2020: WHAT A YEAR!

Like everyone else, we’re happy to be on the other side of 2020! In a year that was challenging at best, the Library Foundation has some exciting accomplishments to report, most notably receiving national recognition from the American Library Association!

Cumberland County Library System is the recipient of ALA’s H.W. Wilson Award for Staff Development. The H.W. Wilson award includes a grant of $3,500 and a plaque that recognizes commitment to innovative and strong libraries. Funds will be used in support of the System’s annual Staff Development Day.

The Cumberland County Library System is committed to providing relevant, ongoing professional development for its employees. The Library System’s Public Services & Staff Training Coordinator conducts trainings on software, policies, and procedures in small groups virtually, at the System Headquarters, and in one-to-one and in small groups onsite at the local libraries. Led by the Public Services & Staff Training Coordinator and the Training Advisory Team, which has representation from all the member libraries, ongoing staff development opportunities culminate with the annual Staff Development Day. Providing relevant professional development relates to the Library System’s overall mission to “plan, develop, coordinate and provide comprehensive public library services for residents through a cooperative network of public libraries” and a specific goal of “treating community residents and visitors courteously and fairly through the development and consistent application of library services, policies, and procedures.”

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**Mission:** To support the programs, services, and innovative initiatives of the Cumberland County (PA) Library System and its member libraries.

**History:** The Library Foundation was established in 2007 and approved as a federally tax-exempt organization, EIN 20-8077580, in 2009.

**Grants:**
- ALA H.W. Wilson—$3,500—CCLS Staff Dvlpt Day
- D & H Cares—$500—CCLS Tutor.com
- Kline Foundation—$5,000—Coy—Children’s Literacy
- Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation—$10,000—Simpson School Readiness
- McInroy-Sheffer People Trust—$2,500
- PHC Cares—$7,500—Simpson—COVID-related Programming
- PPL Cover to Cover—$3,000—CCLS Children’s Literacy
- Renew Cumberland Grants—CCLS—$94,391—PPE, Hot Spots, Collection Development, & Technology
- Renew Cumberland Grant—Amelia Givin—$5,000—Exterior Book Drop
- Renew Cumberland Grants—Simpson—$17,200—PPE, Fogger, & UV Equipment
- TE Connectivity—$2,000—CCLS STEM
- The Foundation for Enhancing Communities—$1,500—CCLS Nutrition Sponsor for Staff Development Day
- The Foundation for Enhancing Communities—$1,000—Simpson Library COVID Supply Expenses

**Gifts from Individuals and Service Organizations**—$9,822

**EITC**—Orrstown Bank, $5,000; UGI, $3,500; Capital Advantage, $2,500; PPL, $2,500; Pennian Bank, $2,500; and Weis Markets, $1,000

**Inkind Donations**—$522.

**Summary**—Total Grants Researched—358; Total Requests Made—113; Total Requests Funded—31; Total Training Hours Led—13; Total Income Facilitated—$180,435

*Some grants were paid directly to the Library System or individual libraries and/or will be paid in 2021.*
EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

TAX CREDITS SUPPORT SUMMER LEARNING & SCHOOL-YEAR STEM

As a Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Organization, the Cumberland County Library System Foundation is approved to receive donations from approved businesses in exchange for Educational Improvement Tax Credits (EITC).

EITC contributions help fund our two innovative educational programs—Summer Learning and School-Year STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math). More than 8,500 children from all nine Cumberland County public school districts attend Summer Learning or School-Year STEM programs each year!

The Cumberland County Library System Summer Learning Program is a series of virtual and in-person events & activities designed to foster a love of reading and to develop or enhance reading, writing, and learning skills. Summer Learning Programs help stave off the “summer slide.” Participants not only perform better in the classroom and on standardized tests when they return to school in the fall, they develop positive lifelong Literacy skills like independent reading and visiting their local public library.

Cumberland County Library System’s School-Year STEM is a series of free virtual and in-person programs and activities designed to foster critical thinking, collaboration, group communication, and evidence gathering and evaluating skills while exploring science, technology, engineering, and math.
Thank You—at the December 2020 Board meeting, we said farewell to board members Lu Conser, Jeremy Medernach, and John Nickey, who completed a combined 20+ years of service volunteering on the Foundation Board of Directors. We are thankful for their many years of dedicated service.

We also welcomed these new board members:

Geri Bazner, Coy Public Library of Shippensburg
Clare Garfield, Bosler Memorial Library
Diane Myers, Fredrickson Library
And Leadership Cumberland Fellow, Brian Rudge

Meeting Schedule—all Library Foundation meetings are held at 400 Bent Creek Blvd, Ste 150, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050, or via Zoom at 5:30 p.m., quarterly on the second Monday of:

- March (also Annual Meeting)
- June
- September
- December

For a detailed copy of the annual budget, audit compilation, IRS 990, or Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations registration, or the 501(c)(3), please call 717.240.6175 or email your request to LibraryFoundation@ccpa.net.