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"Heartland" by Sarah Smarsh is the 2020 One Book, One Community: Our Region Reads! Winner

Mechanicsburg, Pa. - More than 40 libraries in four counties - Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry, and York - will partner on this year's One Book, One Community: Our Region Reads project. The book everyone will be reading is "Heartland" by Sarah Smarsh, which readers voted on last August.

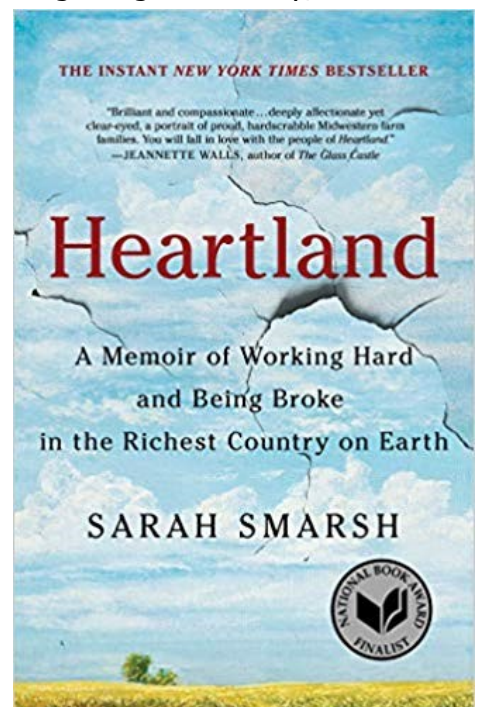
Reading campaign organizers encourage residents to read the book during January in preparation for attending free programs and discussions that will be held at public libraries beginning in February, which is designated as both Library Lovers' Month and Book Lovers' Month.

Carolyn Blatchley, executive director of the Cumberland County Library System, comments, "This deeply personal narrative challenges the myths about impoverished Americans and speaks to the resilience of rural communities. 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 will also be available for purchase at area Giant Food Stores and at local booksellers. Program schedules for book discussion groups, author lectures and other innovative activities will be available at all participating public libraries and throughout the community. This information may be accessed online at www.CumberlandCountyLibraries.org.

About "Heartland: a Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke In the Richest Country on Earth" by Sarah Smarsh:

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.



Cumberland County's public libraries lead their communities with educational, cultural, and entertainment programs, as well as authoritative and interesting materials. Students from Cumberland County's nine public school districts – Big Spring, Camp Hill, Carlisle Area, Cumberland Valley, East Pennsboro, Mechanicsburg, Shippensburg, South Middleton, and West Shore – benefit from School-Year STEM, the Summer Learning Program, and many other library programs and services. More information on the Cumberland County Library System can be found at <https://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/>

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