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SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY TO CLOSE FOR RENOVATIONS

Popular Library to close after regular hours on Sunday, November 3, 2019

Charlotte, NC – October 7, 2019 – Charlotte Mecklenburg Library announces that South County Regional Library, located at 5801 Rea Road, Charlotte, 28277, will close for renovation at the end of business on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 5 p.m. The branch will increase by 5,000 square-feet and is expected to re-open after 15-18 months in winter 2021. The Library is hosting a customer appreciation event on Wednesday, October 30, 2019.

During the renovation, the Library is doing everything it can to bring customers convenient library access through its other 19 locations, and also by scheduling programs at alternate locations. Customers who call South County their home branch 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 extensive digital collection includes e-books, audiobooks, streaming video, music, journals, magazines, interactive children's books, research resources and databases and much more.

South County Regional Library has been in use for 21 years. The renovation provides an opportunity to reconfigure the building's spaces based on community feedback and innovative Library designs. Mecklenburg County has provided \$11M in funding for the project as part of its 2013-2018 Capital Improvement Program. This is the third renovation of a regional Library for Charlotte Mecklenburg Library since 2016. North County Regional Library recently re-opened on October 7, 2019.

The renovated South County Regional Library will include major upgrades to the HVAC system to ensure efficient operations and user comfort. It also includes major service delivery and technology improvements, including a renovated children's area and dedicated program space, expanded community rooms, group study spaces, a quiet reading room, a self-service café, a creative makerspace, a teen area, a family restroom, outdoor spaces and a drive-up book drop. Library customers are encouraged to explore and use other Libraries in Mecklenburg County that continue to offer family storytimes, programs and services:

- Morrison Regional Library - 7015 Morrison Boulevard, Charlotte, 28211 704-416-5400
- Matthews Library - 230 Matthews Station Street, Matthews, 28105 704-416-5000
- Steele Creek Library - 13620 Steele Creek Road, Charlotte, 28273 704-416-6800
- Independence Regional Library - 6000 Conference Drive, Charlotte, 28212 704-416-4800

For more information on the South County Regional Library renovation project, as well as other Library information, visit cmlibrary.org/building-projects

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 resources, 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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Photo caption: South County Regional Library will close for renovations beginning November 3, 2019 after regular business hours.

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