

October 17-23 is National Friends of Libraries Week

Mechanicsburg, PA - Cumberland County's public libraries will be spending the week of October 17-23, 2021, celebrating their Friends of the Library groups as part of the 16th annual celebration of National Friends of Libraries Week.

The Friends of the Library are volunteers who raise money through book sales, online auctions, merchandise sales, and other events and activities. Friends of the Library groups have a separate 501(c)(3) number from the library they support, and in Pennsylvania, are organized under the group Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries.

Sue Erdman, executive director of Mechanicsburg's Simpson Library, comments, "The Friends of Simpson Library work year-round raising money for the library through book sales, dine outs, theater nights, and an online auction. Their financial support is critical to the library's success."

To find out more about your library's Friends group, visit www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org, click on your local public library's link, and then pick the "Friends" tab.

The Cumberland County Library System (CCLS) in Pennsylvania has seven local libraries, one branch facility, a system administrative office, and a non-profit foundation. The library system provides service to more than 250,000 people in Cumberland County, PA and a small portion of Franklin County, PA. Our member libraries are:

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Amelia S. Givin Free Library, Mt. Holly Springs
Bosler Memorial Library, Carlisle
Coy Public Library of Shippensburg
East Pennsboro Branch Library
Fredricksen Library, Camp Hill
John Graham Library, Newville
New Cumberland Public Library
Simpson Library, Mechanicsburg

National Friends of Libraries Week is coordinated by United for Libraries, a division of the American Library Association with approximately 4,000 personal and group members representing hundreds of thousands of library supporters. United for Libraries supports those who govern, promote, advocate, and fundraise for libraries, and brings together library trustees, advocates, friends, and foundations into a partnership that creates a powerful force for libraries in the 21st century. For more information, visit www.ala.org/united.