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Libraries Lead Everyone – National Library Week Reminds Communities to Connect with Local Libraries

Carlisle, Pa. – The Cumberland County Library System joins libraries throughout Pennsylvania and the country in celebrating National Library Week 2018. Libraries lead their communities every day through the services and invaluable expertise they offer.

National Library Week, observed April 8-14, spotlights the changing role of libraries, librarians and library workers. Libraries aren't just book repositories or places of quiet study, but community centers that provide refuge, and fuel creativity and civic engagement. Patrons and visitors can collaborate, use new technologies, gain skills, access online classes and connect with other community members.

Cumberland County's public libraries lead their communities with educational, cultural and entertaining programs, as well as authoritative and interesting materials. Visitors can browse and borrow an extensive collection of books, DVDs and more. The County's libraries loan hotspots for wireless internet access on the go, host concerts and movies, bring foreign language immersion to the community, and invite community speakers on topics of current interest.

"Our libraries provide crucial services to the people we serve, offering unlimited opportunities for personal growth and lifelong learning," said Carolyn Blatchley, executive director of the Cumberland County Library System. "Our libraries level the playing field for everyone seeking information and access to technologies. Libraries improve not only your individual quality of life, but that of your loved ones and the surrounding community."

Member libraries are celebrating National Library Week with a variety of programs and special offers for visitors of all ages. Participate in a book group, attend a lecture, join a story or craft time, and take advantage of special discounts at participating Carlisle businesses when you show your library card. Special programs include Girls Who Code, a visit from local author Tom Benjey, an escape room experience, Marvel Universe trivia, live reptiles and amphibians, Mah Jongg, and so much more.

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For more information, visit any of the system's libraries, located in Camp Hill, Carlisle, Enola, Mechanicsburg, Mount Holly Springs, New Cumberland, Newville and Shippensburg.

The Cumberland County Library System consists of seven federated local libraries, one branch facility, a system headquarters office and an associated non-profit Foundation. The Library System provides support to its member libraries through information technology, securing library materials, older adult services, training opportunities, and administrative and financial services. More information on the Cumberland County Library System can be found at www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org.

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Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the State, while providing exceptional services for its nearly 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.