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North Hills Community Library Makes Way for New Township Services

(Fort Washington, PA – May 27, 2011) The North Hills Community Library, the Branch of the Upper Dublin Public Library (UDPL), located in the North Hills Community Center at 212 Girard Avenue, will have its last day of operation on Thursday, August 18, 2011 as it makes way for new township services. The decision to close the Branch Library was made by the Upper Dublin Board of Commissioners in December 2010 after an evaluation of the services proved that the Library's traditional services were underutilized. "The services, like the 20-hour week & 6,000-item collection, which are both standards required by the state for a Branch Library, received little use," says Library Director Cherilyn Fiory. Instead, the Library was used primarily as an after school spot for local teens, mostly interested in using the Library's four public computer workstations.

During the weeks following the closure, the Branch Library's space will be turned over to the Upper Dublin Parks & Recreation Department for future programming. A reopening is planned for September 2011, in time for the new school year. "It is my understanding that the space will be programmed initially as a computer lab & teen space in the afternoons. From the users' standpoint, it will function very much as it does currently, but will be run by a different township department," says Fiory. "The Upper Dublin Public Library still plans to provide some of its current services to the community center, particularly weekly storytimes with the North Hills Headstart children. Plus, the UDPL hosts many programs with Upper Dublin Parks & Recreation throughout the year so I anticipate that the Library will still have a presence among the residents who use the facility."

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