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Cecil County Public Library Develops Partnerships with Port Deposit Community

Port Deposit, MD – Cecil County Public Library is developing a new service partnership with the Town of Port Deposit and local non-profit Community Connecting Us (CCU). Over the next few months, the library will transition services from a leased space at 13 South Main Street to the Community Connecting Us campus at 99 North Main Street.

Over the past year, the Library has collaborated with CCU leadership to provide mobile outreach, programs, and other services to the site when the small branch in town could not open during the pandemic due to public health and safety concerns. The library now provides a weekly StoryTime, STEM and other learning programs for youth, bookmobile visits, and co-sponsors the Port Deposit Bike Project.

As the partnership formalizes and planning moves into the fall, the Library will continue expanding services such as access to public computers and Wifi, Librarian assistance, and Job Help with the Library's tech-mobile, both at CCU and throughout the town.

"This is an innovative and community-driven approach to delivering library services in

alignment with the community's needs," stated Library Executive Director Morgan Miller. "We are excited to advance this partnership for the benefit of the Town. We appreciate the support and patience of the community as we've worked to find new solutions for Port Deposit over the past year."

Erica Berge, of Community Connecting Us added, "We have been providing a safe space for the children of Port Deposit to gather and "hang out" for over a year and we are thrilled that we are able to increase the number of opportunities to spend time with our young neighbors thanks to library programming."

Vicky Rinkerman, Port Deposit Town Administrator said, "This is a win for the Town of Port Deposit. The Community Connecting Us campus provides ample space to provide comprehensive Library services in addition to the community development they were already working on. We are happy to collaborate with these two community stakeholders."

For additional questions about the Library's partnership, contact Frazier Walker, Communications Manager (410) 996-1055 x1129 or for program and service suggestions, contact Madison Griffitts, Manager of the Perryville Branch.