

## At a Glance

**PROJECT**  
New construction

**ARCHITECT**  
KKE Architects, Inc.

**SCHEDULE**  
Site review 2009  
Early discussion and planning  
are underway.

**RESOURCES**  
Hennepin County Board of  
Commissioners approved a \$12 million  
capital budget, which includes  
Minneapolis referendum funds.

### Comments and Questions

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## A New Library for the Camden Community

A new, 21st century Hennepin County Library is scheduled for the Camden community. It will transform the library experience for customers with a building designed to be flexible and open. In an ever-changing culture, this new library will serve as a welcoming community gathering place for people of all ages and walks of life, and a point of access to the world's information, culture and books.

The community has enjoyed library service since the early 20th century. The original library was located on Webber Parkway and opened in 1910 on the second floor of a park board field house donated to the city. In 1980, the library moved to a new building at 4310 Webber Parkway, near the original site. Today, the existing 4,096 square-foot library limits services to area residents. Planning for a new library is in the early stages.

### Proposed Features and Services

- Student study areas and an innovative technology focus
- Homework help and after-school learning for teen and elementary school students
- Early literacy/interactive discovery programming for children
- Improved collections of books, DVDs and CDs with world language resources
- Quiet reading area
- More public computers and wireless Internet access
- Express reserve pickup and express checkout



### Potential Environmental and Sustainable Features

- Flexible interior space to meet programming and community needs
- Green/Sustainable architecture and design, possibly including: native plantings and storm water management, geothermal heating/cooling, clerestory windows to maximize natural day lighting, and use of sustainable products such as local stone and wood

### Potential Site Improvements

- Expanded parking
- Community pathway connections for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Landscaping

### Service to the Community

The existing Webber Park Library will remain open. The public will be updated as the project progresses. Ideas and suggestions are always welcome.