

At a Glance

PROJECT

Renovation

ARCHITECT

Cunningham Group Architects

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Gen-Con Construction

SCHEDULE

Site preparation and construction
2009-2011

Grand opening 2011

YEAR BUILT

1973

Comments and Questions

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Updating for the Future

The 21st century library is a dynamic organization, both as a destination and experience. Physical and virtual spaces are flexible and designed to accommodate new ideas, population changes and diverse customer needs. The customer is a co-creator and collaborator in the library experience. The 21st century library is an integrated extension of local schools, a multi-media hot spot, a teen center and a gathering space.

Built in 1973 to replace the original Carnegie library building, Northeast Library serves as a welcoming, vibrant and popular northeast Minneapolis destination for people of all ages. With its strong arts community, civically active neighborhoods and the redevelopment of Central Ave., the library is an important cultural and community center for the area.

Design Highlights

- Expanded and enhanced children and teen areas
- Welcoming entrances from Central Ave. and parking area
- Early literacy/interactive discovery zone for young children
- More computers and building-wide wireless access
- Homework help space for after-school learning
- Comfortable reading and quiet study areas
- Flexible meeting space
- Display area for local art
- Improved staff workspaces for operational efficiencies



Environmental and Sustainable Features

- Flexible interior space to meet changing programming and community needs
- New and updated mechanical systems for energy-efficient operation
- Green/Sustainable architecture and design, including: native plantings, a storm water management system, maximized use of natural day-lighting, and use of sustainable and renewable products

Services while library is closed

Northeast Library closed for renovation on Oct. 29, 2009.

Nearby Hennepin County libraries include:

Central

300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis

Pierre Bottineau

55 Broadway St. N.E., Minneapolis

St. Anthony

2941 Pentagon Dr. N.E., St. Anthony

Returns:

All materials may be returned to any public library in Hennepin County or the metropolitan area.