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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE MOUNTAIN DULCIMER COMMUNITY IS GROWING AT THE LIBRARY

(Panama City, Fla.) The mountain dulcimer is a stringed instrument that originated in the Appalachian Mountains during the early 1800s. The dulcimer truly has a sweet sound. If interested in learning how to play, the Bay County Public Library is increasing access to dulcimers and providing workshops. Two Applecreek mountain dulcimers have been added to the circulating collection for check out. All Northwest Regional Library System customers will be able to place a dulcimer on hold and have it delivered to any location.

Beginning Dulcimer Class taught by Kathy Krausnick meets in the Bay County Public Library Meeting Room once a month. The next class is Friday, March 16th from 1 – 3 p.m. The first hour is a beginner lesson and the second hour is dedicated to practicing favorite or new songs. The dulcimer is an easy instrument for non-musicians to learn basic music literacy. A beginner should be able to leave class having felt comfortable playing a simple song. Three dulcimers have been purchased to provide spare instruments for the class. No registration required.

In addition to the monthly classes, two *Beginner Mountain Dulcimer Workshops* will be taught by professional dulcimer player, Jessica Comeau. The first workshop is on Saturday, March 24th from 2 – 4 p.m. The second workshop is on Saturday, June 30th from 2 – 4 p.m. Several spare dulcimers will be available, but you are encouraged to bring your own. Workshop is free to attend. After the workshop, Jessica will have CDs and books of her dulcimer arrangements for sale. Cash or check only. To learn more, visit www.JessicaComeauDulcimer.com/.

The *Beginner Mountain Dulcimer Workshops* and the three dulcimers for classes have been purchased through a PLAN Innovation Grant. The Bay County Public Library is located at 898 W. 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401. Call 850-522-2120 or visit www.nwrls.com for more information.

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