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Boston Public Library - Central Branch
Johnson Building Improvements
Boston, MA

The Johnson Building project consists of 156,000 SF in renovations in two phases to the landmarked 1972 Phillip Johnson Addition to the Central Branch of the Boston Public Library. The BPL seeks to welcome the public, engage young patrons, and demonstrate that the library is a place for life-long learning and exploration. The renovations include the removal of the granite plinths, which currently block the ground floor windows, and replacement of the dark glazing with a visually transparent curtainwall.

Phase 1, completed in early 2015, provides greater and improved amenities for the Reference, General Collections, Childrens, and Teens.

Phase 2, completed in the summer of 2016, removes the granite plinths. The three bays facing Boylston open up to create a new two-story Boylston Hall, which includes additional entry points and retail on the northwest corner.

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