Project Overview

The Seattle Public Library Green Lake Branch, one of the Library’s historic Carnegie buildings, will be renovated with structural improvements (a seismic retrofit) to ensure the safety of patrons and staff in case of an earthquake. The seismic retrofit is designed to a high standard intended to minimize damage to the building from a significant earthquake. This renovation project also includes a range of improvements to building accessibility, energy efficiency, and library services, as described on the adjacent presentation boards.

This project is a unique opportunity to renovate and modernize the historic Green Lake Branch while preserving its important architectural legacy. Construction will begin in October 2022 and is expected to be fully completed by June 2023. This project is made possible with public funding from the 2019 Library Levy and the Washington State Department of Commerce. With this project completed the Green Lake Branch will be better able to meet the current and future needs of our patrons and community.
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Project Scope

- **Seismic Retrofit**
  The Green Lake Branch will receive a comprehensive structural upgrade that will significantly increase the safety of the building during an earthquake.

- **Accessibility Improvements**
  The entire building will be made more accessible for patrons with a new ramp from the sidewalk, a new ADA parking stall, new restrooms and a new fully accessible, west side building entrance leading to a new elevator serving both floors.

- **HVAC System Replacement**
  The current gas-fired boiler system will be replaced with a new, highly efficient electric heat pump. The system will provide heating and air conditioning throughout the branch, allowing it to remain open and provide shelter for the community during hot summer days.

- **Interior Renovations**
  A range of interior improvements, including renovations to the auditorium, two new study rooms, remodeled staff work areas, a new circulation/service desk, new lighting and new furniture will allow more efficient and flexible use of building space.

- **Sustainability**
  The project is designed to meet the City of Seattle’s goals for environmentally responsible design and will be LEED Certified.

Site Upgrades

- New Loading Dock
- Revitalized Lower Level Entry
- New Accessible Parking
- New Entry Ramp
Seismic Upgrades

Diagram of New Seismic System

Exposed Steel Structure
Concrete Reinforcing Walls
Concealed Steel Structure

Renovated West Reading Room with Exposed Structural Steel

Welcoming Single Point of Service Desk

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Interior Space Upgrades

- New Entry Gallery
- New Accessible Entry and Elevator
- New Accessible Toilet Room
- New Elevator
- (2) New Study Rooms
- Point of Service
- Expanded and Improved Staff Area
- Public Computers
- Staff Book Processing Area
- Holds and Reference
- Revamped Meeting Room
- New Conference Room
- Revamped Reading Room
- New Accessible Toilet Room
- New and Noteworthy
- Reinvisioned Children's Area
- Dedicated Teen Space
- Revamped Meeting Room
- New Conference Room
- New Accessible Toilet Room

Lower Level Plan

Upper Level Plan

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