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Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Offers Business Attire to Job-Seekers

STARS for Success provides cardholders with items for job interviews

CHARLOTTE, NC – January 24, 2019 – Charlotte Mecklenburg Library now offers cardholders professional attire and accessories to check out for job interviews or important meetings through its STARS for Success program through the Job Help Center at Main Library. The rental items include dress shirts, padfolios, neckties and scarves, and are available for a one-week checkout period with an opportunity to renew the checkout for another week. Returns can be made to any Library location.

“The Library is proud of its long history in helping our community find successful, meaningful careers,” said Seth Ervin, chief innovation officer for Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. “We’re constantly looking at ways to improve lives and build a stronger community, and we see this as filling a need for our cardholders. We’re happy to make these items available.”

“A lot of people come in to the Job Help Center with questions about their resume and cover letter,” said De’Trice Fox, a librarian at Main Library. “We continue to help customers improve those items, but now we’re excited to also help nail the first-impression with free professional clothes and accessories to go along with their dynamite resumes.”

Uptown’s AJ’s Dry Cleaners has partnered with the Library to dry clean every piece after use at a subsidized rate. This allows each item to benefit more members of the community in finding jobs. A similar program exists at ImaginOn: The Joe and Joan Martin Center for teen job-seekers.

For more information about job help programs and resources, visit cmlibrary.org/services/job-help.

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About Charlotte Mecklenburg Library:

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is one of America’s leading urban public libraries, serving a community of more than one million citizens in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Through 20 locations, targeted outreach and online, the Library delivers exceptional services and programs, with a mission to improve lives and build a stronger community. For more, visit cmlibrary.org.

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