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# Faneuil Branch Library

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Community Meeting #3

June 22, 2020

CITY OF BOSTON

Martin J. Walsh, Mayor

Patrick I. Brophy, Chief of Operations

CITY OF BOSTON PUBLIC FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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# Agenda

- Project Team
- Project Goals
- Community Meeting #2 Recap and Feedback
- Design Update
- Schedule
- Discussion
- Feedback Contact



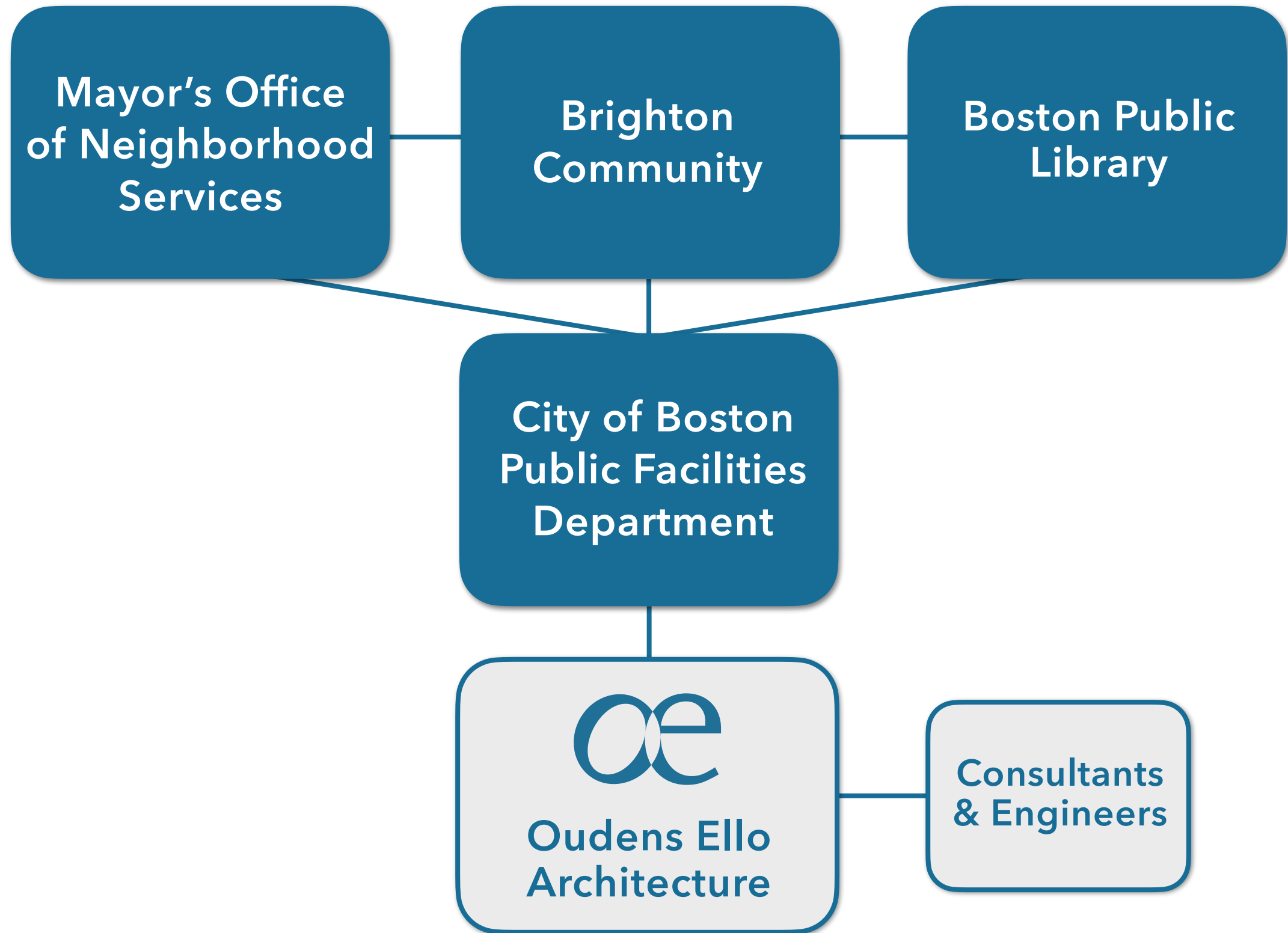


# Project Team

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# Project Goals



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## *FROM 2015 PROGRAMMING STUDY*

**Accessibility:** Accessible entrance and restrooms w/ all patron services on one level

**Preservation:** Maintain historic character of exterior and interior spaces

**Technology:** Upgrade technology and adaptability of systems

**Collections:** Collection that is responsive to community needs

**Community Room:** Create a space that will allow for programs for all ages at all times of day

**Children's Spaces:** Incorporate high quality spaces and programs for children

**Building Systems:** Integrate modern, energy efficient building systems

**Finishes & Furnishings:** Update interior finishes and furniture

## *ADDED DURING DESIGN PHASE*

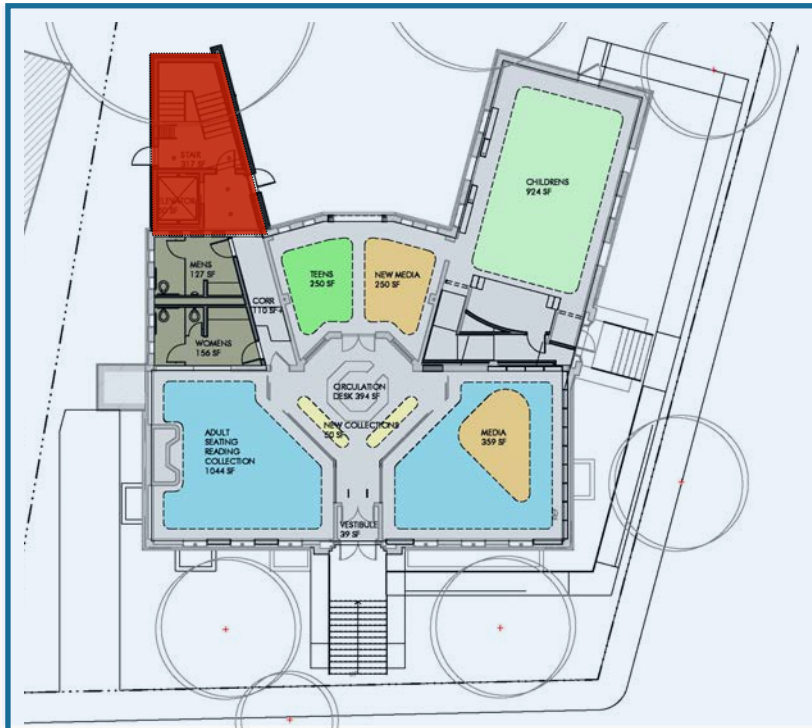
**Sightlines:** Optimize visibility and clear sight lines throughout library

