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Library System Announces Second Wave of Service Cuts *Two More Waves of Reductions to be Announced after New Year*

Carlisle, Pennsylvania — Due to 2010 state budget cuts, the Cumberland County Library System will reduce operating hours at an additional library, Amelia Givin Library in Mt. Holly Springs; and will reduce funding for library collections and programs at Amelia Givin, Bosler Memorial Library in Carlisle and New Cumberland Library.

In addition, fine rates for materials will increase from \$.25 per day to \$.30 per day effective January 4, 2010. Fine rates for video recordings (including DVD's) will remain at \$2 per day.

These cuts and fine increases come on top of operating hour reductions already in place at Fredricksen Library and New Cumberland Library. Additional service cuts will be announced after the New Year for the remaining system libraries.

Effective Monday, January 4, 2010, Amelia Givin Library will reduce its operating hours from 59 to 45 per week (24% reduction), closing one hour earlier on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It will be closed all day Thursday. This will yield a \$13,000 savings for the library.

Sunday hours during the summer will also be eliminated at Bosler Memorial Library. (Bosler is regularly closed Sundays in July and August; in 2010 it will also be closed Sundays in June.) Bosler's employee pension contributions are also being reduced from 4% to 2%. These cuts will result in a savings of about \$8000.

Funding for new library materials and library programs will also be cut significantly. Amelia Givin library will reduce its new library material purchases by 21% or \$8000. Bosler Memorial Library will cut its library material expenditures by 13% or \$13,600 and New Cumberland Library will reduce its new library material purchases by 16% or \$10,000. These cuts will result in a total savings of \$31,600

In addition, funding for adult and children's programming will be slightly reduced at Amelia Givin (\$1500) and more significantly reduced at New Cumberland Library (\$4500).

Jonelle Darr, executive director of the Cumberland County Library System, said that at this time, staff members are not being laid off. However, reduced operating hours are shifting several full-time staff to part-time status; and many part-time employees will have their hours reduced.

"It's unfortunate that during this recession, that our libraries need to reduce hours and purchase fewer new materials. People need us more than ever so that they can apply for jobs online and to stretch family budgets. But, it's an economic reality."

Darr said that between 2009 and 2010, the library system expects:

- To lose 33% of its direct financial state support for library services in Cumberland County. This is a total of \$721,884 in direct operating support funding that Cumberland County has lost.
- A cumulative loss of \$859,965 in direct operating support and state subsidized services in 2009 and 2010."

"Without the Commissioners' library tax increase in 2003 and the Board's foresight in establishing a reserve fund in 2004, the library system's fiscal future would be a much grimmer picture."

Since 2004 (five years ago), library use has increased significantly.

- More than 1.3 million people visit the library system every year — an 8% increase since 2004.
- Over 112,000 people attend free library programs each year — a 30% increase since 2004.
- More than 7.7 million online catalog searches — a 3260% increase since 2004.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS:

Amelia Givin Library

Monday - Wednesday 10 AM – 8 PM
Thursday CLOSED
Friday 10 AM – 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM – 4 PM

NEW LIBRARY HOURS (Previously Announced)

Cleve J. Fredricksen Library

Monday - Tuesday 9 AM – 9 PM
Wednesday 9 AM – 6 PM
Thursday - Friday 9 AM – 9 PM
Saturday - Sunday 1 PM – 5 PM

New Cumberland Public Library

Monday – Wednesday 10 AM – 8 PM
Thursday 10 AM – 6 PM
Friday CLOSED
Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM

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