SCHLESSMAN FAMILY BRANCH LIBRARY RENOVATION

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Opened in 2002, the Schlessman Family Branch Library is among the most used in the area. The population has increased and the building size is inadequate. The critical building components and architectural features are aging with leaking windows and deteriorating metal siding. The current entrance design contributes to an uncomfortable interior climate and environment.

This project includes increasing square footage with an addition; researching and repairing leaking titanium façade panels; replacing the roof; addressing landscaping, sidewalk and exterior lighting; exploring redesign of entrances; improving heating, ventilation and air conditioning; updating restrooms; reconditioning and paving the parking lot; 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 the community room; exploring new arrangements for flexible learning spaces; redesigning the children’s area; exploring existing material shelving arrangement; redesigning staff rooms; exploring new arrangements for computers/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: 100 Poplar St.

District: 5

Neighborhood: Lowry

Elevate Denver Funded Amount: $3.5 million

Designer: Studiotrope LLC

Contractor: To be determined

PROJECT BENEFITS

Renovated library with additional space

Updated equipment and technology

Improved landscaping and new roof

Enhanced accessibility features

KEY MILESTONES

BEGIN DESIGN 2021

BEGIN CONSTRUCTION 2023

PROJECT COMPLETION 2024

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