

# Community Open House

April 30, 2019



# Community Meeting

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- Project Vision and Values
- Must have upgrades
- Overview of Building Program
- Issues to solve
- Design Strategies
- Next Steps

*We've been listening:*

- 2018 Library user survey
- January 2019 Open House
- February 2019 survey (300 participants)
- February 2019 Open House (50 participants)



**Public Input**



## *What we heard you value:*

- collection of books
- flexible Library space (space for meeting, study, reading and programs)
- multi-media resources
- children's and teen services
- existing collection of art + artifacts
- views to the outside

# Public Input



## *What we heard you want:*

- honor the existing building
- natural daylight
- computers available throughout Library
- connected children and teen spaces
- safer book return area
- more meeting and private study/work areas
- more visibility of spaces throughout the library

to create a space that is welcoming, safe, flexible and collaborative while enriching a connection between people and their community

# Vision Statement

## *performance*

create a safe environment with efficient organization while providing flexibility

## *cohesive*

connectivity, clarity + collaboration

## *qualitative*

bright, clean, quiet, warm, calm, welcoming, connection to community

## *cultural*

honoring the library's existing architecture and collection of art + artifacts

# Values

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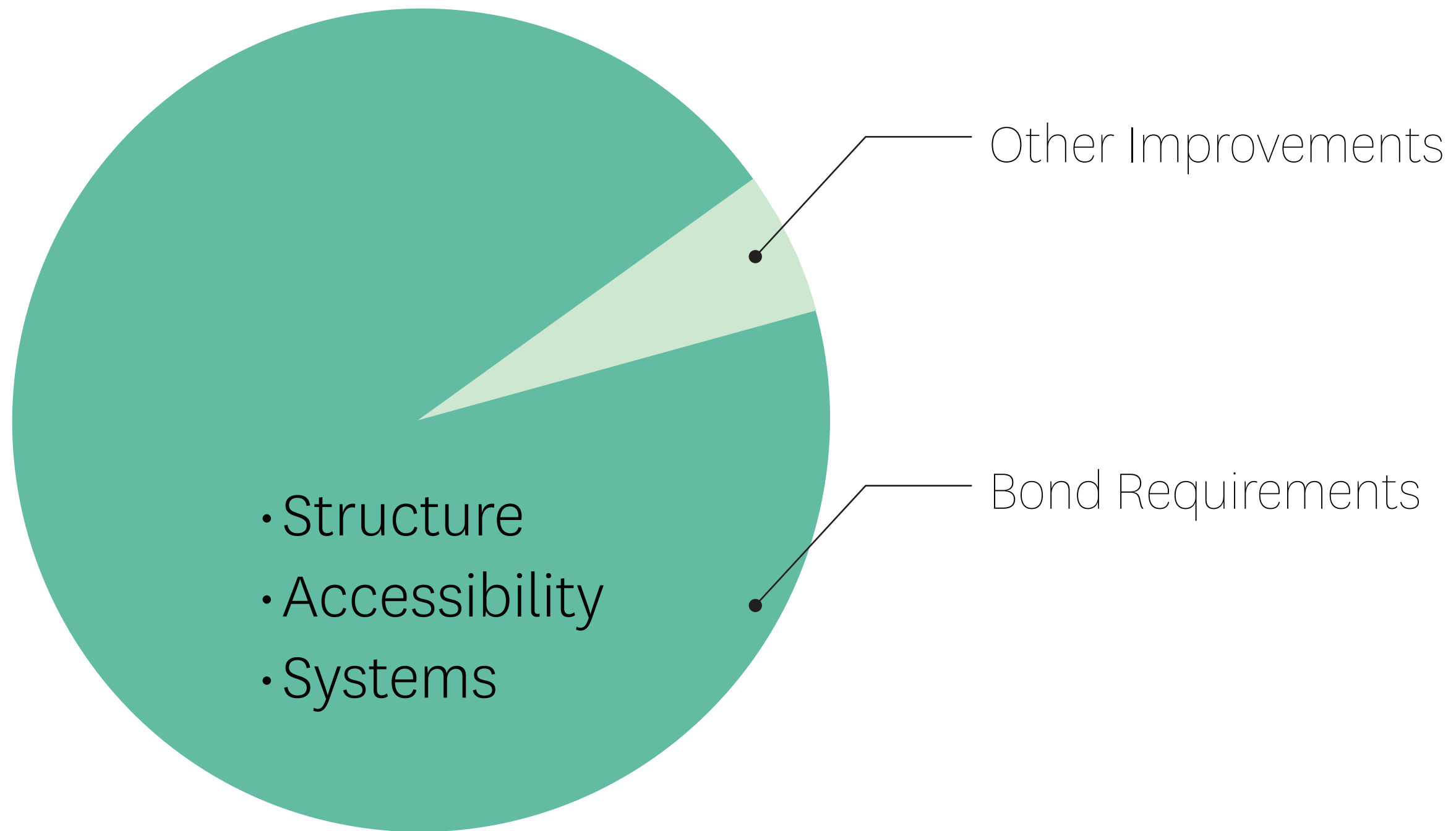
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- Structure
- Accessibility
- Systems

# Safety First



# Project “Must-Haves”

## *Background*

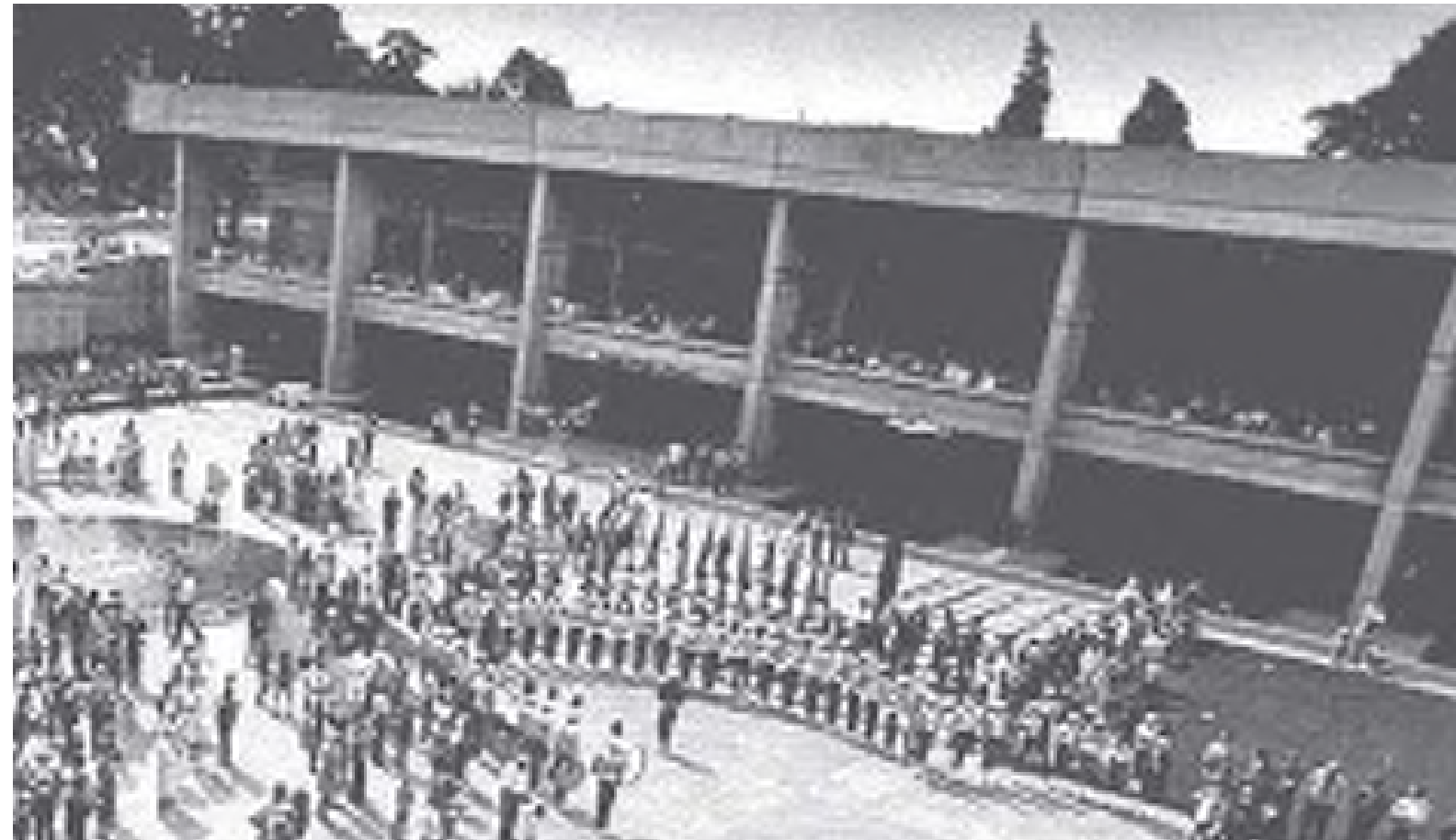
Building was originally constructed in 1970.

