Your Library Renewed:
Building to Reflect Community Needs

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Background
Aging Facilities
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Strategic Plan

• Strategic Plan and Facilities Master Plan

• Focus groups

• Initial plan in 2008, updated in 2012

• Strategic Plan was updated again in 2014
Proposition L

• November 2012

• $0.06 tax levy increase

• 58% approval
Public Input

• Strategic Plan Focus Groups
• Facilities Master Plan Focus Groups
• Staff surveys
• Patron surveys
Common Themes

Q3 When you visit this branch, which activities reflect your use of the library? Check all that apply:

- Borrow books and magazines
- Borrow DVDs, CDs, or...
- Study (alone or in a group)
- Access library computers/Internet
- Attend library events/classes
- Attend community...
- Use copier or fax machine
- Do research for personal...
- None
- Other

Answered: 1,076  Skipped: 0
Common Themes

- Not enough seating
- Poor lighting
- Need more windows
- Not enough PCs
- Lack of outlets
- TOO NOISY!
Preparation

• Three phases
• Project groupings
• Architect selection
• Construction Manager Selection
Programming & Design

• Key principles

  • Larger children’s areas
  • Improved teen spaces
  • Improved quiet areas
  • More natural light
  • Central desk locations
  • Meeting room enhancements
  • Commons areas
  • Copy centers
  • More seating options
Children’s Areas
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Discovery Zones
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Teen Spaces
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Quiet Spaces
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Seating
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Lighting
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Service Desks
Meeting Rooms
Commons Areas
Copy Centers
Signage
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Outdoor Space
Opening Day!
What Lies Ahead?

• Completion of Phase 2

• Phase Three – HQ!
Questions?

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