**Sustainability:** Maximize energy efficiency, daylighting, and interior comfort



# 2015 Programming Study

## Light Intervention

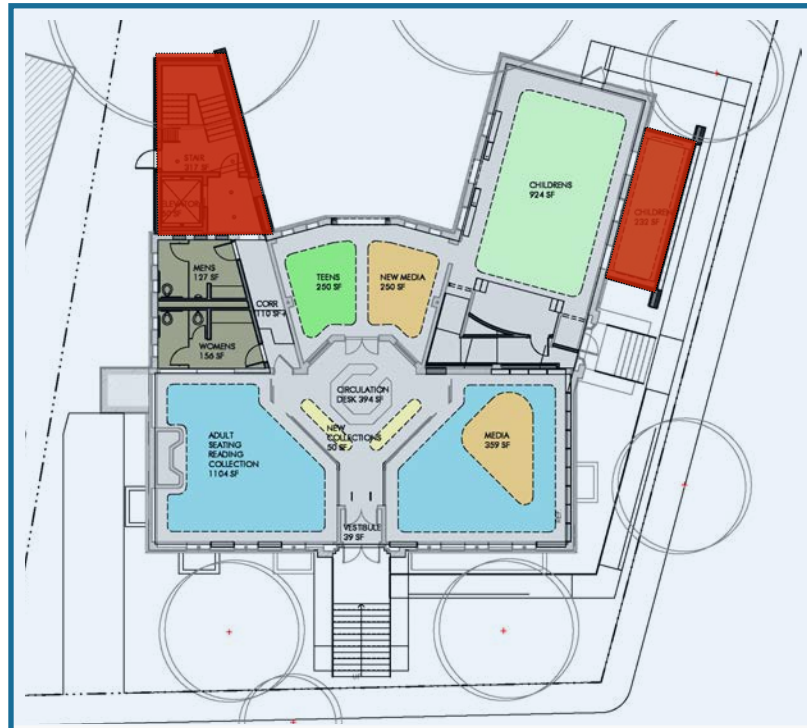


### Addresses:

- Accessibility
- Basic Systems Upgrades

**10,042 GSF** (+1,281 SF)

## Moderate Intervention

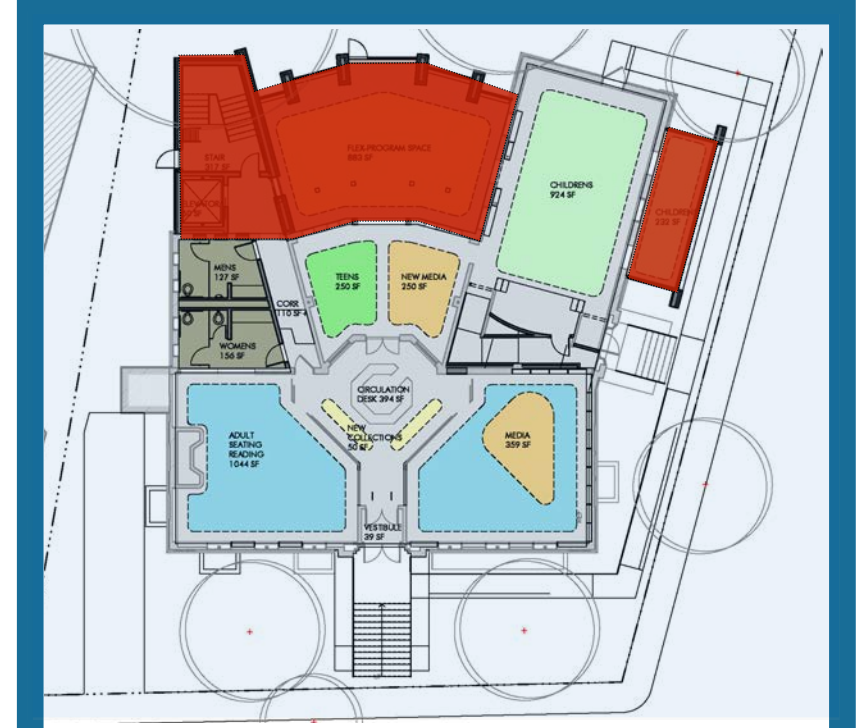


### Addresses:

- Accessibility
- Systems Upgrades
- Moderate Addition

**10,271 GSF** (+1,510 SF)

## Major Intervention



### Addresses:

- Accessibility
- Systems Upgrades
- Larger Addition
- Community Room

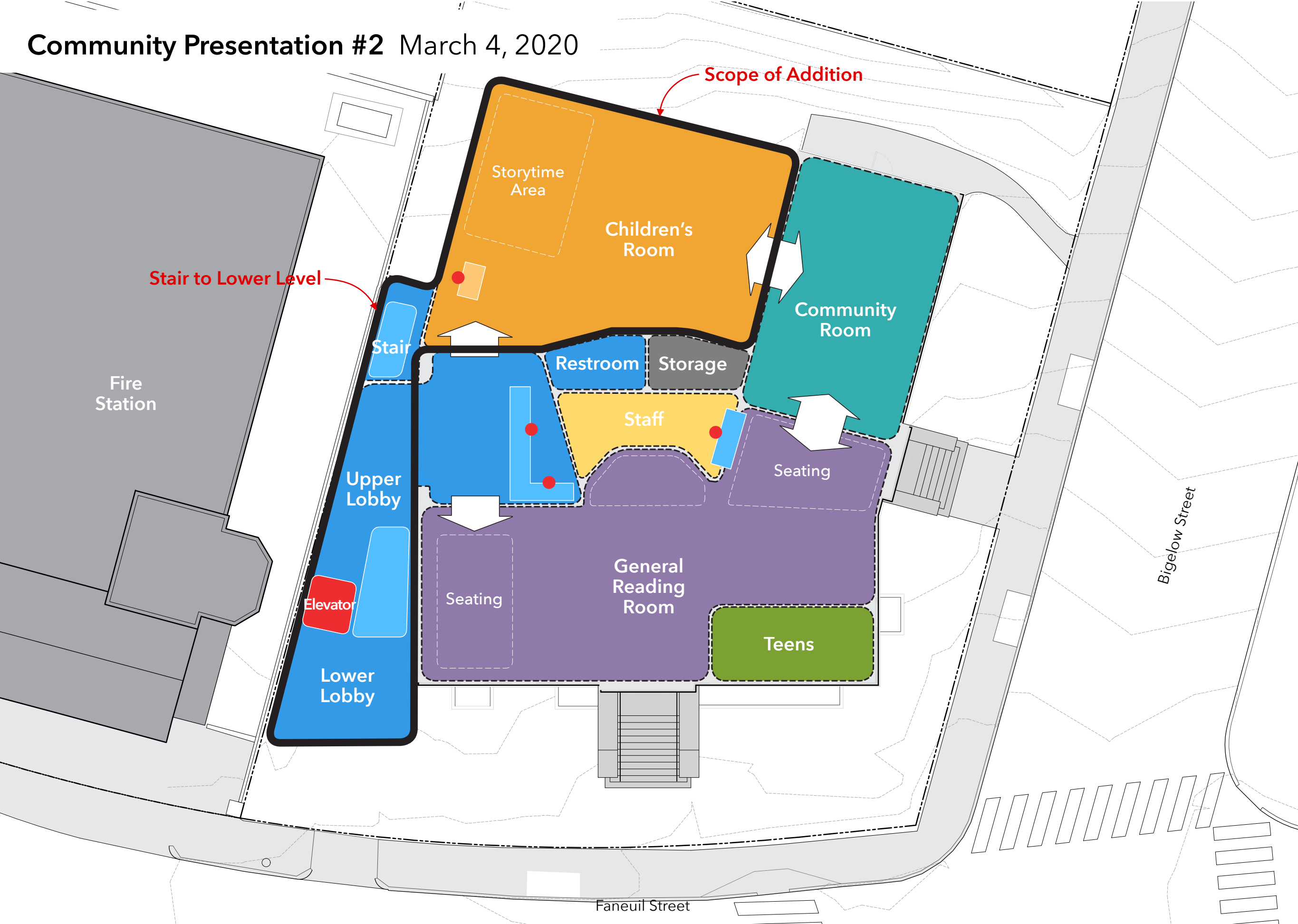
**11,860 GSF** (+3,099 SF)



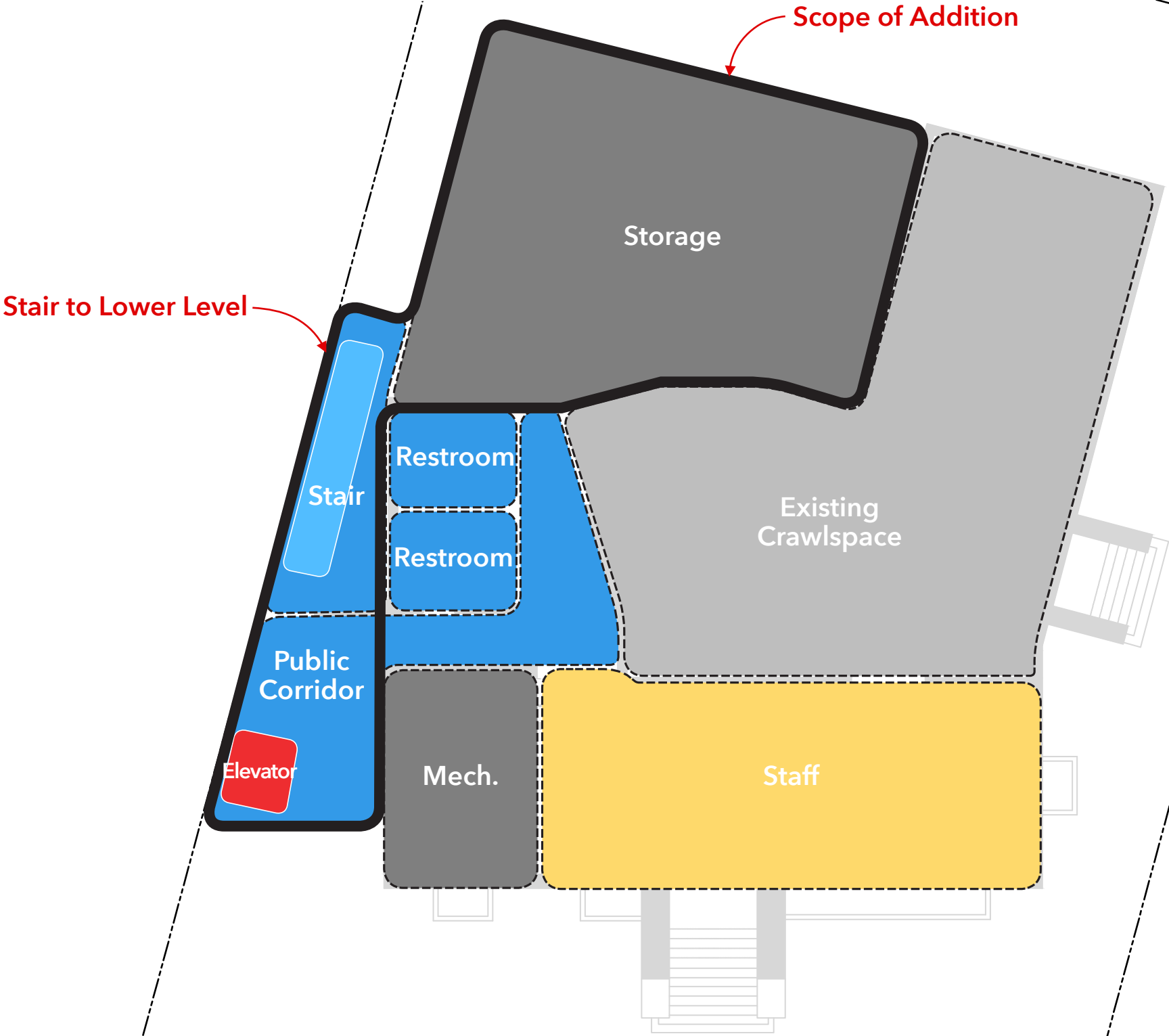


# March 4, 2020 Community Meeting #2 Recap



















# Community Feedback

## *FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY MEETINGS #1 & #2*

- Incorporate historic details
- Small size and intimacy make this library special
- Maintain central staffed service desk that fosters personal interaction
- Create a community room that can accommodate a wide range of activities and is operationally flexible
- Consider the acoustics of the community room, the current space has great proportions for music
- Identify spots for quiet study and reading
- Consider art installations as an integral part of visitor experience
- Retain green space wherever possible
- Consider scale of plantings along base of building



