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Library System Recognized Nationally for Cost-Effective Innovations

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PA – The Cumberland County Library System’s pro-active approach toward addressing shrinking budgets by evaluating traditional library services and adopting innovative, cost-effective strategies is featured in a new book, *“Letting Go of Legacy Services: Library Case Studies”* published by the American Library Association this month.

One of nine libraries from across the nation to be featured in the book, the library system’s recent website re-design was highlighted in a chapter written by Carolyn Blatchley, the library system’s Training Services Coordinator.

In it, Blatchley discusses how staff time was saved and the library system’s capacity to provide services was increased by letting go of some traditional legacy services and designing new services that could be automated or could be handled by the library user.

Jonelle Darr, Executive Director of the library system said that the book shows how the library system is working with the county to find ways in which services can be delivered even more cost-effectively.

“Innovative ideas, such as those [Blatchley] documented, and efficiencies in applying new technologies were key components to the success of this project.”

Blatchley has been employed by Cumberland County Library System since January 2002. She is responsible for coordinating and providing library system staff with technology training and she supports the configuration and optimization of library system technologies and website services.

For more information about the Cumberland County Library System or to borrow a copy of *“Letting Go of Legacy Services: Library Case Studies,”* visit www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org.

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