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Library Building Program/Fact Sheet

This Program Fact Sheet describes the key components of a new 21st Century DCPL Neighborhood Library. The Program is preliminary and will be modified by information from and about the community that will be served.

Building:

- A destination, an anchor, a place for learning and meeting that is welcoming and comfortable for the whole community
- 20,000 – 22,000 gross square feet
- Flexible space to accommodate future change
- Sustainable Building with LEED Certification
- ADA Accessible – Exterior & Interior
 - Ramps and Elevators
- Public Entrance
 - Single, highly visible at street level
 - Accessible for everyone – including wheelchairs and strollers
- Exterior
 - Architecturally pleasing, modern and iconic or an historical renovation
 - Bicycle Racks
 - Parking
 - Signage for easy recognition and good visibility
 - Lighting for security and visibility
 - Landscape to enhance the appearance of the building; easy to maintain

Public Service Areas:

- Browsing, New Books, Sight & Sound Collections
- Adult
- Magazines
- Teens
- Children's
 - With three separate reading areas: Age 0 to 2, Age 2 to 5, Elementary Age
 - Children's Program Room for story time and other activities
- Check out/Book returns inside and outside.
 - Express Check-out, Express Pick-Up of Holds
 - Information points for children and adults
- Vending
 - Potential to purchase drinks and snacks
 - Space may be used for a café cart or other food service
- Community and Library Bulletin Boards and Giveaway Area
- Space to display art

Collection:

- 80,000 books and other library materials on Opening Day for Adults, Teens and Children
 - Books (Fiction, Non-Fiction, Biography, Large-Type and Reference), Magazines, CDs (Books & Music), DVDs (Informational and Feature Films)
 - Early Literacy Workstation for Young Children

Seating:

- 200 + Reader Seats, plus the Conference and Meeting Rooms

Technology:

- Public Access Computers
 - 24 for Adults (minimum); 8 for Children (minimum)
- Laptop Computers for training and individual use

- Electronic Resources and Databases
- Wi-Fi Access

Community Meeting Spaces:

- Meeting Room (minimum of 100 people) with Wi-Fi, Audio/Visual equipment, Assisted Listening System; to the public after hours, with adjacent Pre-Function space
- Conference/Quiet Study Rooms (2, each for 12 to 16) with Wi-Fi
- Study Rooms (6, each for 1 or 2 people) with Wi-Fi

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