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ENSLEY BRANCH LIBRARY
GRAND RE-OPENING
October 9, 2005
1906
- Ensley established the first free public library in Jefferson County, Alabama and offered free library services to the public more than three years before Birmingham.

- More than 2000 people attended the first grand opening in 1906.

- TCI donated technical books, and the Ensley Land Company gave subscriptions to magazines and newspapers.

1911
- The Ensley Library became a branch of the Birmingham Public Library.

1955
- The design of the new building won first honor of the Alabama Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

1957
- Vitrum, an Italian magazine, featured the building.

2005
- Ensley Branch Library reopened freshly painted and carpeted with a new heating and air conditioning system.
- Ensley is now fully able to accommodate patrons with disabilities.
- Expanded and fully new restrooms were made possible by enclosing a portion of the breezeway adjacent to the reading room.
- Patrons will have access to an expanded and renovated meeting room.
- New double paneled windows will keep patrons and staff comfortable.

June 26, 1955 - The new Ensley Branch opened at 25th Street and Avenue L in a corner of Ensley Park. The ultra-modern building offered air conditioning, a meeting room, and a children’s area.