



WINTER PARK LIBRARY



OUR HISTORY

Since 1885, we have grown from a simple collection of books on Miss Evaline Lamson's porch to a world-class library serving the Winter Park community and surrounding areas. We've added digital collections and physical items to our resources available to the community.

The Library has evolved based on residents' changing needs for information, education, and entertainment. It now provides books, newspapers, magazines, audiobooks, music, videos, and video games, as well as downloadable materials for use on smart devices and computers. In addition, it delivers hundreds of classes each year for patrons of all ages.

We aspire to be the intellectual gathering place that unites and inspires our community.

\$42M

BUDGET

Approved by City
Commission on January 2020

7 MTH

DESIGN

Design team Adjaye Associates and
Hunton Brady collaborated to
shape the vision of the new library

20 MTH

CONSTRUCTION

Construction began in March
2020 and was completed 20
months later in November 2021

ARCHITECTURE

Sir David Adjaye

World renowned architect and designer based in London, Sir David Adjaye OBE, designed the library after a community-driven dialog with the Aspen Institute which led to the re-imagination of the library as the living room of the community. Inspired by Winter Park's beautiful flora, the spaces were arranged for their welcoming and flexible nature with an eye always on the future. The design intends to nurture minds of the young and young at heart while supporting a flourishing community and inspiring lifelong learning,

IMPROVEMENTS

- 30% larger youth collection
- 50% more meeting room space including a raked theatre for lectures and performances.
- New computer lab with double the computers
- New recording studio
- Dedicated teen/tween space: The "Hideout"
- Business center to support entrepreneurs and job seekers
- Faster returns and re-shelving courtesy of a new automated materials handler
- Expanded history and archives area with new public research space



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Beyond checkout services, libraries provide opportunities for cultural enrichment and civic dialogue through exhibits, workshops, collections, and community discussions. We offer classes and services to help students of all ages succeed in school.

To that end, we provide:

- Educational classes so people can gain skills necessary to succeed in today's world.
- Master new skills in our educational classes for success in today's job market.
- Expand perspectives through our cultural enrichment and civic dialogue through exhibits, workshops, collections, and community discussions.
- Succeed in the classroom with support from literacy training, tutoring, and research help.

MAJOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIFTS

With \$1.7 million in private funds raised, our new building features spaces named after our generous donors, without whom, we would not be able to provide such excellent services to our community

AdventHealth for Children Inspiration Destination
Marina Nice and Craig Carter Collaboration Room
Daniel and Elizabeth McIntosh Early Literacy Discovery Center
Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation Theatre
Eric and Diane Holm Imagination Room
Frederick P. Szydlak Computer Lab
Joan Bennett Clayton Archives and Memory Lab
Kenneth and Rachel Murrah Community Room
Polly Seymour New Leaf Bookstore
Sarah and George Sprinkel Study Room
Trish and Mike Gallagher Early Literacy Alcove
Writer's Block Recording Studio



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GRAND OPENING

The grand opening for the new location of the Winter Park Library is Monday, December 13, 2021. Patrons of the library are welcome to enter the doors of their new library building - a place where they can plug in or unplug. Prior to regular business hours returning on December 13, there will be a Community Open House on Saturday, December 11, 2021 when the community is welcome to visit the new library campus for games, entertainment and a preview of the Library. Official ribbon cutting ceremony will take place the morning of the Community Open House event.

"This is the true beginning to our next chapter. With the team's incredible talents at work, we are confident that the new library and events center will be one of Winter Park's premier locations for education, business support and community collaboration." – Sabrina Bernat, Executive Director

TIMELINE

- January 2020: Final project design & \$42 million budget approved by Winter Park City Commission
- March 2020: Construction began
- December 11, 2021: Ribbon cutting
- December 13, 2021: Official opening

DESIGN TEAM

- Lead Designer: Adjaye Associates
- Architect: Hunton Brady
- Contractor: Brasfield & Gorrie
- Project Manager: The Pizzuti Companies

IMPROVED SPACES

- Library commons to read & socialize
- Education & performance space for speakers' series, live performances, films & storytimes
- Three collaborative and flexible working rooms with the technologies needed for productive group work.
- Business center for entrepreneurs and creatives
- Purposeful social spaces near age-appropriate book collections.
- Computer lab with the newest software, and hands-on instruction.
- Eight 2-person private study rooms
- New automated collection system that will improve materials handling.

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