

THE NEW SUNSET PARK LIBRARY

Community input informs new Library design

Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) is redeveloping the old Sunset Park Library to better meet neighborhood needs! The redevelopment — which includes a bigger, brand new library in addition to 49 units of affordable housing — will be completed in late 2020, with the library opening in 2021. To ensure that the new Library reflects the needs of the community, BPL partnered with Hester Street and Grain Collective on an eight-month engagement process from January to August 2017. We gathered ideas and feedback from hundreds of residents and stakeholders on design elements, programming and features for the new space.



ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

The team partnered with dozens of local stakeholders to reach residents of different ages and backgrounds through events at the Library and the neighborhood. We held many stakeholder meetings, talked to library staff, collected surveys, hosted large workshops, displayed materials in partner organization offices and conducted events in Arabic, Chinese, English and Spanish.



HOW YOUR INPUT INFORMED THE LIBRARY'S DESIGN



BPL shared your ideas and visions for the new Library with the architects. Community feedback from the engagement process has been incorporated into the new space! Here are some highlights:

WHAT WE HEARD	➔	NEW LIBRARY DESIGN
Space Separation: Different areas for different programs and users	➔	The 3 major user groups - Children, Teens and Adults - will each have distinct and separate spaces tailored to their unique needs over two floors.
Technology Access	➔	Free wi-fi throughout the building, charging outlets on all reading tables and laptop lockers for borrowing computers.
Flexible Community Spaces	➔	A Large meeting room that can accommodate 100+ users and can be accessed even when the library is closed. A smaller meeting room that can be used for meetings, trainings and tutoring is also provided.
ADA Accessibility	➔	The library is completely ADA accessible with an elevator and an ADA accessible restroom.

TIMELINE

The process began in 2016 with ULURP. Construction of the building began in early 2019 and will be completed by late 2020. The new library is slated to open in 2021. In the meantime, your local library is being housed in the same building as Community Board 7 on 4201 4th Avenue (at 43rd Street) and will remain open until the permanent branch opens.



For more details on the new design and updates: <https://www.bklynlibrary.org/locations/sunset-park>