

“Gold Standard” Criteria for Branch Facilities

- Square footage appropriate for the service population
- Flexible interior design
- Fully ADA compliant
- Sufficient parking
- Co-located with school, community center, or other institution where residents regularly gather
- Fully wired throughout



“Gold Standard” Criteria for Branch Facilities

- Minimal maintenance required
- Energy efficient
- LEED certified
- Bright and airy décor reflective of the culture/traditions of the service area
- Professional and welcoming staff focused on customer service
- Separate children’s, young adult, and adult areas (both collections and technology)



Challenges with Current Branch Facilities

- **FACILITIES ASSESSMENT**

- A facilities assessment was conducted by Westlake Reed Leskosky in 2011 covering 25 branches (exclusive of Rice Garden Valley, Broadway, and Woodland branches). The assessment evaluated:
 - Site improvements
 - Architectural elements
 - Mechanical and plumbing systems
 - Electrical systems
 - Signage
 - Programming/functional elements (square footage of program areas and existing collection capacity by category)



Challenges with Current Branch Facilities

- **PRIORITY AREAS**
- *Assessment findings were grouped into four priority areas:*
 - Priority 1= critical conditions (life safety, accessibility, and structural concerns)
 - Priority 2= serious conditions (building envelope, energy consumption, failing systems requiring high maintenance)
 - Priority 3=moderate conditions (moderate building envelope conditions, recommended repairs, or building systems at the end of their useful lifespan)
 - Priority 4= minor condition (minor repairs or interior finishes requiring upgrading)



Challenges with Current Branch Facilities

- **COST ESTIMATES**

- Ozanne Construction assigned an estimated cost to each item in each of the priority areas for each assessed branch.
- At the time the assessment was completed the estimated cost to address all of the issues for the assessed branches (excluding South Branch) was:

– Priority 1	\$1,613,580
– Priority 2	\$2,794,452
– Priority 3	\$8,214,974
– Priority 4	\$842,144
– TOTAL	\$13,465,150



Challenges with Current Branch Facilities

ADDITIONAL BRANCH EXCLUSIONS

- With the closing of the Broadway branch, the **Fleet Branch** has become pivotal in providing service to the surrounding communities. Several meetings have taken place with VanDyke architects to determine how to redesign the interior of the Fleet branch to enhance public service. This redesign could include:
 - Moving materials to enhance the flow of the collection
 - Making staff more visible and accessible
 - Creating a separate space for a learning center and meeting room
 - Improving lighting
 - Refreshing the interior with fresh paint and new carpet



Challenges with Current Branch Facilities

- According to a more detailed evaluation of the original South branch conducted by Westlake Reed Leskosky in late 2012, the cost to address the exterior and interior issues of the building would be approximately \$2.6 million, exclusive of any asbestos abatement.
- In March the **South Branch** will be temporarily relocated in order to more closely evaluate the options for use of the original South branch building. The temporary space will provide increased public computers as well as separate children's, teen, and adult areas.



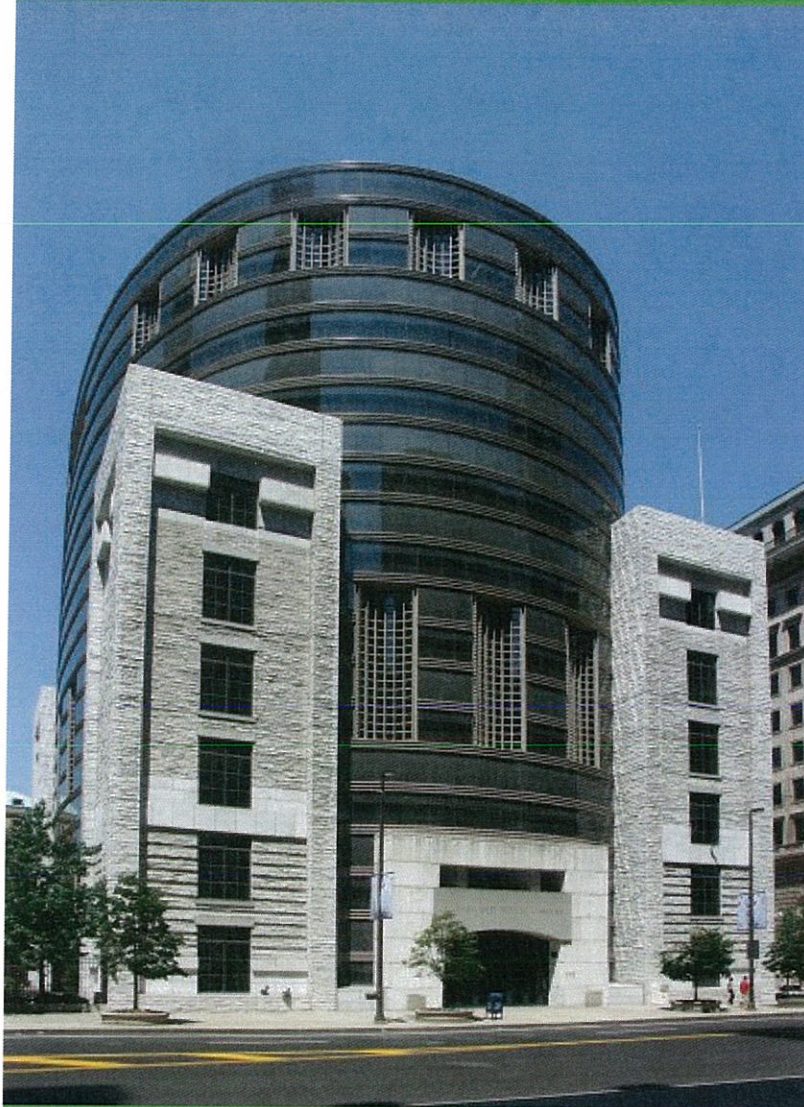
Key Considerations & Questions

- Types and number of structural issues
- Cost and time required to correct/address these structural issues
- Physical location of current branches (Do we have the right number of branches? Are they in the right geographical locations?)
- Size of existing branches
- Community needs/expectations (Are we providing the right mix of programs and services to meet these as demographics shift?)

Only ONE branch (Rice) currently approaches the “gold” standard.



Issues with Main Library



- Decreasing attendance
- Decreasing circulation
- Restructuring budget and collections to account for changing formats
- Increasing the visibility and use of Special Collections
- Creating better exhibit opportunities
- Providing staff coverage for large department areas that are not heavily used (i.e., number of service points)
- Creating more efficient and effective use of physical space (consolidation of departments?)
- Ensuring safety and security of the physical space
- Re-positioning the Library campus as a “downtown destination”
- Addressing the increase in CLEVNET member libraries on shipping volume and productivity



“The key to success is resilience. The keys to being resilient are options.”



What Are Our Options?

1. Create Consolidation Plans for the Main Library, Branches and Library Departments.
2. Analyze different funding options (voter funded, non-voter funded) to completely re-build CPL.
3. Examine past practices and policies to determine their effectiveness within a “Big Shift” environment.
4. Re-think how we use our restricted funds to become creators not facilitators. (Lockwood Thompson)
5. Quickly build a Friends Foundation and use the funds to promote community programming.



“Even if you are on
the right track,
you’ll get run over if
you just sit there.”

-Will Rogers

