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Cyber Crime Detectives Discuss Online Safety for Teens & Parents

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – Cumberland County Public Library & Information Center invites teens and their parents to a program presented by Detective Johnny Miller and Detective Chad Smith of the Fayetteville Police Cyber Crime Unit on Feb. 23 at 5 p.m., East Regional Branch Library, 4809 Clinton Rd. The detectives will talk about protecting personal information while using social networks, chat room safety, texting and the hazards of "sexting." Bring your questions and ask the authorities. Refreshments will be provided by The Friends of the Library.

Online Safety Resources

The internet is a great tool for communication and research, but it can also be an access point for thieves, con artists, and predators looking for their next victims. Learn how to protect yourself and your family. The library's Web site, www.cumberland.lib.nc.us, provides access to the following and additional resources:

OnGuard Online (www.onguardonline.gov): Tips from the federal government and the technology industry to protect yourself from internet fraud, prevent cybercrime, and to protect your personal information. The OnGuardOnline.gov Net Cetera campaign provides information and resources about helping kids make safe, responsible decisions when they're online.

Wired SAFETY (www.wiredsafety.org): Help for victims of cyber abuse ranging from online fraud, cyber stalking and cyber bullying, to hacking and malicious code attacks.

Get NetWise (www.getnetwise.org): Information to help stop spam e-mails, protect your computer from hackers and safeguard your personal information.

For more information about the upcoming program, call Missy Lang, Assistant Youth Services Coordinator, at (910) 483-7727.