

## EAST ASHEVILLE LIBRARY BACKGROUND:

- Current space constructed in 1965
- Land and building owned by the City of Asheville
- 2,717 square feet
- No community meeting space
- No designated programmatic space
- 5<sup>th</sup> highest circulation
- Community input sessions on a new East Asheville Library
- Multiple site potentials explored
- Current location determined as preferred site
- Strong coordination with the community and the City
- RFQ for Architectural services in November, 2017
- PFA architects selected with Vannoy Construction as Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR)

## PROPOSED EAST ASHEVILLE LIBRARY DESIGN:

- Provides welcoming, vibrant environment encouraging patrons to spend time enjoying in a learning environment
- 14,665 square feet proposed
- Long-term lease with the City of Asheville
- Dedicated spaces for children, teens, and adults
- Includes spaces for participatory learning activities
- Includes specific spaces for innovative programs
- Size will provide critical space for increased collections, computer access/training, and programmatic needs
- Provides space for community meetings and expanded variety of programs for all ages
- Provides unique community amenity for outdoor programming in dedicated park/playground space
- Dedicated teen space, providing a safe space for teens to spend out-of-school time studying, gathering, and participating in library programs



## The Library of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

- Offers a collection that is current, in demand, and speaks to the interests and needs of the community
- Provides access to technology (computers, wi-fi, other devices)
- Incorporates dedicated space for children and families, teens, and adults for learning
- Provides programming to educate, inspire, and foster community building
- Offers flexible spaces to support community meetings/gatherings and library programs
- Facilitates workforce development by assisting job seekers
- Provides equal access to materials and resources for citizens without regard to economic status
- A physical manifestation of the commitment to education and lifelong learning