



COUNTY of CUMBERLAND

Public Library & Information Center

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Cumberland County Residents Gain Library Hours

Hours increasing at three library locations

Cumberland County Public Library & Information Center will increase hours at three locations beginning April 2, 2012 thanks to the implementation of new technology and staff reassignments. On March 22, the Library Board of Trustees voted for new hours at East Regional Library, 4809 Clinton Rd.; Bordeaux Branch, 3711 Village Dr.; and Spring Lake Branch, 101 Laketree Blvd.

“We have been dedicated to restoring the hours and are so pleased that we have fulfilled our goal,” said Willie Wright, Chair of the Library Board of Trustees. “The complete restoration of library hours is certainly a success story for our county.”

The Library Board of Trustees approved a plan in FY 2012 to implement Radio Frequency Identification technology as a means of supplanting staffing hours needed to check out materials. Library administration reconfigured system wide staffing and RFID efficiencies allowed for the restoration of hours. “Today we have fully implemented RFID technology at all of our locations,” said Library Director Jody Risacher. “Thanks to the efforts of a great staff, who embraced the technology, we have managed to increase service to the public by 33 hours a week without a need for recurring funding.”

At the beginning of the new century, the library faced significant staff reductions due to budget cuts and as a result, public service hours were reduced and customer access to resources decreased. While most library hours were restored through diligent advocacy and planning, enduring economic conditions discouraged new requests for recurring costs such as additional staff needed to fully restore hours. Funding through a grant and supplemental financial support from the county has made it possible to fully implement RFID technology at all locations and now frees staff to assist customers in new and improved ways.

New Hours

East Regional Library

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday: 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Bordeaux Branch & Spring Lake Branch

Monday – Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Thursday – Saturday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

Library Board of Trustees: Chair, Willie Wright; Vice Chair, Mary E. Thomas; Daisy D. Maxwell; Susan G. Mills; Gail Riddle; Ole Sorensen; and Sara VanderClute.

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