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Virginia Village Branch Library

The Better Denver Bond Program funded \$790,000 for the renovation and redesign of the Virginia Village Branch Library, which has improved the function, technology, energy efficiency, building security, comfort and aesthetics of the library. The newly renovated library reopened in June of 2011. Changes in customer usage, technological advances, new functionality and staff needs shaped the renovations that were done within the existing walls of the library. The Better Denver Bond funding also provided for the installation of self-check stations, and the introduction of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) for library materials, which revolutionize how customers access and acquire library books and media. The renovations were done with sustainable green-building, including using materials with recycled content (carpet), repurposing existing materials (mill work and molding) and installing features to increase energy efficiency such as temperature controls, sun shades, efficient lights, and low-flow water fixtures.

Renovations

- Installed self-check stations and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) to improve materials access and tracking.
- Created new state-of-the-art service desk's, complete with data, power and communication amenities
- Rearranged the interior to create a lounge-like Wifi area and a separate desk-top computer area
- Refreshed the Children's area and provided child-friendly furniture, shelving and accessories
- Rearranged and replaced shelving and furniture for greater convenience, ADA, and better flow throughout the library
- Updated the meeting room with lighting, service counter and color
- Redesigned the small conference room in order to promote a more interactive use of space
- Provided new carpet and fresh paint throughout
- Updated the restroom partitions, lighting, vanity counters, flooring, paint, and installed low-flow water fixtures
- Updated ambient lighting throughout; particularly addressing the Circulation and Service Desks needs
- Refreshed the appearance and provided ergonomic improvements to the staff work-room
- Updated the fire alarm system and electrical systems
- Installed automation controls for building temperature control
- Installed sun shades for enhanced energy efficiency
- Re-keyed the library for improved security

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