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GRAND OPENING FOR NEW SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL BRANCH

It's official. The Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library will open its doors to the public at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29.

County officials including Library Director Suzanne White and branch librarian Jennifer Patterson will be joined by County Manager Tom Lundy, County Commissioners and others for a grand opening celebration to welcome guests to the new facility in Southeastern Catawba County.

The building, located at 9154 Sherrills Ford Road, replaces the 39-year-old facility a short distance away. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will mark the opening of the \$3.1 million facility that more than doubles the space for library services for that growing part of the county. The name will officially change to "Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library" on that day to better identify the communities served by the facility.

Visitors will have a shop the Friends of the Library book sale in the new lobby, enjoy refreshments and visit with authors in the community meeting room, or just browse the new adult, teen and children's spaces including an outdoor patio. Visitors will join hands-on technology sessions, obtain a library card and join Friends of the Library at stations throughout the facility. Families can enjoy drop-in story time sessions featuring songs, stories and crafts.

The 10,000-square-foot facility was designed by Jenkins-Peer Architects of Charlotte and built by David E. Looper Company of Hickory as general contractor.

The branch phone number will remain as 466-6827. Expanded operating hours will be Monday and Tuesday from 12 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The existing branch building will be closed from Sept. 22-28 to enable the move. Library materials may be returned at the drop box at the new location during that time. Customers may use any one of the Catawba County Library locations that week: Claremont, Conover, Newton, Maiden, Southwest or St. Stephens.



About: *The Catawba County Library System, headquartered in Newton, NC, serves the citizens of Catawba County with seven branches throughout the county and is a year-round, integral provider of early literacy and lifelong learning. In addition to traditional services, the system provides a full complement of computer and digital services, classes and support to bridge the digital divide, empower job seekers, and enhance community quality of life and economic health.*