# Palatine Public Library Facility Master Plan

Library Board Review Meeting

#### Master Plan Process

An interactive process designed to build on the best of the existing facilities, define needs, explore opportunities, evaluate multiple options, and integrate recommended improvements into a program of Capital Repairs

#### Overview

- Inputs
- Analysis
- Comparisons
- **Estimates**
- Recommendations

#### Main Library

- Challenges & Opportunities
- Options
- Evaluations

#### North Hoffman Library

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#### Rand Road Library

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#### Multiple Paths **Forward**

- Range of Costs
- All At Once
- Grouped
- Individual

#### Discussion

#### Developed from a Series of Inputs



Existing Building Performance



**Emerging Service Trends** 



**Staff Visioning** 



Community
Conversations, Surveys,
and Comments

#### Themes from the Public

Need for more social/collaborative space

Easy access to materials is an issue

Need for more quiet spaces and overall noise reduction



Need for more meeting space for community groups

Interior spaces don't flow well

Access to updated technology is highly valued

#### **Staff Themes**

Extra space in the southeast corner of the second floor is underutilized.

Lighting is poor in many areas.

We have a space for preschool kids and a space for teens, but elementary kids need their own interactive space.



Atria ("holes in the second floor") take up space and contribute to noise issues.

The Info Services desk is far from the elevators and stairs.

Given the community's interests in sewing, crafts, and DIY projects, a maker space could be popular.

Café is hidden and placed next to a quiet area. It could be more popular if visible. Staffing two technology desks is a resource drain.

Digital media center is underutilized; increase visibility for greater awareness

# Main Library

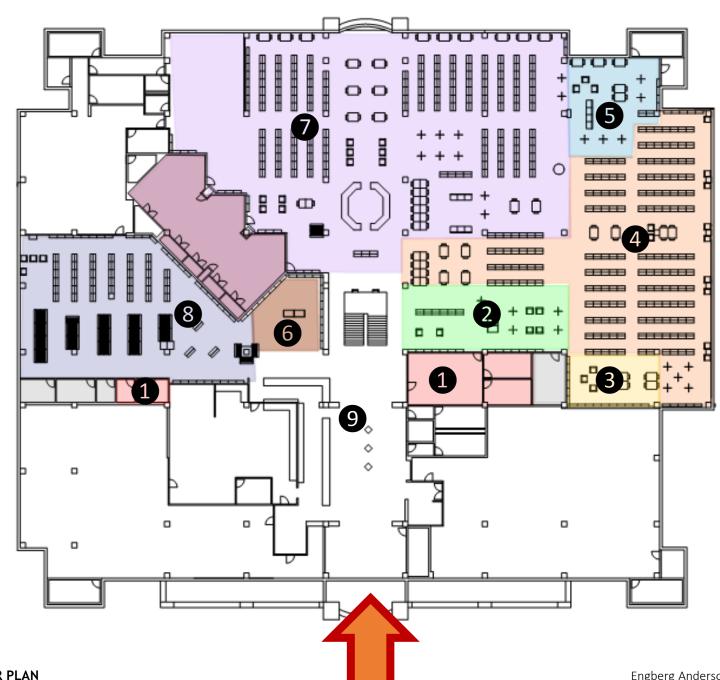
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#### First Floor **Existing Uses**

- Media Lab
- **New Materials**
- Large Print
- Adult Fiction Collection
- Teen Area
- Holds/Reserves
- **Youth Services**
- Audio-Visual
- Circulation Desk
- **Adult Non-Fiction**
- **Periodicals**
- Collaborative Public Space
- Quiet Reading Room
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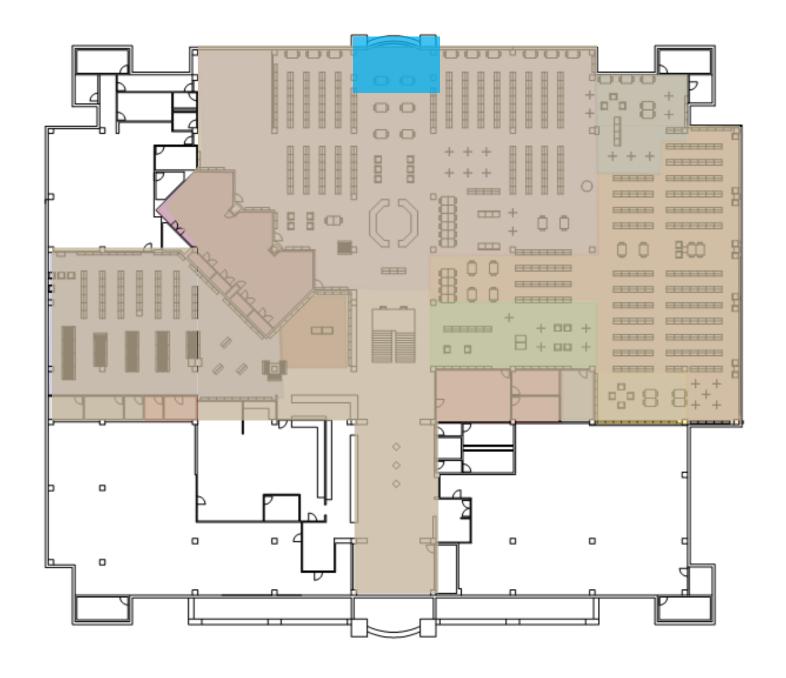
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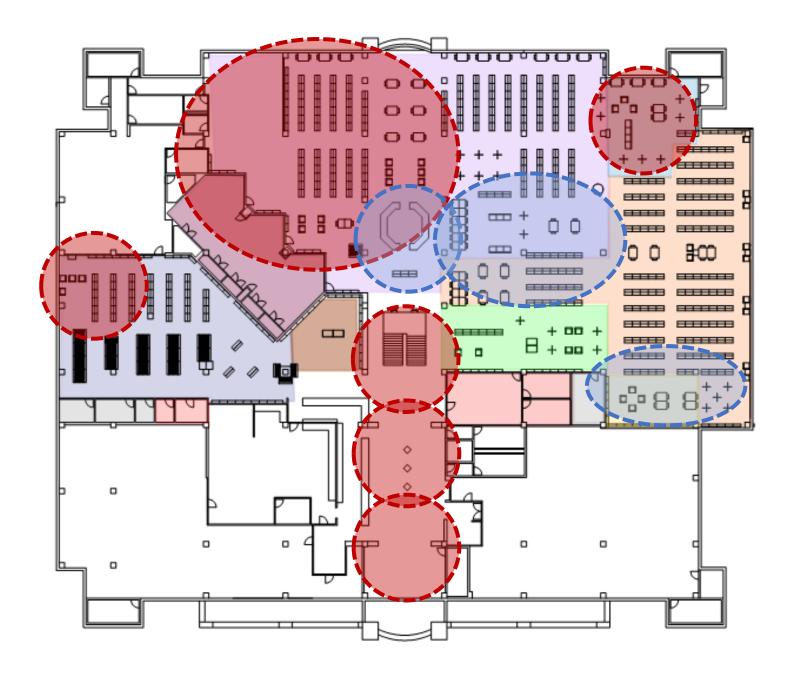
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Acoustic issues include extensive transfer of sound from active zones to quiet zones. This creates challenges for various users on the First Floor particularly the Children's Services Area and Teen Area (active) and Large Print & Periodicals Areas (quiet)



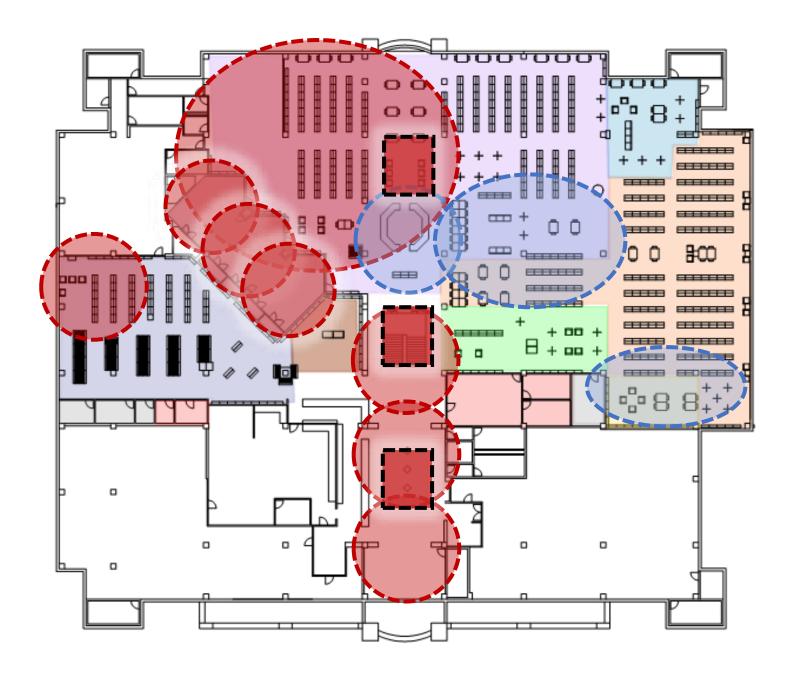


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The nature of the separations between the three story time rooms limits their utility – **there is no true acoustic separation between the rooms**.



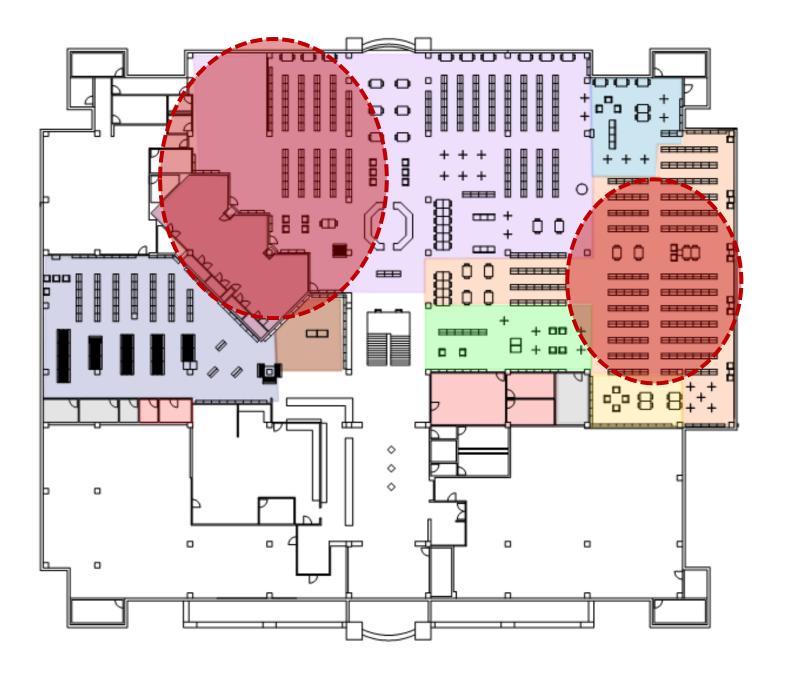


#### Overcrowded Spaces

Portions of the first floor suffer from shifts in use without requisite shifts in space allocation or furniture selection and placement. The collections in the Adult Fiction area are closely spaced, housed on overly tall shelving sections, and lacking in character or identity\

The Children's Services area lacks adequate space for primary collections and activities. Active Learning space is given over to various season uses associated with other age groups at multiple times over the course of a year, diminishing the learning opportunities available to users.

