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NORTH COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY TO RE-OPEN OCTOBER 7, 2019
Newly renovated Library welcomes back customers and community

Charlotte, NC – September 24, 2019 – Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is proud to announce the re-opening of the North County Regional Library at 16500 Holly Crest Lane, Huntersville 28078, on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 9 a.m. The branch, which was closed in July 2018 for renovations, is an essential connector in the community and will be open to the public offering services, programs, Wi-Fi and computer use, along with a wide selection of books and audio visual materials including DVDs, CDs and audiobooks. A Fall Fest and Grand Re-opening is scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2019 with a ribbon cutting set for 10 a.m.

North County Regional Library will be open Mondays through Thursdays 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sundays 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Hours may vary in summer. New customers are encouraged to sign-up for a Library card on-line or at the branch.

The Library increased by 1,860 square feet to nearly 24,860 square feet. It includes redesigned spaces for children and teens, a new Teen Loft, a makerspace room, an expanded community room, individual and group study rooms and collaborative spaces, a vending café, a patio and terrace, and a more accessible path to the building entrance. Features include free Wi-Fi, audio-visual capabilities and a public computer lab. A new exterior book/materials drop is part of the new traffic flow in the parking lot.

"We are grateful for the support and patience of our customers during the North County Regional Library renovation process. We know this is going to be a well-used resource in the north Mecklenburg County area, and bringing this branch back on-line continues to help us build a stronger community," says Lee Keesler, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library CEO.

"We're excited to welcome our customers and the community back and introduce them to this incredible Library," says Dana Eure, acting library director for Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. "There's so much to show them in the new features we have created, including the new Teen Loft, expanded Wi-Fi connections, multiple meeting room spaces, and our new makerspace area."

North County Regional Library is also updated with an efficient checkout system using radio frequency identification (RFID) and a new automated materials handling unit. There were also major upgrades to the HVAC system to ensure efficient operations and user comfort. Public funding for the North County Regional project was approved in 2014 by Mecklenburg County and cost approximately $6.78 million. The project was managed by Mecklenburg County's Asset and Facility Management Team, the architect was McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture and Optima Engineering, and the builder/contractor was Encompass Building Group. The North County Regional renovation is the second of several projects for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library system; Morrison Regional Library was renovated and re-opened in 2017, and South County Regional Library is scheduled to close later this year for renovations.

About Charlotte Mecklenburg Library:
Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is one of America's leading urban public libraries, serving a community of more than one million citizens in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Through 20 locations, targeted outreach and online resources, the Library delivers exceptional services and programs, with a mission to improve lives and

build a stronger community. For more, visit cmlibrary.org.

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Photo caption: The newly renovated North County Regional Library will re-open to the public on Monday, October 7, 2019.

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