

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT

Oak Park Library

September 2026

Project Overview:

The scope of work for the Oak Park Library Project includes the design and construction of the new Oak Park Branch Library. The principal facility is a freestanding multi-story structure of 20,000 sf for the library and an additional 10,000 sf for a sorting facility.

The library will encompass essential areas for public and support spaces, including a lobby, browsing and main circulation areas, staff work area, children's collection, story room, children's area, teen area, adult area, idea lab room, study rooms, general seating area, community room, space for the "Friends of the Library" group, entry courtyard, exterior deck, and restrooms.

Site and exterior improvements include parking areas, signage, landscaping, site drainage, and site utilities infrastructure. The project scope also includes improvements within the public Right-of-Way, including ADA-compliant pedestrian walkways and the installation of a new traffic signal along College Grove Drive.

Construction Schedule:

Design-Build Start: Dec. 24, 2024

Site Construction Start: May 14, 2026

Estimated Construction Completion: Spring 2028

Design-Build Contract Duration: 800 working days

Budget:

Construction Cost (Agreement with **Barnhart-Reese Construction, Inc.**): \$34,900,000

Total Project Cost Estimate: \$39,627,197

Construction Progress Period of Sept. 1 – Sept. 30:

The utility subcontractor installed the sewer main extension, manhole, and the sewer lateral from the main to the building pad. The utility subcontractor then continued performing work on the on-site storm drain system, installing segments within the parking lot roundabout area. The plumbing subcontractor installed their under-slab drainpipes underneath the building pad. The electricians began trenching and placing their conduits underneath the building pad and electrical yard. The grading subcontractor returned to place more filling material and build up the grade for the building's upper pad at the east end. The contractor also installed BMP's on slopes that will remain inactive for some time.



Installation of BMP's on inactive slopes



Inactive slopes stabilized with fiber rolls and soil binder



Installation of sewer lateral



Installation of sewer lateral to building pad



Electrical conduit installation



Installation of under-slab drain pipes



Sewer main extension and lateral connection



Storm drain installation



Import fill material and build up grade at upper level building pad.