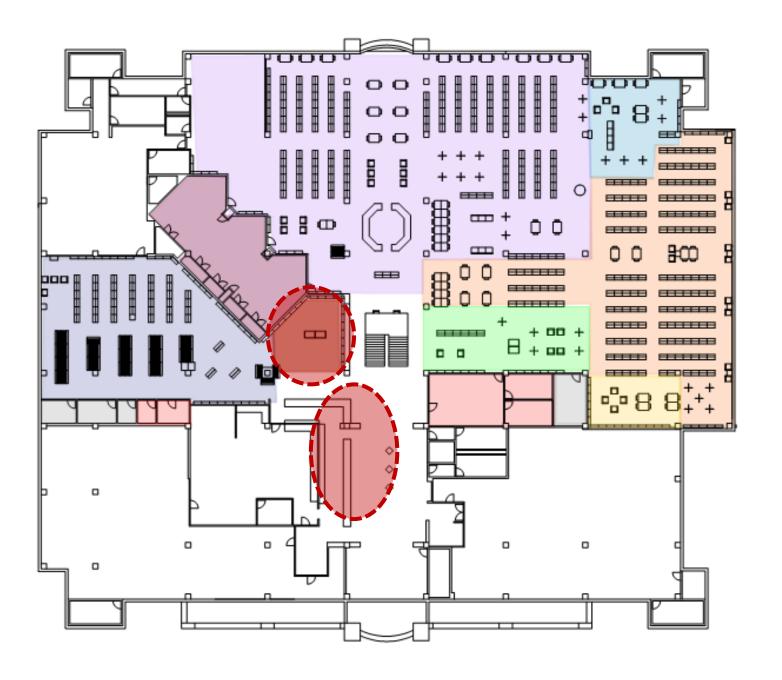




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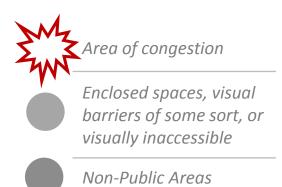


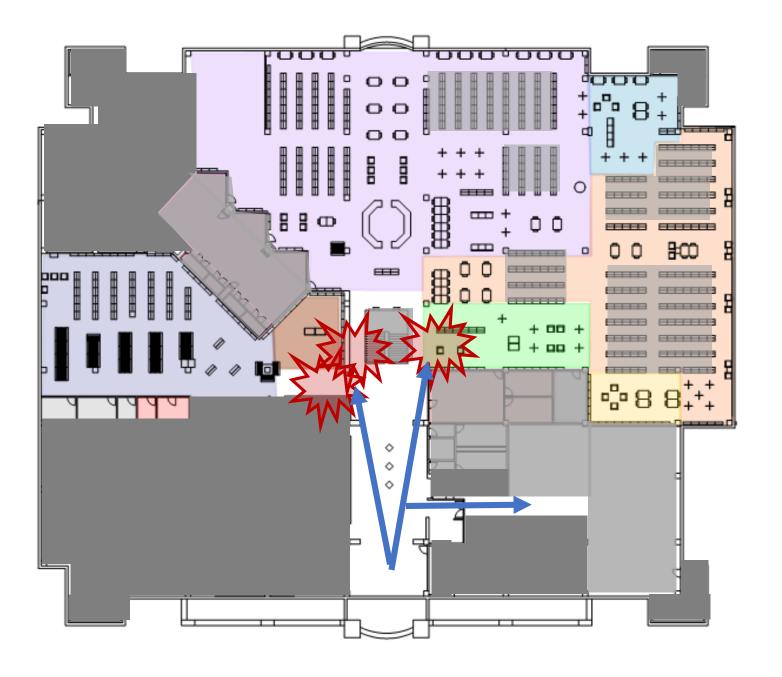
#### *Lack of Connection from Entry* to Library Spaces

The path to service zones is long, lacking in collection or activity space

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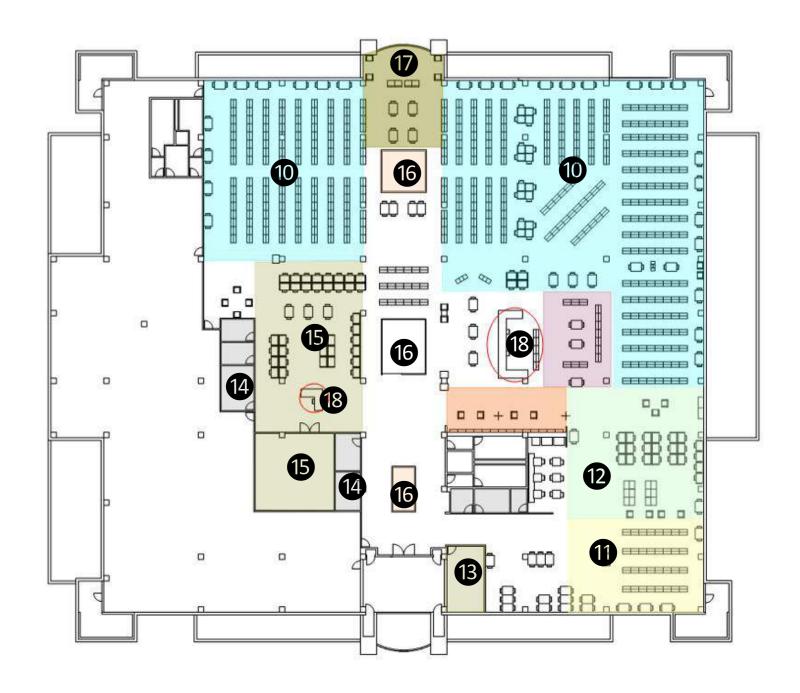
Some of the collections from dense barriers and obscure attractive seating areas, views or natural light





# Second Floor Existing Uses

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- 2. New Materials
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- 6. Holds/Reserves
- 7. Youth Services
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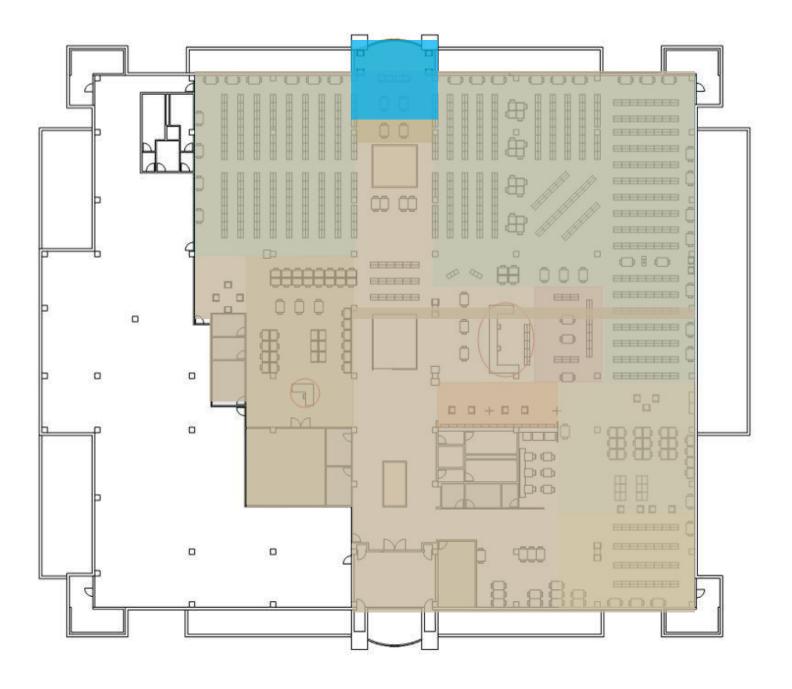
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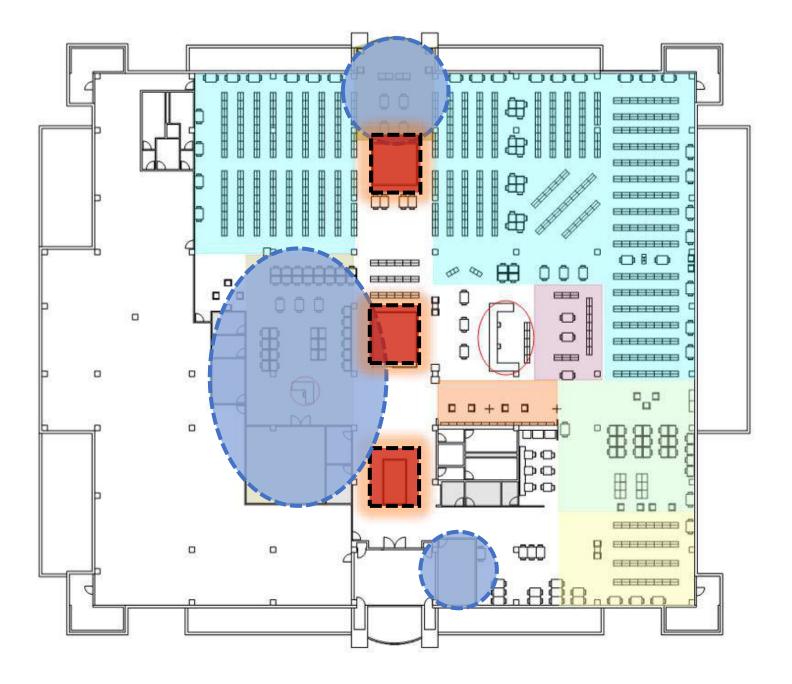


