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## Pennsylvania Principals Lead with Service

(Harrisburg, Pa.) — A group of principals from across Pennsylvania will spend time this summer “giving back” to the community. Members of the Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals (PAESSP), the only professional organization to solely serve principals, assistant principals and other educational leaders in Pennsylvania, work tirelessly on a daily basis to make a difference in the life of a child and to ensure that every child receives a quality education. In order to do that, it is crucial to support the communities where these children live and go to school.

In conjunction with its Summer Retreat and Board Meeting in Lahaska, Pa., the PAESSP Board of Directors will “lead with service” when they participate in the 2015 Summer Reading Program at The Free Library of New Hope and Solebury, New Hope, Pa., on Tuesday, July 14, 2015. According to Jacqueline Clarke Havrilla, 2014-15 PAESSP president, “The PAESSP Service Project Committee will be working on developing several service projects throughout the Commonwealth. These projects will be designed for principals to be able to “give back” to the communities in which our members serve. We will be looking at projects that will have the greatest benefit to children. In October, we will hold a food drive at PAESSP’s annual conference to donate to a local food pantry in State College.”

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In its inaugural community service project, the volunteers, consisting of principals, assistant principals and other educational leaders, will read stories about heroes, specifically science heroes, to approximately 25 grade school children (K-5) from 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14. The theme of this year’s Summer Reading Program is *Every Hero Has a Story*. The program is offered by libraries across the country to encourage children to keep reading over the summer months. The books that will be read are generously being donated by McGraw-Hill Education and will remain with the library.

“As principals, we work every day to make a difference in the lives of children, so being able to support our communities and the children in them is extremely important! PAESSP is very excited to begin its Community Service Projects with The Free Library of New Hope and Solebury and the 2015 Summer Reading Program,” explained Clarke Havrilla.

Connie Hillman, library director, said, “We are very pleased to welcome the principals as part of our Summer Reading Program as this really reinforces to our young patrons and parents the importance of reading and solidifies the school-library partnership. Our community values education and many of our families consider books to be the greatest prize of all. The donated books will be very much appreciated.”

For a complete listing of Summer Reading Program offerings, you can visit The Free Hope Library of New Hope and Solebury’s website at [www.nhslibrary.org](http://www.nhslibrary.org) and click on “Summer Reading” under the Kids’ tab.

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