EVANSTON
ILLINOIS

Library Capital Improvements Plan
Proposed Main Library Renovation

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PAST PUBLIC LIBRARY WORK

- Des Plaines (building), 2000
- Elmhurst (building), 2003
- Orland Park (building), 2004
- Des Plaines (lobby & circulation renovations), 2009
- CPL Greater Grand Crossing Branch (building), 2011
- CPL Richard M. Daley Branch (building), 2011
- CPL Dunning Branch (building), 2011
- CPL Little Village Branch (building), 2011
- CPL Edgewater Branch (building), 2013
- St. Charles (interior renovations), 2014
- CPL Humboldt Park Branch (building), 2014
- CPL Chinatown Branch (building), 2015
- CPL Albany Park Branch (building), 2015
- Des Plaines (interior renovations), 2016
- Arlington Heights (exterior renovations), 2017
- Joliet (exterior renovations), 2017

COST RANGE EXPERIENCE

- New Construction Cost Range: $250-600 / sf
- Estimated cost to build Evanston Library today: $50,000,000+ ($400/sf)
- Estimated cost to renovate Evanston Library: $10,500,000+ ($84/sf)

COST MANAGEMENT EFFORTS for Evanston Library:

- 18-month uninterrupted schedule identified as more cost effective than multiple phases
- Periodic cost estimates prepared and assessed
- Durable cost efficient new furnishings & materials chosen
- Some features scaled back during design process
- Re-use planned for much existing furnishings, shelving, and some building materials
- Re-lamping of existing lighting engineered
- LEED gold certification targeted
New Spaces and Features to Meet Community Needs

- 12,350 SF converted from staff space to patron use areas
- More private and semi-private workspace
- More community meeting space
- Space for providing social services
- Digital media and technology upgrade
- New teen center
- Patron self pick up of holds
- Eating area/area for nursing mothers
- Art gallery/Exhibit space
- Comfortable seating areas
IMPROVEMENTS:
• More welcoming lobby
• Café / Book sale area
• Patron holds pickup
• Patron self checkout
• Larger meeting room
• More secure children’s department
• Improved craft room
• Larger story room
• Parent / baby lounge
• More computers
• Energy efficient lighting
IMPROVEMENTS:

- 2 Patron-friendly service desks
- Added comfortable patron seating
- New carpet
- Gender-neutral restroom
- Open space for views and added daylight
- Energy efficient lighting
IMPROVEMENTS:

• Staff areas converted to patron use
• 2 Patron-friendly service desks
• Multiple new meeting and study rooms
• Larger teen area
• Maker & media labs
• Computer training lab
• Added comfortable patron seating
• Art display area
• New carpet
• Energy efficient lighting
IMPROVEMENTS:

- Increased capacity within staff work area
- Improved security
- Use of stored carpet
- Energy efficient lighting