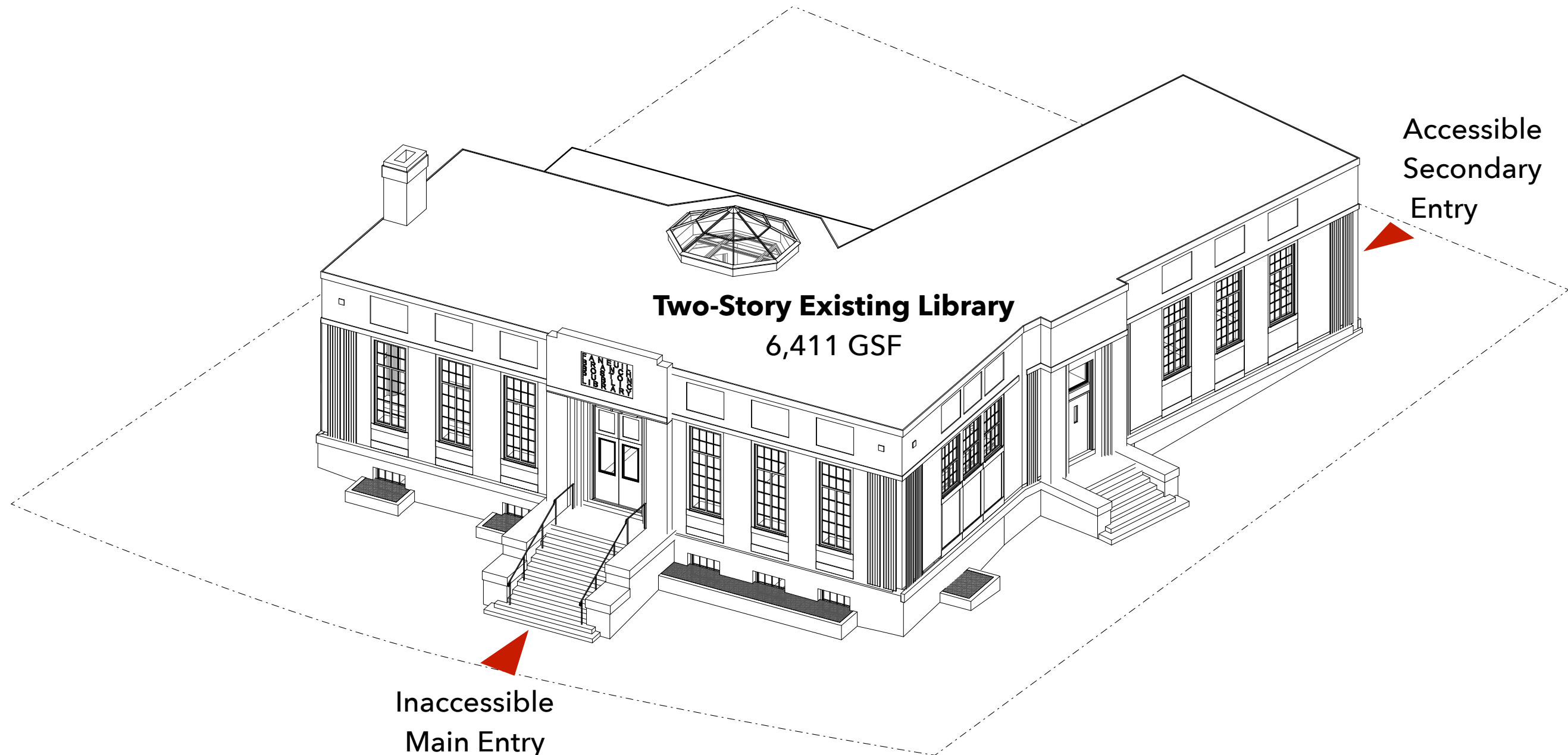
# Design Update





## Building Massing Existing

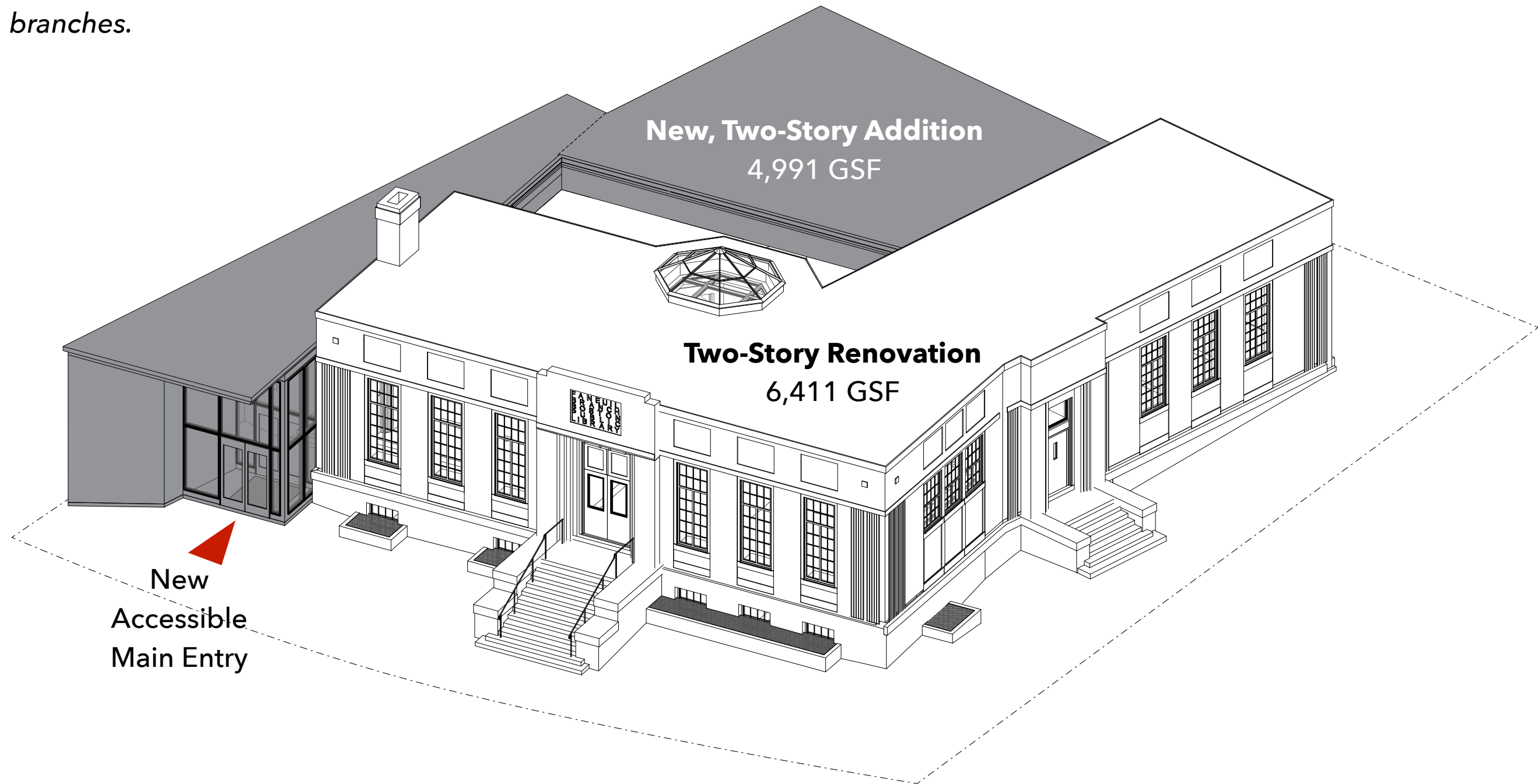
*The Faneuil Branch Library is the **smallest** facility in the BPL system. It is also one of only two **inaccessible** public facilities in the BPL system.*





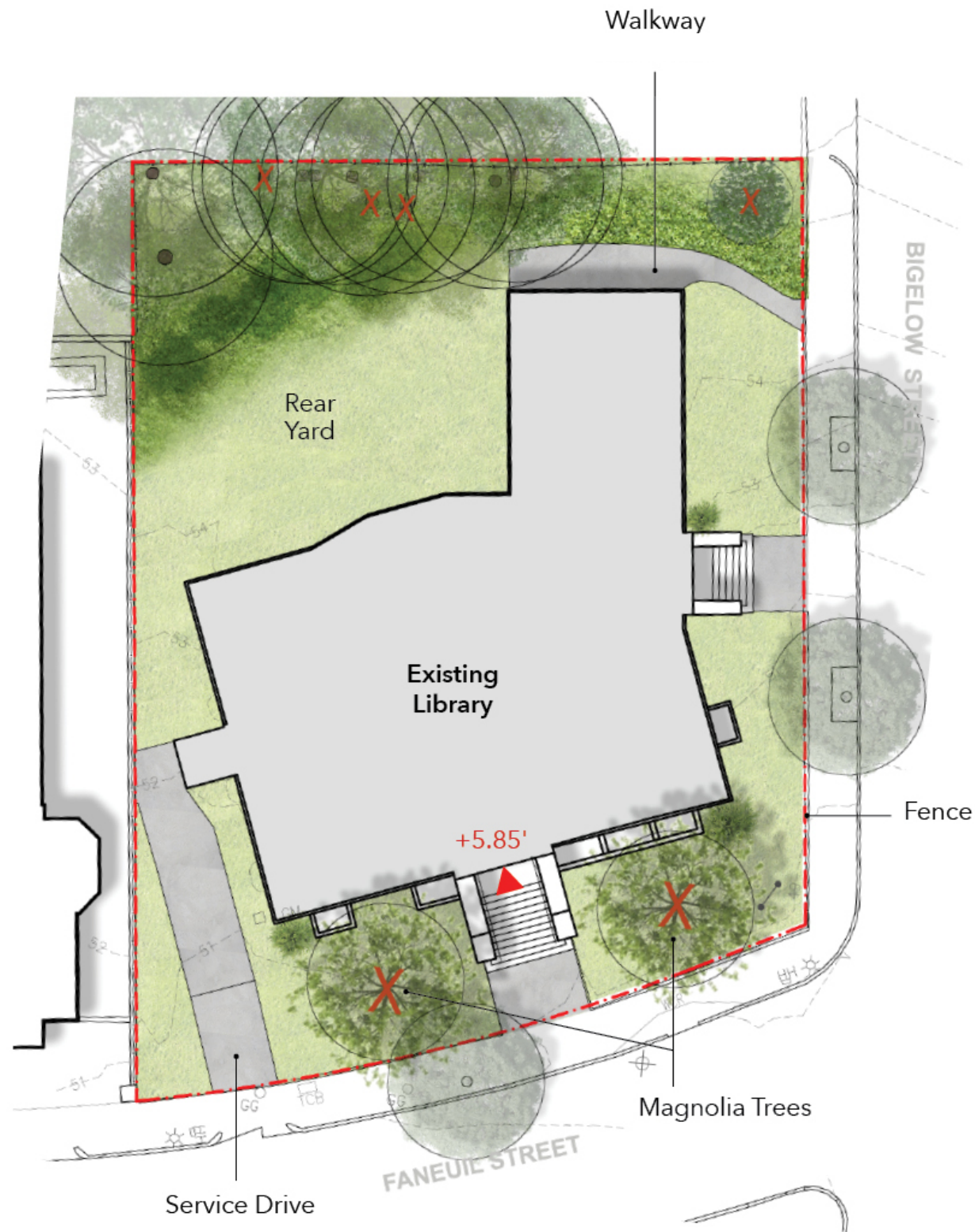
## Building Massing Proposed

*At  $\approx 11,400$  GSF, the new Faneuil Branch Library will be comparable in size and services to a number of the BPL's smaller branches.*

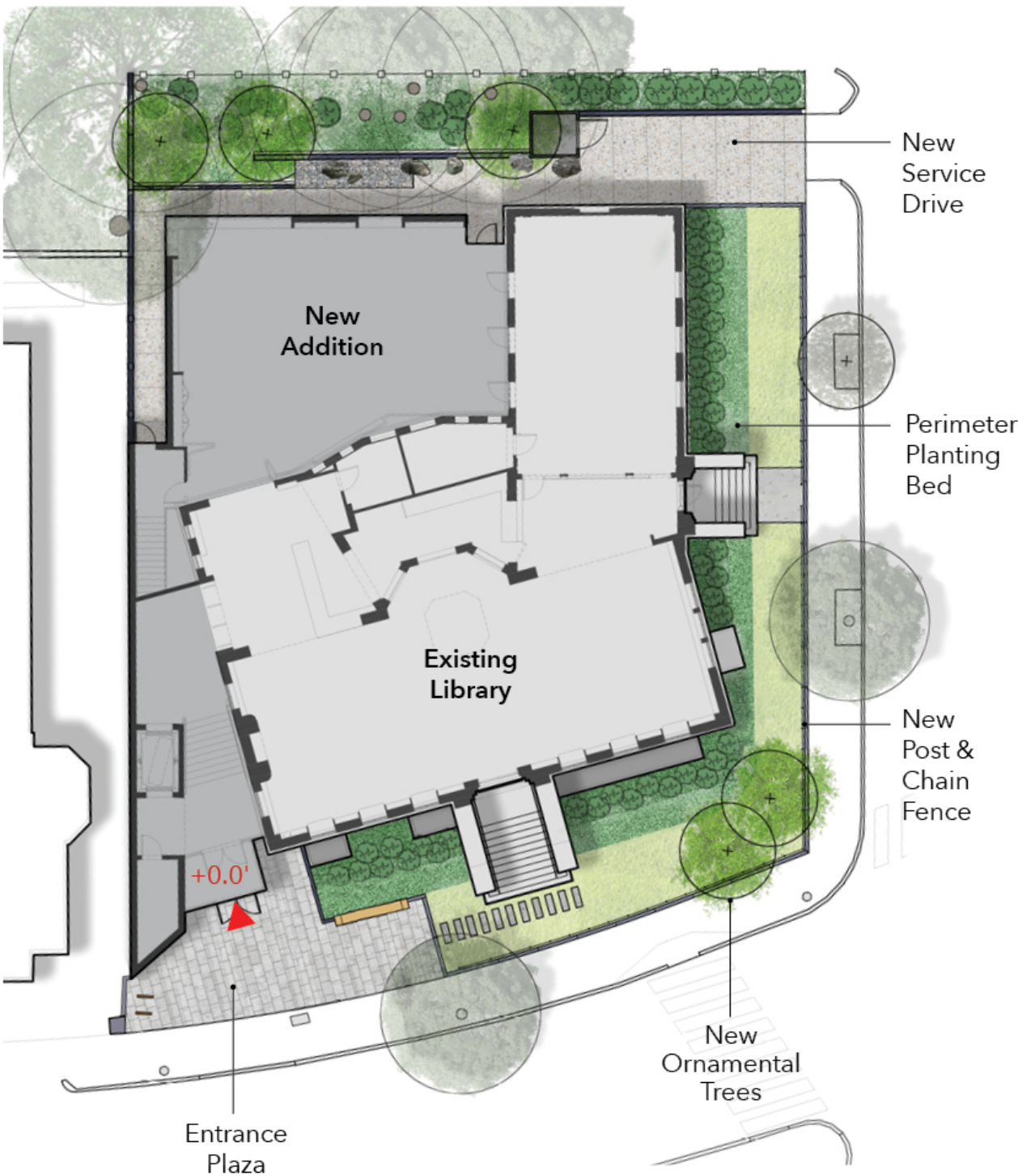




# Site Design



Existing Site Plan



Proposed Site Plan



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## Planting Beds and Sidewalk Edges



Black Tupelo Trees (2 Trees)



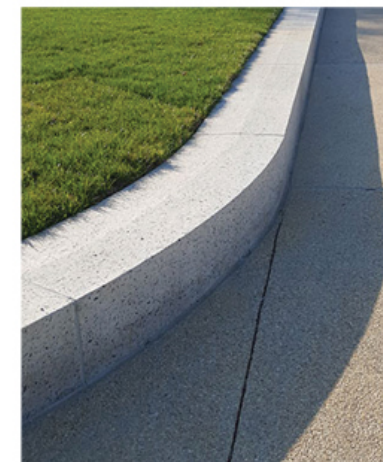
Planting Bed Concept



Groundcover Geranium



Shrub Japanese Holly (2'-3' H)



