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Cumberland County Libraries Join Longwood Gardens' 2022 Community Read

Mechanicsburg, PA – Cumberland County book and tree lovers are encouraged to participate in Longwood Gardens' Community Read, a program designed to encourage reading for pleasure and to start a conversation. In 2022, we ask readers to explore the concept of trees as nature's great connectors, and as a means for us to gain insight into ourselves and our place in the world.

In our featured title, *The Song of Trees*, journey with David Haskell as he repeatedly visits a dozen trees in cities from Manhattan to Jerusalem, forests (Amazonian, North American, and Boreal), and areas on the front lines of environmental change, including eroding coastlines, burned mountainsides, and war zones. In each place he shows how human history, ecology, and well-being are intimately intertwined with the lives of trees.

For our youngest readers, learn the importance of taking care of the environment and each other as two young families in two very different parts of the world each plant a tree in the book, *Planted a Tree* by Diane Muldrow.

Finally, if you know a young person thinking about a career in tree science, follow eight budding tree advocates through their career journeys and see firsthand what it takes to be a tree scientist in the graphic novel *Canopy Career Chronicles*. In partnership with the Morton Arboretum, *Canopy Career Chronicles* provides resources and tips for getting started on your career exploration.

"Cumberland County's public libraries have built a strong partnership with Longwood Gardens through the Community Read," said Carolyn Blatchley, library system executive director. "The book selections this year are engaging. We even have *The Song of Trees* in eBook and eAudio."

Visit your local Cumberland County Library to check out and read one, or all of these books. Share with your family and friends. Start a discussion. And visit www.CumberlandCountyLibraries.org for a complete list of Longwood Gardens' Community Read special programs taking place at libraries throughout Cumberland County in the spring of 2022. ####