ROSS-BARNUM BRANCH LIBRARY RENOVATION

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Ross-Barnum Branch Library was built in 1954 and remodeled in 1973 and 1994. Critical building components and architectural features have exceeded life expectancy. The entry walkways and parking lot have significant safety issues. The basement cannot be used due to poor access and inadequate fire protection. 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 and a large number of immigrants/refugees.

This project includes making the basement accessible with elevator installation and life safety improvements; addressing landscaping, sidewalk and exterior lighting; exploring redesign of entrances; improving heating, ventilation and air conditioning; repairing and restoring facade; redesigning/relocating exterior book drop; updating restrooms; meeting fire alarm codes; installing surveillance and access control; updating electrical; improving data, power and communication systems; updating ambient lighting; redesigning service point for technology and service models; updating/relocating community room; exploring new arrangements for flexible learning spaces; redesigning children’s area and staff spaces; exploring material shelving arrangement; exploring new arrangements for computer/mobile device access; providing new interior finishes, furniture and fixtures; providing new signs; complying with ADA requirements; and updating IT, data and telecommunications capabilities.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Location: 3570 W. 1st Ave.
District: 3
Neighborhood: Barnum
Elevate Denver Funded Amount: $2.6 million
Designer: Studiotrope LLC
Contractor: To be determined

PROJECT BENEFITS

Increased safety and updated technology
Added basement access with elevator
Renovated exterior and interior

KEY MILESTONES

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