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Morrison Regional Library Reopens

Mecklenburg residents got a firsthand glimpse of the newly renovated Morrison Regional Library during a grand reopening ceremony on Dec. 16.

The renovated branch, the third most active in the library system, increased by 2,600 square feet to nearly 27,000 square feet, and includes redesigned spaces for children and teens, a maker space room, a vending café, and a patio and terrace. There is a wide selection of books and audio-visual materials including DVDs, CDs and audiobooks. Features include a new computer lab, a laptop check-out system, an automated materials handling unit, WiFi availability, and the ability for wireless printing from personal devices.

Morrison Regional Library is open Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Hours may vary in summer.

Public funding for the \$8-million project was approved in 2014 as part of the 2015 Mecklenburg County Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The renovation is the first of several projects in the 2015 CIP for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library system. In addition, Mecklenburg County has earmarked funding for a new main library.

For more information visit www.cmlibrary.org or contact Shelley Book at 704-416-0602 or sbook@cmlibrary.org.

Energy Assistance Applications Being Accepted Now

Mecklenburg County's Department of Social Services will be taking Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) applications from residents. The LIEAP is a federally funded program that provides a one-time vendor payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills.

In December, priority in eligibility will be given to persons with disabilities who receive services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services, or households in which a member of the household is age 60 or older. Applications for those households will be taken Dec. 1-31 or until funds are exhausted.

Applications for all other households will be taken from Jan. 1 through March 31, 2018 or until funds are exhausted.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have at least one U.S. citizen or qualified alien
- Have income below 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- Have reserves at or below \$2,250
- Be responsible for its heating bills

More information can be found [here](#). Residents who need assistance during the application process can contact Tyandle Sims at 980-314-6120 or Tyandle.Sims@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Mecklenburg Unveils New Way to Communicate with Employees and Residents

Mecklenburg County has a brand-new way to communicate with employees and residents.

Less than a month ago, our social media team unveiled a blog that allows us to share many of the exciting, unique and interesting things going on in County government.

Recent posts are about employees giving back, holiday lights and interesting things you may not know about the County seal.

I encourage you to check out the blog [here](#).

For more information, contact Social Media Coordinator Nicole Nolen at 704-280-0377 or Nicole.Nolen@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Happy Holidays

As we wrap up another year, I would like to take a moment to thank County employees for their incredible work over the past 12 months.

Their dedication to serving the needs of residents is what makes this the greatest County in the country.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Please note that we will release the next issue of the Board Bulletin on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018. You can view the County's holiday schedule [here](#).

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Dec. 19, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Tuesday, Dec. 19, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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