



# COUNTY of CUMBERLAND

*Public Library & Information Center*

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## **County's Newest Library Scheduled to Open Next Week**

*Dedication and Opening Planned for West Regional Library*

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC** – The public is invited to the dedication ceremony and grand opening of Cumberland County Public Library & Information Center's West Regional Library (WRL), 7469 Century Circle, at 10 a.m. on Oct. 2. Activities include special speakers, a performance by The Parsons at 11 a.m., children's arts and crafts, puppet shows and refreshments for everyone.

This is a perfect opportunity to explore the 14,000 square-foot facility and to find out more about its programs and services. The library's \$5.7 million budget included construction, furnishings and its initial collection of nearly 55,000 books, CDs and DVDs.

WRL's stunning architecture provides a welcoming environment with plenty of space to relax and enjoy books, do homework, or access the internet through the public computer labs or free Wi-Fi. Meeting rooms can be reserved through the library's website at [www.cumberland.lib.nc.us](http://www.cumberland.lib.nc.us).

Finishing touches are being completed in the children's area, which will include computers reserved just for them and a large activity room for regular story times and other fun learning programs. Parents may request a laptop for use in this area for their convenience while they supervise their children.

Teens have their own room with eight computers, comfortable seating and a large collection of books, magazines and graphic novels. Adults will find 18 computers in the main computer lab as well as wireless internet access for those with their own laptops or net books. Multiple copiers and a fax machine are also available.

Planning for WRL began 15 years ago in anticipation of growth in west Cumberland County. During that time, the library's Cliffdale and Hope Mills branches have seen increasing demands on their services. With the construction of WRL, customers now have greater access to additional services.

WRL is the first to implement technology that enables customers to check out materials on their own by placing materials on a designated pad and entering their library card number at the check-out station. Onscreen

instructions will direct a customer to speak with staff if there is a problem with the account such as a needed update. Staff will still be on hand to check out books in the traditional manner upon request.

Another unique feature of WRL is that it is physically attached to New Century International Elementary School. While large glass doors separate WRL from the school's media center during the school day, after school hours, on weekends and during the summer, the doors are lifted and the media center's materials are accessible to the public. During those times, the public library staff will oversee the media center.

Managed by Robert Antill, MLS, West Regional Library will be open seven days a week, Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, please visit [www.cumberland.lib.nc.us](http://www.cumberland.lib.nc.us). Upon opening, WRL's telephone number will be (910) 487-0440.

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