Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Announces Closing of North County Regional Library for Renovations

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Renovation Celebration Scheduled for July 14

Charlotte, NC – July 6, 2018 – Charlotte Mecklenburg Library announces that North County Regional Library at 16500 Holly Crest Lane, Huntersville, North Carolina 28078, will close for renovations at end of business on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 5 pm, and is expected to re-open in summer/fall 2019. The Library will host a 'Renovation Celebration' for customers and the community on July 14, 2018 from 1-4 pm featuring an ice cream truck, face painting, a time capsule, music and more.

During the closure, the Library is doing everything it can to bring customers convenient library access through its other 19 locations, plus programs at alternate locations. Customers who have been notified of the renovation are encouraged to visit other branch locations for browsing, borrowing, classes/workshops, family storytimes, and many other services, or by using the Library's online resources at cmlibrary.org. The Library's growing digital collection includes books, e- and audio books, interactive children's books, music, videos, research resources and much more.

North County Regional Library has been in use for nearly 21 years. The renovation provides an opportunity to reconfigure the building's spaces based on community feedback and 21st century library design. Mecklenburg County has provided funding for the project as part of its 2013-2018 Capital Improvement Program. This is the second renovation of a regional library for Charlotte Mecklenburg Library in the past two years.

"North County customers told us very clearly that they want comfortable spaces conducive to reading, meeting, working and connecting along with the latest technology and tools to complement books in the multiple print and digital formats that interest them," says Lee Keesler, CEO of Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. "With useful and informative programming and helpful library staff, when complete, the renovation at North County will deliver all these things."

The renovated Library will include major upgrades to the HVAC system to ensure efficient operations and user comfort; a more accessible path to the building entrance; changes to the flow of traffic in and out of the parking lot to enable drive-up book/materials drop off; inventive spaces and a makerspace for children, teens and adults; community rooms with expanded capacity, individual/group study rooms and collaborative spaces; a vending café; an outdoor programming

area; and an efficient, easier-to-operate checkout system that uses automated materials handling systems and radio frequency identification (RFID).

Library customers are encouraged to explore and use other libraries near the Huntersville area that continue to offer family storytimes, programs and services:

- Cornelius Library 21105 Catawba Avenue, Cornelius, North Carolina 28031 704-416-3800
- Davidson Library 119 South Main Street, Davidson, North Carolina 28036 704-416-4000
- Mountain Island Library 4420 Hoyt Galvin Way, Charlotte, North Carolina 28214 704-416-5600
- University City Regional Library 301 East W.T. Harris Boulevard, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262 704-416-7200
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For more information on the North County Regional Library renovation project, as well as other library information, visit

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