Beatley Library goes solar

Workers began installing 180 solar panels on the roof of Beatley Central Library on July 31, highlighting City Hall’s attempts to make Alexandria an eco-city.

Stimulus money from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funded the project, which will reduce energy usage by harnessing the sun to help power the Duke Street building. The panels also will lower greenhouse gas emissions, according to city documents.

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