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Sherrills Ford groundbreaking set Aug. 5

It's official. Construction of the long-anticipated Sherrills Ford Branch Library project starts on Monday, Aug. 5 with groundbreaking ceremonies at 11:30 a.m.

County commissioners, other county officials and Library Director Suzanne White will be on hand to see the first spades of soil turned to launch construction of the building at 9154 Sherrills Ford Road. The public is cordially invited to the ceremony.

"We are so excited that the big day is almost here," said White. The long-anticipated project is expected to be finished in about a year.

The \$2.3million building will be erected on 2.5 acres near the intersection of Sherrills Ford Road and Highway 150 across from the Terrell General Store. The 10,000-square-foot facility will expand available space by more than three-fold from the existing branch library a short distance up the road.

"We look forward to being able to better serve this growing community," White added.

The building was designed by Jenkins Peer Architects of Charlotte in consultation with staff and members of the public. Among the features will be 1,000 square feet of meeting space, additional shelving space and an expanded parking lot, among other features such as an energy monitoring system and acoustical panels to buffer noise throughout the building. Among the amenities will be dedicated space for children's programs, community meetings and technology training.

The current facility was built nearly 40 years ago as the first county library location outside Newton. Catawba County Library System operates in seven locations. In addition to Newton and Sherrills Ford, those include Conover, Claremont, Maiden, St. Stephens and Southwest (Mountain View).