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Community Celebrates Grand Opening of South Boulevard Library

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — On Saturday, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library hosted a grand opening for its new library in South End.

- **The South Boulevard Library was formerly located near the Scaleybark light rail station**
- **Project cost roughly \$1.7 million and was publicly funded**
- **New facility is three times larger and features upgraded looks, book capacity, and amenities**

South Boulevard Library, formerly known as Scaleybark, moved from its previous location near the Scaleybark light rail station to South Boulevard.

The new facility has an upgraded look and is three times larger.

“We could not be more pleased with the facility that we now have, and the location and the customers that we are serving,” said Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library CEO, Lee Keesler.

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The new location increased the number of books by 20 percent. It also has a community room, a dedicated children’s program room, new spaces for children and teens, and more computers.

Mecklenburg County Commissioner for District 5, Susan Harden is excited the community will have additional space and amenities.

“We know that our South End is growing and lots of people are moving to this community and so we need space for the community gather so students come here and study so that we can

Library patrons like Devki Wright are looking forward to having this learning environment close to home.

“The space has been activated and a lot has gone into thinking this one through and improving it, so I definitely see us coming here more often,” Wright said.

The project, made possible with public funding, cost \$1.7 million dollars.



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The new South Boulevard library is three times larger than the Scaleybark Library it replaced. It has a community room, much bigger children’s space and more public computers for patrons.

It also has this awesome 3D-printed Hogwarts Castle. .@cmlibrary



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*To clarify: The Hogwarts castle was only on display for the grand opening.

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