BYERS BRANCH LIBRARY RENOVATION

PROJECT BACKGROUND
Built in 1918, the Byers Branch Library is a historic Carnegie library. Critical building components and architectural features have exceeded life expectancy. The stone and terracotta facade is deteriorating and requires repair and tuckpointing. Community gathering spaces and staff work spaces are inadequate. There are multiple safety and security concerns. Key metrics that drive the need for an improved library facility include poor kindergarten readiness for reading, low third grade reading scores and low high school graduation rates. The diverse population includes those without internet access as well as new residents, many of whom are creatives and artists.

This project will address landscaping, sidewalk and exterior lighting; explore entrance redesign; modernize the elevator; improve heating, ventilation and air conditioning; repair and restore facade; add staff restroom and update public restroom; meet fire alarm codes; install surveillance and access control; update electrical, data, power and communication systems; update lighting; redesign service point for technology and service models; update community room; explore new arrangements for flexible learning spaces, shelving and computer/mobile device access; redesign children’s area and staff spaces; provide interior finishes including paint, carpet, tile, ceilings, furniture and fixtures; provide new signs; comply with ADA requirements; and update IT, data and telecommunications capabilities.

PROJECT INFORMATION
Location: 675 Santa Fe Dr.
District: 3
Neighborhood: Lincoln Park
Elevate Denver Funded Amount: $1.47 million
Designers: Studiotrope Design Collective
Contractors: Interlock Construction Corp

PROJECT BENEFITS
Refurbished architecture
Renovated space
Updated equipment

KEY MILESTONES
BEGIN DESIGN 2019
BEGIN CONSTRUCTION 2020
PROJECT COMPLETION 2021

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