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New Sherrills Ford library in the works

The Sherrills Ford community is sprinting closer to a new branch library.

The much-anticipated facility will be erected at 9154 Sherrills Ford Road, near the Connor homestead and Terrell Country Store. The bidding and contract should be completed in May. Targeted opening is in spring 2014.

According to Karen Foss, library director, some \$2.9 million has been earmarked within the county budget over a five-year period.

“The money is there, the plans are being drawn and we look forward to groundbreaking in mid-2013,” Foss said. “We’re excited about this much-anticipated library that will better serve customers in southeastern Catawba County.”

The new building will be about three times the size of the existing branch which opened in 1975. The new branch will house a meeting room to seat 80, a kitchenette, children’s area with outdoor patio, a computer area, young adult section and study room. Adult areas will include comfortable seating and plenty of room for browsing.

Jenkins Peer Architects of Charlotte, a leader in energy-efficient environmental design, is finalizing the blueprints.

The new facility will replace the current structure on Sherrills Ford Road which opened as the first branch facility of the county library system.

The new library will join other county facilities in the area including the sheriff's office command post near the Marshall Steam Plant and fire houses on Slanting Bridge Road and Mt. Pleasant Road.

Catawba County Library System, headquartered in Newton, serves locations in Maiden, Claremont, Conover, St. Stephens and Southwest in addition to Sherrills Ford.