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**HUGHESVILLE AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETS \$25,000 CHALLENGE FROM  
WILLIAMSPORT-LYCOMING COMMUNITY FOUNDATION,  
NEW LIBRARY AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN APPROACH COMPLETION**

HUGHESVILLE, PA – The Hughesville Area Public Library met a challenge to demonstrate community support for its new library, and received an additional \$25,000 grant from the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation toward construction of the building. Donations from approximately five hundred individuals helped fulfill the match. Including the challenge grant, the Foundation has awarded a total of \$125,000 toward the project.

The latest grant award brings the library's capital campaign within \$25,000 of its campaign goal. Library officials hope that community members who have not yet contributed to the project will be inspired to help provide the final dollars. The new library is nearing completion, and it is anticipated to open in the summer of 2006.

“Without the grants we received from the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation and the Margaret E. Waldron Memorial Trust, we could never have built the new library. The Foundation grants provided the seed money we needed to get the project started. It also served as a local match to secure funding from outside sources,” said William “Bill” Sherwood, Building Committee Chair and Hughesville Area Public Library Board Member.

The Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation awarded the library an initial grant of \$50,000 to start the project in late 2004. In 2005, the Foundation offered an additional \$25,000 for the project if the library could match it with donations from the community. To meet the match, the library needed to reach eighty percent of its \$250,000 capital campaign goal. Sherwood said that

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the library has received donations from over five hundred donors to meet the challenge.

“We are pleased with the success of the library in meeting the challenge grant from the Foundation. The library has leveraged the Foundation’s grant support to generate additional interest from a wide variety of funders. Their success will benefit all residents in the greater Hughesville area,” commented Foundation President and CEO Frank J. Concino Jr.

In addition to the grants from the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation’s unrestricted funds, the library also received \$50,000 from the Margaret E. Waldron Memorial Trust Fund, a component fund of the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation that is designated to benefit residents of the greater Muncy area.

Sherwood said that plans are being finalized for the move from the old library to the new one. A grand opening will be held this summer.

“I think people who have contributed to the project will be proud of the new library,” commented Sherwood.

The Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation is one of the oldest community foundations in the country. The Foundation has been making grants to community organizations since 1932, and has distributed over \$42.4 million in charitable funding to the region.

The Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation is also the founding affiliate of the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania. The First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania maximizes the power of people and their donated assets to build vibrant communities within Central and Northcentral Pennsylvania now and in the future. The Foundation focuses on sincerity and integrity in all of its relationships - including those with donors, estate and financial planning professionals, trustee banks and investment managers, current and potential grant recipients, government and business leaders, and the many individuals and families living in its service area. For more information on the programs and services offered by the Foundation, or to learn more about ways to make a difference in the community, contact the Foundation office at 570-321-1500.

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