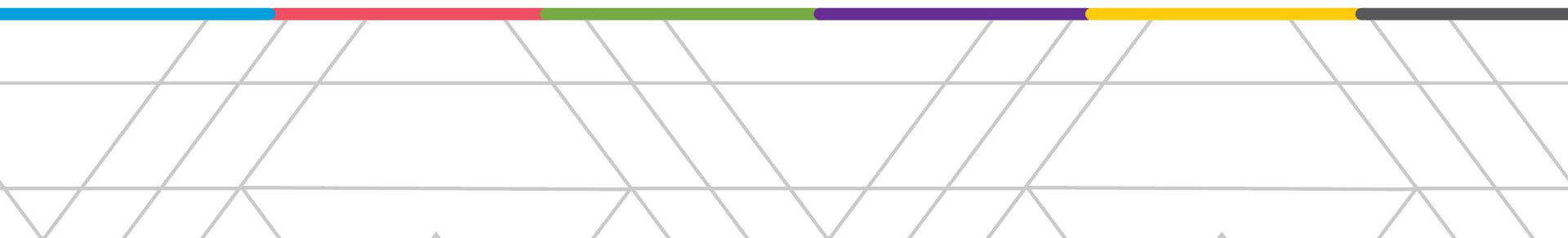


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Denver Public Library Updates May 2026



Agenda



1. DPL Highlights



2. 2025-2030 Strategic Plan Update



3. Bond Project Updates



4. DPL Fund Highlights



5. Looking Forward



6. Q+A

DPL Highlights: Staff Day 2025



DPL Highlights: 2025 Latino Community Service Awards



DPL Highlights: Grand Opening of Lena Archuleta Branch Library



Lena Archuleta Branch Library
Grand Opening!

NOVEMBER 22, 2025



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LENA ARCHULETA BRANCH

DPL Highlights: Winter of Reading



How to Play

Complete five activities in a row (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally). Submit your board at any library location by February 28 to receive a mug or pint glass. Plus, earn a limited edition Winter of Reading puzzle when you complete every activity on the board.

Participants must be aged 17+. If you cannot make it to a library location, please contact beyondthestacks@denverlibrary.org or 720-865-1111.

Winter of Reading runs all of January and February.

Visit denlib.org/wor for book recommendations and fun events.

Also, share your experience at denlib.org/worsurvey.

Ask a librarian, not Google	Go to a program denlib.org/wor	Read a banned book	Try a genre you avoid	Grab a book, not a phone
Listen as you travel	Read three days in a row	Journal your Winter of Reading	Finish a novella this week	Read while you wait
Explore DPL Archives denlib.org/sca	Read a book by a Black author denlib.org/bhreads		Find a reading buddy	Mix it up: Listen + read.
Check out a Playaway	Learn a new craft at denlib.org/craftsy	Get a custom book list denlib.org/prl	Read a book from your birth year	Move + Listen denlib.org/libby
Read a classic title denlib.org/classics	Attend a book club	Visit a new library branch	Set a weekly reading goal	Start and end day reading

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DPL Highlights: 2026 Juanita Gray Community Service Awards & Blacks in Colorado Hall of Fame



DPL Highlights: Globeville Branch Groundbreaking Community Celebration



DPL Highlights: One Book One Denver (OBOD)

Denver embraced the return of OBOD

650+ people attended the book reveal

OBOD reached nearly 5,500 readers



2025 By the Numbers

2,797,931

Visits Across All 28 DPL
Locations

2026 YTD: 714,046

72,585

Storytime Attendees,
In Person & Virtual

2026 YTD: 20,378

20,353

People Served via Community
Connections

2026 YTD: 9,382

12,623

Phone-a-Story Listeners
Across 4 Languages

2026 YTD: 2,893

2,439

Bookmobile Stops

2026 YTD: 2,084

850

Personalized Reading
Lists

2026 YTD: 626

305

Chromebook Rentals

2026 YTD: 108

Denver Here: 2025-2030 Strategic Plan Updates

2026 Action Plan Investments

BE HERE

- Deliver vibrant, welcoming **library spaces**
- Strengthen the **culture of safety**
- Continue advancing **strategic facilities planning**

DISCOVER HERE

- **Expand access to & awareness of** the Library's special collections
- **Enhance collection** accessibility & representation

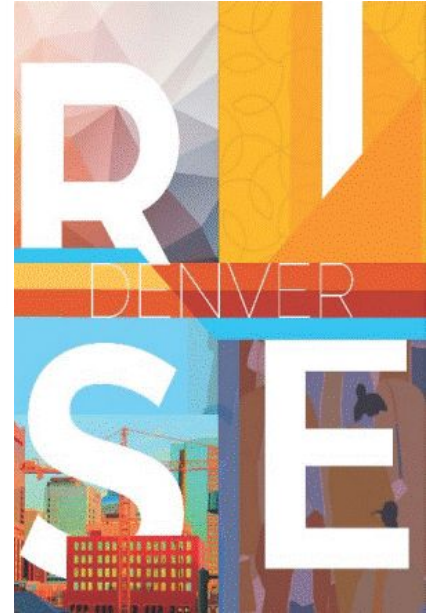
ENGAGE HERE

- Increase **community awareness** of library programs & services
- **Refine access** to technology & digital literacy

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- Continue the development of strategic **financial management tools**
- Conduct comprehensive reviews of the Library's **Privacy and Library Use policies**
- Develop an **Accessibility Strategy**

Bond Updates



Bond Updates

Ongoing Challenges

Construction Cost Inflation: Elevate Denver Bond passed in 2017 and **project budgets are not sufficient** to meet original scope of work in 2026.

