

Restoration, Renovation, Renewal
REBIRTH
Stanford L. Warren Library



HISTORY

Stanford L. Warren Library became the new home of the historic Durham Colored Library on Jan. 17, 1940. Only the second black library in the state, the Durham Colored Library opened to the public Aug. 14, 1916. Its roots were in a library organized in 1913 by Dr. Aaron Moore in the basement of the old White Rock Baptist Church. Stanford L. Warren Library has been an important community resource and a gathering place for civic and service organizations throughout its history, especially during the civil rights era. The black and white library systems merged in 1966. The branch retains the name of its benefactor, Dr. Stanford L. Warren, who gave \$4,000 during the Great Depression to secure the site for the new building. The annex was added in 1949-1950; renovations occurred in 1968, 1984-1985 and 2004-2006.

SITE

1201 Fayetteville St.

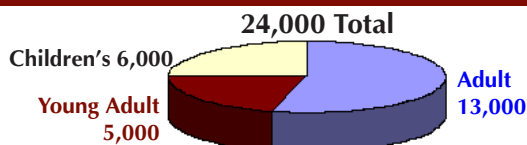
SQUARE FOOTAGE

8,788 *renovated*
1,456 *addition* = **10,244 Total**

MEETING ROOM CAPACITY

88 people

COLLECTION CAPACITY



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COLLECTION FEATURE

The Selena Warren Wheeler Collection is an extensive compilation of African-American literature, culture and history that is regarded as one of the best collections in the South. Once known as the Negro Collection, it was renamed in 1990 to honor Ms. Wheeler, daughter of Dr. Stanford L. Warren and acting director/director of the Durham Colored Library/Stanford L. Warren Library from 1932 until 1945.

PUBLIC-ACCESS WORK COMPUTERS

8 for adults
4 for children = **12 Total**

PARKING

18 spaces

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

D.W. Ward Construction Co. Inc.

DESIGN FEATURES

The reconfiguration of the layout and the addition of almost 1,500 square feet incorporate a number of improvements to help the facility build on its reputation as a center of community life:

- Accessibility and mobility have been improved with the creation of a new entrance on Simmons Street and the installation of an elevator.
- The high traffic areas are just inside a new lobby so that patrons who are reading or conducting research will not be disturbed.
- All collections are on the main floor, to improve staff efficiency, security and patron accessibility.
- The bulk of the Selena Warren Wheeler Collection is now accessible, giving patrons easy access to its volumes for the first time.
- The lower-level meeting room was upgraded to better serve groups of all sizes, both during and after library hours.
- The meeting room has a partition, allowing for smaller meetings to be conducted simultaneously, and separate access, to accommodate meetings outside of normal library hours.
- Two study rooms and a larger tutoring room are new assets.

DESIGN TEAM

Durham County Engineers
Durham County Library Staff
Little Diversified Architectural Consulting and Interior Design
Coulter Jewel Thames PA, *civil engineers and landscape architects*
Engineered Designs Inc., *mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineers*
GKC Associates PA, *structural engineers*
Philip Barton, *library consultant*

PROJECT BUDGET

\$1,978,850