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Free Library at St. Mary's County Health Department

The St. Mary's County Library is providing free books for children, teens and adults visiting the St. Mary's County Health Department

September 6, 2017 – Leonardtown, Md. – The St. Mary's County Library and the St. Mary's County Health Department are excited to announce the opening of a Free Library at the Health Department. A Free Library is a "take a book, leave a book" free book exchange. Anyone may take a book from the Free Library, or bring a book to leave for someone else to read.

The St. Mary's County Library has set up the Free Library in the lobby of the St. Mary's County Health Department. Books are available for a variety of ages from small children all the way up to adults. Anyone visiting the Health Department is welcome to read while waiting and take the book or magazine home. The purpose of a Free Library is to help get books into the hands of all individuals in our community, while also sharing good books and bringing our community together.

"We are delighted to have this new partnership," said St. Mary's County Library Director Michael Blackwell. People who visit the Health Department Clinic may not always have convenient access to the library. They will have good reading materials to enjoy there or to take with them. This initiative will promote reading at all ages, and a regular dose of reading is healthy for the mind and the heart."

"Shared reading builds social-emotional skills and parent-child bonding – all important for long-term health outcomes" said Dr. Meena Brewster, Health Officer. "Language and literacy skills also promote brain development for all children."

If you would like to donate to the Free Library, please bring your books and/or magazines to the Leonardtown branch of the St. Mary's County Library during open hours. Donations will fill the Free Library whenever the need arises.

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