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The Cornelius Branch Library,

a branch of the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, opened the doors of its 5,500 sq. ft. building in February 2000. The facility is a joint effort between the citizens of Cornelius, located about 20 miles north of Charlotte; town leaders; the county commissioners; and the Public Library Board of Trustees. Located across from the Cornelius Elementary School, the branch has established a special relationship with the school as a way to serve the community's children. The librarians foster this emphasis on children's services by providing programs inside the branch and through outreach efforts in the Cornelius community.



The beautiful garden pavilion at the library is the perfect retreat for patrons to enjoy a good read. The branch provides reading and reference materials for patrons of all ages, including books, basic reference resources, video- and audiocassettes, newspapers, and magazines. Book rentals of popular titles appearing on the *New York Times* bestsellers' list are also available, as well as large-print items and books-on-tape for adults and children.

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