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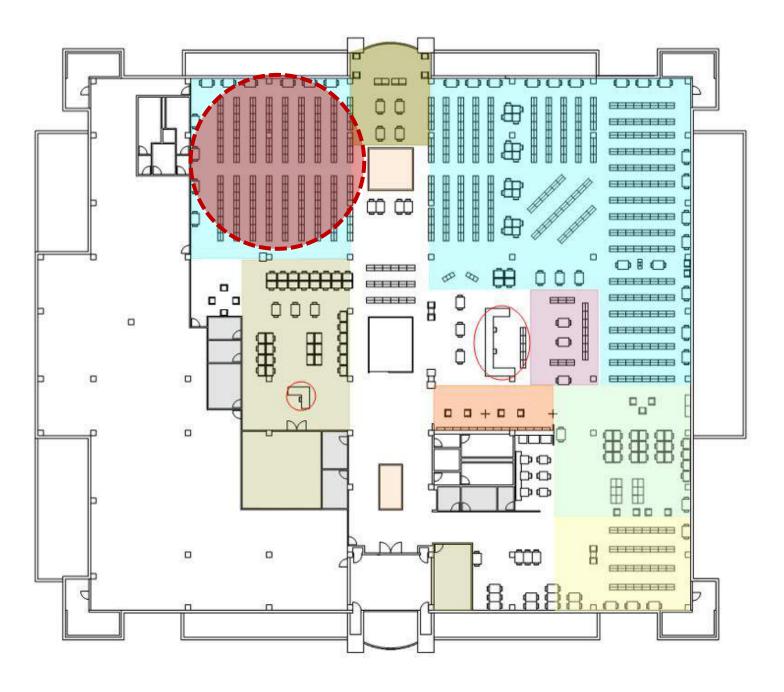




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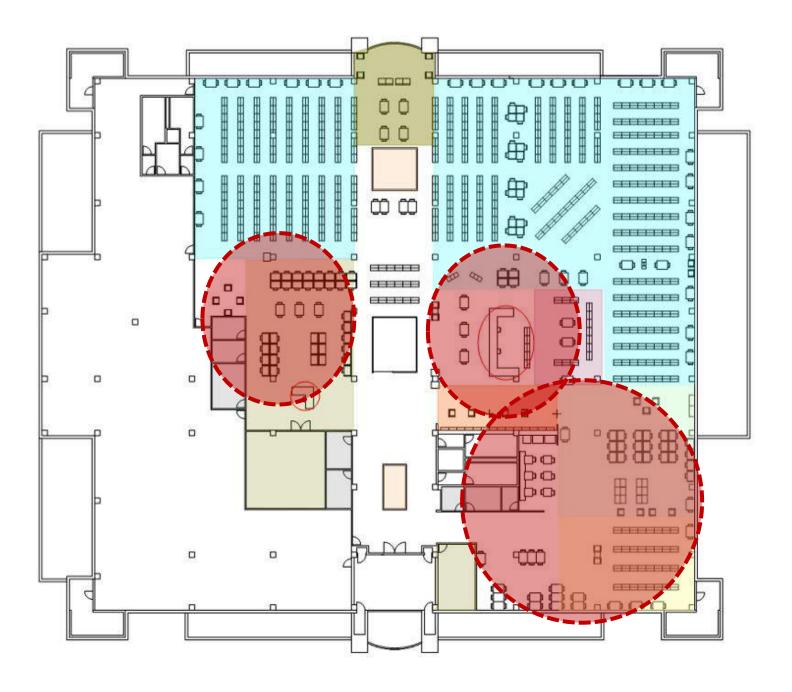
The reference desk is larger than necessary.

The enclosed Study Room is cramped and therefore doesn't get sufficient use.

**Periodicals** is a declining collection so most of the shelving in this areas is empty.

All of these shortcomings offer opportunities to address space shortages elsewhere in the building.





#### Lack of Connection from Arrival to Library Services

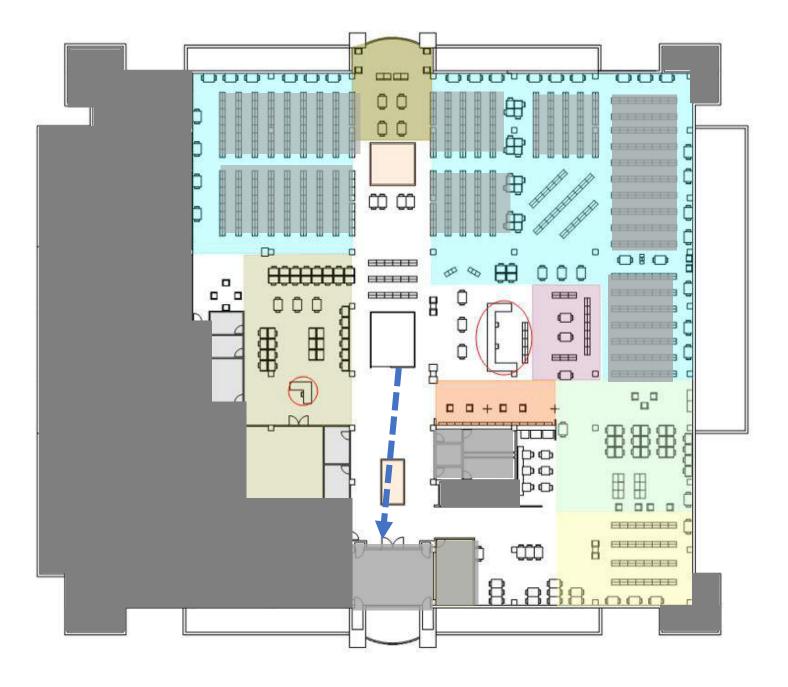
The path to service is not necessarily long but it is not direct.

The orientation at the top of the stair is away from the collections, technology, public service points and group activity rooms.

The area of focus is on a space in front of the pubic restrooms, the door into the Board Room and (obliquely) the paths to Administration and the Quiet Reading Room.

Enclosed spaces, visual barriers of some sort, or visually inaccessible

Non-Public Areas



# Main Library

Challenges & Opportunities

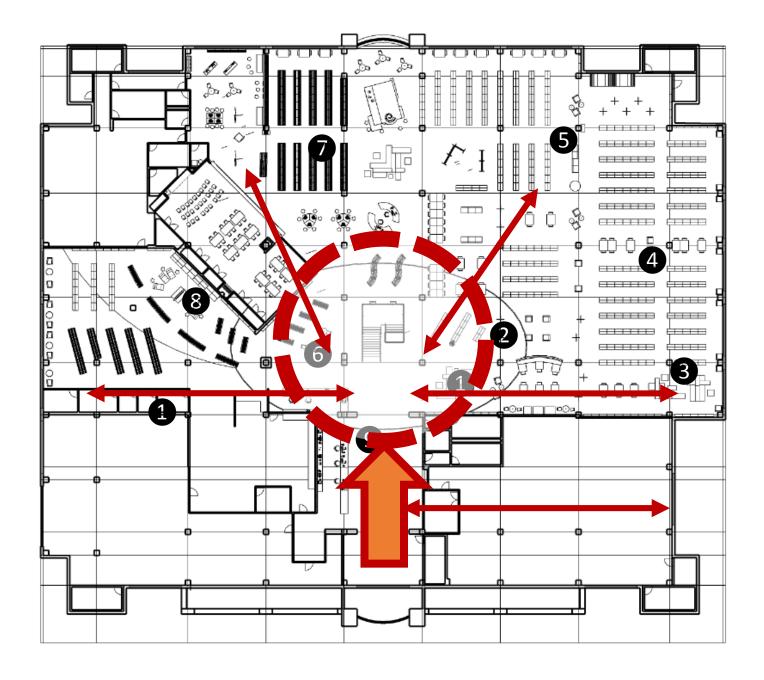
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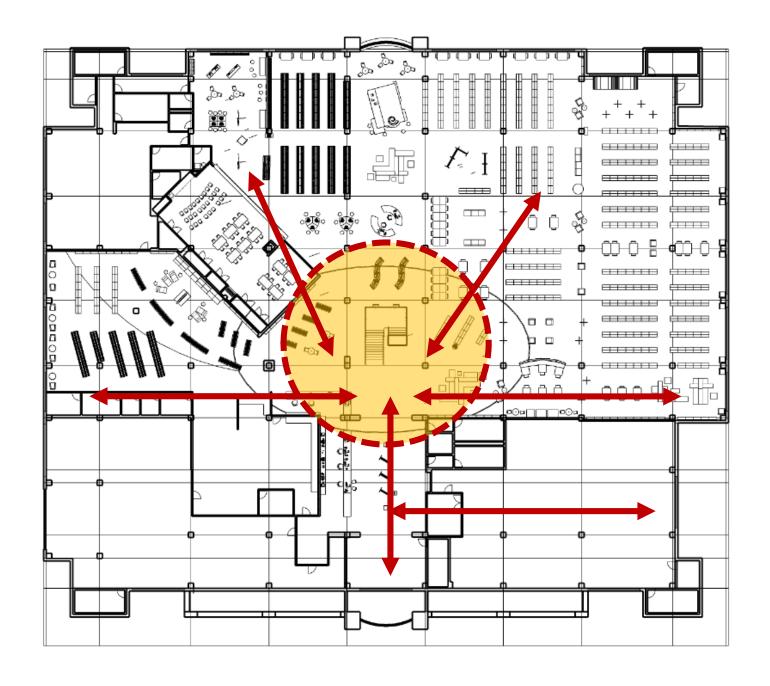
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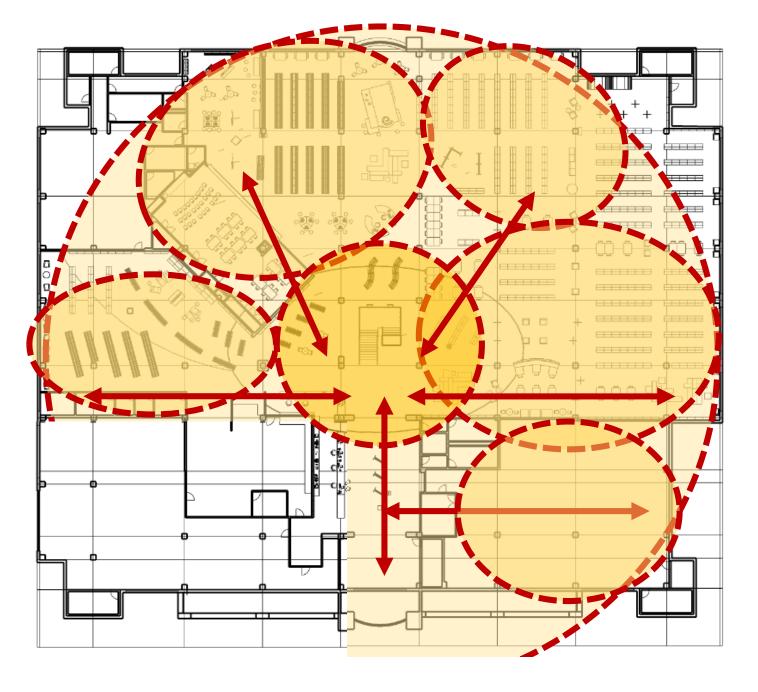
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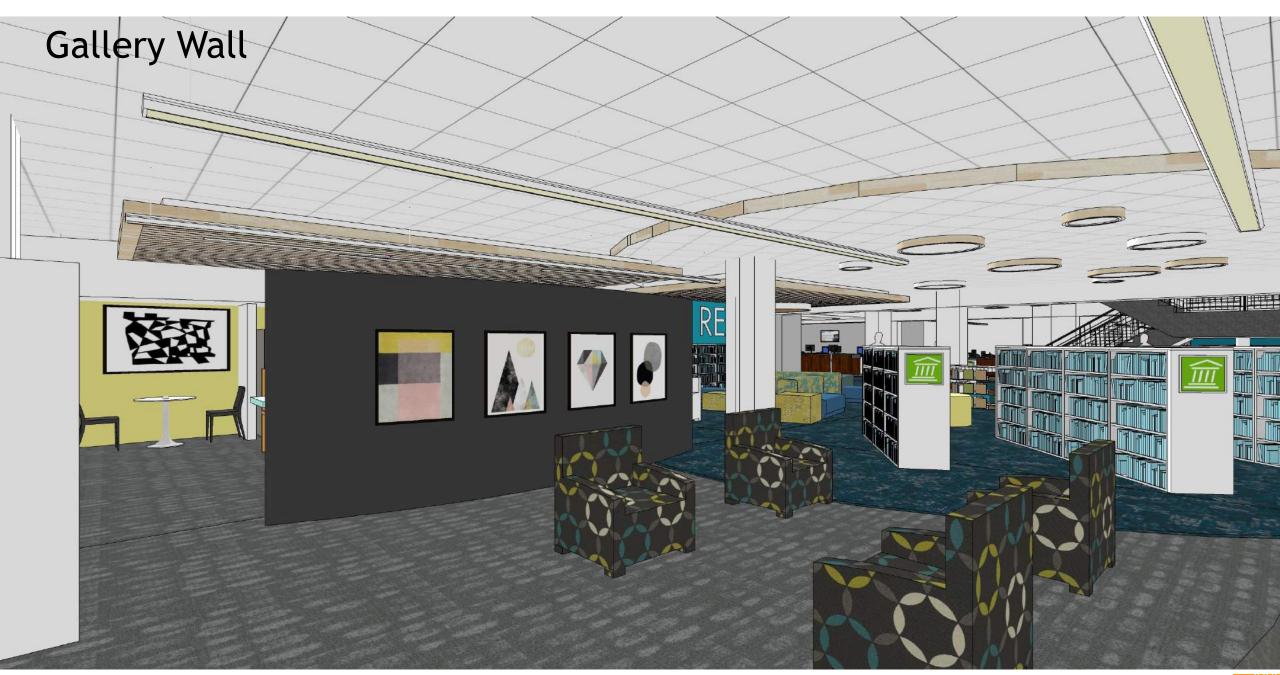
Build on the success of the current space plan with a store within a store concept for Audio-Visual Collections and a Continuum of Services for Children, Middle School, and Adult Fiction & large Print

