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UM UPPER CHESAPEAKE HEALTH SPONSORS BUSINESS CENTER IN NEW HAVRE DE GRACE LIBRARY

(**Belcamp, Maryland – April 1, 2016**) -- University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health (UM UCH) is sponsoring the Business Center in the new Havre de Grace Library. The library is scheduled to open in early June.

Located on the second floor of the mezzanine area, in a glass-walled room off the main adult area of the library, the Business Center will feature state-of-the-art technology with multiple access points for laptops, tablets and PCs plus charging stations. It also will be equipped with a scanner and color printer. High-speed Wi-Fi will be available in the Business Center and throughout the building.

The Business Center is geared toward small business owners, entrepreneurs, consultants and research students. The library will continue to offer classes, programs and events on various business topics in addition to TED Talks and computer assistance.

There will be no charge to use the Business Center (other than to print), and professional staff will be located nearby for assistance. For many Havre de Grace Library users, the library is their primary source for computer and high-speed Internet access. The goal of the Business Center is to offer a convenient, quiet, adult computer area for business functions, research and correspondence. "University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health and UM Harford Memorial Hospital are committed to making Havre de Grace a great place to live and work. A vibrant and active library contributes to a high quality of life, and our sponsorship of the Business Center in the new Havre de Grace Library is another way we demonstrate our partnership with the community," said Lyle E. Sheldon, president/CEO of UM UCH. "With our investment in the Havre de Grace community, we helped the library go over their capital campaign goal for the new branch. We are pleased to assist the library with this new addition to Havre de Grace."

Mary Hastler, CEO of Harford County Public Library, thanks UM UCH for its support. "We are honored to have University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health support the Business Center and technology in the new Havre de Grace Library. Harford County Public Library and UM UCH have worked together successfully on many projects and programs over the years. Long-term, stellar partners like UM UCH are vital to the economic health and success of Havre de Grace. I thank UM UCH for its sponsorship of the Havre de Grace Library as it demonstrates the health system's true commitment to our community."

In December 2013, Upper Chesapeake Health became University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health. It consists of the University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Center and the Patricia D. and M. Scot Kaufman Cancer Center in Bel Air and the University of Maryland Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace. The leading health care system and largest private employer in Harford County, UM Upper Chesapeake Health offers a broad range of health care services, technology and facilities to the residents of northeastern Maryland. Visit <u>www.umuch.org</u> for more information.

Harford County Public Library operates 11 branches located throughout Harford County. The library serves more than 181,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of more than 3.8 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading in the community. For more information, visit hcplonline.org.