Building conformed to codes at the time, but a lot has changed in terms of seismic requirements.

Previous and current seismic evaluations have shown that the library does not meet current standards for Life Safety.

THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL OR UNEXPECTED FOR THIS VINTAGE OF BUILDING.

## **Structure**

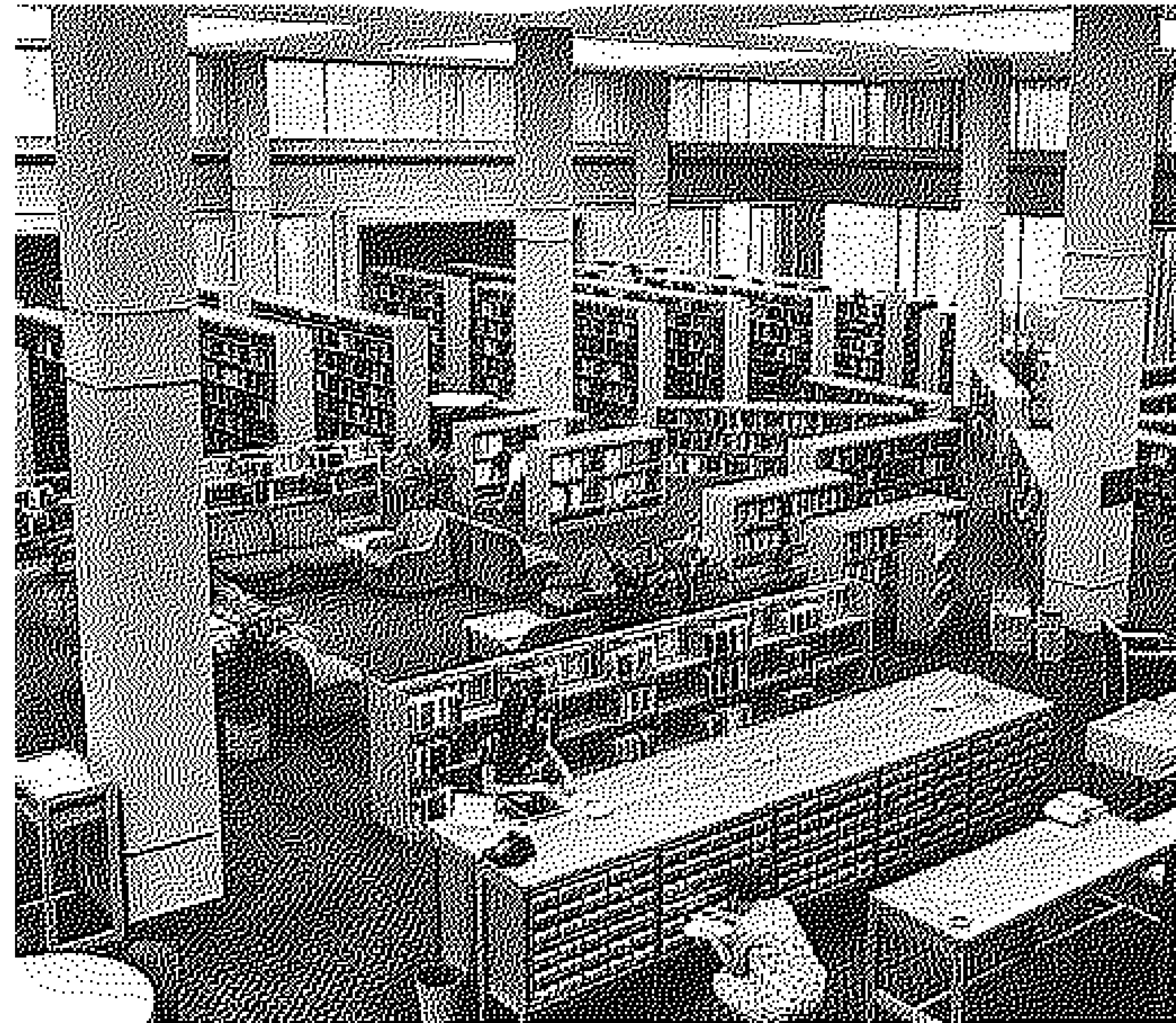




## *Seismic Objectives*

Seismic retrofit will conform to the Basic Performance Objective for Existing buildings (BPOE) for an Assembly occupancy.

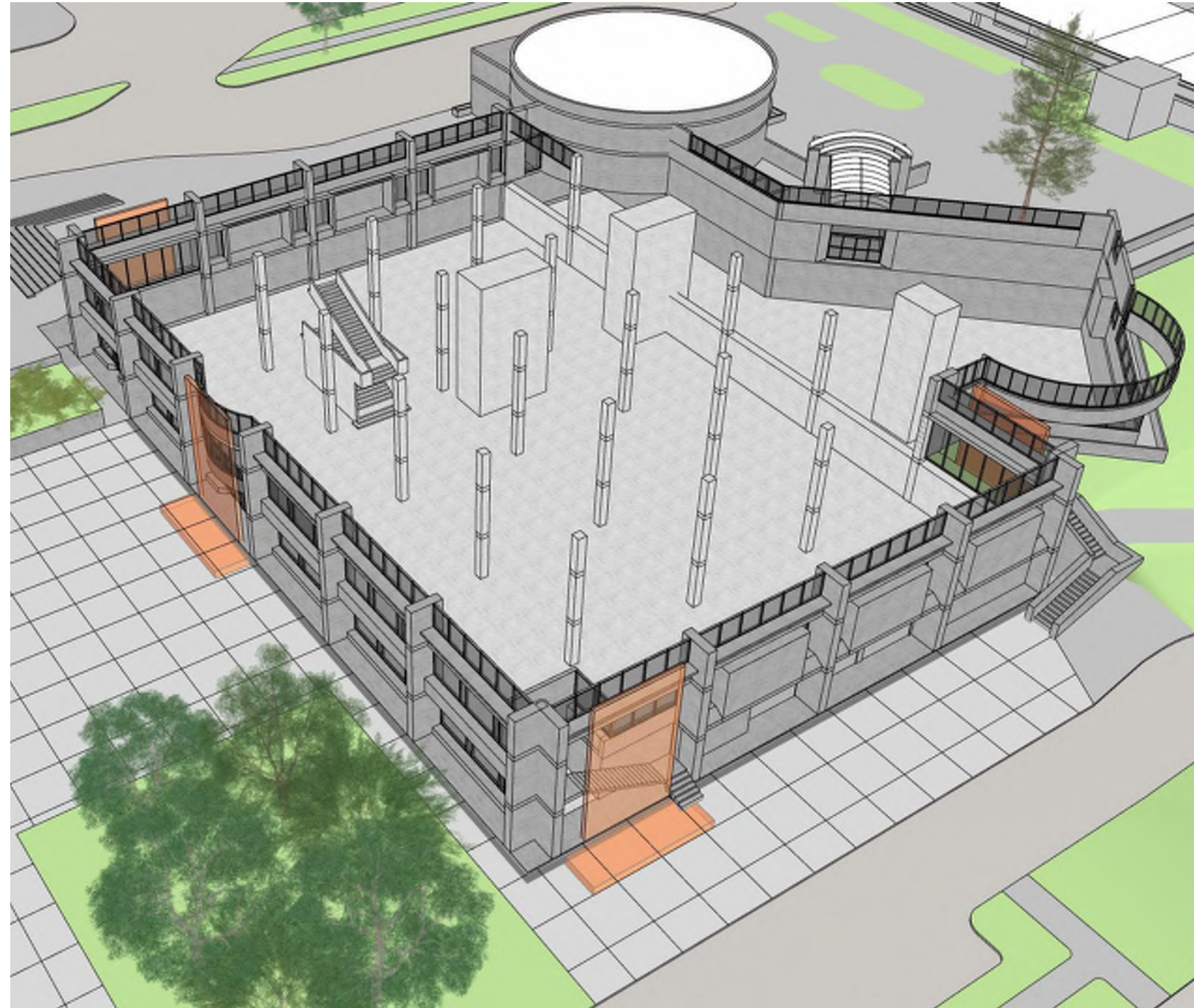
Protect the life safety of the building occupants and allow exiting during a seismic event. Continued functioning of the building after may not be possible.



