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### Cumberland County Library System Launches “Library Laptop” Program

**Mechanicsburg, PA** – Thanks to an in-kind grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA), the Cumberland County Library System now offers the “Library Laptop” program. Patrons can borrow laptops for use in the library to support educational, workforce, or healthcare needs.

“We are thrilled to be able to offer these new resources to our patrons,” said Carolyn Blatchley, Cumberland County library System Executive Director. “The new Library Laptops program will help county residents access the resources they need to improve their health, get a job – or a better job, or enhance their learning.”

Twenty-eight laptops are equipped with useful software and connect to the library’s free Wi-Fi. A key feature is Metrix Learning, PBDA partnership allows residents to prepare for employment opportunities. This SkillUp PA™ initiative is free for library patrons when Cumberland County Library System is listed as the referrer. Topics include Microsoft Office, management, leadership, customer service, math, finance, and more. Metrix Learning is accessible 24/7 from any location. Access Metrix Learning at [www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/Library\\_Laptops](http://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/Library_Laptops).

#### To Borrow a Laptop:

- Visit any Cumberland County Library System location.
- Bring your library card (or sign up for one) and ask at the service desk.
- If a laptop is available, you can borrow it for use inside the library. Bring headphones, and if you plan to save work, use a USB drive or a cloud account.

Laptops are first-come first-served with no daily time limit. If a laptop is not available, the library also has desktop computers for public use. Children 16 years of age or younger must have internet access permission activated on their library card account in order to borrow a laptop.

The “Library Laptop” program was financed in part by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Broadband Authority in an effort to equalize internet access for all Pennsylvanians and provide support for individuals.

For more information, visit [www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org](http://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org).

*The Cumberland County Library System is a federated library system consisting of seven member libraries, one branch facility, an administrative headquarters, and a non-profit foundation. Member libraries include Amelia S. Givin Free Library in Mt. Holly Springs, Bosler Memorial Library in Carlisle, Coy Public Library of Shippensburg, East Pennsboro Branch Library in Enola, Fredricksen Library in Camp Hill, John Graham Library in Newville, New Cumberland Public Library, and Simpson Library in Mechanicsburg.*