



Baldwin Public Library: Front Entrance & Circulation Area Expansion & Renovation

The Baldwin Public Library, which serves the communities of Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, and Bloomfield Hills, will begin an expansion and renovation starting in July 2023. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2024. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$4 million and will be paid for using the library's voter-approved millage and donations to the library's Trust.

What will the renovation achieve?

- Expansion of the Front Entrance by 2,000 square feet
- Accessible, street-level entrance with interior ramp and passenger elevator
- Renovation of 3,000 square feet of interior space
- Energy-efficient, glare-reducing glass from floor to ceiling
- New furniture, flooring, and lighting
- New café and collaboration space with vending machines
- Dedicated sale area for the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library
- Addition of four new enclosed study rooms
- Outdoor terrace and gardens to visually connect with Shain Park

What professionals are handling the project?

- Architects: Merritt Cieslak Design
- Construction: PCI Dailey
- Building Management: The City of Birmingham

What impact will the project have on the streets outside the Library?

- No streets will be closed during the project. Starting in July, parking spaces and sidewalk on the west side of Bates between Merrill and Martin will be fenced off. Parking spots and the sidewalk on the north side of Merrill will also be fenced off.

How will the work affect Library services?

- A temporary entrance with an accessible ramp will be set up along Martin Street. All visitors will enter through the Youth Terrace doorway near the corner of Bates and Martin.
- The library's streetside dropbox will be relocated to Martin Street. An adjacent parking spot on Martin Street will be reserved for users returning items to the dropbox.
- The Rotary half of the lower level Rotary & Donor Rooms will be unavailable during the full length of the project while the new elevator and HVAC system is installed.
- The library's automated return system will be unavailable and out of service until the new entrance reopens in spring 2024.
- Curbside pickup will still be available

How can I find out more information?

For current updates on the project, visit www.baldwinlib.org/renovation or follow the library on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. You can sign up for occasional e-mail updates by signing up at the newsletter link included on the Renovation webpage.



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