# Structure

## *Seismic Improvement Scope*

- Add Concrete shear walls and Foundations
- Add Collectors (connect existing slabs to new walls)
- Protect existing concrete columns
- Bracing of pre-cast concrete panels, mechanical equipment, etc.



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- Replacement of windows, shelving and dropped ceilings.



## **Structure**





# Accessibility

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*modify stair railings to meet standards*

# Accessibility





*modify handrails to meet height requirements*

# Accessibility

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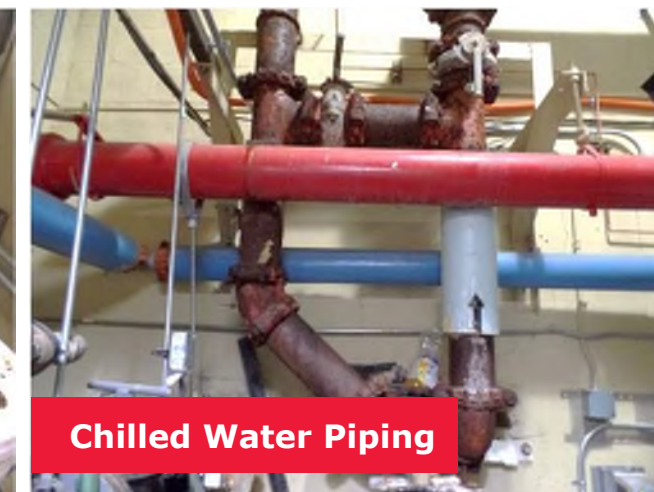
*replace bathrooms to meet standards*

# Accessibility

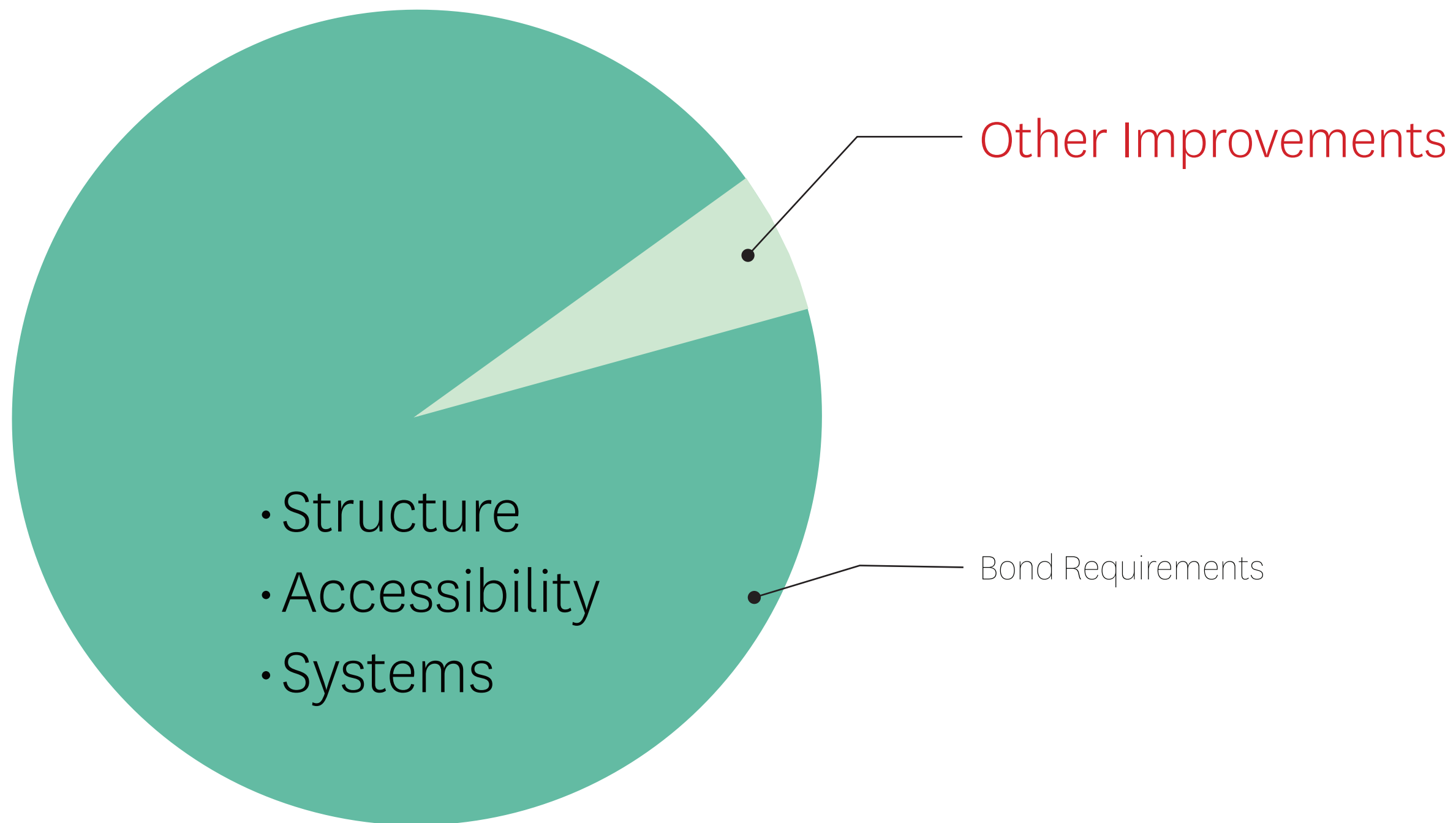


## *Systems and Maintenance Improvements:*

- Replace domestic water system due to age
- Replace sprinkler heads
- Fix/ repair known leaks and insulation issues
- Clean ductwork
- Upgrade lighting
- Replace electrical distribution system connections
- Upgrade fire alarm control panel
- Add/ improve existing access control and security systems
- Replace roof



