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Public Libraries encourage giving with the 12th Annual Mitten Tree Project!

Public Libraries throughout Lancaster County will hold their 12th annual Mitten Tree Campaign beginning on Monday, November 21. Librarians from the county's public libraries, in the spirit of holiday giving, will be collecting new mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, earmuffs and umbrellas that will benefit children & families served by Lancaster County Children & Youth Services. Most of the public libraries and the Bookmobile will participate in this year's project. Donations may be made from **Monday, November 21 – Friday, December 16, 2011.**

The Mitten Tree project has been hugely successful during the past nine years. Last year the project netted nearly **4,000** donations. Lancaster County's Children and Youth Social Service Agency will oversee a portion of the distribution to children throughout the county, while most of the items will be distributed to churches and service agencies in local library communities.

Children & Youth Director of Quality Assurance, Amy M. Campbell, said of the project, "So many children benefit from this project. Our staff keeps them on hand throughout the winter season so that they can be distributed to any child in need."

Lancaster County's Children and Youth Social Service Agency serves over 4,000 children throughout Lancaster County. Individuals interested in participating should bring **new, unwrapped** mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, umbrellas and earmuffs to any of the public library locations during their hours of operation. Call your local public library at the following locations [**see list below**].



Lancaster County's Public Libraries Participating in the Mitten Tree Project 2011

Adamstown Area Library	3000 North Reading Rd. Adamstown	717-484-4200
Columbia Public Library	24 South Sixth St., Columbia	717-684-2255
Eastern Lancaster County Library	11 Chestnut Dr., New Holland	717-354-0525
Elizabethtown Public Library	10 S. Market St., Elizabethtown	717-367-7467
Ephrata Public Library	550 South Reading Road, Ephrata	717-738-9291
Lititz Public Library	651 Kissel Hill Rd., Lititz	717-626-2255
Manheim Community Library	15 East High St., Manheim	717-665-5700
Manheim Township Public Library	595 Granite Run Drive, Lancaster	717-560-6441
Milanof-Schock Public Library	1184 Anderson Ferry Rd., Mt. Joy	717-653-1510
Moore's Memorial Library	8 W. Slokum Ave, Christiana	610-593-6683
Pequea Valley Public Library	Center Street, Intercourse	717-768-3160
Salisbury Twp. Branch Library	835 Houston Run Drive, Gap	717-442-3304
Quarryville Public Library	357 Buck Road, Quarryville	717-786-1336
Strasburg-Heisler Library	143 Precision Ave., Strasburg	717-687-8969

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