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ABERDEEN LIBRARY CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

(Belcamp, Maryland – November 5, 2015) Aberdeen Library celebrated its 40th anniversary with a week full of special events and programs. Festivities included a cake cutting ceremony on Tuesday, November 3, that was attended by a number of community leaders and featured a performance by a local children’s choir.

County Executive Barry Glassman was on hand to deliver a Proclamation to Library CEO Mary Hastler. During his remarks, he shared his memories of Aberdeen Library from his teenage years which included getting his driver’s license at the Police Station across the street.

“We are so excited to be celebrating 40 years serving Aberdeen at the corner of Franklin and Parke,” said Branch Manager Jennifer Jones. “The Library provides a central meeting place for essential literacy and recreational need for residents of the City of Aberdeen and the surrounding community. So many customers have enjoyed walking down memory lane this week and sharing stories of coming to the Library as children or with their now grown children and all the staff, past and present, are honored to be a vital part of their lives.”

A second Proclamation was presented on behalf of the Harford County Council by members Patrick Vincenti, Chad Schrodos and Curtis Beulah who were also in attendance. Led by the children’s choir of St. Joan of Arc School, the crowd sang “Happy Birthday” while the cake was cut. Tales, the Library mascot, posed for pictures with children and even some fun loving adults!

Also known as a ruby anniversary, red was the color of choice for branch decorations as well as commemorative t-shirts worn by Library staff. In addition to the cake ceremony, the week also featured a birthday story time, 1970's trivia, a railroad history program, family board games and movie night.

Harford County Public Library operates eleven branches located throughout Harford County, Maryland. The library serves over 181,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of over 3.8 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading within the community.

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Photo caption #1: Aberdeen Library celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a cake cutting ceremony attended by County Executive Barry Glassman and County Council members Patrick Vincenti, Curtis Beulah and Chad Schrodes. Library CEO Mary Hastler and Branch Manager Jennifer Jones received Proclamations on behalf of the Library from the County Executive and County Council.

Photo caption #2: Library staff wore commemorative red t-shirts in honor of the Aberdeen's 40th Anniversary.

Photo caption #3: The Aberdeen Friends of Harford County Public Library, a volunteer non-profit group that advocates and raises funds for their specific branch, was also on hand to celebrate Aberdeen Library's 40 years of service to the community.

Photo caption #4: The children's choir from St. Joan of Arc School in Aberdeen performed during the cake cutting ceremony.