# Systems



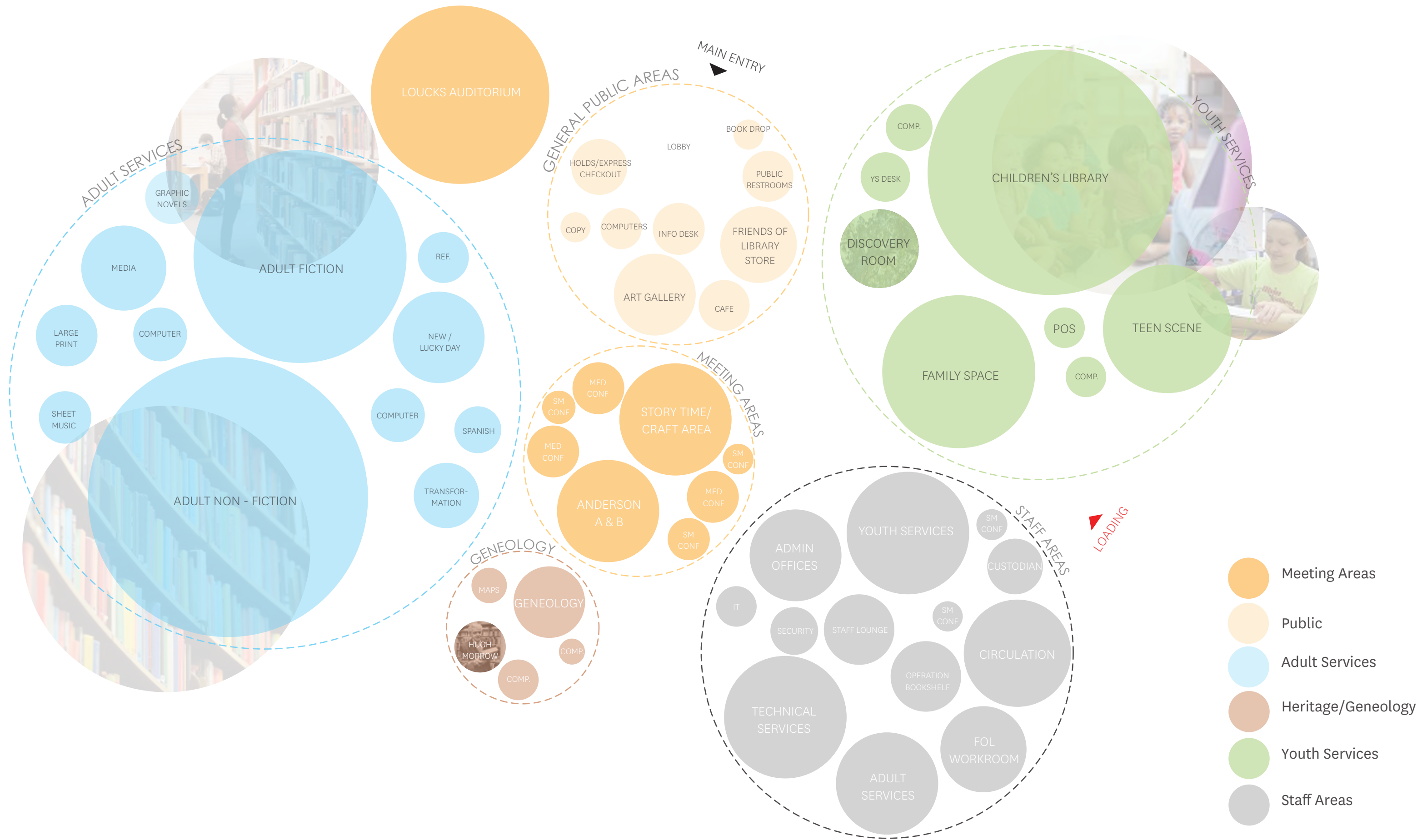
# Other Improvements



## *New Building Spaces:*

- study + meeting rooms
- collaboration space
- art gallery for new and existing art + artifacts
- new service points with improved oversight

# Building Program



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# Issues to Solve

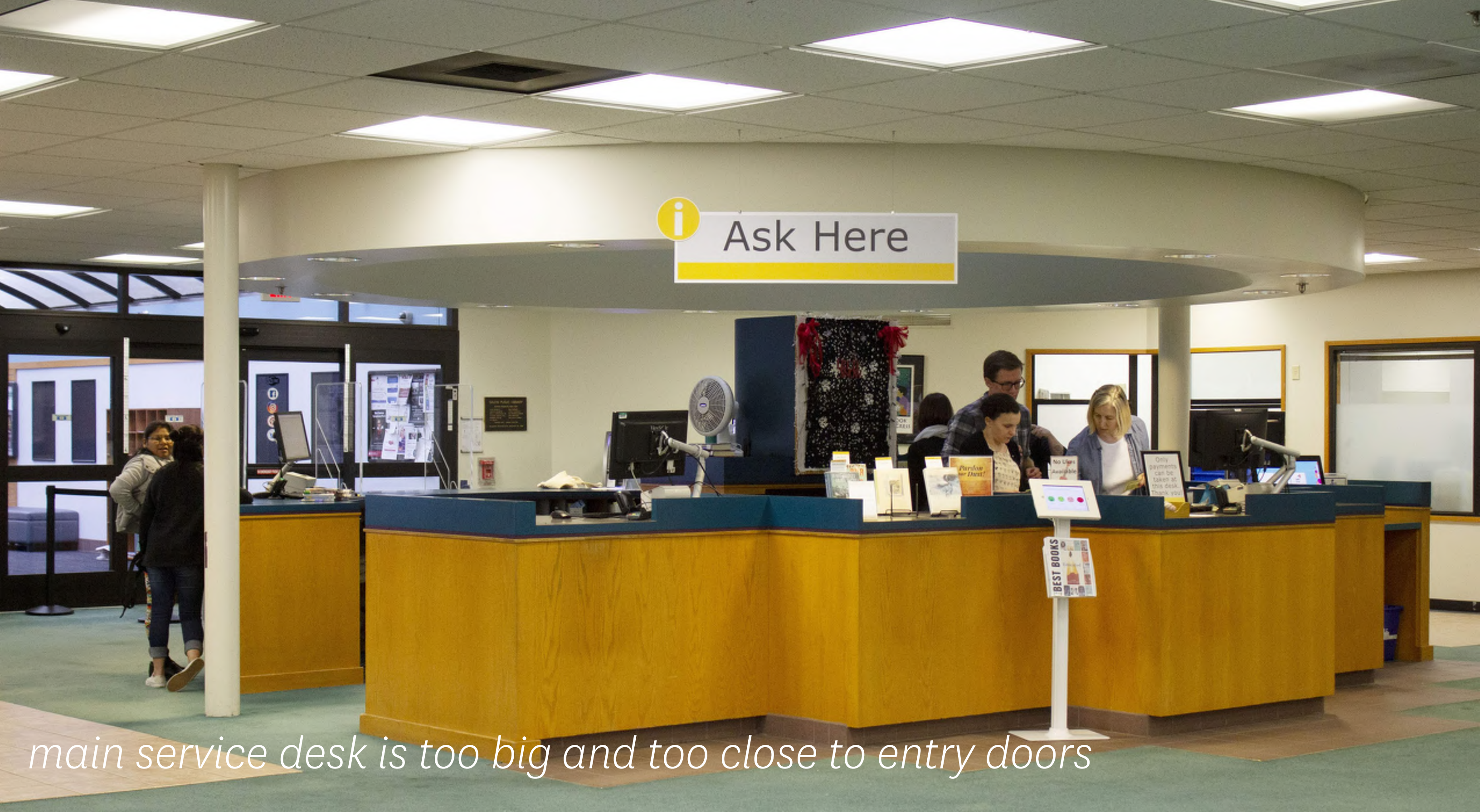




*entry is often too hot or too cold and unwelcoming*

# Issues to Solve





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SECOND FLOOR

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*rooms block light and views to the Peace Plaza*



**Issues to Solve**

FIRST FLOOR

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*no daylight and not enough space in computer lab*