Deferred Maintenance: Older buildings have years of deferred maintenance needs and we have discovered **unknown construction challenges** that need to be addressed.

Solutions

Scope Changes: Where possible, **modifying project scope** to fit the budget.

Fundraising: Working closely with DPL Friend's Foundation and City to **identify or fundraise additional Capital funds**.

DPL Fund: Allocating significant resources from our **special revenue fund** to close gaps in bond funding.



Eugene Field Branch Library Community Room

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2025 Project Updates

Renovated and Reopened

Pauline Robinson Branch Library

(Elevate + SLSD)



Reopening Celebration

Athmar Park Branch Library

(Elevate + SLSD + FIT)



Building Addition

New Branch Location

Lena Archuleta Branch Library

(RISE)

Opened November 2025



Community Room

Project Updates

Background

Four branch locations (**Hampden, Ross-Broadway, Eugene Field & Ross-University Hills**) were taken offline before the end of 2025, slightly ahead of their original projected closure dates, partially as a cost-saving measure in response to budget reductions.

All branch staff and operational support staff have been redeployed to other locations.

Underway

Eugene Field Branch Library

(Elevate + SLSD)

Design complete; construction slated to begin in October



Hampden Branch Branch Library

(Rise + SLSD + FIT)

Construction underway



Ross-Broadway Branch Library

(Elevate + SLSD)

Construction underway



Project Updates

Underway

Ross-Phyllis Bigpond Branch Library

(Elevate + SLSD + FIT)

*Formerly Ross-Barnum

Anticipated public reopening in June



Ross-University Hills Branch Library

(Elevate + SLSD)

Design complete; construction slated to begin in October



Schlessman Family Branch Library

(Elevate + SLSD)

- Bond renovations completed
- Phase two construction underway



To Be Named Globeville Branch Library:

(RISE)

Construction underway



Project Updates

Library Service in Southeast Denver During Branch Closures

2 New Bookmobiles

Dedicated to serving Southeast Denver.
Introduction at Schlessman on June 1.



Engagement Series

- Coffee & Construction Series
 - Thursday, May 14
 - Saturday, June 13
- Partner Site Programming:
 - Plaza
 - Storytime

COFFEE & CONSTRUCTION

DROP-IN CHAT

Join Denver Public Library staff to learn about the progress of the branch closure renovation projects.

THURSDAY, MAY 14
10-11 A.M.

Logan House Coffee - Lowry
7111 E Lowry Blvd #101
Denver, CO 80230



Extended Hours

Locations: Virginia Village, Ross-Cherry Creek, and Central Library



**2025 DPL
Fund
Updates**

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supported by the DPL Fund

The Denver Public Library Fund (DPLF)

Voters approved measure 2i in November 2022, providing dedicated funding for DPL.

*"Per the will of the voters, the revenues derived from the property tax increase are **supplemental** to, and are not to replace or supplant any General Fund revenues appropriated each year to the Denver Public Library."*



Hadley Branch Library Idea Lab



Browsable collection at Sam Gary Branch Library



Rick, Facilities staff member



Staff Day 2025 Presentation in the Teen Library

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DPL Fund Wins

271,407

NYTimes Accesses
News, Games, Cooking, Sports (2025)

278,515

Songs Streamed
on Freegal+ (2025)

PressReader

7,000+ Newspapers & Magazines
120 Countries | 70+ Languages



Sneak Peek of Restrooms at Ross-Phyllis Bigpond

Infrastructure & Facility Improvements



Restroom renovations at
Ross-Phyllis Bigpond



EV charging stations at
Pauline Robinson

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DPL Fund Capital Investments

Location Refreshes

- Park Hill (**complete**)

Deferred Maintenance

- Central Library (**complete**)
- Ross-Cherry Creek (**pending**)
- Virginia Village (**pending**)
- Woodbury (**pending**)

Supplementing Bond Funds

Renovations at:

- Ross-Phyllis Bigpond (**ongoing**)
- Ross-Broadway (**ongoing**)
- Eugene Field (**ongoing**)
- Hampden (**ongoing**)
- Schlessman (**ongoing**)



Central Library Children's Library



Central Library Teen Space

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Still to Come

May 14

2026 Eleanor Gehres Awards

June

New SE Bookmobile Launches

June

Ross-Phyllis Bigpond Reopens

June-August

2026 Summer of Adventure

Aug-Sept

2026 One Book One Denver

October 3

2026 Latino Community Service Awards

Question + Answer





*Thank you for your
time!*

