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## **Library System Provides Career Help**

*Help for adults writing resumes, job searching or becoming citizens*

*Carlisle, Pennsylvania* — The Cumberland County Library System announced today that it is launching **Career Help PA** -- a new program for people writing resumes, searching for jobs or preparing for interviews. Adults may also connect to a tutor at <http://CumberlandCountyLibraries.org/CareerHelp> for assistance with GED preparation or taking the citizenship test. The free, live, online tutoring and resume writing service is available seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Jonelle Darr, executive director of the Cumberland County Library System, said that Career Help PA is free of charge through November 10, 2010 thanks to a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

"The library system was selected, along with libraries in Dauphin and Perry Counties to serve as pilot project site by the state. With the unemployment rate over 8% in our County, we were very happy to participate."

She said that residents of these three counties can use the service by visiting a library, or by using their home computer along with a valid library card.

Career Help PA has a network of 1,900 certified tutors and career specialists who are ready to help with just about any question a person may have. Adults can go to <http://CumberlandCountyLibraries.org/CareerHelp> and choose the area they need help with, type in their question and then they connect to a tutor or career specialist in an interactive online classroom.

**Career Help PA** also includes real-time writing assistance from English tutors or career specialists for adults working on resumes. Students and job seekers get immediate feedback, writing tips and strategies as well as proofreading.

In 2009, use of the Cumberland County Library System increased significantly. The number of items borrowed increased 4% (a total of 2,759,871 items borrowed); and the number of people using public Internet computers increased 18% (a total of 185,526 people logged in).

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