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Library Receives Grants Totaling \$75K

Projects will benefit children with special needs and help determine services for military families

Cumberland County Public Library & Information Center has been awarded two grants totaling \$75,328 from the State Library of North Carolina. “This is great news for our customers,” said Library Director Jody Risacher. “These projects will go a long way in offering services to families who have children with special needs and to those in our military community. We are grateful for the support the State Library has given us over the years as we continue expanding library services in Cumberland County.”

Literacy and Lifelong Learning

This \$49,964 grant will integrate technology, improve the children’s collection and create community resource guides for children with special needs and their families. It will address important lifelong skills for children such as emotional control, social competency, personal resiliency and continuing curiosity about the world. The project also broadens story times through technology such as smart boards and provides assistive devices for children to interact with library computers and software.

Planning and Analysis

The \$25,364 planning grant will assist the library in conducting a user needs analysis to determine what services the library may provide to military families who have a family member suffering from post-traumatic stress or other war-related injuries. Cumberland County has the second-highest number of veterans on disability, the third-highest number of traumatic brain injuries and the fourth-highest number of post-traumatic stress cases in the country.

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