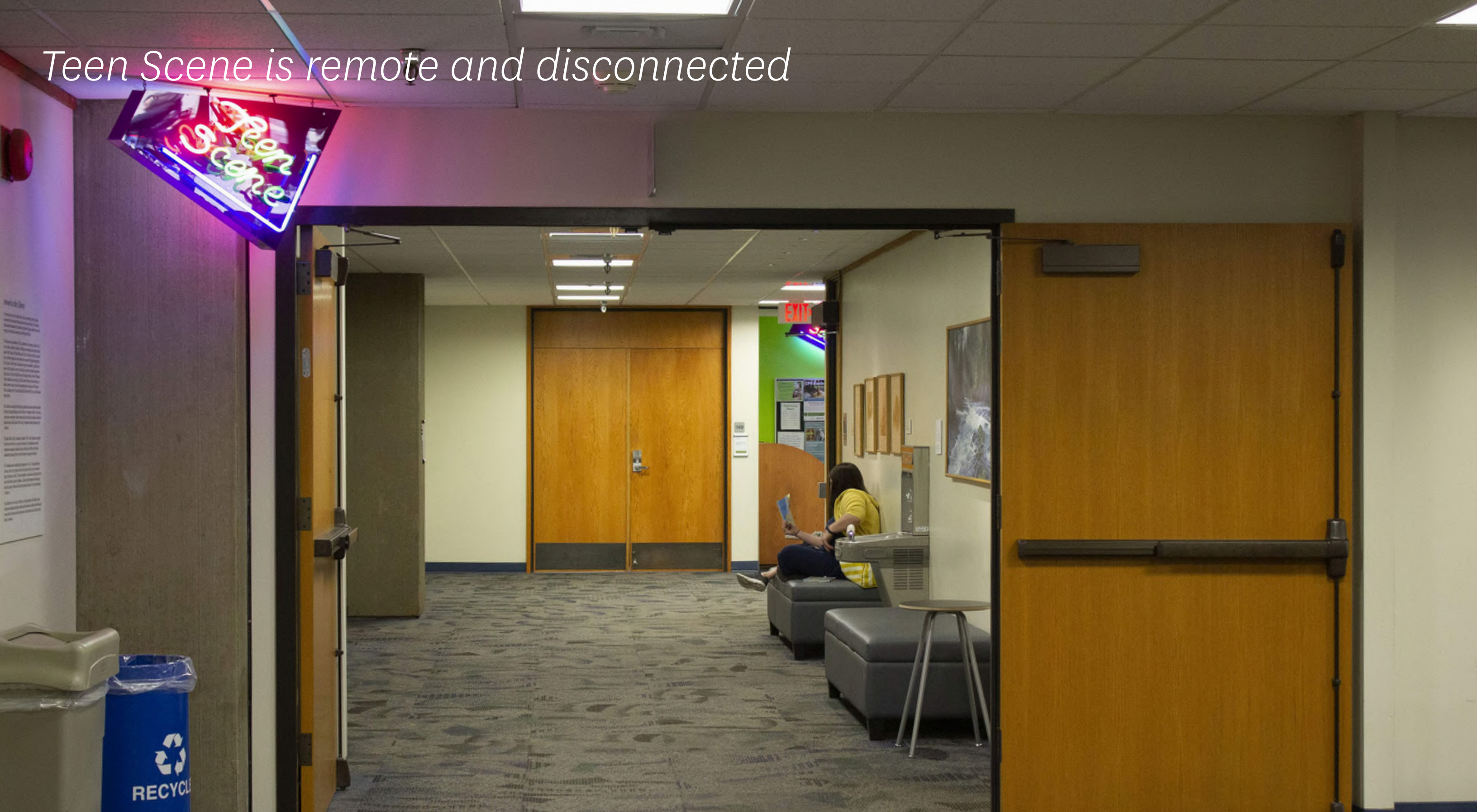
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FIRST FLOOR

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*Teen Scene is remote and disconnected*



**Issues to Solve**

FIRST FLOOR

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*seating is in the center of the library - lacks daylight and views*

# Issues to Solve

SECOND FLOOR

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*stairway blocks light and views*

# Issues to Solve

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*meeting rooms are hidden and block daylight and views*

# Issues to Solve

THIRD FLOOR

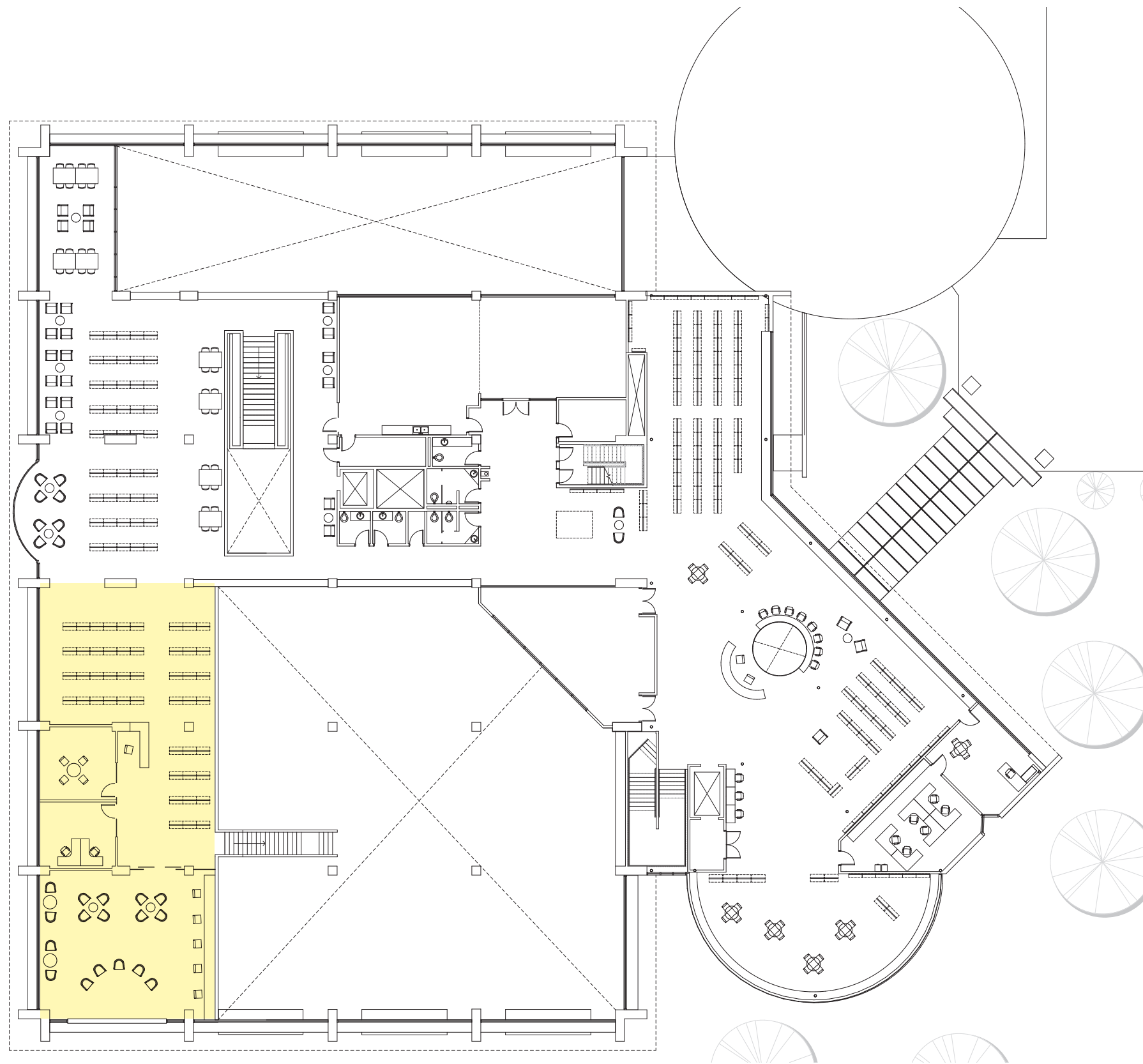
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## *Areas of focus:*

