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### **Plans for Mary Jacobs Library in Rocky Hill to Become Community Gathering Space**

**BRIDGEWATER, NJ – February 20, 2025**– Starting May 13, library services provided by Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) at the Mary Jacobs building will conclude. The Mary Jacobs Foundation plans to repurpose the building as a community gathering space, offering programs and services to Rocky Hill residents.

“Although we are disappointed that library services will no longer be offered at the Mary Jacobs building, we are excited about its new life as a community gathering space,” said Cary Dawson, Mary Jacobs Foundation Board President. “We envision it as a hub for community engagement, where members of the Rocky Hill community can gather to participate in educational programs, attend cultural events, and access tutoring services, continuing the building’s legacy of making community connections and offering educational experiences.”

“SCLSNJ is thankful for the partnership developed over the past 51 years with the Mary Jacobs Foundation and the residents of Rocky Hill,” said Brian Auger, SCLSNJ Director. “Their support was essential in providing library services to the community. As the contract for library services at the Mary Jacobs building concludes, we look forward to continuing to serve Rocky Hill residents through the Montgomery branch, located just over a mile away.”

This transition is the result of collaborative efforts between the Foundation and SCLSNJ to best utilize the Mary Jacobs space and serve the Rocky Hill community with appropriate library services, while balancing the costs associated with a full-service library. With potential funding from the Mary Jacobs Foundation, SCLSNJ is exploring solutions, such as a potential automated hold locker, to provide convenient access for residents to pick up SCLSNJ materials and return items.

Rocky Hill residents will continue to have access to all library services in Somerset County, with the Montgomery Library located 1.3 miles away. To commemorate this transition and offer the community informative and engaging programs at the Mary Jacobs building, the following events will be held:



- **[Indoor Video Game Party \(Families\)](#)**: Saturday, March 1, 2-3:30 PM. An afternoon of video games with GameTruck!
- **[Unique Creatures \(Families\)](#)**: Saturday, April 19, 10:30-11:15 AM. Get up close with amazing animals and learn about their habitats and abilities. This program is geared toward children in grades K-5, but families are welcome.
- **[Library Information Session \(All Ages\)](#)**: Monday, May 5, 2-3 PM and Tuesday, May 13, 11 AM-12 PM. Rocky Hill community members are invited to learn about all the services and resources available to them as SCLSNJ cardholders.

### **About Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ)**

Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) partners with you to connect, to explore, to share and to discover. Together we enrich lives, expand knowledge, and strengthen communities. SCLSNJ serves the following communities in Somerset County: Bound Brook, Branchburg, Bridgewater, Green Brook, Hillsborough, Manville, Millstone, Montgomery, North Plainfield, Peapack & Gladstone, Rocky Hill, Somerville, South Bound Brook, Warren Township and watching. Visit [SCLSNJ.org](http://SCLSNJ.org) for more information.