



BETTER DENVER BOND PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS AT DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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To: Library customers and staff

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RE: Bond program improvements at Denver Public Libraries

We are pleased to report work is underway to complete the repair/maintenance work at branch libraries as funded by the Better Denver bond program.

Specifically, in 2008, The Eugene Field Branch will realize the following improvements:

- Replacement and upgrades to several building and life safety systems that have been deferred over the years. This includes the replacement of the fire detection and alarm system with state-of-the-art technology, and the replacement of the 30 year old, roof-mounted heating, ventilating and air conditioning unit with an innovative, high energy efficient model.
- The installation of several automated library material self-check stations and the introduction of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) to Library materials will revolutionize how our customers will be able to access and acquire Library books and media and conduct other Library related business.
- This represents approx \$ 250,000.00 dollars worth of repairs and upgrades.

In addition, the bond program will include 3 new branch libraries in Green Valley Ranch, Stapleton, and on the west side of Denver. Work is already underway to begin those projects, and all 3 should be finished by end of 2012. The Central Library has also benefited from bond-funded renovations and upgrades completed over the summer of 2008.

These improvements are part of the infrastructure package approved by voters in November 2007. (Ballot Issues B thru I) which also includes funding for parks, streets, public safety, cultural institutions and other important infrastructure needs. In all, over 200 projects are part of the \$550 million bond package, and all projects will be completed within 5 years (end of 2012).

For more details, visit the program web site: www.denvergov.org/bondprojects or call Michael Murphy at (303) 865- 1151 for additional library improvement questions.