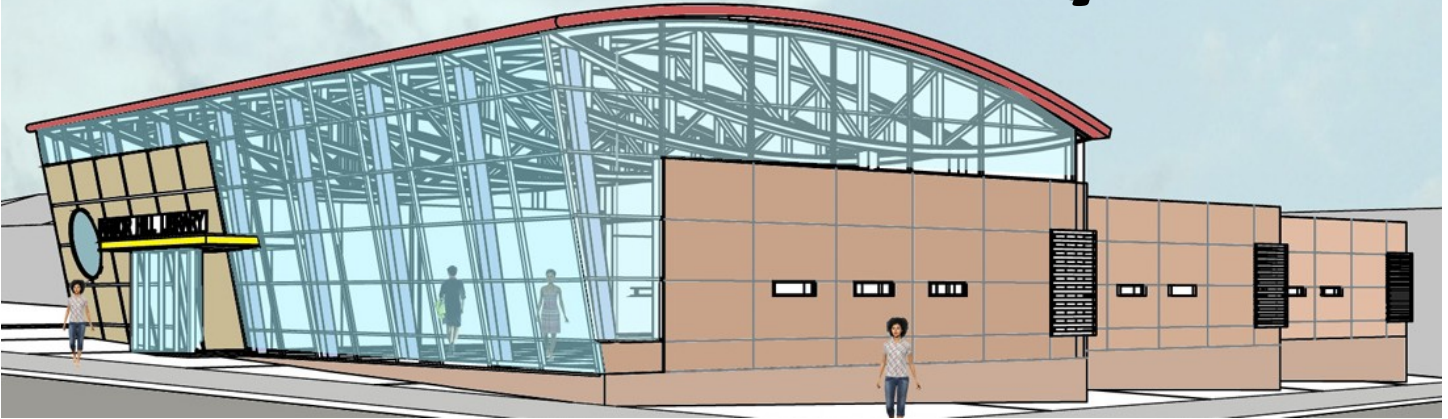


Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch Library



The Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch Library was designed with extensive community input to be an inspirational neighborhood destination with bountiful resources dedicated to the education, entertainment, and empowerment of Albany's Arbor Hill and West Hill residents.

- The community asked for an **environmentally focused design**. The new library is being built using green construction principles, including an energy efficient and cost effective geothermal heating and cooling system. The new library will also feature beautiful indoor and outdoor green spaces.
- The community asked for **distinct areas for different age groups**. The new library will feature separate space for adults, teens, and children. The open floor plan building will also have separate public access computers for adults, teens, and children.
- The community asked for **community gathering spaces**. The new library will feature a large meeting room perfect for a variety of community uses. Several smaller meeting rooms will be ideal for small group meetings and tutoring sessions.
- The community asked for a **true neighborhood library**. The new library will be the first one to service the Arbor Hill neighborhood in 47 years, and the first library ever to service the West Hill neighborhood.

FACTS

- Located on Henry Johnson Boulevard between First and Second Streets
- Construction begun in April 2009
- Expected to open in Summer 2010
- \$5.2 million (publicly funded)
- 12,000-square-foot, single-story library
- Designed by Hom and Goldman Architects of New York City
- Built by Sano-Rubin Construction, Inc. of Albany
- Project managed by Dormitory Authority of State of New York
- Created using sustainable design principles
- Built using green construction principles
- Green building project expected to achieve Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification
- Aggressive goals for minority and women owned contractors and community workforce participation in construction project
- First branch library serving Arbor Hill neighborhood in 47 years
- First ever library serving West Hill neighborhood

FEATURES

- Striking design profile that will stand as a beacon to the neighborhood
- Soaring glass front with dramatic exposed bow-truss design
- Green space both inside and outside the building
- User-friendly library design features open floor plan that allows staff to see and service all public areas
- Energy efficient and cost effective geothermal heating and cooling system
- Larger, more diverse collections
- Separate spaces for adults, teens, and children
- Public computers for adults, teens, and children in separate areas
- Large meeting room that can be used by community groups
- Small group/tutoring meeting spaces for use by community groups
- Exhibit space for local artists and organizations
- Library features based on extensive input from Arbor Hill and West Hill communities throughout design process

ARBOR HILL/WEST HILL BRANCH LIBRARY

Referendum Approved
FEBRUARY 2007

Construction Started
APRIL 2009

Open to Public
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