Granite Curb and Lawn



Post-and-Chain Fence



## Site Design View from Oak Square





## Proposed Faneuil Street Elevation View from Oak Square



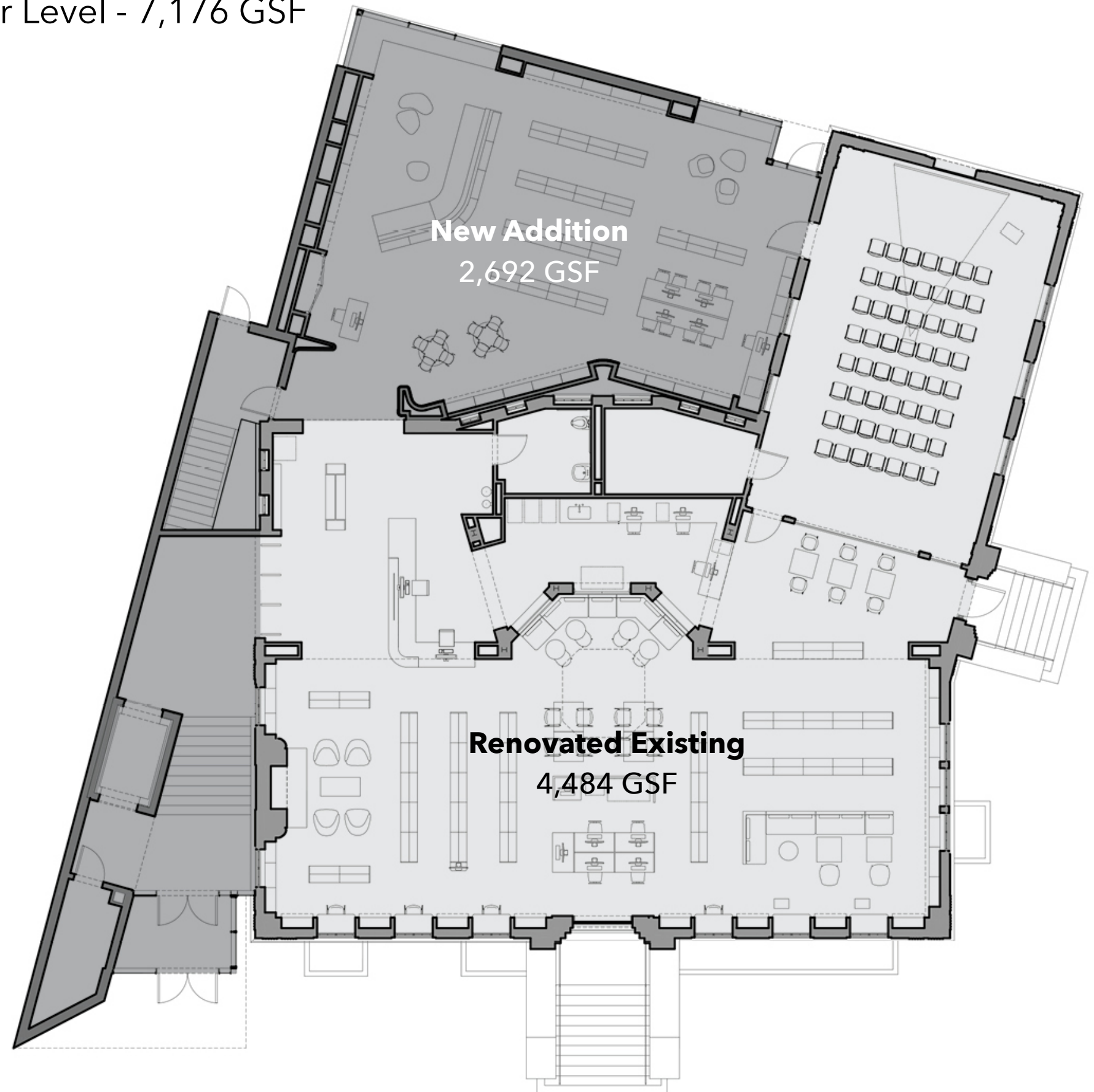


## Proposed Faneuil Street Elevation View from Faneuil Street





## Building Layout Upper Floor Level - 7,176 GSF





# Building Layout Entry Hall

Unisex restroom & drinking fountains

Holds, printer, special display area

2-sided elevator

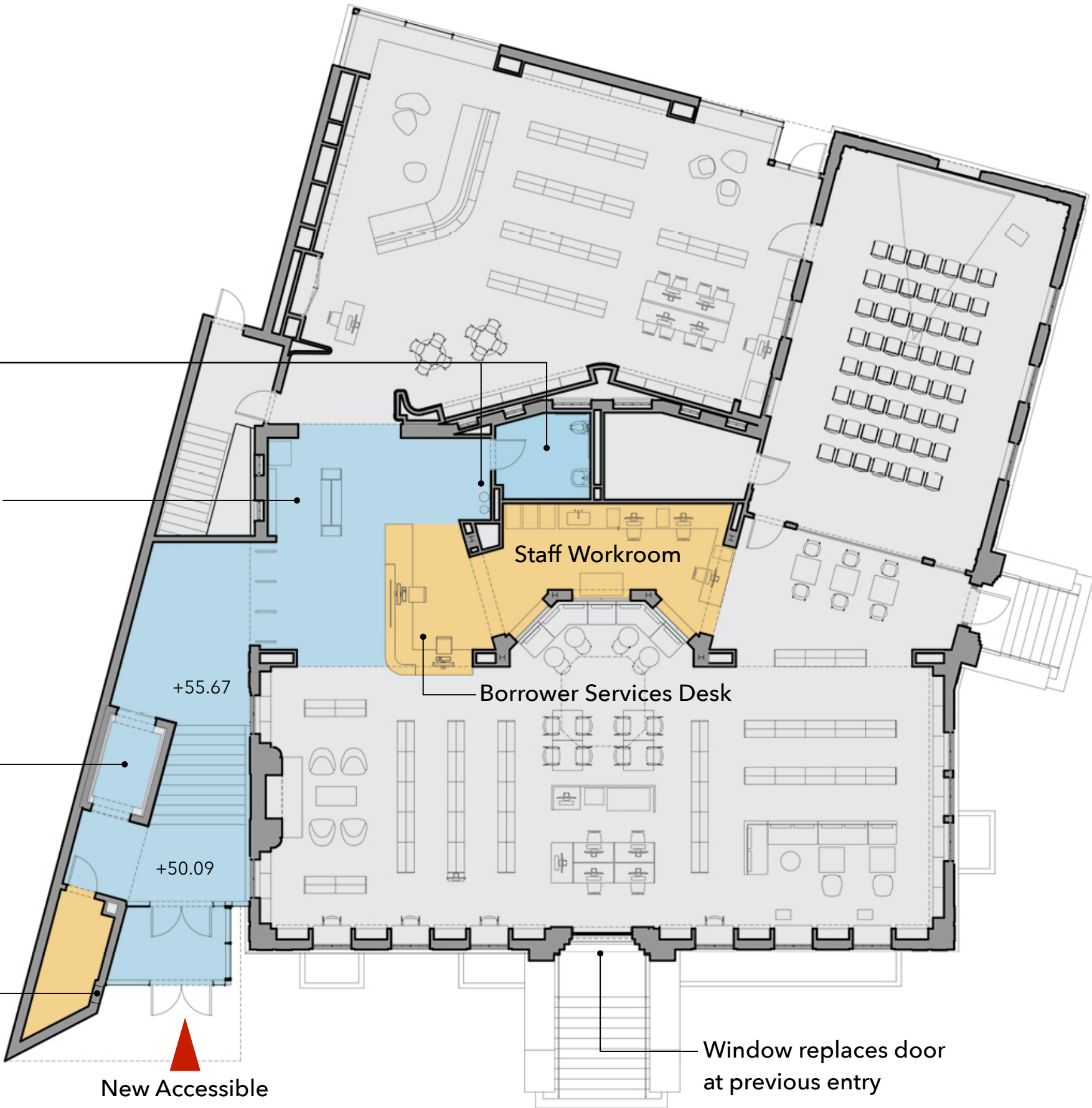
Book drop

New Accessible Main Entry

Staff Workroom

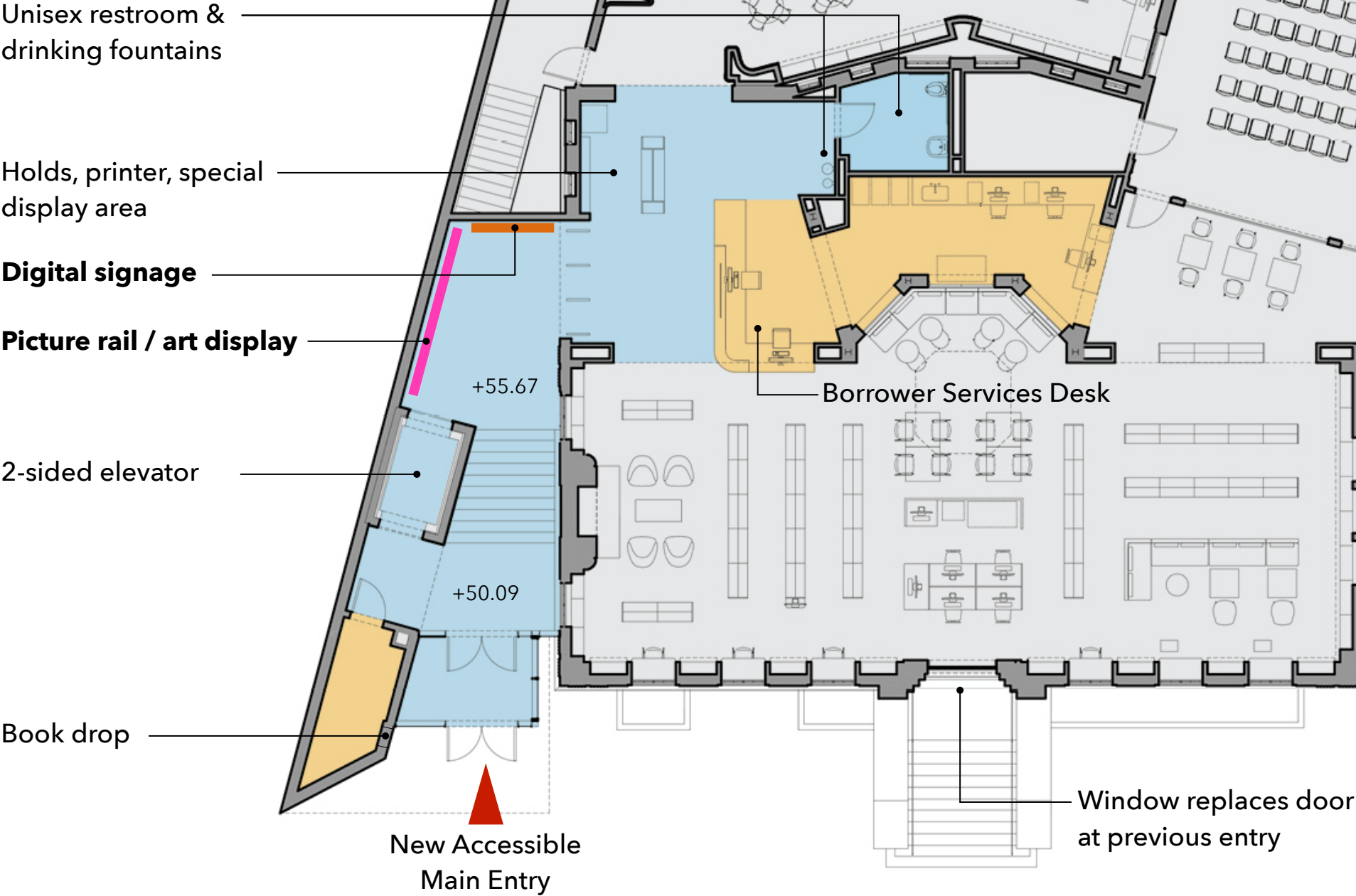
Borrower Services Desk

