



EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY

**Groundbreaking Ceremony
for the
Phase II Renovation/Expansion
of the
Scotlandville Branch Library**

**Monday, May 19, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

**7373 Scenic Highway
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Mayor-President Emile “Sid” Edwards

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Executive Library Director, Katrina Stokes

Stantec Architecture | Hidell & Associates

Sienna Construction, LLC

BUILDING FACTS & FEATURES:

- Renovated Branch (Phase II) Totals 24,226 sf, an Increase of 6,241 sf
- Newly Completed, Adjacent Archives Annex Totals 6,640 sf (Phase I)
- Construction Was Planned in Two Phases to Minimize Disruption and Loss of Service to the Residents of the Community
- Dynamic, Dedicated Spaces for Children, Teens, and Adults
- Books, AV materials, and Periodicals for all Ages
- Free Public Computers & Printing
- Laptops for Free Computer Classes
- Free Wi-Fi and Laptop Bar
- AWE Early Literacy Workstations and Interactives for Children
- Self-Check Stations, Full-Service Checkout, Online Library Catalogs
- Large Meeting/Assembly Room with a Retractable Stage; This Space can be Divided into Two Separate Meeting Rooms
- Black Heritage Room with Gallery Space
- One Conference Room
- Two Programming Rooms, with Green Screen & Maker Technology
- Three Collaborative Work/Study Rooms, Furnished with Regular and Interactive Monitors for Public Use
- Protected Overhang for Convenient Drop Off
- Dedicated Parking, with Additional Handicapped Parking
- Bike Racks and Bike Repair Station
- Updated Courtyards, included one Designed for Public Programming
- Garden Story Walk
- Space for Community Fridge

TIMELINE:

- Notice to Proceed for Phase II was Issued April 30, 2025
- Contractor has 280 Calendar Days to Complete Phase II
- Expected time to Complete Phase II is 10 Months

FUNDING:

- Using the Existing Site
- Phase II Total is \$8.8M; \$7,020,000 is budgeted for Construction
- The City-Parish is the Owner; the Library is the User
- City-Parish Architectural Services Staff will work with the Architect and the General Contractor to oversee the Project
- Funds for this Pay-As-You-Go Project were amassed by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library over time, with no bonds or indebtedness; All Financed through the Library's 10-year Dedicated Property Tax and in Accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan