New River CTC, Summersville Public Library Reach Agreement

New River Community and Technical College and the Summersville Public Library have finalized an agreement for the college to remunerate the library for specific services it provides to New River students and faculty beyond services which would normally be provided to the public.

“Because New River does not have its own library on the Nicholas County Campus, the services of the Summersville Public Library are an invaluable resource for us, and we are pleased to extend our cooperative relationship that has existed for many years,” commented Dr. Ted D. Spring, president of New River.

“There has never been any question that we want to compensate the library for the services provided to New River,” Spring said. “With the tremendous growth in enrollment on our Nicholas County Campus, the need for services is greater than ever. Our students are using the library for quiet study space and computer access because study space is very limited on our campus. My primary concern has been that we must be accountable for how state dollars are spent, and we also wanted to explore every possible way in which the college could partner with the library to make the relationship beneficial to both organizations.

Under the new agreement, New River will pay the library to stay open additional hours to meet the needs of the students and for the use of classroom space to handle overflow classes. Because of an
anticipated increase of the use of the library by New River students, the college will provide student workers
to help with extended hours of operation.

Fred Culler, Campus Dean for the Nicholas County Campus of New River agrees that the
agreement renewal is a positive step, he said “I look forward to strengthening the relationship between New
River and the Summersville Public Library.”

Sarah Palfrey, Director of the Summersville Public Library said “We have already seen a
noticeable increase in library use by New River students this year. We appreciate our role as a bridge
between the college and the community, and believe that this partnership makes us both stronger.”

The Summersville Public Library is now open Monday thru Thursday from 9-8, Friday from 9-6
and Saturday from 10-4. For more information about library hours or services call 304-872-0844.

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