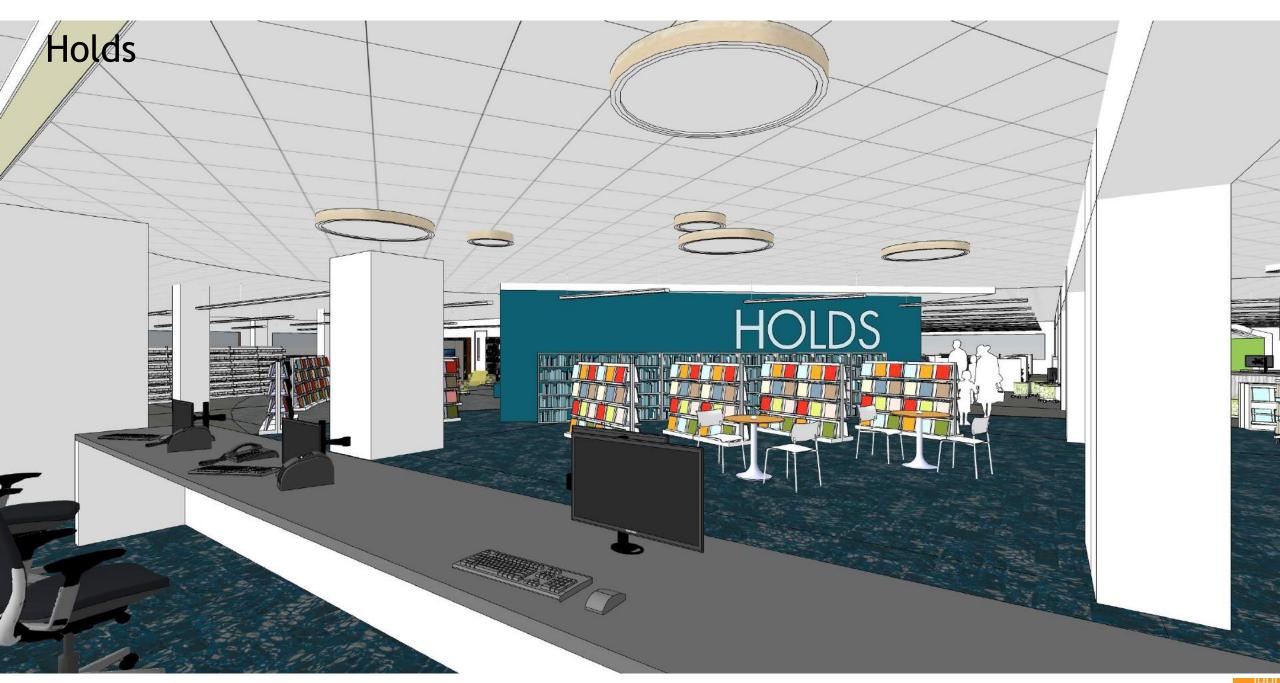


# Arrival Zone





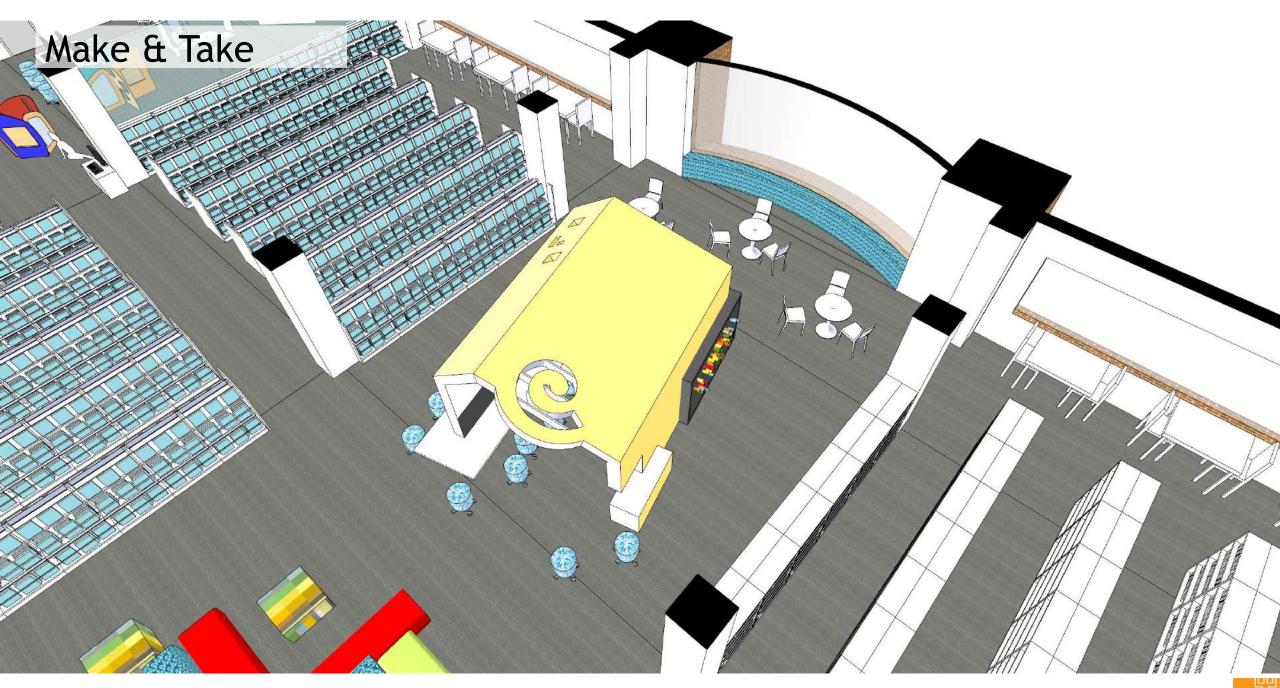


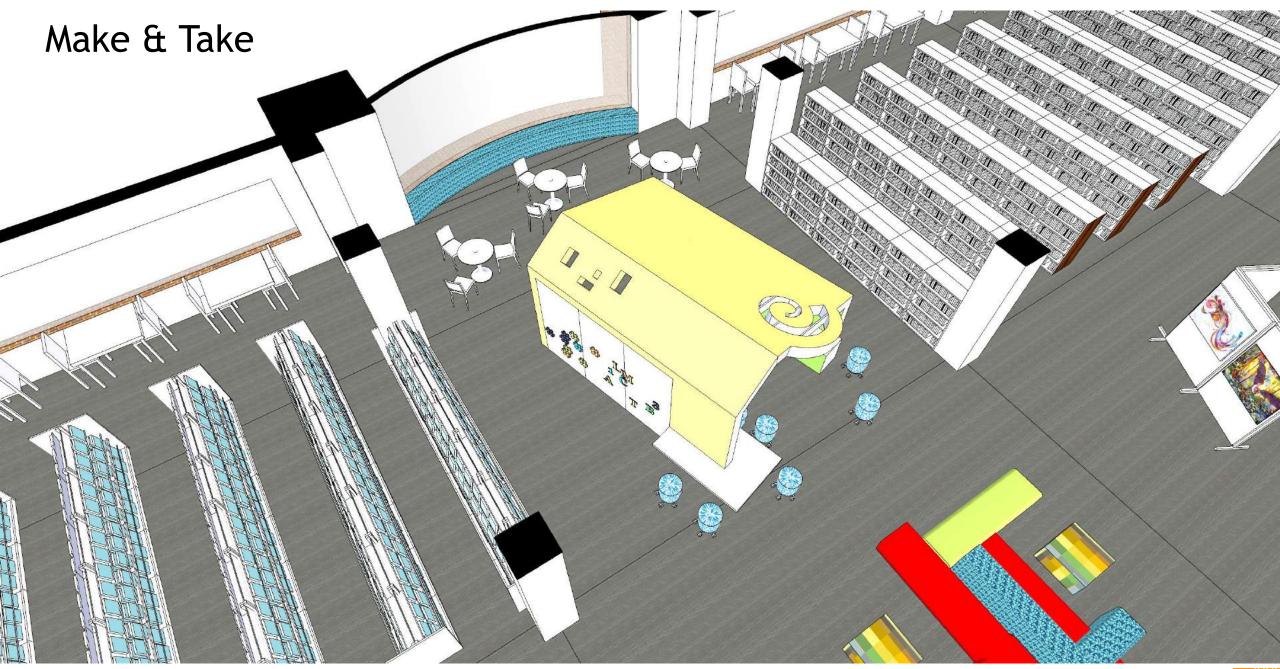










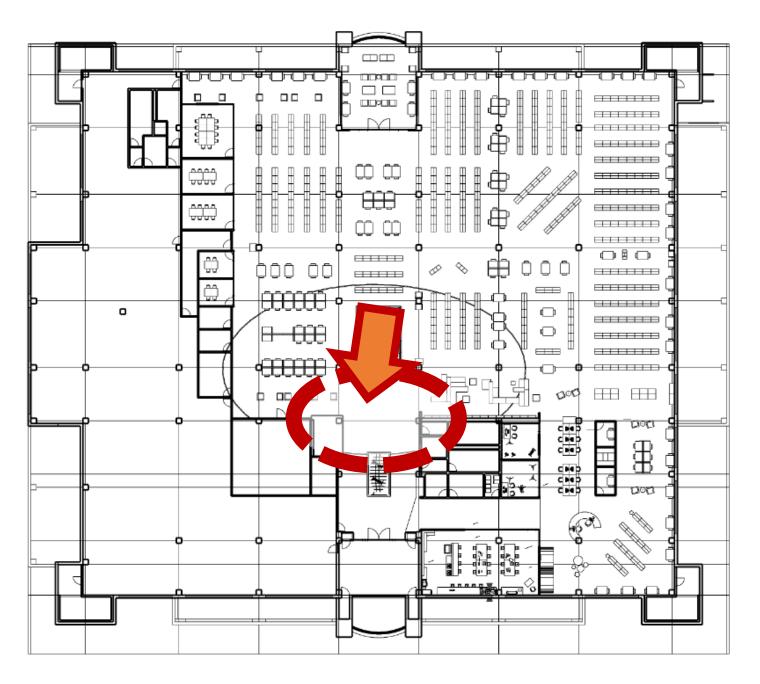




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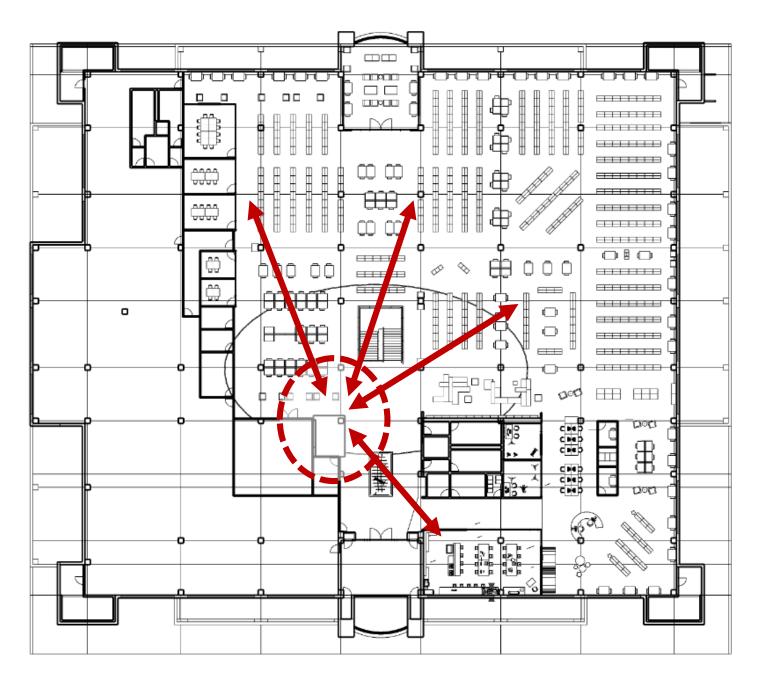
> There is a sense of arrival because someone is there to greet you.



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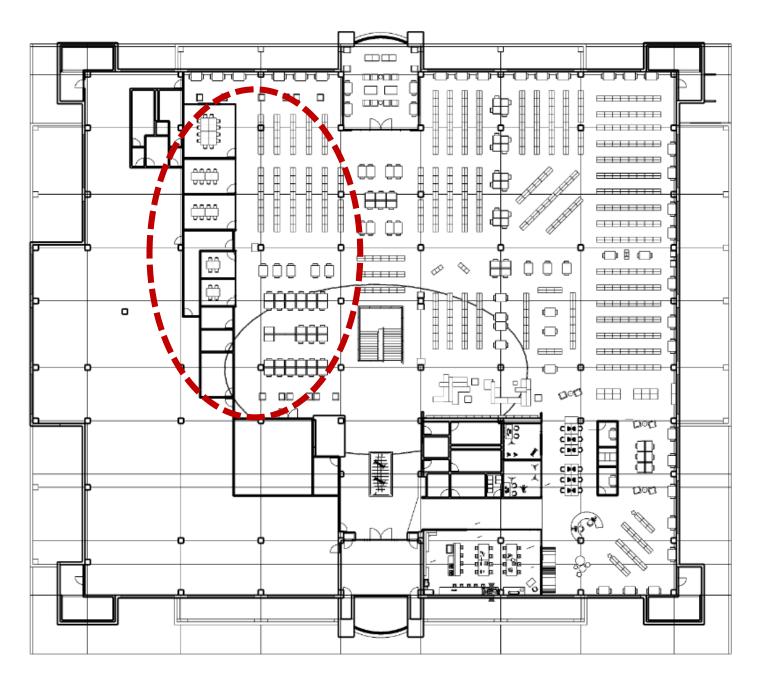
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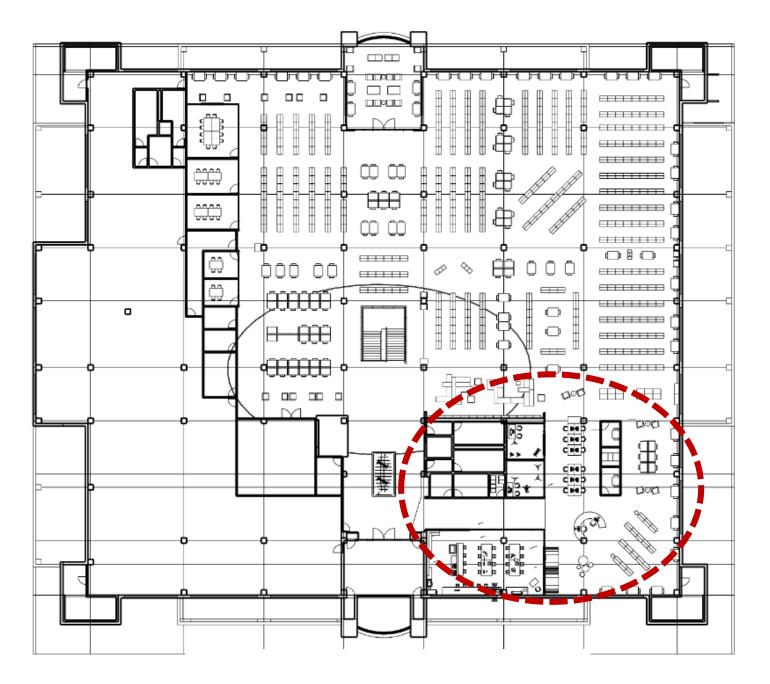