Window replaces door at previous entry



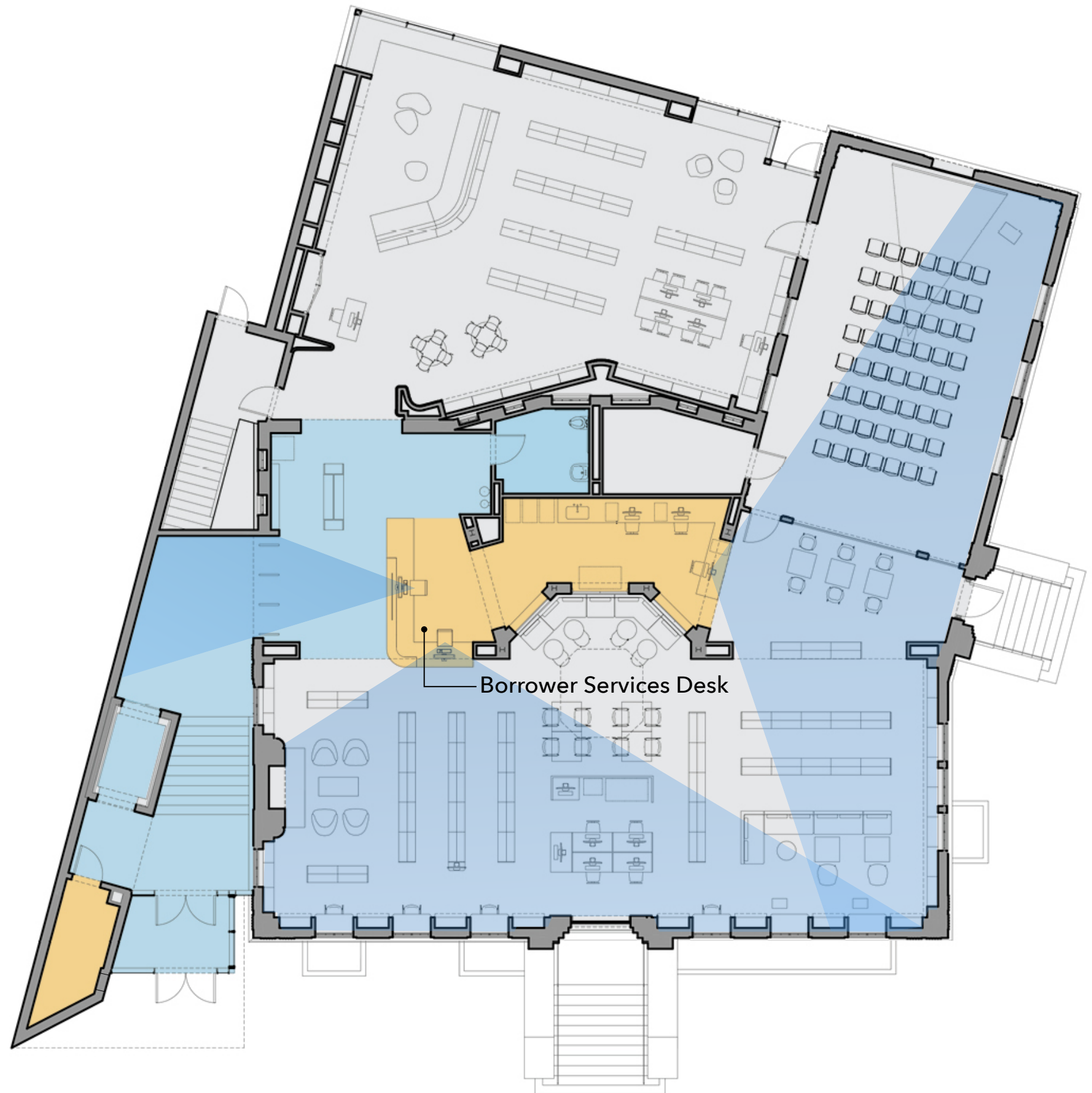


Building Layout Entry Hall



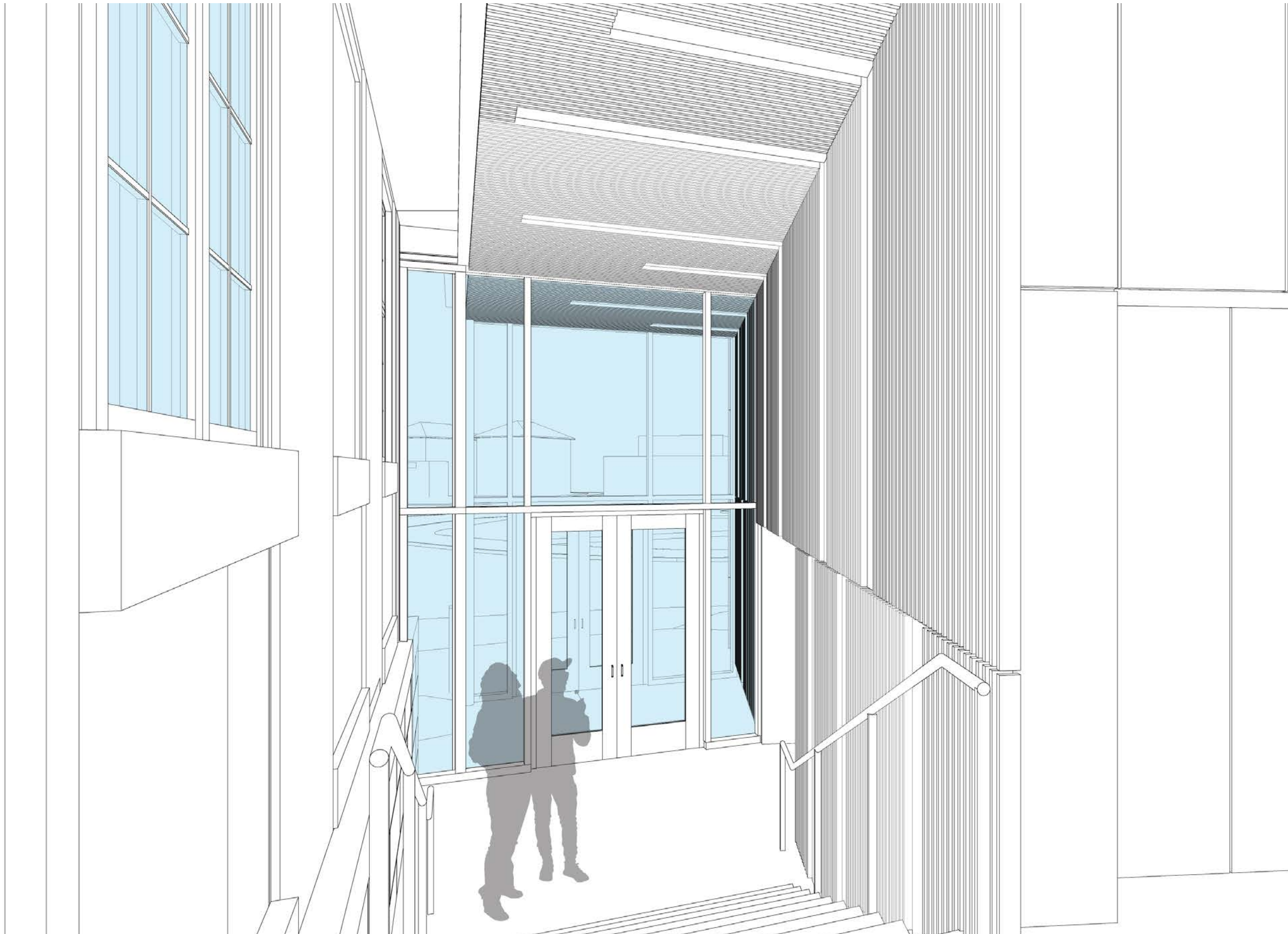


## Building Layout Entry Hall





## Building Layout View of Entry Hall



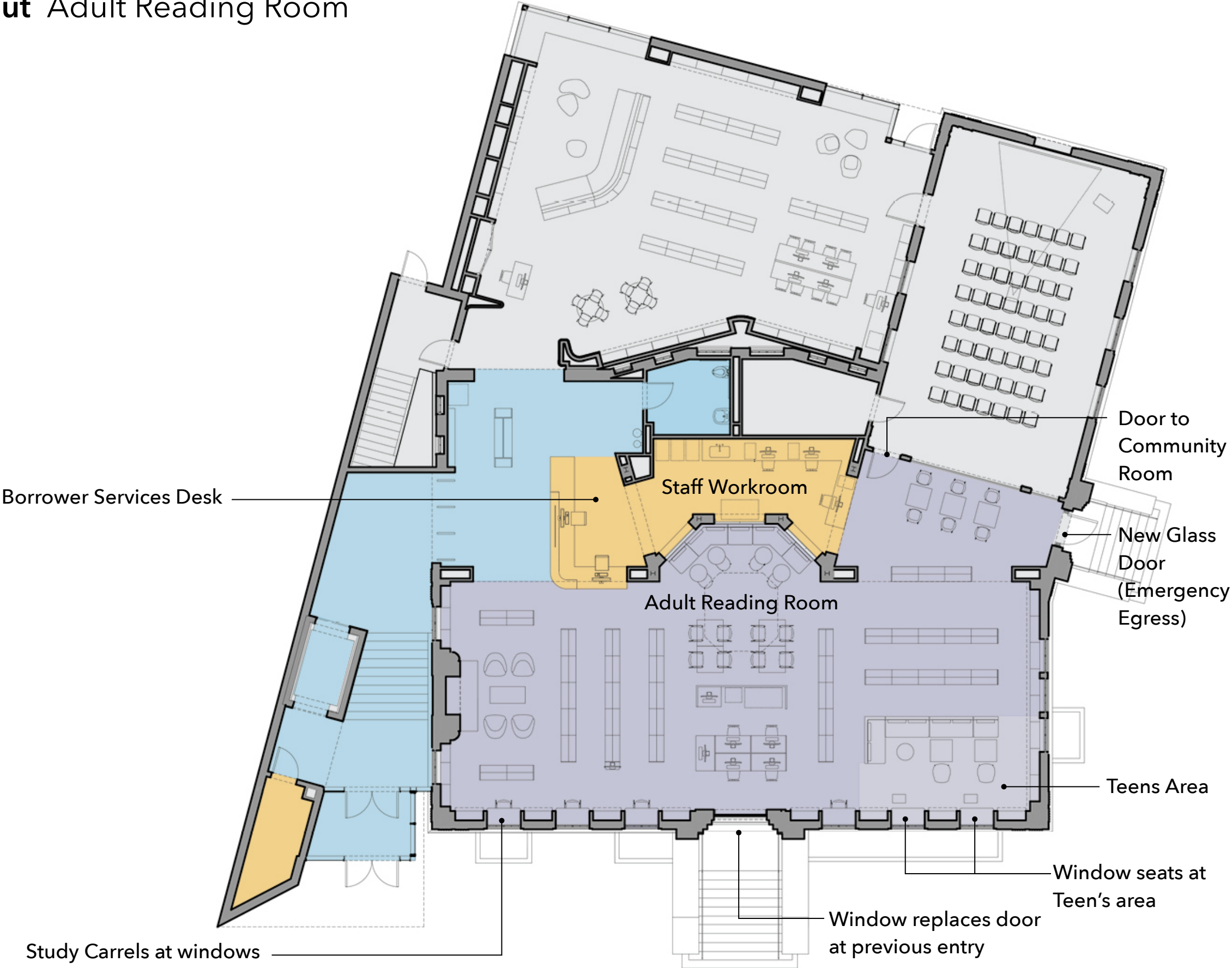


Building Layout View of Borrower Services Desk





Building Layout Adult Reading Room





## Building Layout View of Adult Reading Room





## Building Layout View of Teen's Corner





## Building Layout Adult Reading Room Historical Details





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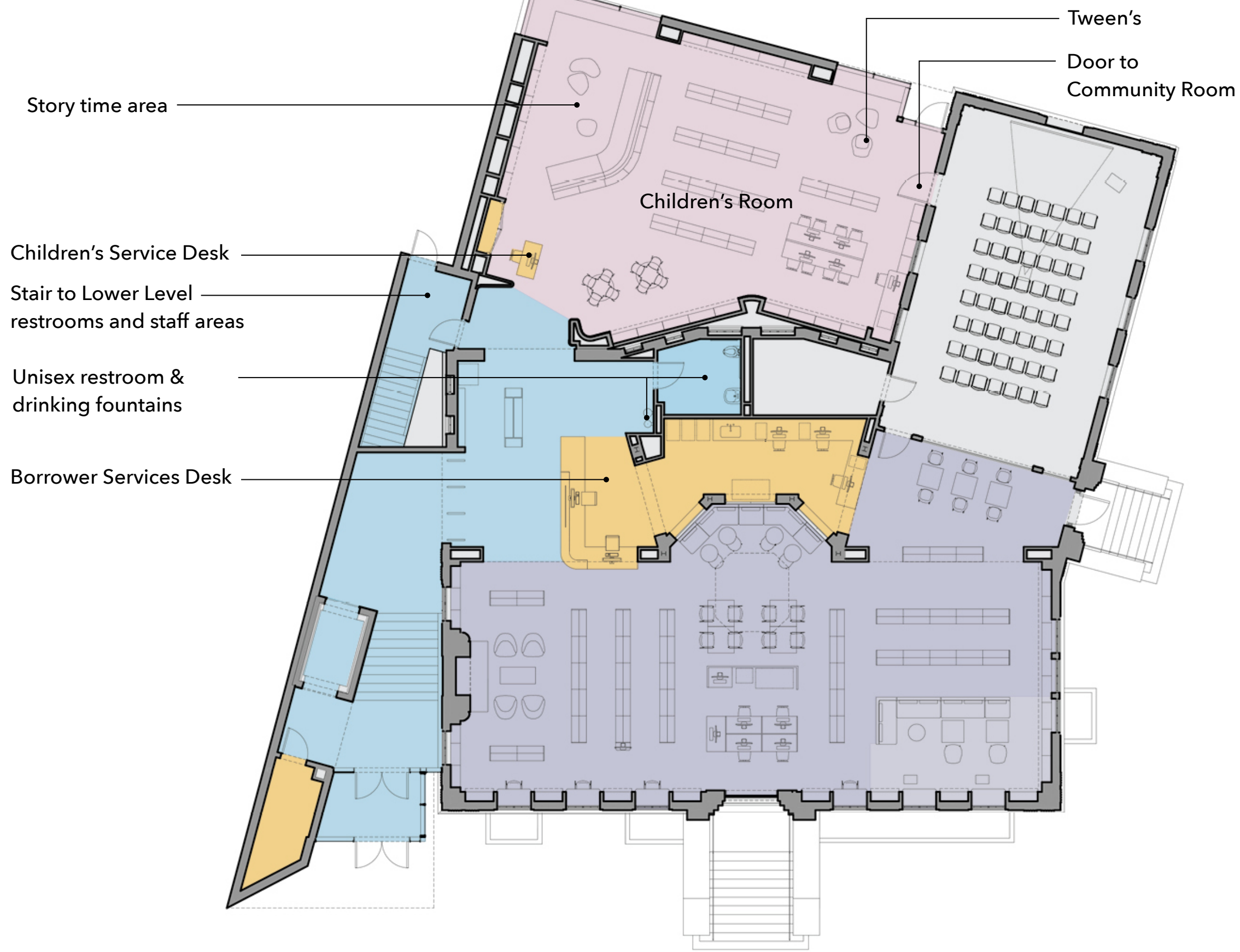




