

KEY FACTS

LOCATION:

Philadelphia, PA

SQUARE FEET:

350,000

COMPLETED:

2014

SERVICES:

MEP/FP Engineering

CONSTRUCTION COST:

\$120M



FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA

In 1927 the Free Library of Philadelphia opened its doors to the public and has become a profound representation of civic architecture on the Ben Franklin Parkway. 85 years later, the Library has chosen to undergo renovations, including a new addition to accommodate the growing needs of the community.

The renovation portion of the project is being completed in 3 phases, ensuring the authenticity of the existing architecture remains intact. The first phase of the project will include renovations to the fourth floor conference center, kitchen, and rare book storage archives. The rare book archives systems include specific temperature and humidity controls and state of the art fire protection systems.

The second phase includes the removal of the 6 story stacks below Pepper Hall and its replacement with a new independent multi-level structure, book storage and the creation of an information commons which will provide a connection to the new addition.

The third phase will renovate remaining areas throughout the library employing current system infrastructure technologies to the patron experience.

The new addition, provides a seamless transition from the existing building to the new dome-like structure. The addition will include small shops, cafe, meetings areas, reading rooms, auditorium, and a public garden.

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