

“Transformation Main” Durham County Library



**Library Mission: To Encourage DISCOVERY,
Connect the COMMUNITY, and Lead in LITERACY**

FAQs

- **Why are we renovating the library versus rebuilding?**
Our engineers and architecture firm worked together to determine that the foundation of the library is in very good condition. The costs for a full rebuild with a new foundation, footings and steel structural system would add approximately \$2-2.6 million in costs.
- **Is the price per square foot high?**
The cost is in line with other construction projects of this magnitude in other urban settings. The price per square foot, with regards to construction costs of approximately \$33 million, is \$389/sq. ft. An unusual construction cost factor to consider is the need of a structure capable of carrying the weight of all the books.

Improvement Highlights

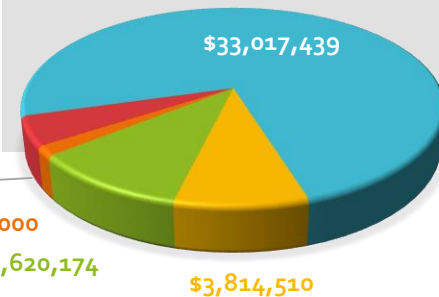
- Reconfiguration of building entries and interior for ease of use and enhanced visibility throughout
- Comprehensive Literacy and Technology Center
 - MakerSpace / S.T.E.A.M.
 - Music / Video
 - Business Training
 - Teaching / Networking
 - Cultural Education
 - Additional Public Computers
- Extensive program and collaboration areas for library and community use
- Expanded and more accessible North Carolina Collection
- Prominent outdoor public plaza for programming and events
- Significant advances in energy efficiency as part of Durham County’s sustainability initiative

Main Library Usage FY 2016



\$44.3 M Cost Breakout

- Construction Cost Estimate
- Design / Planning / Construction Admin / 3rd Party Commissioning
- Furnishings / Fixtures / Equipment / Technology
- Other (i.e. CM T/SI/ Surveying / Geotechnical / LEED Cert / Abatement)
- Contingencies



15% of Durham households do not have access to the Internet and less than 40% have broadband connections

Approximately 27% of library computer users have searched for, applied for, or secured a job utilizing these resources

80+ students at the Main Library utilize free in-person and live on-line tutoring programs, with 30+ on wait lists

Bridging the Digital Divide



Personal Advancement



Tutoring & Study Skills



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