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COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK ***APRIL 12-18, 2015***

Cumberland County, PA – In observance of National Library Week, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners proclaimed April 12-18, 2015 as National Library Week in Cumberland County. National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each year during the month of April. It is a time to recognize and celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians, and to promote library use and support.

To identify a clearer vision of the future of public library service in Cumberland County, the Commissioners and the Cumberland County Library System (CCLS) implemented a plan to hold three public panel fact-finding sessions to allow for community input on the topics of community needs for library services; current and future library roles; and library finances. Two of the three sessions were recently conducted and the next session is scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2015, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Boyer Hall, The Parma Cinema Center at Messiah College, 2825 Chapel Drive, Mechanicsburg.

Funding for libraries remains a challenge and CCLS has taken a pro-active approach in continuing to evaluate cost-effective solutions and integrate the use of technology innovations to deliver library services to the citizens. CCLS provides 104 public access computers at eight locations across the County. In 2014, CCLS reported use of public internet access technology grew by 130%. CCLS and its nine member libraries continue to grow and evolve in how they deliver library services to provide for the needs of the community.

For more information about the Cumberland County Library System and library programs and services, or the next panel discussion scheduled for April 30, 2015 visit online at www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org.

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