Auburn Avenue Research Library Closes for Expansion Project

Atlanta – The Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History will temporarily close on July 19 for renovation and expansion.

This is a 56,000-square-foot library renovation and expansion of the current library located at Auburn Avenue and Courtland Street. It is part of Phase I of the Library Building Program that is currently underway.

JWRA / Freelon, a joint venture of J. W. Robinson & Associates and Freelon Group, Inc. has contracted with Fulton County to provide design and engineering services for the new library. Heery/Russell is the program management team.

Construction for the expansion and renovation will take approximately 12 months, and the reopening of the renovated and expanded research library is expected in the fourth quarter of 2015. During construction Auburn Avenue Research Library services will be available at the Central Library at One Margaret Mitchell Square, Atlanta, GA 30303, on the corner of Carnegie Way and Forsyth Street.

When the renovation and expansion are complete, some of the features of the renovated design will include an auditorium on the ground floor with state-of-the-art presentation equipment, expanded gallery and program space and expanded and improved archives.

Green building design and sustainability are priorities for all Phase I library projects, and the Library System expects to achieve LEED Silver on each project. Each library will reflect the culture and interests of its community.

In November 2008, Fulton County voters overwhelmingly passed the Library Bond Referendum. The plan will greatly enhance all of the county’s libraries, and Phase I includes 8 new branch libraries, Alpharetta, East Roswell, Milton, Northwest Atlanta, Palmetto, Southeast Atlanta, Stewart-Lakewood, and Wolf Creek and 2 expanded libraries, the Auburn Avenue Research Library and South Fulton Branch.

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