

**PUBLIC LIBRARY FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS**

The Library uses several types of funds to renovate, rehabilitate and construct library facilities. The FY2005 – FY2009 CIP includes \$45.4 million in property tax-supported bond funds. In addition, funding sources include federal funds (CDBG, Proposed CDBG and HUD).

During 2001, the Library commissioned and completed the development of a Strategic Master Plan that resulted in the adoption of the facility recommendations outlined in the Standards of Excellence. The recommendations are based on a long-range facility improvement strategy that calls for substantial growth and improvement in library facilities to meet the needs of a growing and changing Houston.

The FY2005-2009 CIP proposes to complete eleven of the thirty-four remaining recommendations made for branch libraries. Many of the projects often involve bringing the facilities into compliance with various codes ( ADA, TAS, etc.).

Some of the highlights for the FY2005-2009 CIP include:

- Rehabilitation/renovation of Montrose, Scenic Woods, Stanaker, Frank and Ring Branch Libraries
- Significant improvements to the Jesse Jones Central Library, the Julia Ideson Building and the Gregory School
- Replacement of Bracewell, Dixon, Kendall, Melcher, Oak Forest and Vinson Branch Libraries
- The expansion/renovation of Acres Homes Branch Library