
LENEXA CITY CENTER LIBRARY

- Address: 8778 Penrose Lane Lenexa, Kansas 66219
- Total project cost: \$ 21.1 million
- Project timeline: Opening planned 3rd quarter 2019
- Revenue source: Library tax revenue approved by BoCC in 2015
- Architects: Hollis+Miller, KCMO partnering with Holzman Moss Bottino Architecture, NYC

KEY MESSAGES

- Lenexa City Center Library resolves recommendations made in the 2015 Comprehensive Library Master Plan for expansion of the existing Lackman branch.
- Dense development at the site offers unique programming and content partnerships with City Hall and neighboring businesses.
- The elegant new two-story building will be ready for business by the 3rd quarter of 2019.

PUBLIC INPUT AND CIVIC PARTNERSHIP INFORM SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AT LENEXA

The 2015 Plan also calls for replacing the existing Lackman Library. Johnson County Library opened the Lackman building in 1986 to serve Lenexa and the surrounding community, remodeling to its current size in 1997. Site restrictions make physical expansion there impractical. Meanwhile, the City of Lenexa invited the Library to consider moving the branch to the new Lenexa Civic Center property.

The Library Board asked Library senior staff to explore co-locating the Library with the Lenexa Civic Center. The feasibility study also included assessment of potential cost savings and operational benefits associated with co-location: site acquisition, shared parking and access to shared facilities for community events offered by the City Center. PGAV Architects was asked to conduct a study to assess the suitability of the site to meet the Library's goals.

The creation of a new branch library provides the opportunity to reinforce the Library's key strategic goals of "Education, Community Building and Convenience." The new branch is envisioned as a unique community destination within the Johnson County Library system, benefiting from the synergies available within the context of the Lenexa Civic Center.

The study examined in depth opportunities and challenges of building and operating a Library at this unique mixed-use urban location. The study's goal was to provide the Library Board an objective assessment of project requirements, confirmation of the proposed branch's program, and a conceptual vision for how a branch library could serve the County at this location. Significant attention was given to understanding how the Library could become a civic partner in the overall Lenexa Civic Center complex and surrounding City Center district.

Lenexa City Center is located at the intersection of 87th Street Parkway and Renner Boulevard and adjacent to Interstate 435, Lenexa City Center is a new and exciting mixed-use neighborhood. Lenexa City Center offers a unique spin on urban living, combining walkability, density, sustainability and community. Incorporating approximately 200 acres divided into four quadrants, this commercial and residential hub will encompass nearly 3

million feet of space at build-out. The site takes cues from the country's greatest urban neighborhoods and blends them with amenities found here in the Heartland.

PGAV proposed in their report a program that emphasizes adult programming and services for the large baby-boomer and millennial demographics served in this part of the County. The program complements the amenities available on the site, including a 250-seat public forum, an outdoor stage and a public market with coffee shop and other vendors. The site also offers free garage parking immediately adjacent to the Library.

The approved design organizes approximately 40,000 GSF program on two levels, each with a public entrance off the adjacent outdoor "Lower Commons" and "Lenexa Commons." There is also a two story connecting gallery space outside the secure zone of the Library for extended hour services and vertical circulation. A drive-up window with automated conveyance is planned for the main level of the garage.

Johnson County Library believes that the Lenexa City Center Library represents a unique opportunity to create a destination branch with strong visibility to the surrounding community, to advance the Library's strategic goals of "Education, Community Building, and Convenience," and to better serve the growing population in Johnson County and beyond. Ground breaking in late November 2017 launches construction through 2018. The new Lenexa City Center Library has an anticipated opening date of mid-2019.

