Main Library at Independence Park
Programming Concepts

• Functional yet Inviting
• State-of-the-Art Technology
• Proper Distribution of Various Collections, with ample Room for Growth
• Effective and User-Friendly Public Service Areas
• Flexible Public Spaces to Accommodate a variety of Meetings and Programs
• Small Rooms for Study Groups and Tutoring
• Quiet Reading Room
• Fully Integrated into the Park
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Overview

- +/- 95,000 Square Feet
- Three Floors
- Ground Floor approximately 40,000 SF

Schedule
- A/E Design and Construction Documents 2008 – 12 months
- Construction 2009 – 2010 – 18 months
- Open 2011
- Demolish existing Main Library
- Return existing site to park
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General Design Considerations

- Accessible and inviting to patrons
- Easy to understand and navigate
- Proper Signage and Lighting
- Security and safety of patrons, staff, and library resources
- State-of-the-art technology
- Functional, sustainable, maintainable
- Flexible - for growth and technological changes
- Eco-friendly
- Coordinated with BREC
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Exterior Design Considerations
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Provide a place where leisure and learning meet
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Provide Integration of outside and inside spaces
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Provide flexible spaces and services that complement the Botanical Garden, Park and Library
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Parking for +/- 380 vehicles
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Preserve the clear direction/circulation patterns on the site
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Views into the Library
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Views out of the Library
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Drive Thru Returns and Pickups
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Interior Design Considerations

Plan for Future Technology
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Efficient Flexible Lighting
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Quality Acoustical Control
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Merchandizing of the Collection
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Interior Spaces
Lobby/Exhibit/Art
Meeting Room

• Seating for 300
• Dividable into 2 rooms
• Full A/V capabilities
• Serving Kitchen
• Storage for A/V
• Storage for Table and Chairs
Circulation Area

- Library Card Registration
- Patron Accounting
- Check-in
- Reserve Materials
- Check-out – manned and self service
- Customer Service
Adult Browsing Collection

• Collection - +/- 370,000 items
  • Fiction
  • Biography
  • Large Print
  • Periodicals
  • Audio/Visual – Audiobooks, Music CD’s, Videos and DVD’s
• Seating – a variety of table and lounge seating +/- 40
• Information Desk
• Group Study Room
Children’s Services

- **Collection** - +/- 106,000 items Books and Audio Visual from Board Books to 6th grade materials
- **Seating** – variety – age appropriate - +/- 93
- **Computers** - +/- 33
- **Information Desks**
- **Family Restrooms**
Children’s Services

• Lively Atmosphere
Children’s Services

• Program Rooms
  • Lap Sit/Toddler storytelling – seating for 50
  • Preschool storytelling – seating for 50
  • Craft-room – seating for 50
  • Tutoring/Group Study Rooms – 2 with seating for 6-8
Teen Services

• Collection - +/- 45,000 items Fiction, graphic novels, nonfiction, magazines and Audio Visual

• Seating – variety – booths, tables etc. +/- 60

• Computers and Media Stations - +/- 14

• Information Desk
Teen Services

- Program Rooms
  - Program/craft space for 40
  - Tutoring/Group Study Rooms – 3 with seating for 6-10
Reference and Nonfiction Collection

• Nonfiction and Reference Collection - +/- 240,000 items
• Louisiana Materials
• Reference and Vertical File collections
• Government Documents
• Back Issue Periodicals
• Seating – variety of table and lounge seating - +/- 68
• Computers - +/- 50
• Microfilm and reader/printers - +/- 10
• Information Desk
Reference and Nonfiction Collection

- Computer Lab for 14
- Quiet Study Room – Table and Lounge seating - +/- 10
- Group Study Rooms – variety of sizes seating for 4 - 20
World Language and Lifelong Learning

• Foreign Language Materials including Print and Audiovisual - +/- 5,000 items
• English as a Second Language
• Adult New Readers
• Seating
• Tutoring/Group Study Room for 6
Public Services

- Gallery/Exhibit space
- Community Information
- Copiers/Printers – Black/White and Color on all floors
- Restrooms on all floors
- Water Fountains on all floors
Staff “Back of House” Areas

- Staff workrooms
- Material Processing areas
- Delivery and Receiving
- Staff Lounge
- Staff Restrooms
- Storage
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• Collection +/- 765,000 items
• Large Meeting Room for 300
• 4 Program Rooms for a total of 190
• Public Computers - +/- 135
• Reading Tables - +/- 230
• Lounge Seating - +/- 100
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East Baton Rouge Parish Library

QUESTIONS