## Building Layout Adult Reading Room Historical Details







Story time area

Children's Service Desk

Stair to Lower Level  
restrooms and staff areas

Unisex restroom &  
drinking fountains

Borrower Services Desk

Children's Room

Tween's

Door to  
Community Room

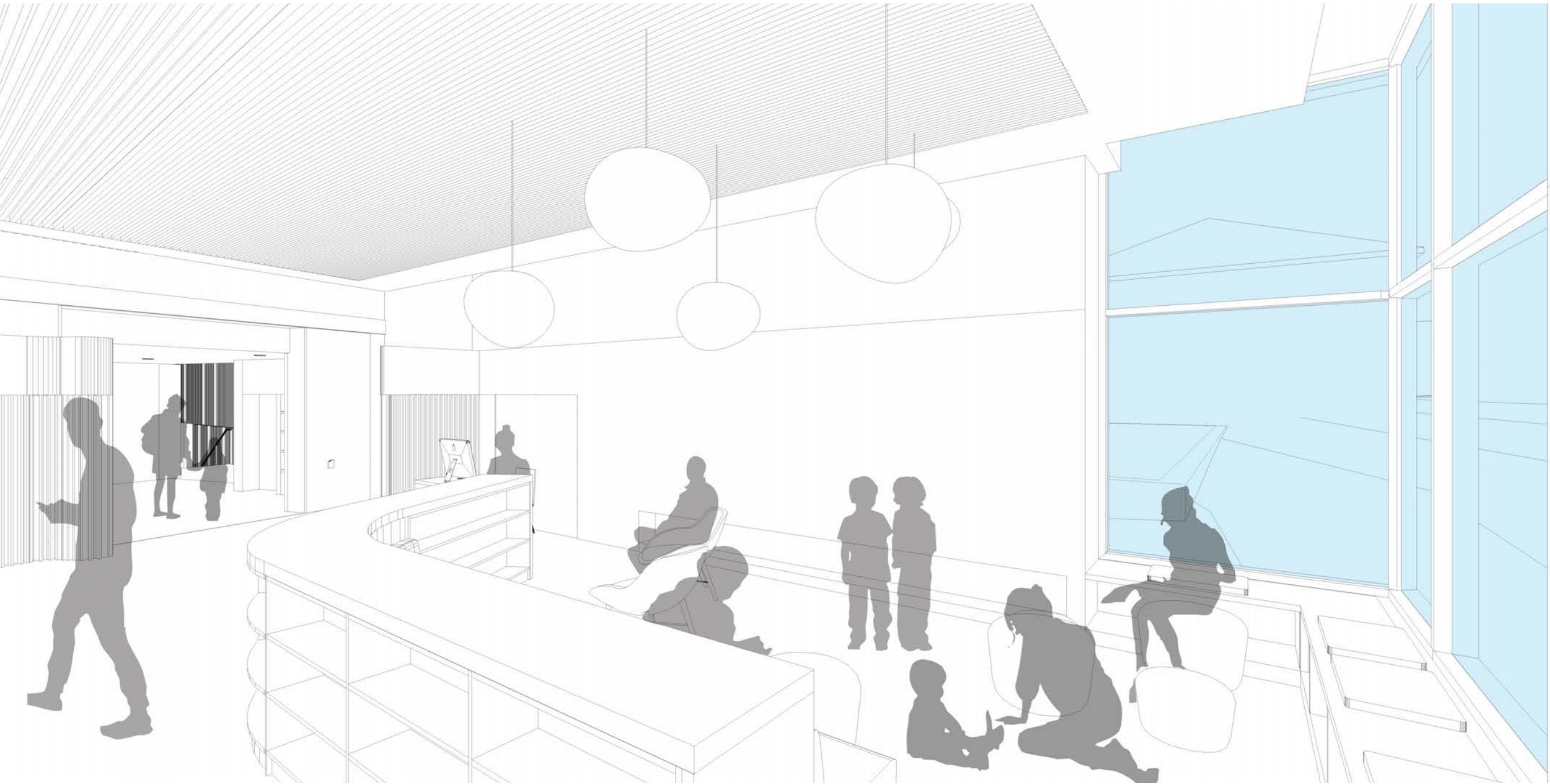


## Building Layout View of Children's Room





## Building Layout View of Storytime Area



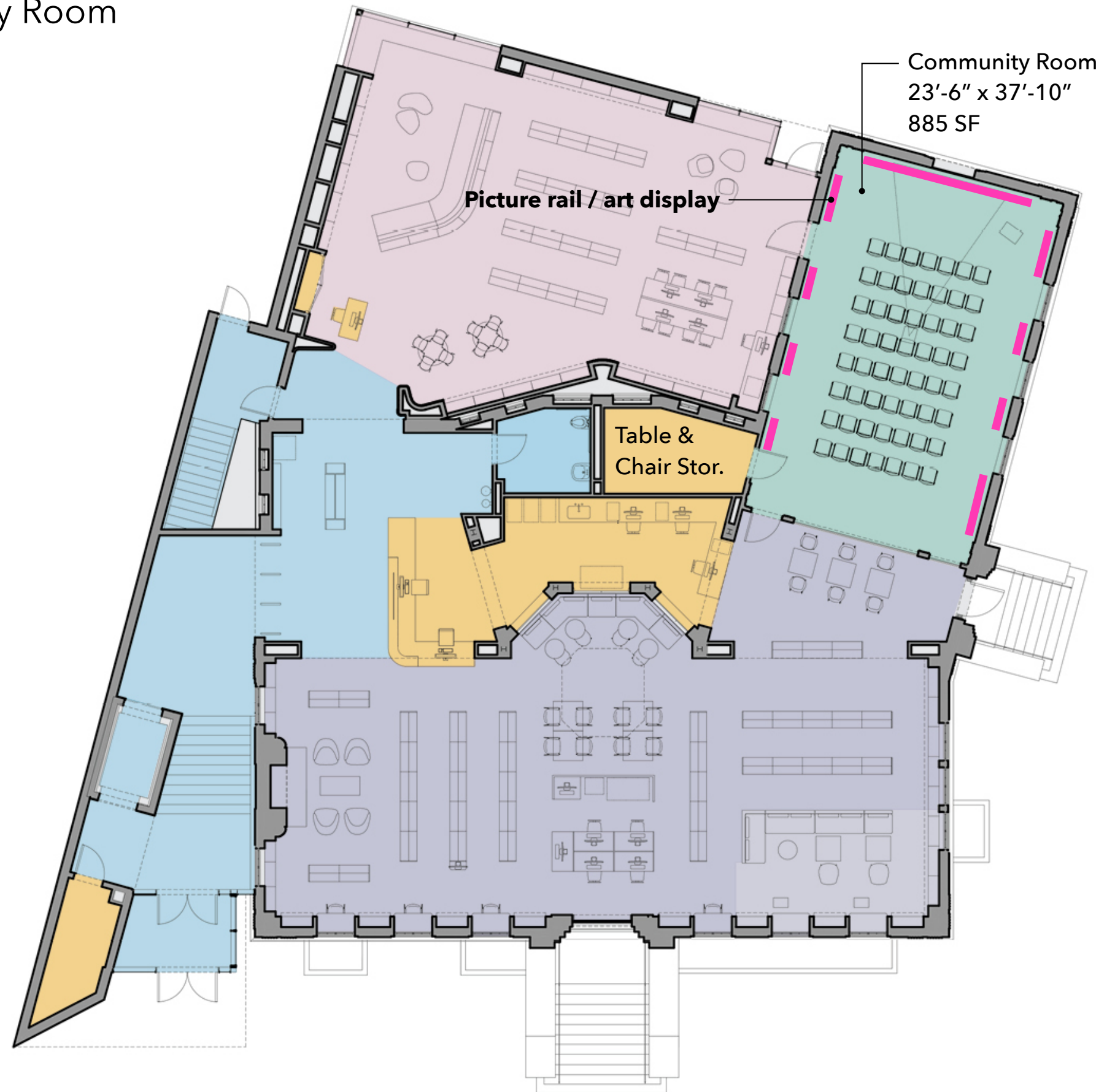


## Building Layout Children's Room Historical Details





## Building Layout Community Room



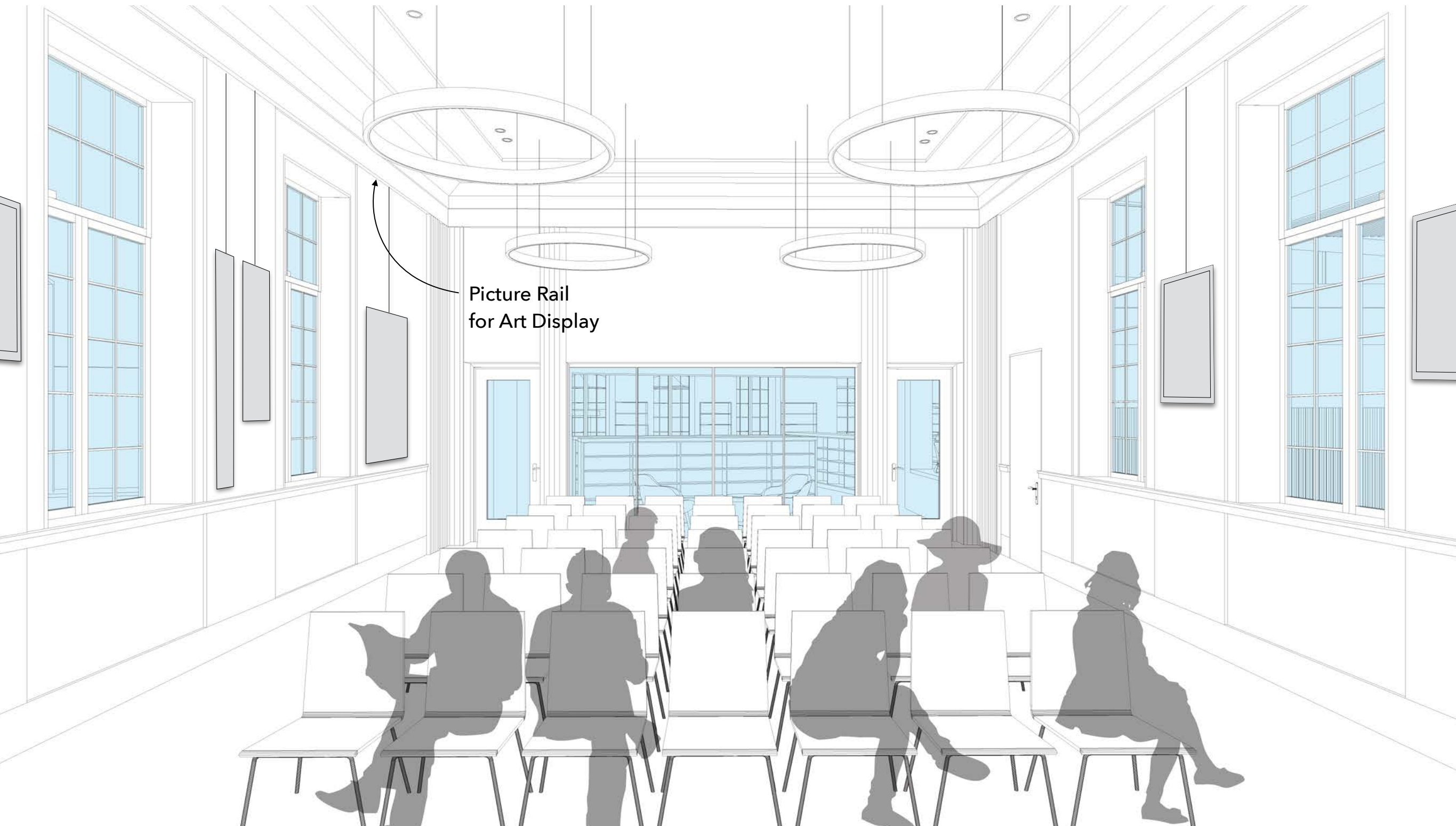


## Building Layout View of Community Room





## Building Layout Community Room Exhibition

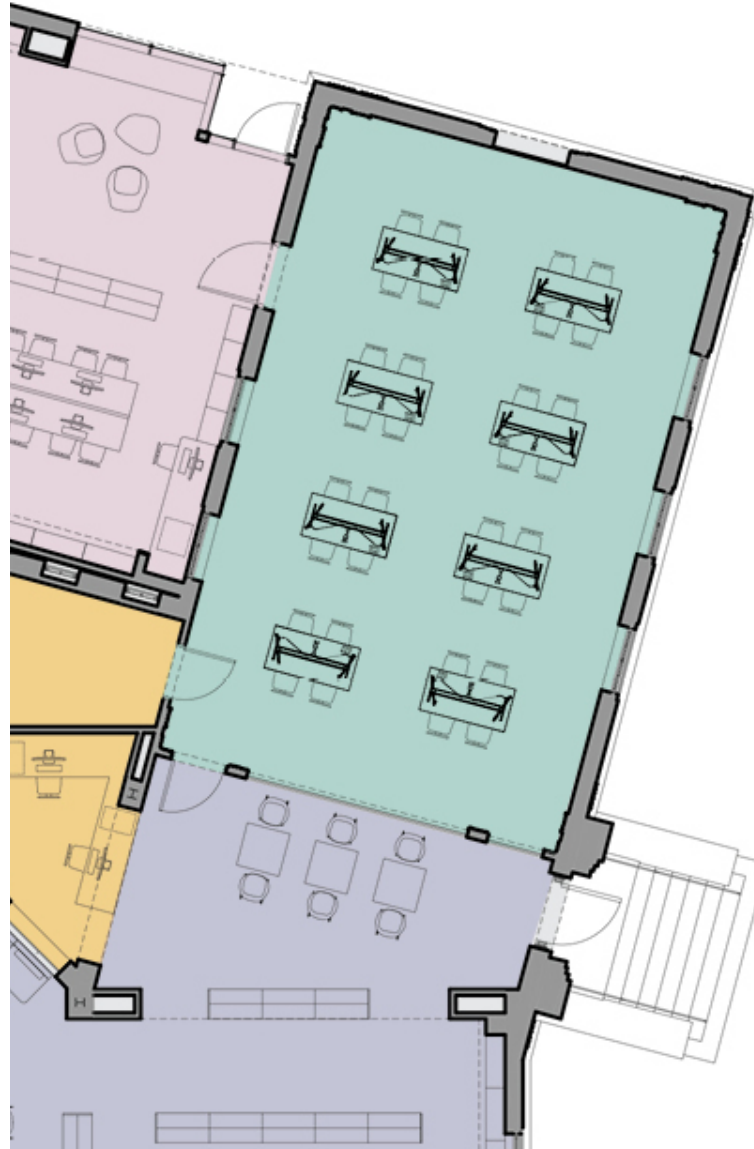




## Building Layout Community Room Flexibility



Lecture Format  
(55-65 Persons)



Reading Table Format  
(32 Persons)



Collaboration Table Format  
(16 Persons)



