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

$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

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