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Pennian Bank Contributes \$5,000 for 2020 Summer Learning Program

Mechanicsburg, Pa. – The Cumberland County Library System Foundation has received a \$5,000 EITC contribution from Pennian Bank in support of the 2020 Summer Learning Program. Pennian Bank – which recently opened a Cumberland County location at 559 North 12th Street in Lemoyne – is well known for its support of literacy and educational initiatives. Pennian’s EITC – Educational Improvement Tax Credit – contribution of \$5,000 will support the Summer Learning Programs that take place at all eight County 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.

Jairee Counterman, who coordinates EITC and foundation funding for the foundation, comments, “We are thrilled with Pennian’s generous investment in our Summer Learning Programs, which extend the school year for over 6,000 children and teens each year.”

The Summer Learning Program is 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 help stave off the “summer slide,” the loss of learning that occurs when school is out for summer. 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.

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 107,700 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.

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 at <https://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/LibraryFoundation> or email libraryfoundation@ccpa.net. The Library Foundation is also approved to receive EITC contributions for School-Year STEM.

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PHOTO: From left to right are Candice Neff Hull, Assistant Vice President & Business Development Officer, Pennian Bank; Kevin Stoner, President, Cumberland County Library System Foundation; Nathan Cook, Branch Executive Officer, Pennian Bank; Anthony Maggio, Commercial Loan Officer, Pennian Bank; and Carolyn Blatchley, Executive Director, Cumberland County Library System.