McKim Master Plan Update

Community Meeting
Listening & Idea Generating

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Project Schedule
Proposed Community Meeting Dates

Visioning & Program Phase
1. Listening & Idea Generating
   - August 2020
2. Common Themes & Priorities
   - Oct
3. Concept Progress & Options
   - Feb
4. Concept Refinement & Share-Out
   - March / April

Concept Design Phase
   - July 2021
Agenda
Community Meeting #1
Listening & Idea Generating

PART 1
15min
Project Overview & Orientation

PART 2
60min
Group Break-Out Session

PART 3
45min
Group Presentations
PART 1

Project Overview & Orientation
Project Goals

Accessibility

Story of BPL

One Library

Equity

Outreach

Accessibility
Project Goals
Program Specific

Plaza Activation
Workflow & Adjacencies
Educational Experience
System Upgrades
Special Collections
Project Focus
McKim Building & Dartmouth St. Plaza
Project Focus
McKim Building Section
Currently the only publicly accessible space on the 3rd floor.
Unfinished Narrative

West Corridor Example

What’s next?

c. 1894
c. 1926
Future
Current Space Usage
McKim Building

Space Types
- 22% PATRON
- 18% STAFF
- 17% COLLECTION
- 9% LIMITED ACCESS
- 4% SPECIALTY
- 12% GALLERY
- 18% SCHEDULED USES

Public vs. Non-Public

Accessible Spaces
- After Converting 3rd Floor to Public Use

- 65% PUBLIC
- 35% NON-PUBLIC
Current Programs & Offerings
Central Library

Youth, Teens & Families
Adults & Community Learning
Special Collections
Art & Architecture
Events & Performances
General Collections
Research
Technology
+ MANY more
Aspirational Programmatic Themes

McKim Building

- **Reference & Research**
  Support general interest work and academic studies by providing improved physical and technological resources in a centrally located environment

- **Education & Experimentation**
  Foster educational experiences for K-12 and life long learning by expanding the access to and reimagining the interaction with the Library’s research and special collections

- **People & Culture**
  Share and celebrate the story of the community and the Library’s connection with the growing diversity of patrons through interactions and experiences
Precedents
Equity, Accessibility, & Outreach
Precedents
Imageability, Entry & Wayfinding
Precedents
Interactive Exhibits & Programming
Precedents

Bringing the Library Outside
Discussion

Topic #1

Community Engagement

1. How could the Dartmouth Street Plaza better foster Library programs and create stronger connections to the activity in Copley Square or the greater community?

2. What would you like to see happen in the Dartmouth St. Plaza? Try to answer the question by finishing this sentence: 
   “The plaza should be a place for/to ______________.”
Discussion

Topic #2

Free to All

1. Do you currently visit the McKim Building? Why or why not?
2. What do you love about the McKim building? Is there anything you would change?
Discussion

Topic #3

Opportunities

1. Do any of the following themes interest you? Why?
   - Reference & Research
   - Education & Experimentation
   - People & Culture

2. What other services or programs could the Library offer?
   Try to answer the question by finishing this sentence:
   “The Library should be a place for/to ____________.”
PART 2

Group Break-Out Session
PART 3

Group Presentations
Follow-Up
Survey Information

Your voice is important!
Please visit the McKim Master Plan Update project page on bpl.org
to fill out a survey and make sure your voice is heard

www.bpl.org/mckimmasterplan/
Thank you for joining us!

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