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## **Cumberland County Library System Foundation Receives Grant From PPL Foundation For Summer Learning Program**

Mechanicsburg, Pa. – The Cumberland County Library System Foundation has received a \$3,000 grant from PPL Foundation. These funds will support the 2020 Summer Learning Program, a series of free events and activities designed to foster a love of reading and to develop or refine reading, writing, and learning skills. Summer Learning Programs take place at all eight Cumberland County public library locations – Amelia Givin in Mt. Holly Springs, Bosler Memorial in Carlisle, Coy in Shippensburg, East Pennsboro Branch in Enola, Fredricksen in Camp Hill, John Graham in Newville, New Cumberland, and Simpson in Mechanicsburg. Numerous studies substantiate that children and teens who participate in summer learning programs not only do better in the classroom and on standardized tests when they return to school in the fall, they develop lifelong positive reading habits such as visiting their local public libraries and reading independently.

Carolyn Blatchley, executive director for the library system, comments, “We are thrilled with PPL’s generous investment in our Summer Learning Programs, which extend the school year for over 6,000 children and teens each year.”

The PPL Foundation awards annual grants through a competitive application and review process.

***About the Cumberland County Library System:*** 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 the Summer Learning Program, School-Year STEM, and many other library programs and services. The Cumberland County Library System is one of the busiest library systems in Pennsylvania, with more than 110,351 active library card holders visiting their libraries 1,171,574 times and year and circulating 2,273,924 items. More information on the Cumberland County Library System can be found at [www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org](http://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org).

***About the PPL Foundation:*** Through strategic partnerships, the PPL Foundation supports organizations working to create vibrant, sustainable communities; promote

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diversity, equity and inclusion; and empower each citizen to fulfill her or his potential. The PPL Foundation contributes more than \$3 million annually to a wide variety of nonprofit organizations. To learn more, visit [pplcares.com](http://pplcares.com).

The Cumberland County Library System Foundation is a federally tax-exempt not-for-profit organization, EIN 20-8077580, with a mission to support the Cumberland County Library System and its member library collections, program services, and innovative initiatives. Contributions to the CCLS Foundation are tax-deductible pursuant to current IRS regulations. More information about the CCLS Foundation can be found by visiting <https://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/LibraryFoundation> or emailing [libraryfoundation@ccpa.net](mailto:libraryfoundation@ccpa.net).

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