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County Library System Receives Grant Funding

Carlisle, Pa. – The Cumberland County Library System recently received $75,000 in conditional grant funding from the County for projects completed in 2017. An additional $25,000 is possible, pending final review to determine if project objectives were achieved.

During 2017, the Library System completed a number of projects through its grant agreement with the County, including:

- Improving customer Wi-Fi service at member libraries by doubling the total internet bandwidth, while saving 57% on equipment purchases;
- Improving public access to high-speed internet service by updating and replacing 72 computer workstations across the Library System;
- Purchasing 18 children's early literacy computer workstations and tablets, now available at all member libraries;
- Increasing funding for e-books and e-audios by 50% over the 2016 levels;
- Improving transaction speed, financial security and record keeping through the installation of point-of-sale cash drawers and credit card readers at circulation desks; and
- Providing more than 1,600 elementary age children with educationally and developmentally appropriate opportunities, both in the library and through outreach, to explore and develop math and science skills through hands-on programming and Discovery Center activity stations. Funding support for these programs was provided in part by The Whitaker Fund for Science and Math, a fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities.

The Library System's grants from the County were conditional on meeting project specific measurements. Funding for the grant program is provided through the County's General Fund. For more information on the Cumberland County Library System, visit www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org.

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