SMILEY BRANCH LIBRARY RENOVATION

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Built in 1918, the Smiley 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. 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: 4501 W. 46th Ave.

District: 1

Neighborhood: Berkeley

Elevate Denver Funded Amount: $1.53 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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