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Over 800 attend Sherrills Ford-Terrell branch opening

The long wait is over. Catawba County Library System opened the new Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Monday evening to the delight of more than 800 visitors.

Library Director Suzanne White formally greeted guests along with Kitty Barnes, chairman of the Catawba County Board of Commissioners; Amy Smith of the Library Board of Trustees and Ellen Dewey, president of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Friends of the Library.

After a ribbon cutting, the crowd moved into the new 10,000-square-foot facility for a long-awaited look at the inside. According to Assistant Library Director Siobhan Loendorf, the branch recorded 302 checkouts of materials in three and a half hours—more business than is normally done on a typical business day at Sherrills Ford-Terrell. Monday’s visitors perused a special “lucky day” collection of popular, brand-new materials for both children and adults.

The new branch officially renamed “Sherrills Ford-Terrell” provides ample space for materials and services including up-to-date technologies for children, teens and adults, a meeting room, kitchenette, children’s space with outdoor patio, both adult and young adult sections and study rooms. The new structure at 9154 Sherrills Ford Road is a short distance from the former facility that opened in 1975.

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.*