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Recent Budget Cuts Affect Library Customers

WHAT: Changes that will affect Library service

WHO: Wicomico Public Library customers

WHEN: Approved December 8, Changes effective January 1, 2010

WHERE: System wide

SALISBURY, MD – December 17, 2009 –In order to help reduce the deficit Wicomico County faces, the County Executive has asked most departments to submit a mid-year budget showing an additional 15% decrease in their budget. This cut is in addition to the 10% cut received at the beginning of the fiscal year. The Library has implemented furloughs, reduced part-time staff hours and frozen many line items to help achieve this goal with the least impact on the public. However, to reach the requested 15% reduction, a cut in hours is necessary. In order to achieve the savings in the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, this reduction in hours will need to begin as soon as possible.

As of January 1, 2010, the Bookmobile will not operate on Saturdays and the Main Library will be closed on Sundays. These are days when the Library is able to recoup the most savings.

The Centre Branch will remain open from 11-6 on Sundays. The Library is grateful to Macerich Corporation for providing this space so that we may better serve our customers.

The Library welcomes your comments at input@wicomico.org.

Wicomico Public Library has its main facility in downtown Salisbury and two small branches in the Centre at Salisbury and Pittsville, a computer access station in Bivalve, and a bookmobile. The library offers free Internet access, a variety of classes and events,

as well as materials for loan including popular music CDs and DVD titles. Computer use, classes and events are free and open to the public.

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