

# Queens Borough Public Library Jamaica, New York

**Size**  
261,440 square feet

**Major Programmatic Elements**

The firm completed a feasibility study and programing documents leading to design development

**Cost**  
85,000,000

**Nature of Firm's Responsibilities**

Feasibility Study  
Detail program of the facility  
Architectural /Engineering Design  
Computer Models  
Interiors development  
Handicap Accessible Design

**Owner**  
Queens Borough Public Library

**Date of Completion**  
Planning Study (2000)  
Implementation (2003)



Exterior view



Auditorium view



Restored Main Reading Room view

The Master Plan for the Queens Borough Public Library was undertaken to facilitate the reorganization and expansion of the existing Central Library building. The masterplan examines the relocation of the library's administrative departments from their current location to a new facility. It includes, a new state-of-the-art Business, Industry & Bio-Medical Arts Science Center, equipped with conference facilities and an auditorium to accommodate 500 persons. The proposed site for this new facility is the former location of the original Central Library dating back to 1928. Used as a courthouse for the past 30 years, this 73,800 s.f. building will undergo complete restoration and renovation. A new 187,600 sf addition will be designed to accommodate the growing information needs of our science, government and business communities. This proposed complex will add a vital community resource to businesses and industry in New York City and support the program goals of the QBPL into the next millennium.