- Move Teen Scene to 3rd floor with other youth services
- Revise layout of 2nd floor seating, stacks, service desk + computers
- Add windows on Commercial St. Side of Building
- Rework spaces on 1st floor to have more connection to the Plaza

# **Design Strategies**

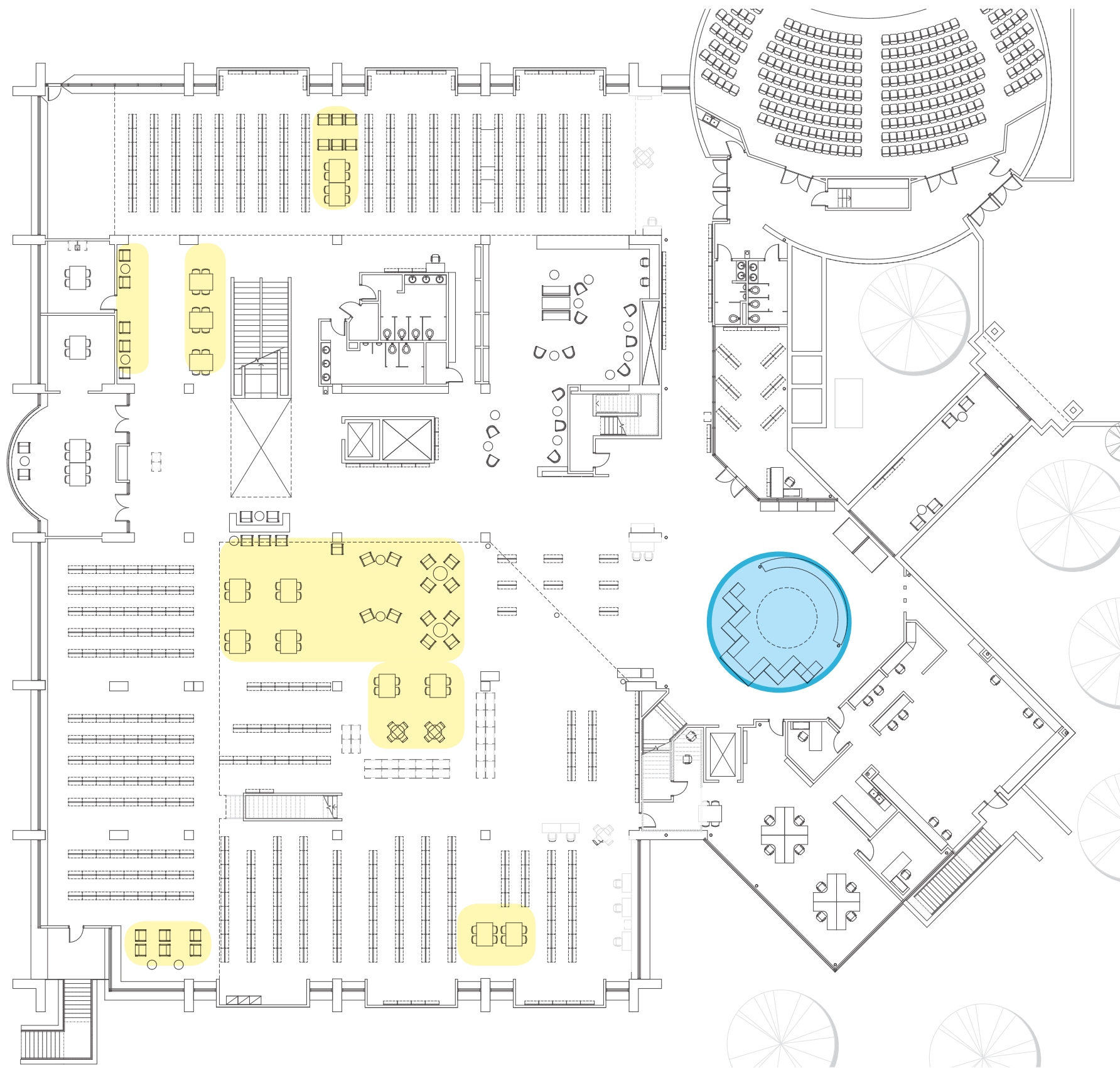


*Move Teen to 3rd floor with other Youth services.*

*“Having a distinct Teen Space is important, the current one is too small and disconnected.”* community member

# Design Strategies



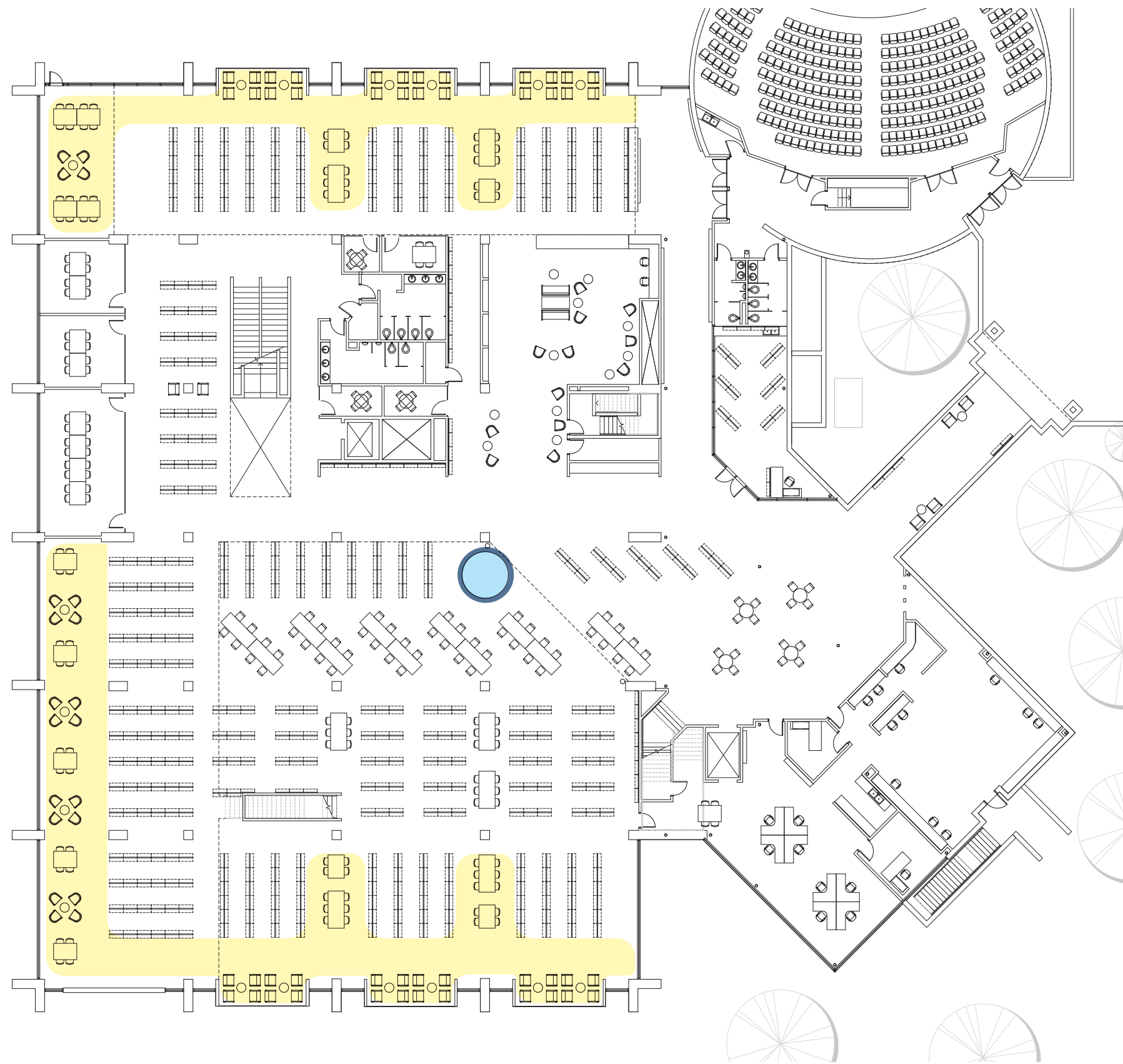


*Revise layout of 2nd floor  
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service desk*

