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Friends of the Library Urgently Requesting Donations

All library branches accepting small donations; large donations coordinated individually

The Friends of the Library are urgently requesting donations of materials from the Cumberland County community. When the basement of Headquarters Library was flooded during Hurricane Matthew, a large portion of the Friends' book sale inventory was destroyed. The Friends of the Library receive most of their funding through quarterly book sales; proceeds provide the Friends with the ability to supplement library programs and services that would not otherwise be possible such as Summer Reading Programs and the guest author speaker series.

All library branches are accepting small donations (one paper grocery bag full of items.) If you have a larger donation, please call 483-7727 ext. 1304 to arrange drop off. The Friends of the Library accept books, CDs and DVDs in good or like new condition. All donations are tax deductible as allowed under the extent of the law.

The Friends Accept:

- All audio-visual formats including DVD, VHS, vinyl records and books on CD or cassette
- Magazines should be no more than 5 years old. Accepted magazines include home improvement, home decorating, cooking and all children's magazines
- Children's books in good condition
- National Geographic magazines **prior to 1960 and after 2010**
- All other items in good condition with the following exceptions:

The Friends Do Not Accept

- Foreign Language materials except for dictionaries and children's titles
- Encyclopedias
- Readers Digest Condensed Books or magazines
- Business, professional, industry or news magazines
- Magazines older than 5 years from current year
- Children's materials discarded from school libraries
- Materials discarded from law libraries

If individuals do not have materials to donate but would still like to support the library, select "[Give Now](#)" on the library's website. Friends memberships (starting at \$15) make great gifts and will enable members entry to the members-only sale day when book sales start up again, tentatively May 2017. In addition, all donations to the Library Endowment Trust, which is managed by the Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc.,

up to \$12,500 will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Friends of the Library through Dec. 31, 2016.

For more information about the Friends of the Library, including the dates of rescheduled author visits, volunteering opportunities and more, visit the library's [website](#).

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