



COUNTY of CUMBERLAND

Public Library & Information Center
Winner of National Medal for Museum and Library Service

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Cumberland County Library Director Named “Director of the Year”

Jody Risacher receives honor at directors’ meeting

Director Jody Risacher of the Cumberland County Public Library & Information Center has been named Library Director of the Year by the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association (NCPLDA). Risacher received the prestigious award at the association’s meeting in Raleigh last week.

Risacher was hired as the library’s deputy director in 1998 and has been its director since 2008. She oversees a \$10.8 million budget that includes eight libraries and the Court Library. Cumberland County Public Library & Information Center is the fifth largest public library in North Carolina

Last year the library received the nation’s highest honor for libraries, the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The Medal is awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services to only five libraries in the country each year.

Risacher has been elected as the NCPLDA president for 2014 and has served on its Executive Board & Membership Committee and its Legislative Committee. She has also served on the N.C. State Library Commission’s Public Library Standards Committee. Risacher earned a Master of Library Science degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind.

(Pictured is Library Director Jody Risacher with outgoing Library Board of Trustee Chair Willie Wright. The Library Board of Trustees congratulated Risacher at its December meeting.)



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