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library.” Community member*

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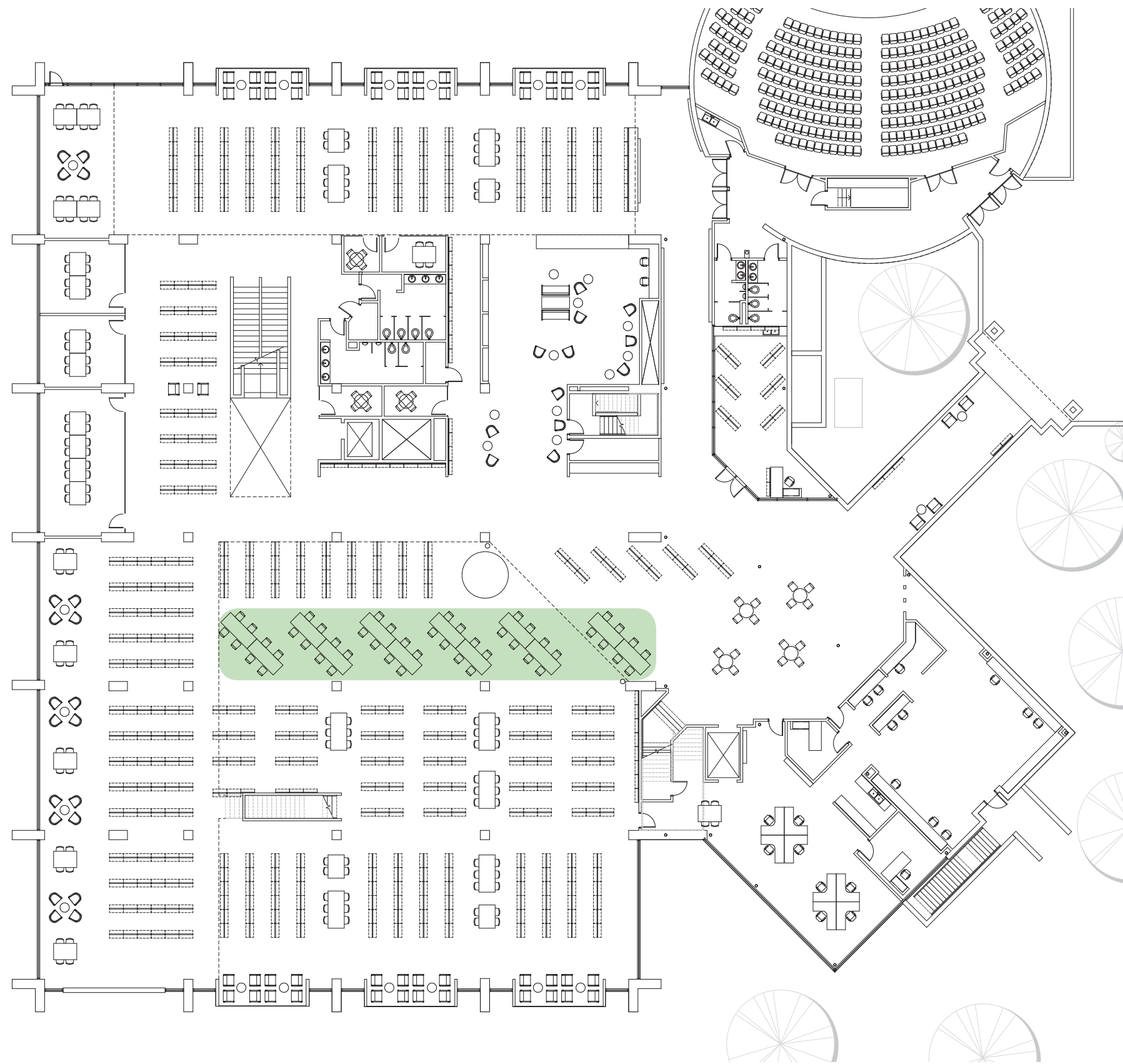


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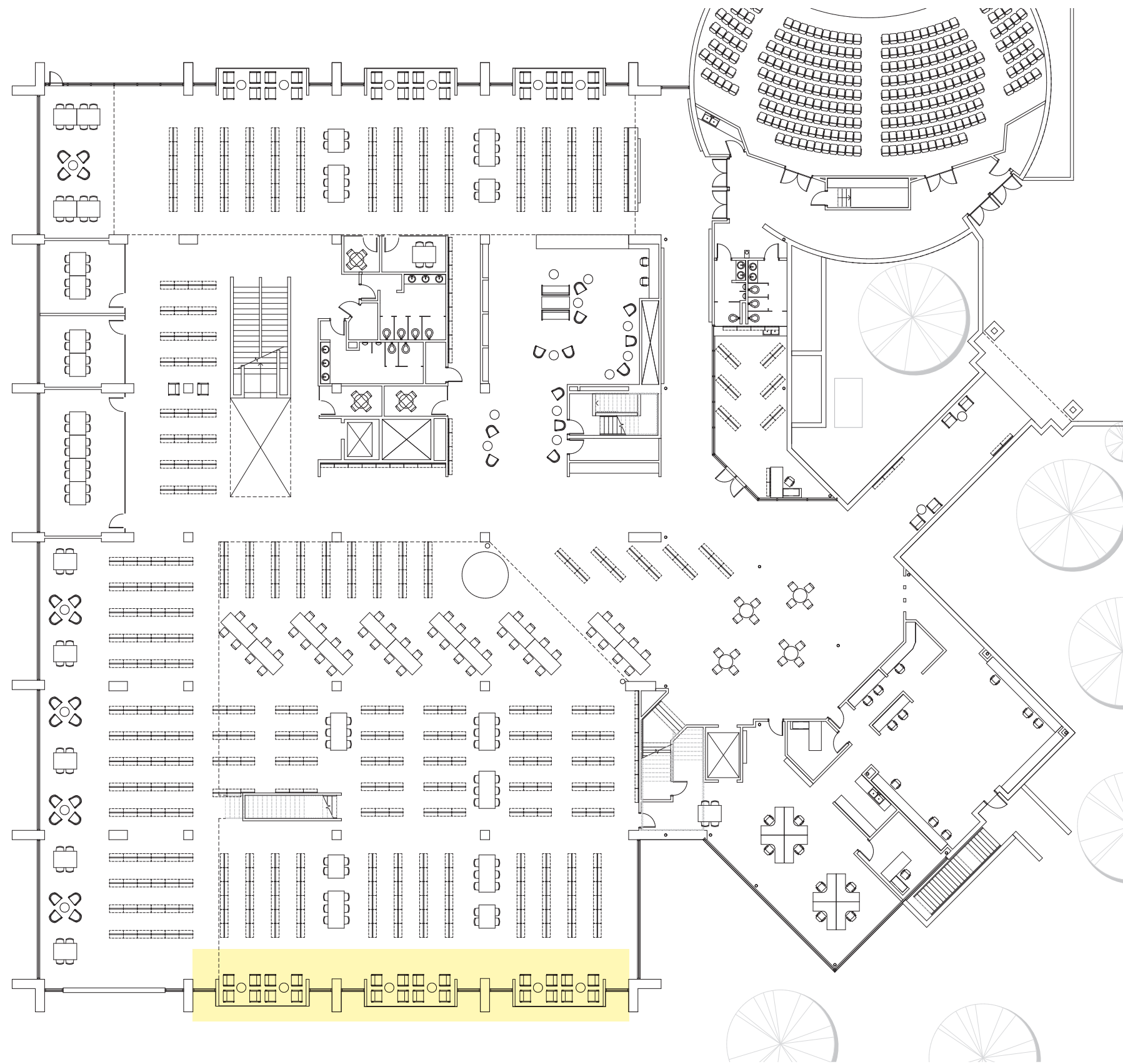


