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SANTA- Santa Claus came to Laurel and Delmar last week. Photos on pages 12 and 44. Photo by Mike McClure

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Shown (l to r) during Perdue Farms' ceremonial check presentation to the Delmar Public Library are: Delmar (Del.) Mayor Michael Houlihan, Lorie Phillips, Kim Nechay (Arthur W. Perdue Foundation), Delmar Public Library director Susan Upole, William Nichols, and Ellis Hammond (Becker Morgan). The library received a \$15,000 grant through the Arthur W. Perdue Foundation to use for the renovation and expansion of the library. Photo by Mike McClure

Arthur W. Perdue Foundation awards \$15,000 grant to Delmar Public Library

Perdue Farms, through a \$15,000 grant funded by the Arthur W. Perdue Foundation, is supporting the capital campaign to renovate and expand the Delmar Public Library.

The library, located in Delmar, Del., has served both Delaware and Maryland residents in this bi-state town since 1940.

"We're thrilled to have the support of Perdue and the Arthur W. Perdue Foundation," said Susan Upole, director of the Delmar Public Library. "It's because of community partners such as Perdue that enable us to move closer to realizing the much-needed expansion of a facility that has served this com-

munity for so many years."

"It's very important for us to have community support. This is just one sign that we are going to move forward with our new building," Upole said during Wednesday's press conference at the library.

The State of Delaware has committed \$1.3 million toward the estimated \$3.3 million project. Earlier this year, the Delmar Library Board of Commissioners launched a capital campaign to raise the balance through private funding sources.

As Upole explains, the project scope will include renovating the existing building and construction of an addi-

tional 10,000 square feet, bringing the total library size to 14,500 square feet.

"The construction project will not only increase available space for collections and programs, but will provide state-of-the-art technology required for a 21st century library and expanded meeting space for use by the community," Upole said.

The new facility, targeted for completion by April 2015, will meet federal Americans with Disability Act requirements, and feature enhanced displays for many of the memorabilia relating to the town's rich history and connection to the railroad.

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