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#### Activate the Underutilized areas as an Activity Zone

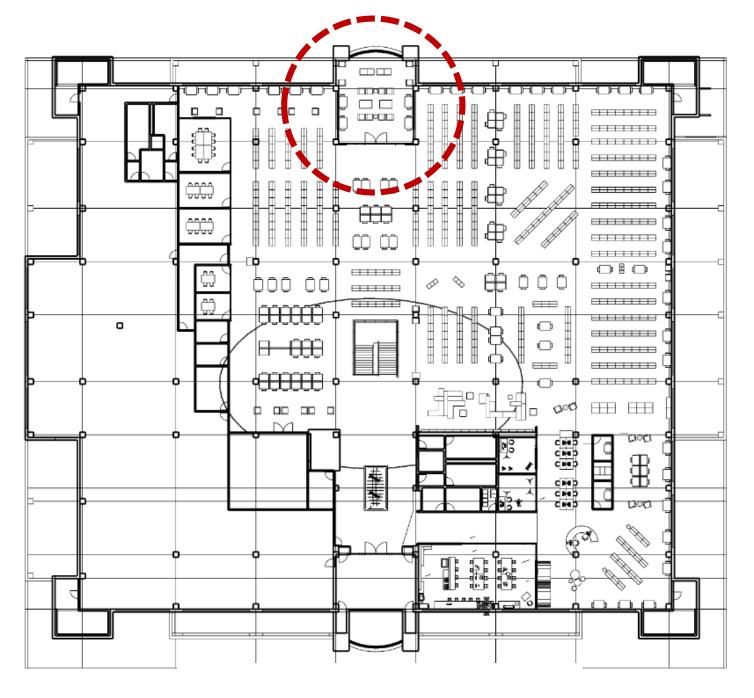
Grouping creative activities together and close to the new Teen space makes best use of this corner of the building.



#### Second Floor The Big Idea

#### 4. Move Quiet Reading to the Quiet Part of the Building

Enclosing the space at the terminus of the nave, a naturally contemplative area, we gain the square footage needed for the use









