

## **Libraries Strengthen Their Communities: Celebrate National Library Week April 7-13**

**Carlisle, Pa.** – The Cumberland County Library System joins libraries of all types across Pennsylvania and the nation in celebrating the many ways libraries build strong communities by providing critical resources, programs, and expertise.

April 7-13, 2019 is National Library Week, an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and communities. Libraries are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and campuses. They have public spaces where people of all backgrounds can come together and connect.

Cumberland County's public libraries lead their communities with educational, cultural, and entertaining programs, as well as authoritative and interesting materials. Visitors can browse and borrow an extensive collection of books, DVDs, and more. The County's libraries loan hotspots for wireless internet access on the go, host concerts and movies, bring foreign language immersion to the community, and host speakers on topics of current interest.

"Libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all," said Carolyn Blatchley, library system executive director. "They also foster civic engagement by keeping people informed and aware of community events and issues."

Member libraries are celebrating National Library Week with a variety of programs and special events for visitors of all ages. Participate in a book group, attend a lecture, join a story or craft time, and take advantage of special discounts at participating Carlisle businesses when you show your library card. Special programs for the week of April 7-13 include: (please contact the library listed for exact dates, times, and registration information)

- VIP Guest Readers - Fire Chief Gary Neff, Firefighter Brian Smithmyer, Mechanicsburg Mayor Jack Ritter, and State Representative Sheryl Delozier for Story Times and Family Story Times (Joseph T. Simpson Library)
- Author Appearance: Kaden Hurley, author of "Elves of Zeoch: The Last Two" (John Graham Library)
- Vintage Quilt Trunk Show (New Cumberland Public Library)
- Growing Your Family Tree with Resources from the John Graham Library (John Graham Library)



Regular program offerings include Read to the Dogs, Little Legos, Bingo for Books, Pennsylvania Trivia from A to Z, Drop Everything and Read, Family Movie Night, Dungeons and Dragons, and so much more. For more information, visit any of the system's libraries, located in Camp Hill, Carlisle, Enola, Mechanicsburg, Mount Holly Springs, New Cumberland, Newville, or Shippensburg.

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](http://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org).