## Building Layout 1932 Historical Photo of Lecture Hall

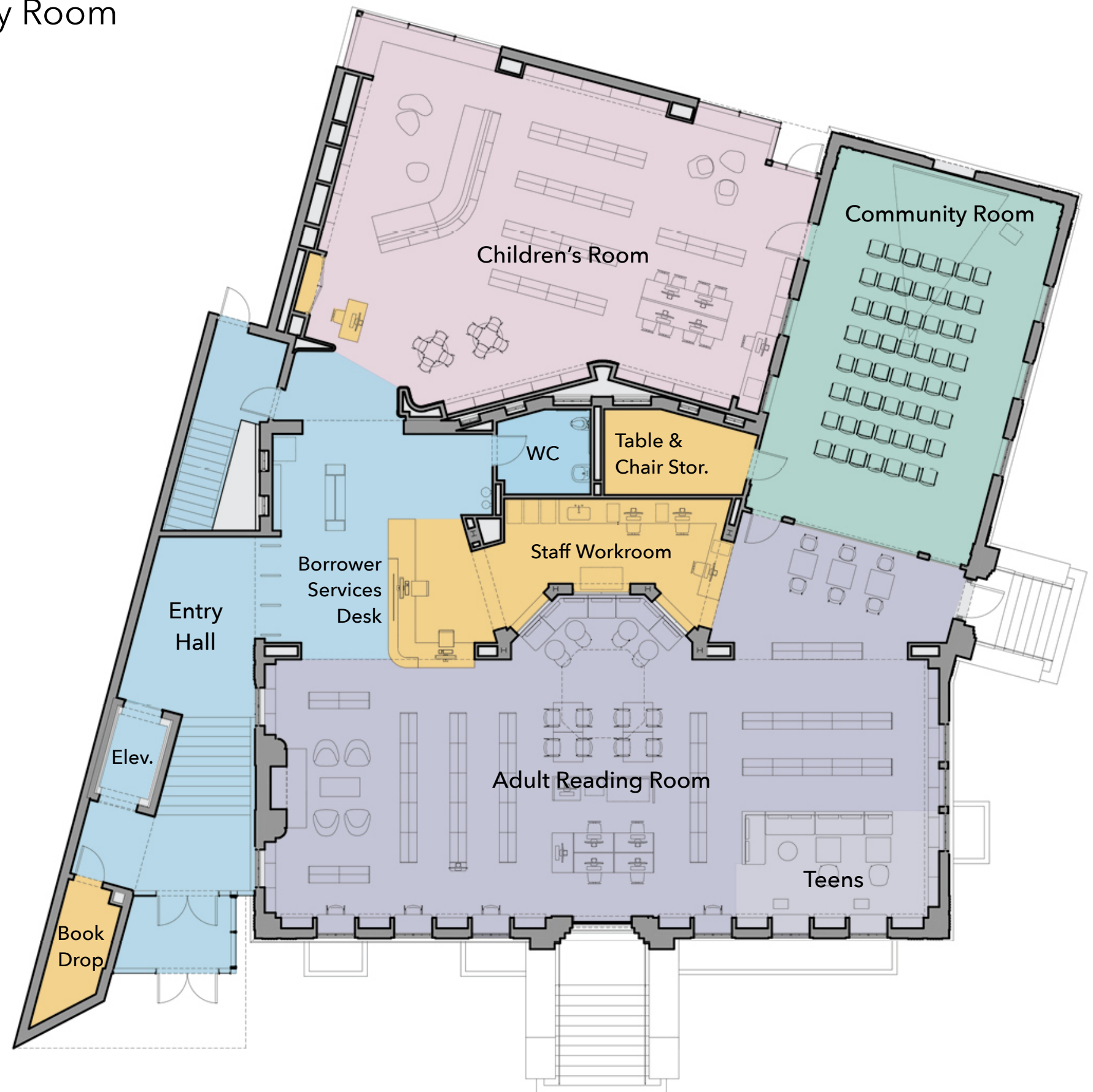






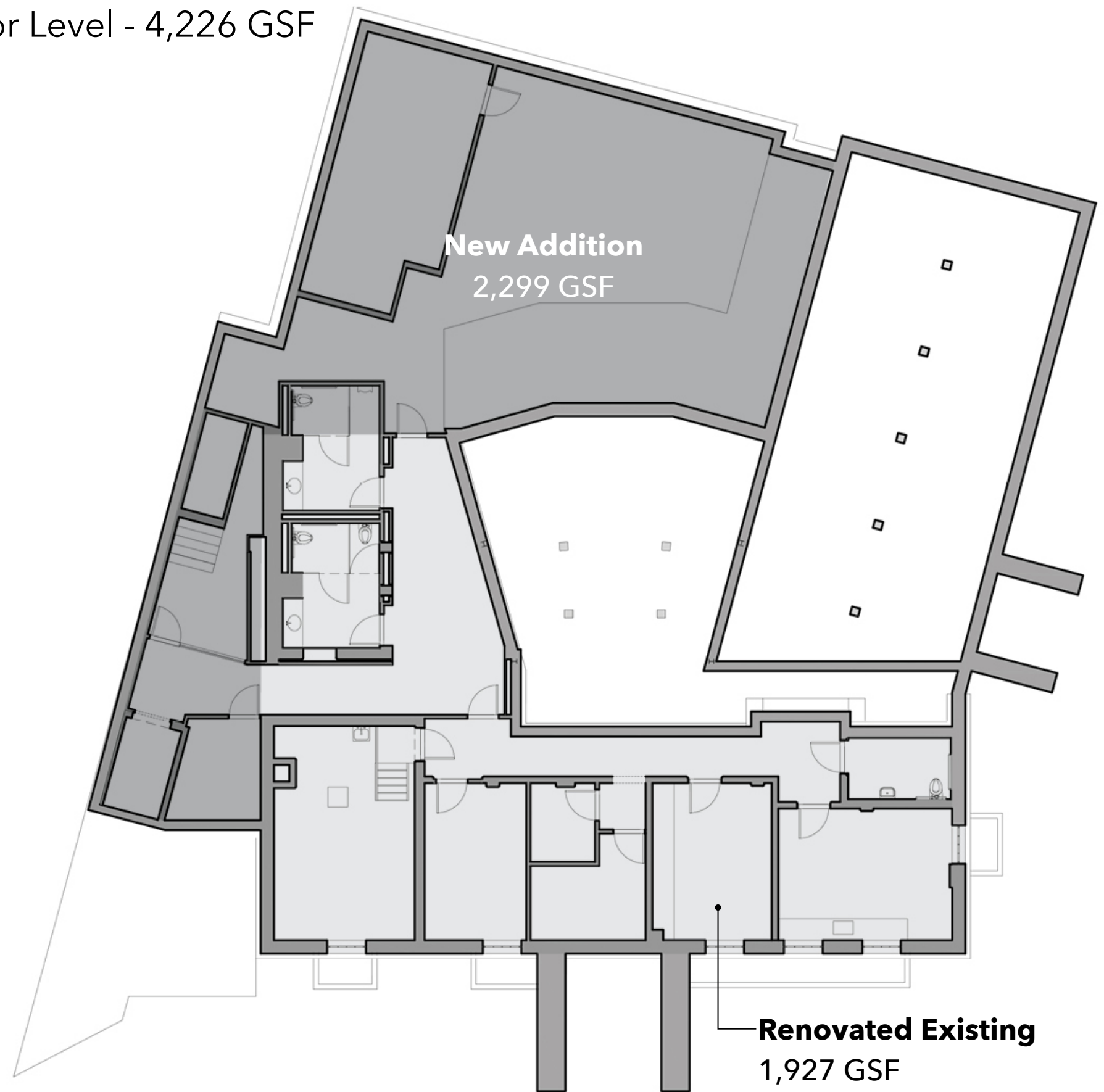


## Building Layout Community Room



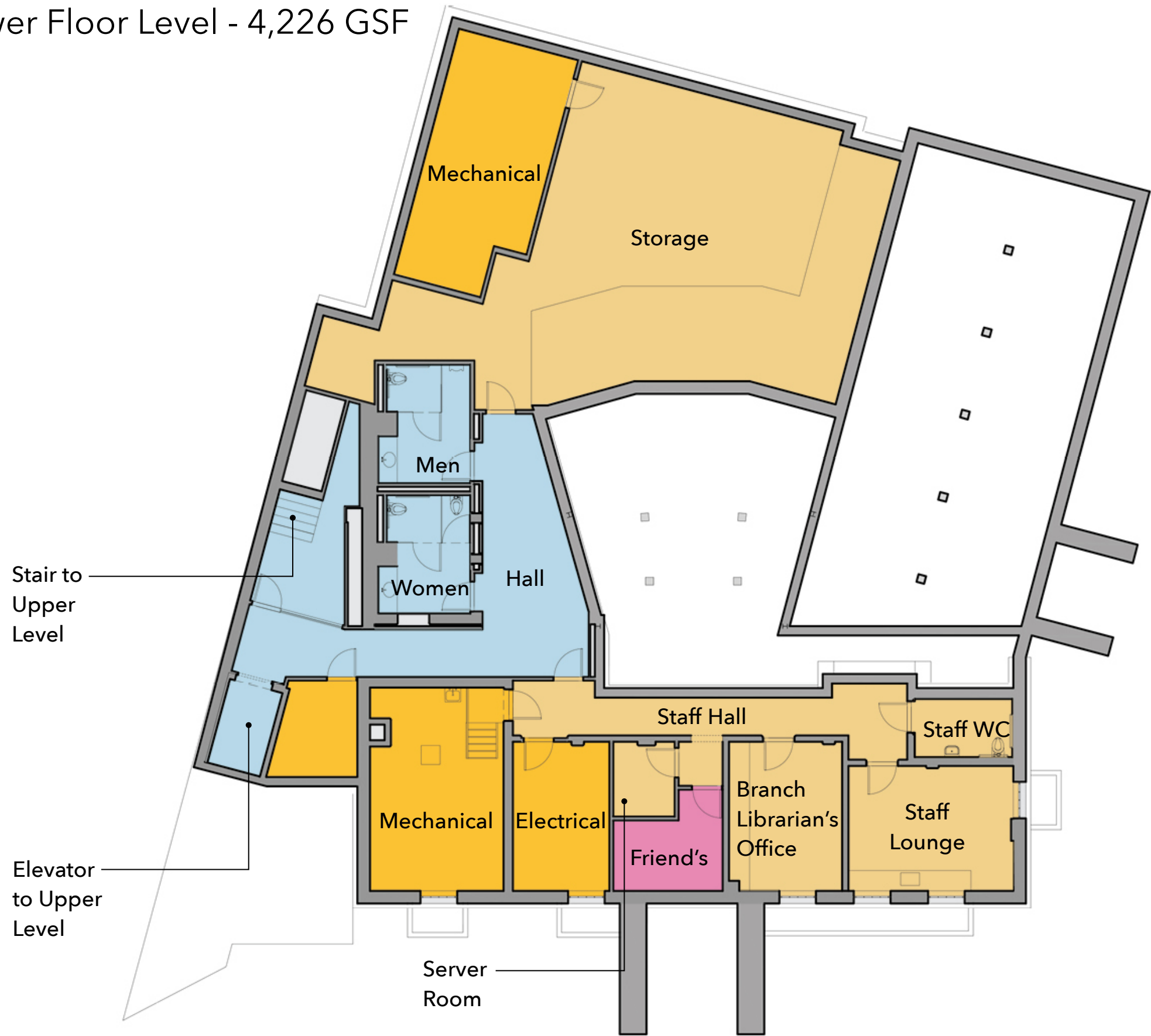


## Building Layout Lower Floor Level - 4,226 GSF





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# Schedule





# Estimated Schedule

<i>MILESTONE</i>	<i>DATE</i>
<b>Community Meeting #1</b>	October 2019
<b>Community Meeting #2</b>	March 2020
<b>Community Meeting #3</b>	June 2020 (Tonight)
<b>Library Closure</b>	Estimated Late 2020
