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SCALEYBARK BRANCH MOVES TO SOUTH BOULEVARD LIBRARY ON JANUARY 13, 2020

Moves brings new name to new location

Charlotte, NC – December 18, 2020 – Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is proud to announce Scaleybark Library has moved and re-opens at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020 as South Boulevard Library, located at 4429 South Boulevard, Charlotte 28209. The new South Boulevard location offers more space and resources to the growing local community – at 18,850 square feet, it is 13,350 square feet larger than the previous location. The Library remains an essential connector in the community offers free services, programs, Wi-Fi and computer use, along with a wide selection of books and audio-visual materials including DVDs, CDs and audiobooks. The Scaleybark branch will permanently close its doors after regular business hours on Saturday, January 11, 2020 and will no longer accept holds or pickups.

“We’re excited to welcome our customers and the community to this new, expanded Library. The South Boulevard branch is three times the size of the old Scaleybark branch and is better suited to meet the needs of a growing, thriving community,” says Dana Eure, acting library director for Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. “There are many new features for our customers to enjoy in this larger space including the children’s programming area, multiple meeting and study room spaces, a large community room and a computer lab.”

South Boulevard Library features redesigned spaces for children and teens, public computers, children’s computers, three self-checkouts, an expanded community room, a dedicated children’s program room, a quiet reading room, five group study rooms, many collaborative spaces, a laptop bar for customers who wish to bring their own personal devices and a vending café. Features include free Wi-Fi, audio-visual capabilities and a public computer lab with 12 computers. There are two entrances to the branch, one in the front (facing South Boulevard) and one in the back of the building, along with ample parking spaces in both locations.

Starting on January 13, 2020, South Boulevard Library begins normal operating hours. The Library is open Mondays through Thursdays 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The branch is closed on Sundays. New customers are encouraged to sign-up for a Library card on-line (www.cmlibrary.org/get-a-card) or at the branch.

Additionally, South Boulevard customers will enjoy an increased Library collection, with the largest growth happening in picture books (50% increase), Young Adult and Teen Collections (45% increase) and World Languages (38% increase). Public funding for the South Boulevard project was approved in 2019 by Mecklenburg County and cost \$1.7 million. The project was managed by Mecklenburg County’s Asset and Facility Management Team, the architect was Robert Johnson Architects and the builder/contractor was Shiel Sexton Company, Inc. The South Boulevard relocation is the fourth of several projects for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library system: Morrison Regional Library was renovated and re-opened in 2017, North County Regional Library was renovated and re-opened in 2019, and South County Regional Library is currently closed for renovations until early 2021.

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 relocated South Boulevard Library will re-open to the public on Monday, January 13, 2020.

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