# Display Zone 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lounge



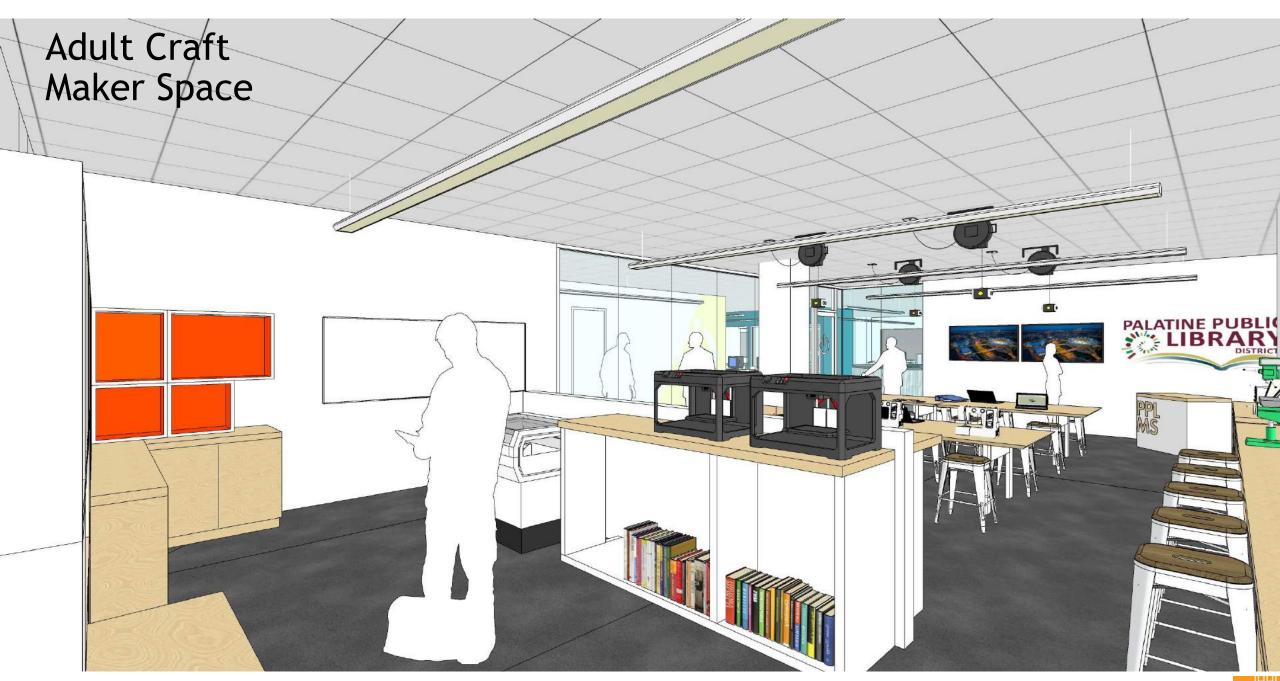


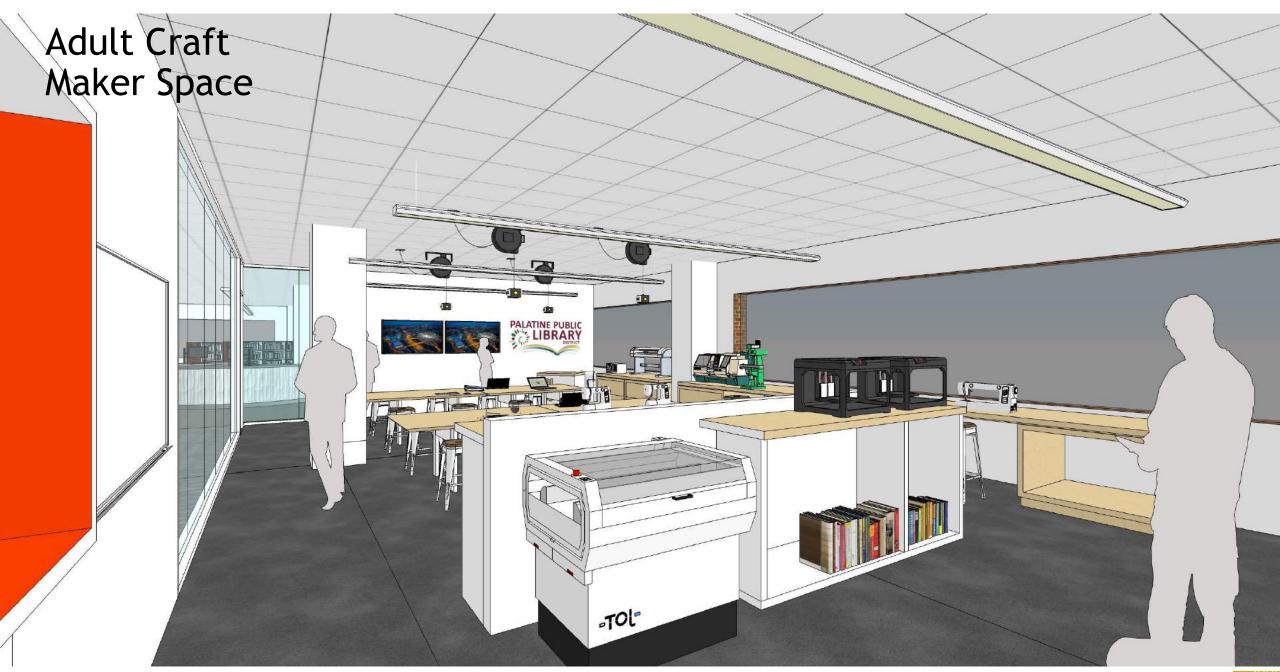
















## Main Library

Challenges & Opportunities

**Options** 

#### First Floor Projects

Overall improvements are defined as a series of interrelated improvements.

|   | Master Plan          | Capital Funds | Subtotal  |
|---|----------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Arrival Zone/Market Place/Café (5,700 SF)   | \$222,000            | \$92,600      | \$314,600 |
| Alternate – New Circ/Checkout Desk  | \$ 46,000            |               | \$ 46,000 |
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| Youth Services: Furniture & Interactives  | \$299,200            |               | \$299,200 |
|   | Floor Total, Constru | \$1,384,100   |           |
| Shelving moves, design contingency, fees, permits, insurance, owner's reserve, etc. are added as a project expense. See Project Summary |                      |               |           |

#### Second Floor Projects

Overall improvements are defined as a series of interrelated improvements.

|   | Master Plan | Capital Funds  | Subtotal             |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Media   | \$ 98,170   | \$ 49,736      | \$147,906            |
| Arrival Zone  | \$ 260,068  | \$ 5,738       | \$265,806            |
| — Alternate – Acoustic Baffles @ South Opening  | \$ 22,681   | <del>\$0</del> | <del>\$ 22,681</del> |
| Alternate – Infill South Floor Opening  | \$ 28,000   | \$0            | \$ 28,000            |
| Study Room Bar  | \$196,461   | \$ 53,834      | \$250,295            |
| Enclosed Quiet Reading + North Opening Infill   | \$104,787   | \$ 28,084      | \$132,871            |
| Non-Fiction Furniture & Accent Ceiling  | \$ 75,396   | \$0            | \$ 75,396            |
| Makerspace (1200 SF)  | \$226,756   | \$ 44,690      | \$271,446            |
| Teens (2000 SF)   | \$133,083   | \$ 64,666      | \$197,749            |
| Floor Total, Construction & Furnishings   |             |                | \$1,380,300          |
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## North Hoffman Library

Challenges & Opportunities

**Options** 

#### Challenges

#### Update desk:

- Add worksurface, enough for 2 staff
- Second Exit
- Offset book drop
- Off-desk workspace

*Improve Site lines* 

Increase power availability for public *Improve Visibility and Identity of the* Branch

Consider Branding Similar to Main



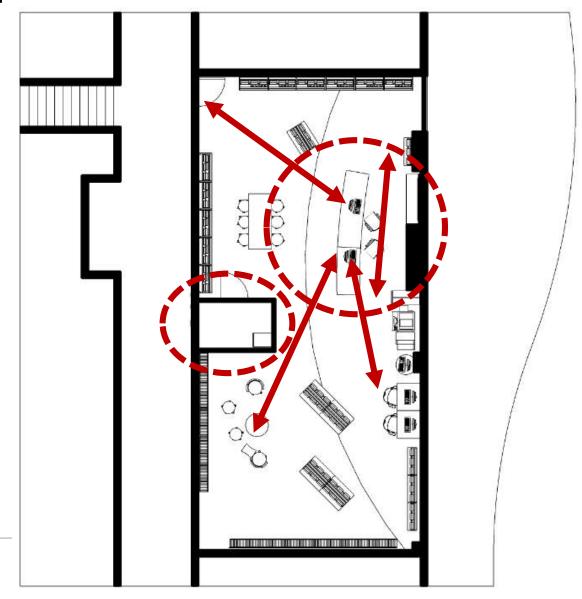




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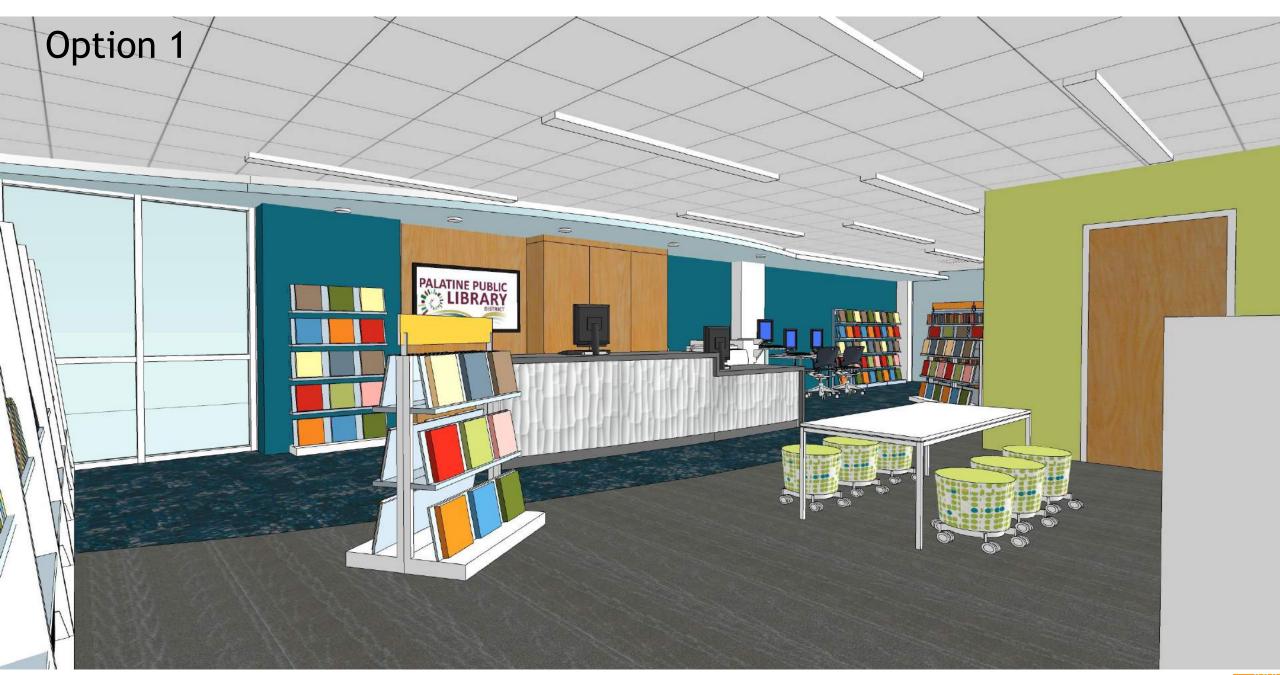
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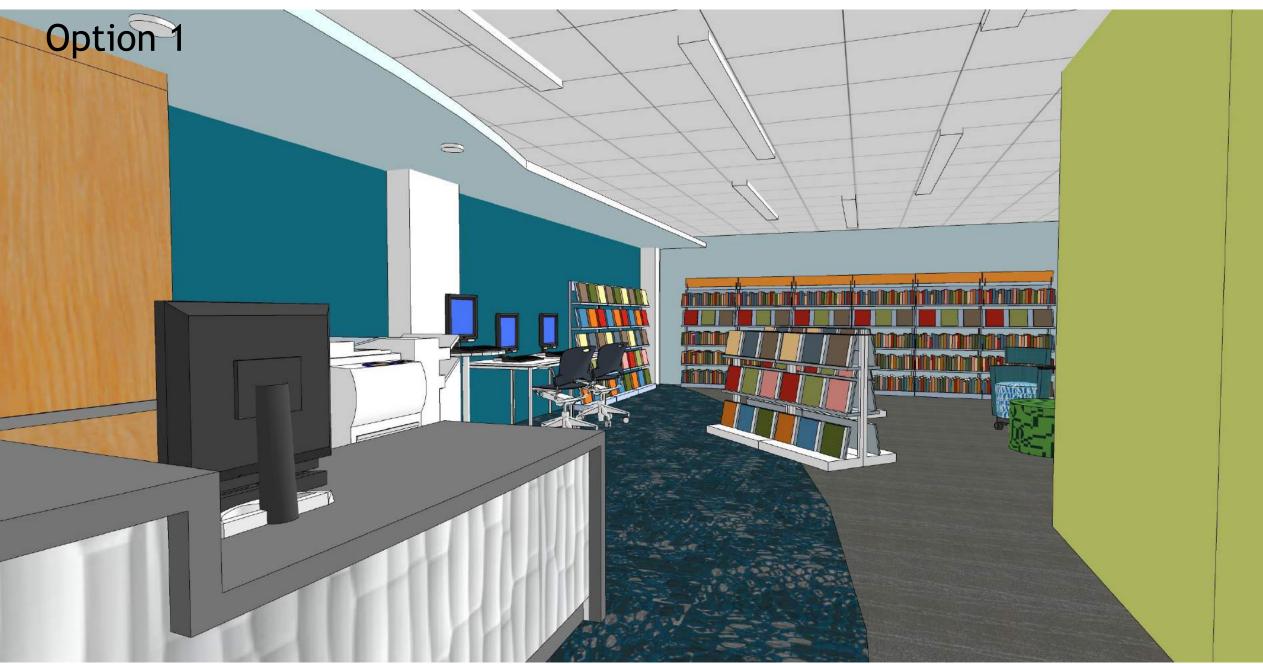


