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Cumberland and 40 Surrounding County Libraries Partner For Reading Project

“One Book, One Community: Our Region Reads!”

Mechanicsburg, PA – Cumberland County Libraries are partnering with more than 40 libraries in three surrounding counties – Dauphin, Perry, and York for this year’s One Book, One Community: Our Region Reads project. The book everyone will be reading is “Heartland: a Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke In the Richest Country on Earth” by Sarah Smarsh.

Reading campaign organizers encourage residents to read the book and attend free programs held at public libraries beginning in February, which is Library Lovers’ and Book Lovers’ Month.

The One Book, One Community organization says that people usually think of the heartland of the United States as a bounty of agriculture and a place where comfort abounds. This memoir traces the life of Sarah among the life of the working poor. Intergenerational poverty and life choices affect the lives of this Kansas farm family.

“This deeply personal narrative challenges the myths about impoverished Americans and speaks to the resilience of rural communities,” said Carolyn Blatchley, executive director of the Cumberland County Library System. “Through books, eBooks, and audiobooks, our area libraries provide a vehicle for discussion of this topic.”

Participating libraries will stock copies of the book that can be borrowed free of charge beginning in January 2020. Books are also available for purchase at area Giant Food Stores and at local bookstores.

For program schedules including book discussion groups, author lectures and other innovative activities visit, www.CumberlandCountyLibraries.org.

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The Cumberland County Library System consists of seven federated local libraries, one branch facility, a system headquarters office, and an associated non-profit Foundation. The Library System provides support to its member libraries through information technology, securing library materials, older adult services, training opportunities, and administrative and financial services. More information on the Cumberland County Library System can be found at www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org.

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