

FRANKLIN AVENUE LIBRARY RENOVATION



RIBBON-CUTTING

Sunday, August 21, 2011 | 3:00-5:00 PM

OPENING DATE

Monday, August 22, 2011

LOCATION

5000 Franklin Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50310

TOTAL AREA

Building size after the expansion will be 28,590 square feet.

COLLECTION SIZE

110,000

PROJECT COST

\$8.4 million

FUNDING

\$2.2 million from I-Jobs

\$6.2 million City of Des Moines/DMPL Foundation

ARCHITECT

Benjamin Design Collaborative, Ames, IA

CONTRACTOR

Rochon Corporation, Urbandale, IA

PURSuing LEED PLATINUM CERTIFICATION

This renovated library will be the Des Moines Public Library's first LEED registered building. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified projects cost less to operate and maintain, are energy and water efficient, and contribute to occupant health and productivity. LEED points are awarded based on materials and resources; water efficiency; energy and atmosphere; sustainable sites; indoor environmental quality; and innovation and design.



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IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR THE EXPANDED FRANKLIN AVENUE LIBRARY

The greatest need at the Franklin Avenue Library was for additional space. The current expansion will add approximately 14,000 additional square feet to the existing site. The additional space will be used to meet the following needs:

- > A large, inviting children's area.
- > A separate teen area.
- > Abundant electrical access for laptops.
- > Expanded seating areas for use of the wireless environment.
- > Quiet study rooms and group study spaces.
- > More public-use computers for databases, word processing, and internet use.
- > Updated large multipurpose meeting room.
- > Two conference rooms for smaller groups.
- > Drive up return window.
- > Comfortable lounge type seating.
- > Increased parking.
- > Volunteer work space and more staff work space.
- > Reconfigured check-out area that allows for increased usage of self-check stations.

GREEN FEATURES

- > Roof-based photo-voltaic system capable of producing nearly fifty KW on an average day bringing the grid power usage down to a minimum.
- > Solar thermal collector and thermal storage with the ability to supply 85% of the heating load so the boilers operate very sparingly.
- > Low density lighting.
- > Double paned windows.
- > "Green" interface computer to provide visual feedback on energy and sustainable methods in use on site.
- > Native landscaping.
- > Use of "green" building methods and materials to minimize waste, maintain air quality, and maximize use of renewable and recycled resources.
- > Recycling plan for staff and public to dispose of paper and plastic.
- > Composting of library staff room waste for neighboring community garden.
- > Use of "green" cleaning methods and supplies.
- > Easy access to bike trail, bike racks, and bus routes.
- > New front sidewalk provides walkers with easier access to the library.
- > Staff shower to encourage walking and biking to work.
- > Plug-ins for electric cars.
- > Green and environmental programming for the public during the first year.





TECHNOLOGY

- > Thirty-six adult Internet computers.
- > Eight children's Internet computers.
- > Seven public access catalog computers.
- > Two children's Early Learning Station computers.
- > Ample power and data ports for mobile devices, free Wi-Fi access throughout, five self check-out stations and a video projector and audio amplification system in the meeting room.

SNAPSHOT OF THE FRANKLIN AVENUE LIBRARY

- > One of six Des Moines Public Library locations.
- > Busiest Des Moines branch library in circulation.
 - > Circulation was 445,249 in 2007-2008
 - > Patron assistance was 42,877 in-person questions
 - > 34,536 in-person holds in 2007-2008
- > Building size before the expansion was 14,650 square feet, collection size was less than about 105,000. Building size after the expansion will be 28,590 square feet.
- > Building was built in 1965 and remodeled in 1981 and 1999.
- > Location is close to high growth western suburbs, with many overlapping users.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THIS RENOVATION

Families and individuals living in the Franklin Avenue neighborhood participated in several informational meetings to discuss renovation plans for the Franklin Avenue Library. A total of five workshops, guided by the firms of Benjamin Design Collaborative and David Milling Architects, were held to share ideas and get input from the library customers and community members. The Library Board of Trustees, library administrators, and city and community leaders used the information that was gathered to shape the library's plans for the future.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PHYSICAL BUILDING

Franklin underwent an asbestos ceiling abatement and partial renovation from July 1999 - January 2000. The library remained open during that process. That renovation included a re-arrangement of the furnishings, carpeting, new paint, lighting, an information desk, tiles in the lobby floor, and some replacement shelving.



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IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY

Franklin Avenue Library is a dynamic library in a neighborhood that uses its library heavily. Our service area includes a diverse community and many college-educated customers who have embraced our new technology and use our web based catalog remotely. Our Friends of the Franklin Avenue Library group and community volunteers help our staff provide a high level of service to the community.

- > Children's programs, including story times, are well attended. We offer five story times most weeks, including a baby rhyme time story time for babies, a toddler story time, and preschool story time. We introduce many children to books and reading. Our summer reading program attracts about 1,500 children and teens.
- > Reference service for all ages is heavily used. This includes educational support for youth and adult learners, and use of our periodicals and information databases.
- > Our materials collection of over 100,000 items is used by many recreational readers who ask our staff for reading suggestions and place lots of holds on books they wish to read. We also offer a homebound delivery service and two book discussion groups. Job hunters, investors, businesspersons, hobbyists, travelers, history buffs, gardeners, artists, and many others improve their skills and pursue their educational and informational interests using our nonfiction collection.
- > Our meeting room is used by community groups. The library also offers and co-sponsors programs for the public. Staff members also go out into the community to talk to schools and groups about the library.
- > Media collections are in demand: audiobooks, playaways, music CDs, and DVDs. Downloadable audiobooks and e-books are also popular.



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SUPPORT OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As the busiest branch of the Des Moines Public Library, the Franklin Avenue Library has been an eagerly awaited phase in the DMPL's ten year system-wide facilities improvement plan which included the new Central Library (completed in 2006) and the renovation of the other four branch libraries.

The Des Moines Public Library Capital Campaign ten-year project represents a unique public/private partnership to raise funds for enhancing the entire library system to provide the accessible community resources that today's library customers demand. Our goal is in sight with less than \$750,000 remaining to be raised from private contributions for the Franklin Avenue Library Renovation Project.

Support from community is still crucial and we welcome your donations to reach our goal. Please send your donations to the Des Moines Public Library Foundation, 1000 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309, contact Robert Montana at 515-248-6402, or by email at rmontana@dmpl.org.

THANK YOU