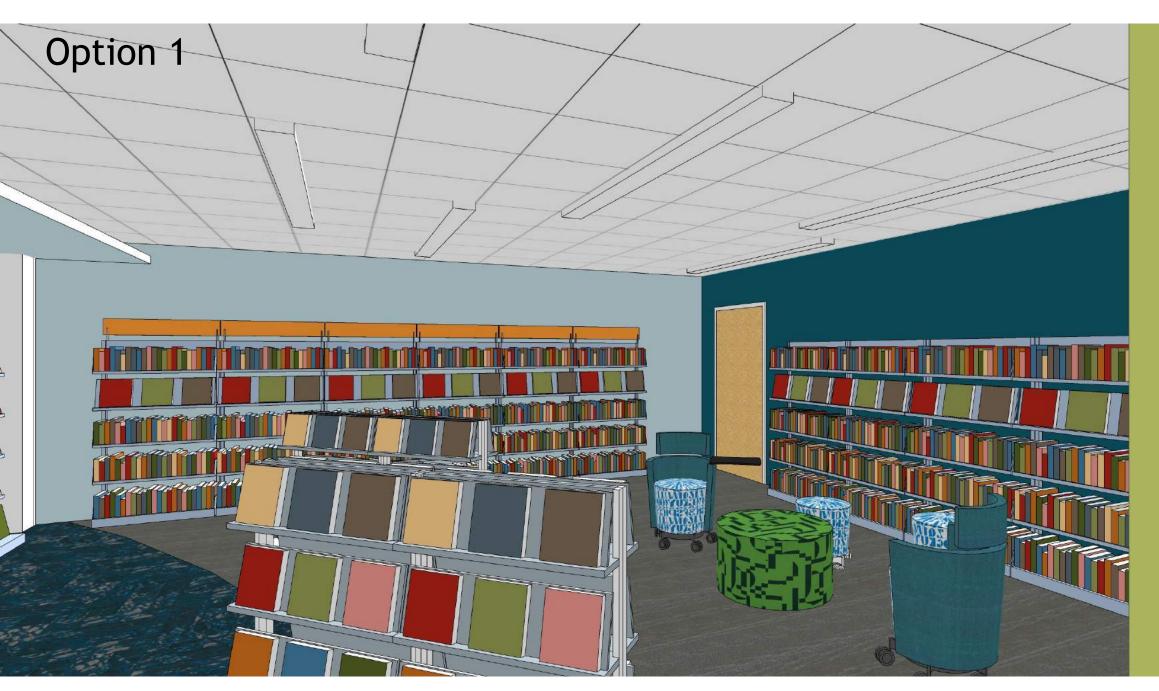




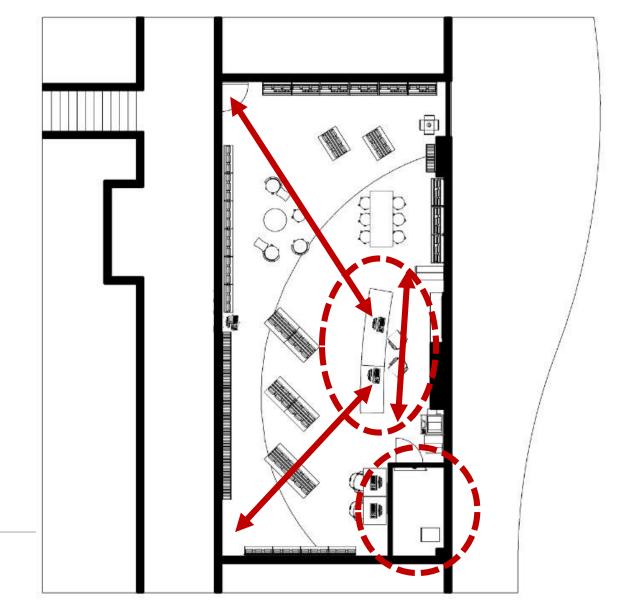






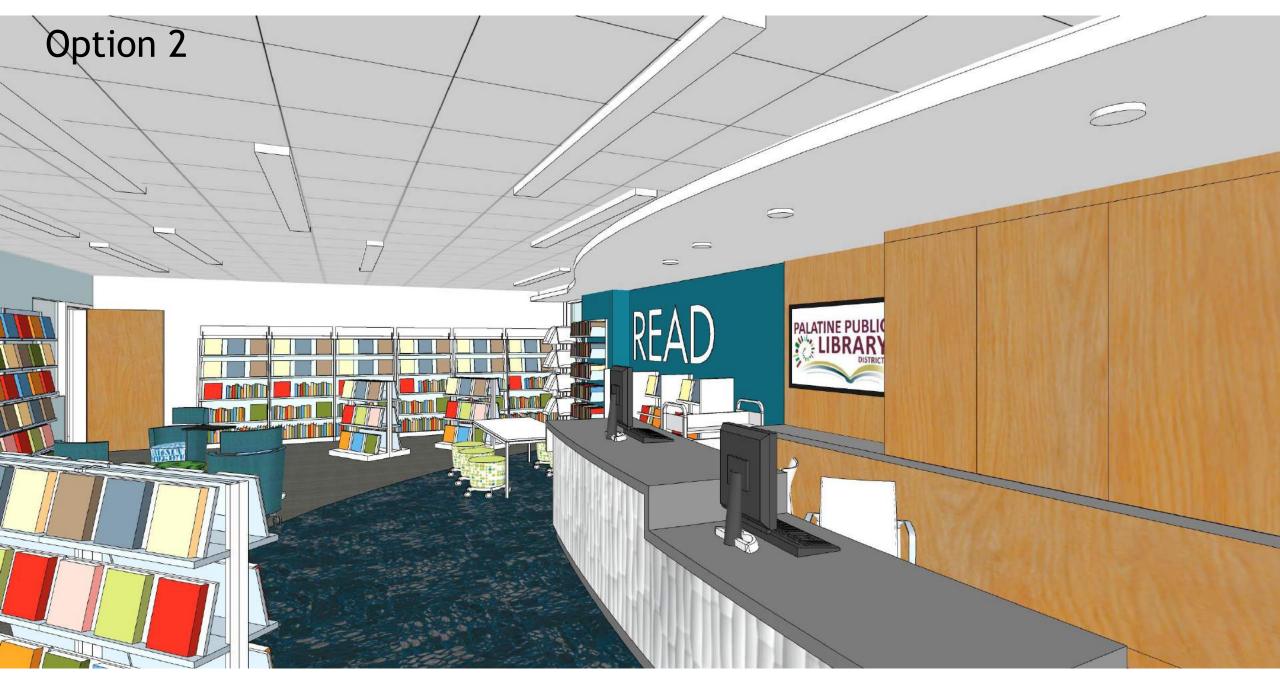












## North Hoffman Library

Challenges & Opportunities

**Options** 

#### North Hoffman Projects

Organizing Principles

|   | Master Plan | Capital Funds | Subtotal  |
|---|-------------|---------------|-----------|
| Option 1  | \$142,700   | 0             | \$142,700 |
|   |             |               |           |
|   |             |               |           |
| Floor Total, Construction & Furnishings   |             | \$142,700     |           |
| Shelving moves, design contingency, fees, permits, insurance, owner's reserve, etc. are added as a project expense.  See Project Summary. |             |               |           |

### Rand Road Library

Challenges & Opportunities

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- Second Exit
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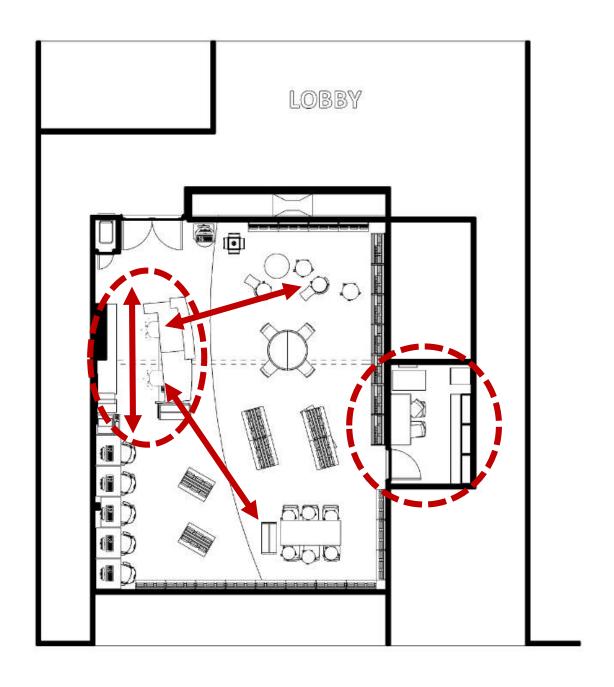


