

Hayden Heights: Transforming Libraries Update

Library Board
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Introduction

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Transforming Libraries

Facility Investments at three library locations:

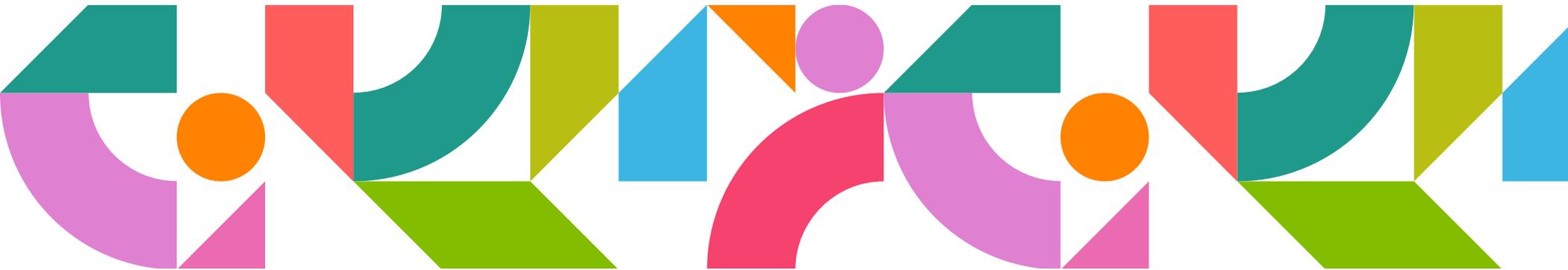
- Hamline Midway
- Hayden Heights
- Riverview

Investments in essential infrastructure in all locations:

- Technology-rich spaces
- Play & Learn



Hayden Heights Library







Why it is Important

- Equity-focused community engagement beginning in 2018 told us we needed to invest in library spaces that are
 - Safe, inviting and affirming
 - Comfortable for people of all cultures, abilities and communities
- Libraries remain essential in our city's social infrastructure for
 - Safety, shelter and to "do life"
 - Connection with other community members
 - Access to information of all kinds

Hayden Heights Timeline

2018 – 2022: Community Engagement

Dec. 2025: Design & Construction documents complete (LSE)

Jan 2026: Bid process open

Feb 2026: Award General Contractor bid to Stahl Construction

Notify public of temporary closing on website, email newsletter, signage at HH, email to media and community partners, talking points for staff, internal communication newsletter, and elected officials.

Hayden Heights Timeline

March 24: Last day open to the public

Mid-April: Begin construction, expected to take up to 18 months

Q4 2027: Open to public

Key Features based on community feedback

- Building identifiable as a library.
- Better visibility. Better sense of security.
 - Front windows in and out of building to help with visibility and sense of security
- Flexibility of library spaces
 - Space for both loud play & quiet study
 - Community flex room for increased partnerships
- Connection to nature and green spaces

While Hayden Heights is temporarily closed

Get updates

- [Sign up for e-newsletter](#)

Items checked out/holds

- Starting early March, holds will be moved to Sun Ray library unless patron selects another library
- We are inviting patrons to check out Hayden Heights materials and return them once the new library is open

Alternative Services while Hayden Heights is closed

Saint Paul Public Library locations

- Sun Ray (2.8 mi)
- Arlington Hills (2.9 mi)

Ramsey County Library locations

- North Saint Paul Library (2.5 miles)
- Maplewood Library (3.8 miles)

Project Update and Community Meeting

• **Mobile Library**

- Ames Lake Neighborhood (1.3 mi)
 - Edgerton Hi-Rise, Wilson Hi-Rise, Cerenity Marian, and Burgundy Ridge (3-4 mi)
- New stop in Spring: Iowa Hi-Rise (.4 mi)
- Library in the Park: Hayden Heights Rec (.6 mi), Lake Phalen (2.5 mi)

• **Wi-Fi also available at nearby Rec Centers**

- Hayden Heights (.6 mi)
- Hazel Park (1.3 mi)
- Duluth & Case (2.3 mi)

Hayden Heights Project Update + Community Conversation

Hayden Heights Library

Tuesday, March 10

6:00-7:30PM

- Hear about exciting improvements and plan.
- Share your perspective about what's important to you about library services now and in the future.

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