<b>Construction Start</b>	Estimated Early 2021

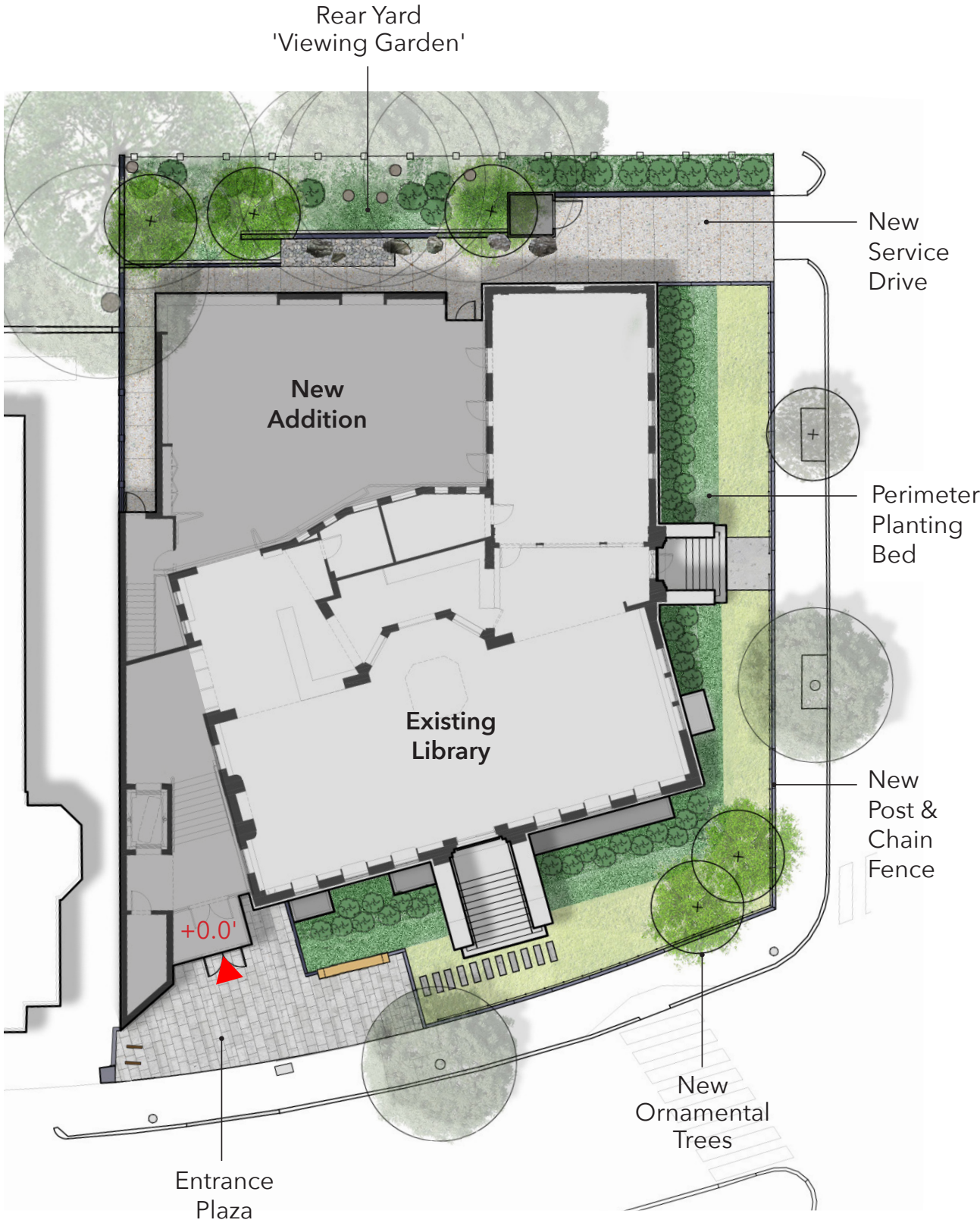


# Discussion





# Proposed Design

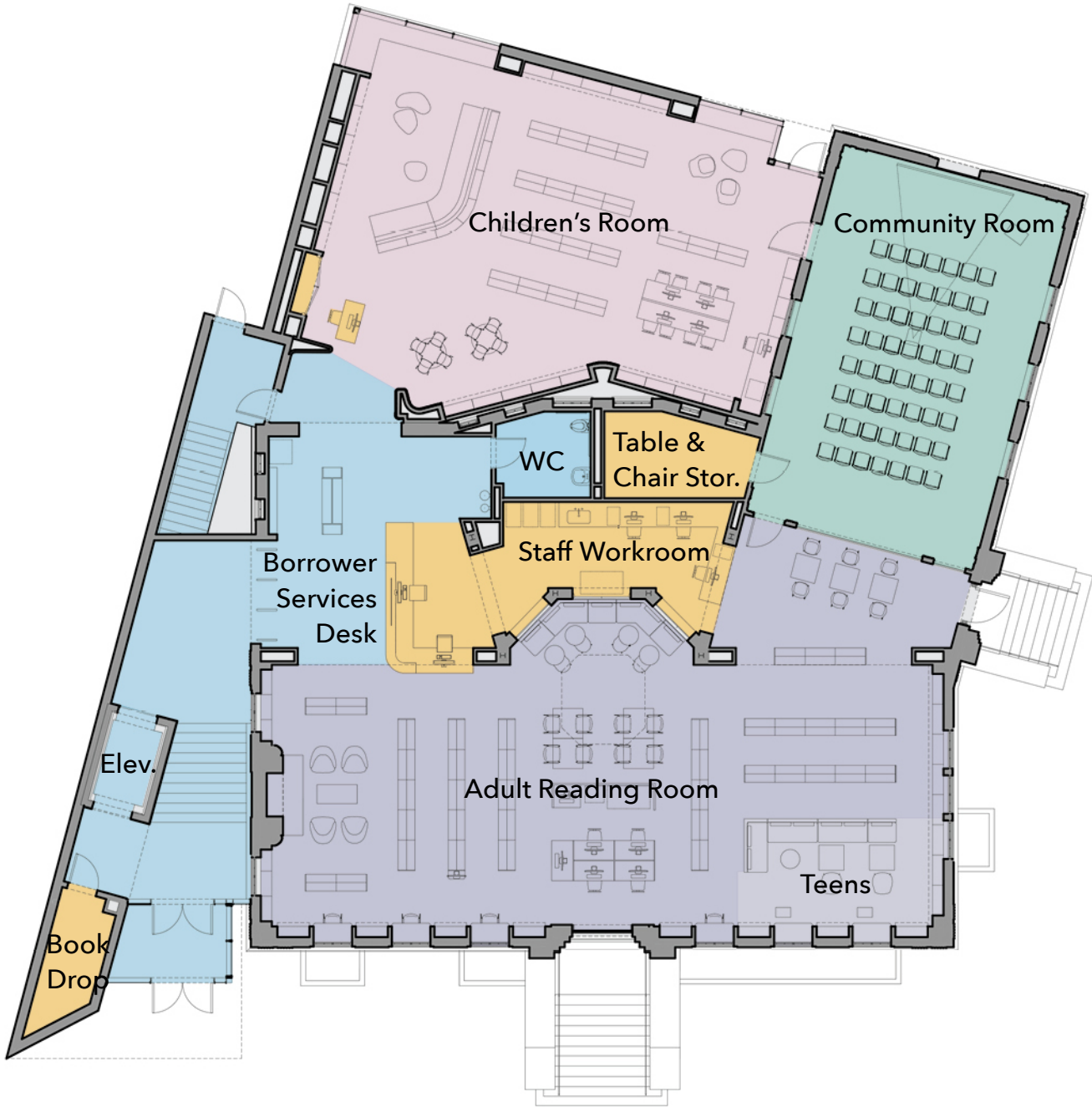




# Proposed Design



Lower Floor Plan



Upper Floor Plan





Thank You



# Feedback?

1. *Leave a suggestion in the Comment Box located in the library*
2. *Provide feedback online using the BPL's Faneuil Project page: <https://www.bpl.org/faneuil-project/>*
3. *Feel free to contact:*  
**Priscilla Foley**, *Director of Neighborhood Services*  
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