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Library System Announces Third Round of Service Cuts
Final Round of Service Reductions to be announced in February

Carlisle, Pennsylvania — Due to 2010 state budget cuts, the Cumberland County Library System will reduce operating hours at an additional library, East Pennsboro Branch in Enola, PA; and will significantly reduce funding for library collections at Cleve J. Fredricksen Library in Camp Hill, PA and Joseph T. Simpson Public Library in Mechanicsburg, PA.

These additional cuts come on top of operating hour reductions and service cuts already in place at Amelia Givin, Bosler Memorial, Fredricksen Library and New Cumberland Library. A final round of service cuts will be announced in late February.

Effective Monday, February 1, 2010, East Pennsboro Branch Library will reduce its staffing and operating hours from 42 to 36 hours per week (14% reduction), closing all day Wednesday. The will yield a savings for staff of about \$12,000. Hours for part-time staff at Fredricksen Library's interlibrary loan and technical services departments are also being reduced. These cuts will yield \$20,000 more in savings.

Funding for new library materials will also be cut significantly. Fredricksen Library will slash its budget for new library materials by at least a third, saving about \$44,000. Simpson Public Library will reduce its new library material purchases by 13% or \$13,500 in 2010. These cuts will result in a total savings of \$59,500.

Summer Sunday hours will also be eliminated at Simpson Public Library. (Simpson was regularly closed Sundays in July and August; in 2010 it will also be closed Sundays in June.) Simpson will also be closed on four additional holidays (Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday, President's Day, Veteran's Day and Columbus Day) to save on staffing costs. In addition, some part-time positions will not be filled. These cuts at Simpson will result in a savings of about \$7000.

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 will cause many part-time employees to 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:

East Pennsboro Branch library

Monday-Tuesday 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Wednesday CLOSED
 Thursday 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Friday 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Saturday-Sunday CLOSED

NEW LIBRARY HOURS (Previously Announced)

Amelia Givin Library

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

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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