

## News from Cumberland Public Libraries

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### Travel to You Zoo Visits the Amherst Library

During March break, we brought the zoo to the library! We had a fantastic day with Megan from Travel to You Zoo, as she shared her amazing animals with library patrons of all ages. Animals that visited the library included a pig, snakes, ferrets, a sugar glider, chickens, and more! During the program, patrons were able to learn about the animals and pet them. Approximately 400 people attended this two-hour program.

Overall, we had a successful March break, with total program attendance reaching approximately 865 people.



*A brave library patron holds a snake during our Travel to You Zoo program.*



*Youth Services Library Assistant Julie holds a chinchilla during our Travel to You Zoo program.*

### Advocate Library Closed Due to Building Issues

Our Advocate Library closed Monday, March 17 for the foreseeable future, due to building issues.

In an effort to maintain service to the area, we are solidifying plans to operate a satellite location. This service will run once a week, and will allow patrons to browse, return, and borrow library materials, create a library card, learn about the library and its services, attend programming, and more.

### Library Cuts

The Library board has decided in an effort to not reduce hours, that the library's materials budget will be slashed 50% (this includes online and print materials), reducing adult programs in all branches and we will be eliminating engagement with our community partners. To make up the rest of the short fall, the library will be using money from its reserves.