

Central Library Receives Major Upgrades

Design features include new meeting rooms, a multi-purpose maker lab and updated 'Tech-Central' area.

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- *County Board awarded contract to TMG Construction Corporation for Central Library upgrades.*
- *Construction is set to begin this fall.*
- *Library to remain open throughout year-long project.*

The Arlington County Board approved a \$1.7 million contract to upgrade the County's Central Library. The contract was awarded to TMG Construction Corporation, the lowest bidder in the competitive bidding process.

Arlington residents and Library patrons will benefit from several new additions including 3 new meeting rooms, a multi-purpose technology and maker room, redesigned public PC stations, welcoming reading and study areas, streamlined furniture and media shelving, and modernized reference stations.

"The Central Library upgrades are welcome and necessary," says Library Director Diane Kresh. "We are committed to creating lively and collaborative spaces to meet the evolving needs of our community."

Renovations are set to begin in the fall of 2017 and will last up to 12 months. The Library will remain open during regular business hours.

Building upgrades and design elements include:

- 3 new meeting rooms and updated reading room area on the 1st floor;
- New multi-purpose technology and maker lab equipped with a tool and storage room, work benches, design areas and computer stations on the 2nd floor;
- Redesigned public PC stations;
- New reference desk stations, furniture and media shelving;
- Relocation of pick-up area for holds;
- Book store for Friends of the Arlington Public Library;
- Energy efficient electrical fixtures and new power supply outlets for public use;
- Semi-transparent glass walls, private yet contemporary;
- ADA upgrades: redesign of ramp in front of the main parking lot and addition of protective railing underneath the staircase of the 1st floor.

The total project budget is \$2,885,690 and includes project management, permits, design, construction and furniture costs. Cox graae + spack architects are providing planning and design services for the project.

The project's goals were informed by public work sessions and surveys around "The Future of Libraries" in 2011/2012.

Visit <http://library.arlingtonva.us/central-upgrades> for more information.

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