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|---|---|---------------|-----------|
| Option 1  | \$163,500                               | 0             | \$163,500 |
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### Overall Master Plan Budget

### Total Master Plan Budget

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|--|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Main Library – 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor   | \$1,037,800 | \$346,300     | \$1,384,100 |
| Main Library – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor   | \$1,133,600 | \$246,700     | \$1,380,300 |
| North Hoffman Library  | \$142,700   |               | \$142,700   |
| Rand Road Library  | \$163,500   |               | \$163,500   |
| Subtotal, Construction & Furnishings   |             |               | \$3,070,600 |
| Shelving moves, design contingency, fees, permits, insurance, owner's reserve, etc. are added as a project expense. 20% Allowance. |             |               | \$614,100   |
| Project Total  |             | \$3,684,700   |             |
| Net Add over Capital Repair Budget   |             | \$3,091,700   |             |

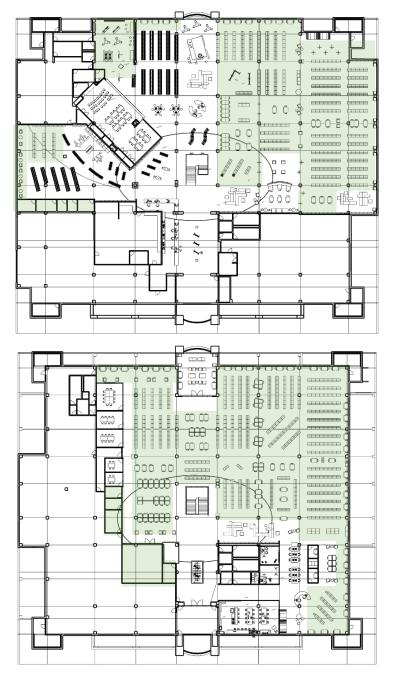
#### Total Master Plan "Light" Budget

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| North Hoffman Library  | \$142,700   |               | \$142,700   |
| Rand Road Library  | \$163,500   |               | \$163,500   |
| Subtotal, Construction & Furnishings   |             |               | \$2,347,200 |
| Shelving moves, design contingency, fees, permits, insurance, owner's reserve, etc. are added as a project expense. 20% Allowance. |             | \$469,400     |             |
| Project Total  |             | \$2,816,600   |             |
| Net Add over Capital Repair Budget   |             | \$2,223,600   |             |

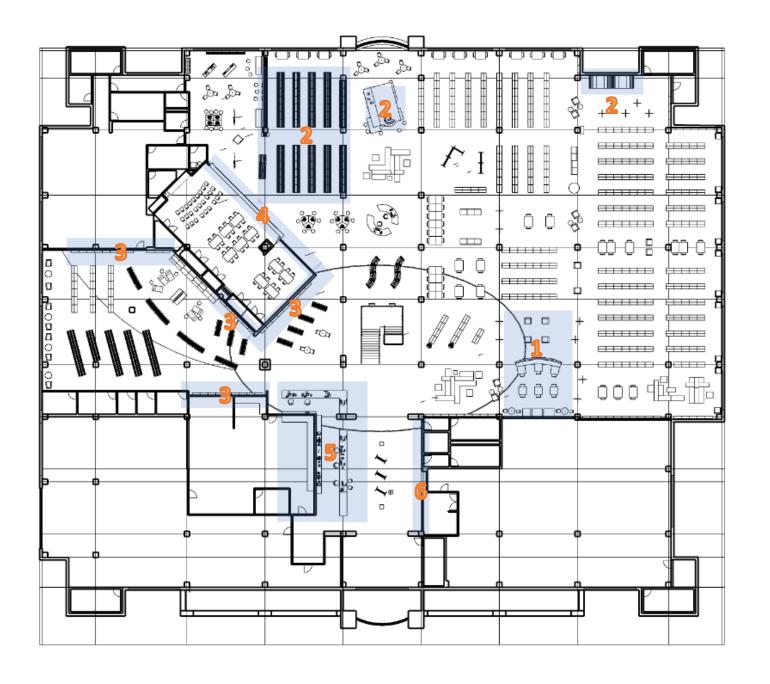
In both budgets, the following are **reused**:

- Shelving and End
   Panels except for AV
   and specialty shelving
- Study Tables and Chairs
- Computer Tables and Chairs
- 4. Carrels and Chairs



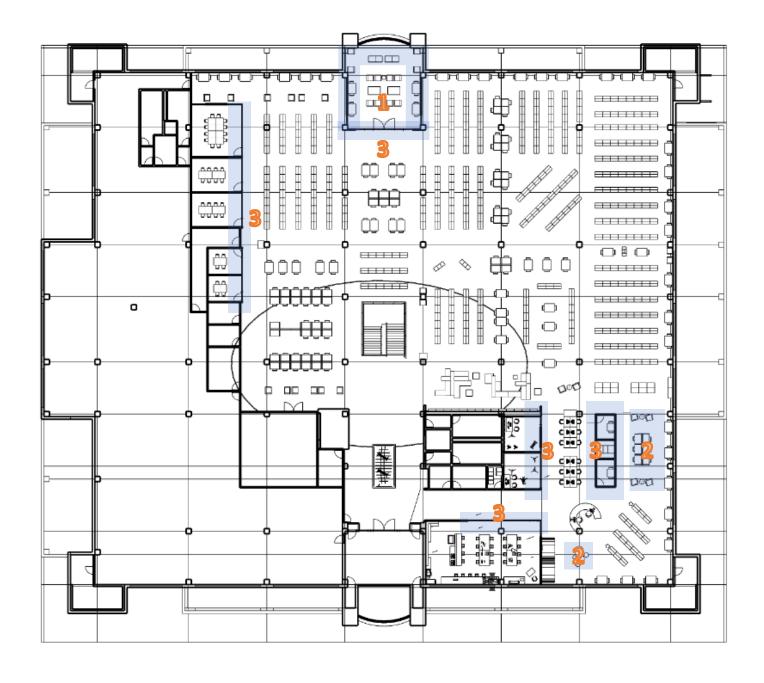
Primary savings in the "Light" version of the Master Plan are:

- 1. Café & Gallery Furniture
- YS Picture Book Bins,
   Booth Seating, Simplified
   Make & Take Feature
- AV and Holds Wall Shelving
- 4. Gradient/Specialty Glass
  - Children's Program Rooms
- 5. New Circulation desk
- 6. New Lobby Wall Finishes



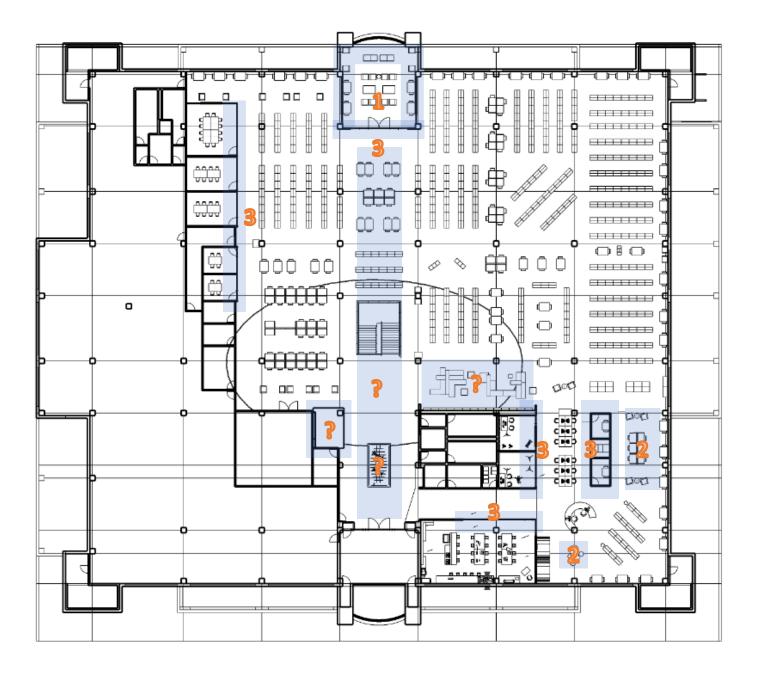
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  - Quiet Reading Room
  - Makerspace
  - Teen Study Rooms



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- ? Second Floor Arrival Zone/ Service Desk
- ? Acoustic Baffle Ceiling
- ? Work at Floor Opening
- ? Non-Fiction Furniture and Accent Ceiling



#### Multiple Paths Forward

Organize the project to extend the reach of the funds available

# Fund the Entire Plan for a single, "3 Building" project

- Saves money, less overhead, more economy of scale
- Achieve goals sooner
   more benefit to the community sooner
- Shortest but most intense period of disruption

### Fund individual building renovations

- Saves almost as much money in overhead and economy of scale at Main
- Lessens disruption
- Allows lease decisions at North Hoffman & Rand Road

# Fund individual building projects & split Main into 2 phases

- Still fairly efficient with overhead costs, some lessening of economy of scale
- Lessens but extends disruption
- Allows lease decisions at North Hoffman & Rand Road

# Fund a sequence of interrelated but standalone projects over time

- Scalable to funding
- Extended aggregate period of disruption but individual projects are more confined
- Highest overhead costs
- Most susceptible to inflation
- No economy of scale



#### Multiple Paths Forward

Tailor the scope of the project and its components to meet a budget

### Reduce number of component projects

 Meet a budget by eliminating / deferring the lowest priority improvements

# Reduce scope of selected component projects

 Meet a budget by reducing extent of some or all of the projects either in area or in quality

#### Menu of Projects, exclusive of overhead/ expenses allowance

| Component projects highlighted in blue are linked by function. The current diagrams require these be concurrent projects | Master Plan | Capital Funds | Subtotal  |
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| Main  2  Adult Craft /Makerspace (1200 SF)   | \$226,756   | \$ 44,690     | \$271,446 |
| Main  2  Teens (2000 SF)   | \$133,083   | \$ 64,666     | \$197,749 |
| North Hoffman Library  | \$142,700   | 0             | \$142,700 |
| Rand Road Library  | \$163,500   | 0             | \$163,500 |

#### Fees, expenses, escalation for phased projects

Overall expenses are defined for each individual component project

|  | Master Plan | Capital Funds | Subtotal |
|--|-------------|---------------|----------|
| 1  |             |               |          |
| 2  |             |               |          |
| 3  |             |               |          |
| 4  |             |               |          |
| 5  |             |               |          |
|  |             |               |          |
|  |             |               |          |
|  |             |               |          |
| Floor Total, Construction & Furnishings  |             | \$x           |          |
| Shelving moves, design contingency, fees, permits, insurance, owner's reserve, etc. are added as a project expense.  Subject to scope, timing. |             | \$x           |          |