BLAIR-CALDWELL AFRICAN AMERICAN RESEARCH LIBRARY RENOVATION

PROJECT BACKGROUND
Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library serves the Five Points Denver neighborhood as a cultural and historical center for African Americans in the Rocky Mountain West. Critical building components and architectural features are aging with noticeable wear and tear. Space for events, exhibits and community gatherings are inadequate. Due to security issues, state-of-the-art surveillance must be continually enhanced. The book return location creates safety issues for customers and visitors. Environmentally-stable and secure conditions are needed for archival materials. The service area population has grown by 9.3 percent in the past decade and is expected to grow another 6 percent in the next five years.

This project will renovate landscaping, sidewalks and parking lots; improve heating, ventilation and air conditioning; replace rooftop HVAC units; move book return to interior space; update fire alarm codes, surveillance, access control, electrical, lighting, power and communication systems; update restrooms, conference and community rooms; refresh children’s area; improve staff room efficiency and lighting; explore new arrangements for shelving and computer/mobile device access; provide interior finishes including paint, carpet, tile, ceilings, furniture and fixtures; comply with ADA requirements; provide new signs; and update information technology, data and telecommunications.

PROJECT INFORMATION
Location: 2401 Welton St.
District: 9
Neighborhood: Five Points
Elevate Denver Funded Amount: $2.9 million
Designers: Handprint
Contractors: To be determined

PROJECT BENEFITS
Renovated library
Updated equipment and technology
Improved landscaping, sidewalk and parking lot

KEY MILESTONES
BEGIN DESIGN 2019
BEGIN CONSTRUCTION 2021
PROJECT COMPLETION 2022

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