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Summer Reading Stops Brain Drain

(Carlisle, PA) – The Cumberland County Library System has the answer for parents looking for a fun and educational way to entertain children. The annual Summer Reading Program is back and better than ever!

The summer reading program is an opportunity to encourage children — from tots to teens — to keep reading through the summer.

The program begins in June and runs through the summer at all eight Cumberland County Libraries. The theme for this year’s children’s summer programs is “One World, Many Stories.”

“We understand that summer is a chance for students to take a break from school, and with that in mind, we’re offering a program that is fun and entertaining,” Jonelle Prether Darr, Executive Director of CCLS said.

Darr said that numerous studies have shown that kids who participate in a Summer Reading Program are more likely to read at their grade level or above than kids who don’t.

“We want parents to think of the library as they look for fun and educational ways to entertain their children this summer,” Darr said. “Programs will be available young children, teens, and a few libraries are also offering programs for adults who enjoy reading more on summer vacations.”

“Plus, there are lots of fun programs,” she added. “This year, we are happy to announce that Kitty Jones from Kit’s Interactive Theatre will perform live at each of our libraries in June and July,” Darr said.

Kitty’s program will vary at each library and are free for the public:

- 1) *Cinderella's Fairy Godmother* on Monday, June 27 at 1:00 pm, John Graham Library, Newville
- 2) *Cinderella's Fairy Godmother* on Monday, June 27, 6:30 pm, Bosler Memorial Library, Carlisle
- 3) *Pocahontas's Vision Quest* on Tuesday, June 28, 10:30 am, Fredricksen Library, Camp Hill
- 4) *Pocahontas's Vision Quest* on Tuesday, June 28, 1:30 pm, East Pennsboro Branch Library, Enola
- 5) *Pocahontas's Vision Quest* on Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 pm, Shippensburg Public Library
- 6) *Grace the Pirate* on Tuesday, July 19, 6:30 pm, Amelia Givin Free Library, Mt. Holly Springs
- 7) *Cinderella's Fairy Godmother* on Thursday, July 21, 9:30 am and again at 11:00 am, New Cumberland Public Library
- 8) *Vikings in Vineland* on Wednesday, July 27, 10:30 am, Joseph Simpson Library, Mechanicsburg

Darr said that last year, 31,450 children attended summer reading programs at the Cumberland County Library System and borrowed more than 263,000 books. "That's a lot of reading!" she said.

For more information about the library system's free program, visit your local public library, or go to <http://CumberlandCountyLibraries.org/summerreadingprogram>.