PRECEDEMENTS

Shaker Heights Public Library - Main
Design Development

April 07, 2020
LOWER LEVEL - PROGRAM DIAGRAM

- OFF
- FLEX
- DIR. OFF.
- DEP DIR
- CONF
- OFF

- FRIENDS
- DELIVERY 320 SF
- STOR 235 SF
- TECH SERVICES
- MAINT WORK
- MAINT OFF

- DELIVERY
- SPRINKLER
- TLT

- MECHANICAL
- CRAWL SPACE
- TELECOM

- Jan
- STOR

- RECEPT
- TLT

- WAIT

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The new building design and layout draws inspiration from the kind of thoughtful urban planning that has contributed to the success of Shaker Heights as a community for over a hundred years.

Organized around a central ‘Town Square’ in the existing multi-level atrium space the building is divided into districts and neighborhoods located to take advantage of synergies between related uses. These adjacencies coupled with clear circulation and visible thresholds to the neighborhoods promote intuitive way-finding and positive interaction between patrons.

As the design of the distinct neighborhoods develops it allows opportunity for them to establish a unique character that builds upon the overall goal of supporting active, modern library service in an historic shell.
NEIGHBORHOOD | TOWN SQUARE

A multi-height space connecting both public floors is the center of the project. Mobile shelving allow the space to focused on collection with the flexibility to be opened up for large scale events when needed.
NEIGHBORHOOD | TECH CORRIDOR
Technology intensive spaces are clustered together in a prominent location on the first floor to provide patrons easy access to computers and digital tools.
A distinct but accessible children’s area is anchored by interactive learning areas and playful nooks for reading while maintaining enough shelving for a robust collection.
Strategic updates to the existing entry patio create a more accessible, inviting gateway to the library with space for visitors to linger.

- New Planters
- Benches
- Existing Planter
- New Shaker Reads Sign
- Patio Seating
- Relocated Ramp
ENVELOPE REPAIRS

ROOF
• Replace membrane and insulation
• Replace cracked slate tiles
• Repair damage copper gutters and downspouts
• Wet-seal existing skylights

CUPOLA
• Repaint all wood
• Reset copper finial

BRICK MASONRY & CAST STONE
• Replace cracked and spalled brick & stone
• Repoint areas of deteriorated mortar
• Repaint all painted stone

WINDOWS
• Mechanically fasten shut to decrease air & water infiltration
• Replace perimeter seals
• Repair corroded steel lintels
• Replace head and sill flashing, end dams, and weeps
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

COMMUNITY SURVEY
• Quantifiable information with a broad reach
• July 2019

STAFF INTERVIEWS
• Operational insight from staff
• July 2019

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSES
• In person response to library spaces
• August 2019

TEEN FEEDBACK SESSIONS
• Targeted outreach with middle school students
• October 2019

DESIGN PROGRESS UPDATE
• Sharing the vision for a re-imagined Shaker Library
• Spring 2020

ONGOING CONSTRUCTION UPDATES
• Periodic updates on progress and impact on the community
• Summer 2020