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South County Library Opening October 20th At East Amwell Location

The public is invited to attend the Grand Opening of the Hunterdon County South County Library branch at 1108 Old York Road in East Amwell at 10 am on Saturday, October 20th.

East Amwell Mayor Tim Mathews presented to the Freeholders the opportunity for the move of the South County branch at the May 29th Freeholder meeting, which was immediately followed up on by the Library Commission and Freeholder Board.

Freeholder Board Deputy Director Suzanne Lagay, liaison to the Library Commission, has previously noted, “Use of the south County Library has dropped by nearly 60% since the move away from Ringoes, according to data provided by the Library Director. The south county branch should now be more available to residents.”

South county library usage dropped from 106,731 in 2011, the last full year the facility was located in Ringoes, to 44,089 in 2017.

Freeholder Board Director Matt Holt stated, “There are many facets to moving the Library and its contents. The Library Commission, its Director, and the County’s team are commended for having done an efficient job in preparing the new library space in record time. We also greatly appreciate the financial support provided by the Friends of the Library.”

Refreshments will be served at the Grand Opening event.

The South County Library branch is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9 am to 5 pm and 9 am to 9 pm on Wednesday.