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Transforming Libraries

Library Board

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Transforming Libraries Overview

- Transformation of three libraries
  - Hamline Midway
  - Hayden Heights
  - Riverview
- Enhancing spaces in all locations
  - Play and Learn
  - Tech Rich

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Residents told us they want libraries to be:

- Accessible
- Flexible
- Environmentally responsible
- Safe
- Reflective cultures of neighborhood
- Include elements of history (Hamline Midway in particular)

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Hamline Midway Library

- Construction on $10.4 million project has begun
  - Footings have been poured
  - Foundation is completed
  - Drilling for geothermal heat/cooling is complete
  - Steel framing begins now

- Opening by late 2026

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HAMLINE MIDWAY LIBRARY

Hayden Heights Library

- Approved for $500K federal earmark in 2024
- Submitted funding request for project to CIB
- Construction drawings being finalized now

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Riverview Library

- Approved for $500K federal earmark in 2024
- Submitted funding request for project to CIB
- Conducting historic reviews now before full project begins

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Play and Learn Spaces

- We selected vendor to develop design guide to plan $2M in renovations to all libraries' Play & Learn spaces
    - Sun Ray Library will have a demonstration space in 2026
- Design guide will support integrating literacy and play

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Tech Rich Spaces

- Updates will facilitate work, collaboration, and virtual appointments as part of the $1.5M project for all libraries

- Demonstration spaces to be completed in 2025 at meeting rooms at Rice Street and Merriam Park Libraries
  - Funded in part by the Shavlik Family Foundation

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Other Transformations

Nicholson Room study spaces

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Other Transformations

- Capital Maintenance & Improvement
  - Saint Anthony Park – Maintenance and repair to accessible entrance to maintain ADA compliance.
  - George Latimer Central Library – Energy efficiency improvements to lighting and building automation systems

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Safety Infrastructure Investments

- Public Safety
  - Secure sharps containers across facilities - **completed**
  - Other safety updates - **in progress**
  - Vapor monitors in public restrooms – **in progress**
  - Automated locking installations – **in progress**
  - Camera system under review – future state recommendation will guide implementation in 2026

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Questions?