LIBRARY TO OPEN IN ALEXANDRIA

COLD SPRING, KY (Sept. 12, 2017) -- The Campbell County Public Library recently signed a five-year lease for a 3,000-square-foot space in Alexandria to house a limited-services library at 8333 Alexandria Pike. The Alexandria Branch is expected to open in January 2018.

The new library will occupy the entire first floor of the building and will be ADA compliant. The building is located on the west side of US 27 South next to Ken’s Auto Care. It is about six miles south of the Cold Spring Branch.

The new Alexandria Branch will offer a small browsing collection of popular materials for all ages including books, audiobooks, magazines, music and DVDs. Laptop computers will be available to check out and use while in the library. Two meeting rooms will be available for both the library’s use and for the public, one capable of seating up to 25 and the other seating up to 8 people. Delivery service will be provided for materials that are borrowed from other locations to supplement the branch’s collection.

“We have been actively looking at commercial properties to lease in Alexandria for several months. We’re very happy to be getting this project off the ground. Patrons in southern Campbell have long requested a closer branch. We’re thrilled we can finally provide better services for them,” said JC Morgan, director.

The library absorbed the costs of the leased facility into its current budget without increasing taxes for operations, materials or other expenses. The Library’s current 2017 compensating tax rate for property is 7.7 cents per $100, a reduction from 7.8 cents per $100 in 2016.

Morgan said Barry Jolly, the owner of the building, is doing a lot of the remodeling work which helps minimize up-front build-out costs. Remodeling, furnishings and purchasing lending materials for the collection will cost about $150,000. Some furniture from the other locations will be used. In addition, most of the donors who contributed funds for the construction of a new facility in southern Campbell County have consented to have their donations used to help get the Alexandria Branch open.
“We have worked very hard to be able to operate the new branch within our current budget,” Morgan said.

The new library will be open 11 am-7 pm Tuesday-Friday; 10 am-5 pm Saturday; and closed Sunday and Monday. The Library will be hiring one full-time and two part-time employees.

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In the 2016-2017 fiscal year, there were 571,807 visits to the Library and more than 1.2 million items were checked out. More than 95,000 e-materials were downloaded, there were more than 2,800 programs offered (with attendance topping 58,000), and more than 24,000 calls were made to our free children’s story telling phone line.

The Library makes every reasonable effort to provide equal access to all patrons. Contact access@cc-pl.org or call 859-781-6166 ext. 31 at least 72 hours before an event to arrange for accommodation. All facilities and meeting rooms are ADA compliant.

The Campbell County Public Library operates three branches. The Cold Spring Branch is located at 3920 Alexandria Pike in Cold Spring, phone 859-781-6166. The Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch is located at 1000 Highland Ave. in Fort Thomas, phone 859-572-5033. The Newport Branch is located at 901 E. Sixth St. in Newport, phone 859-572-5035.

There are two Express locations for pick ups and returns in Silver Grove and Melbourne. A new Alexandria Branch, at 8333 Alexandria Pike, is scheduled to open in January 2018.

Hours for all three branches are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Reduced hours and days are planned for Alexandria. The Web site address is www.cc-pl.org.

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