the first 200 library patrons who purchase tickets for any performance other than the opening night gala on May 16. Patrons are urged to purchase tickets early to ensure you get the performance and seat assignment you prefer.

In addition, The Westmoreland Players have stated they will make a \$5 donation to the Richmond County Public Library for each ticket sold through this promotion.

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Westmoreland Players Theatre