*Revise layout of 2nd floor  
seating, stacks, service point  
+ computers*

*“Computers need to be more accessible.  
They are in a corner in the basement.”  
Community member*

# Design Strategies





*Bring in natural light for reading areas*

*“Make the outside more welcoming with windows and natural landscape. No more concrete barriers.”. community member*

# Design Strategies





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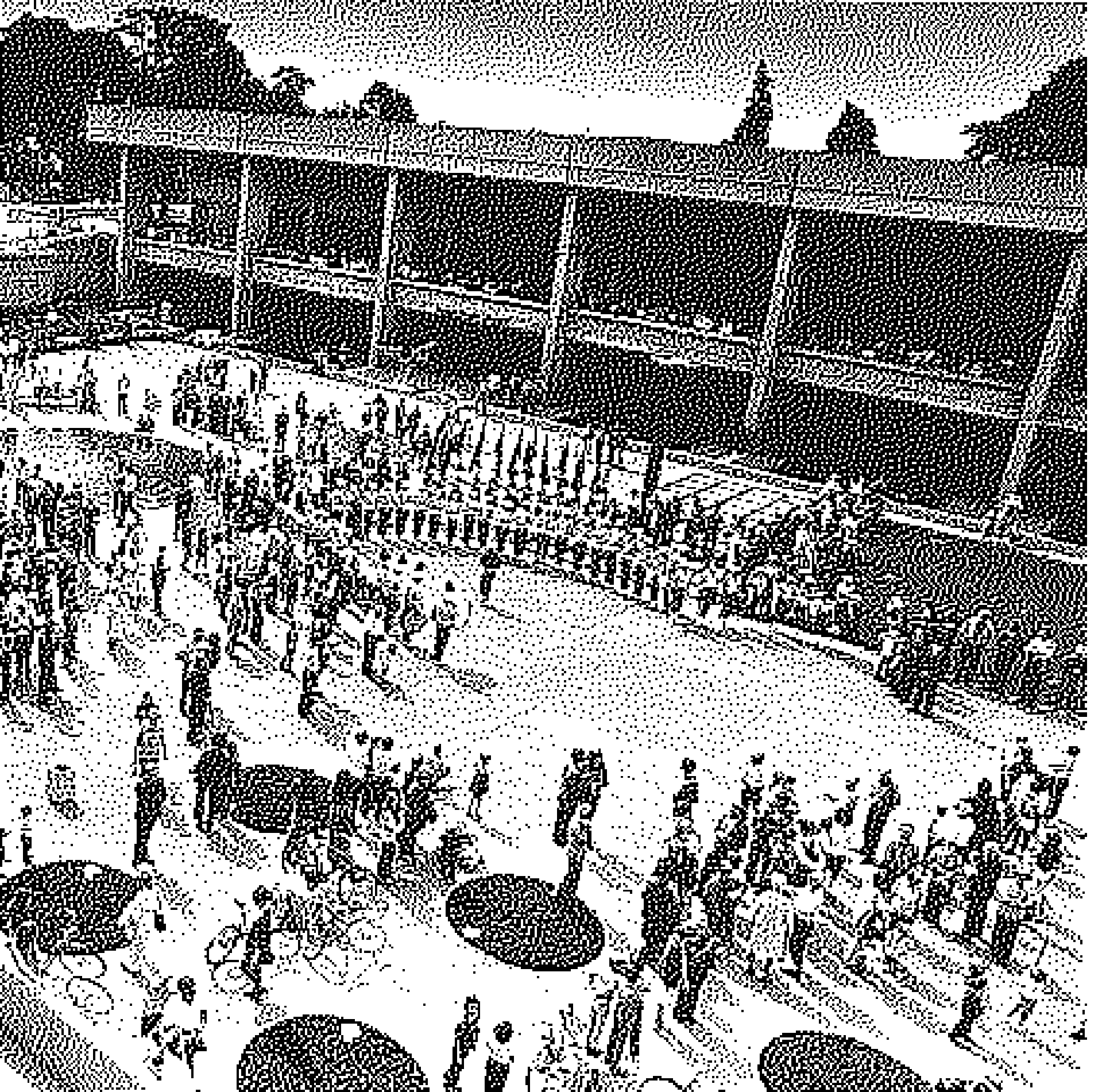




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have more connection to the  
Plaza*

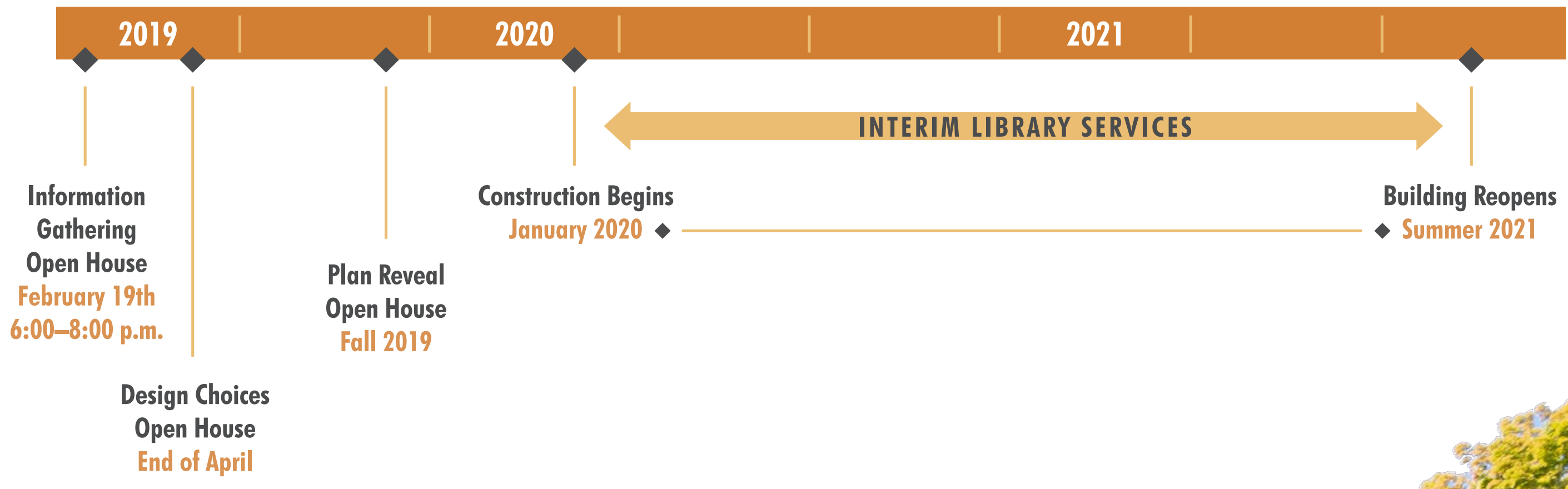
*“The first floor has a wall of windows on the  
Peace Plaza, it would be great if that could be  
opened up to the floor, which tends to be dark”.  
community member*

# Design Strategies



# SALEM PUBLIC LIBRARY RENOVATION TIMELINE

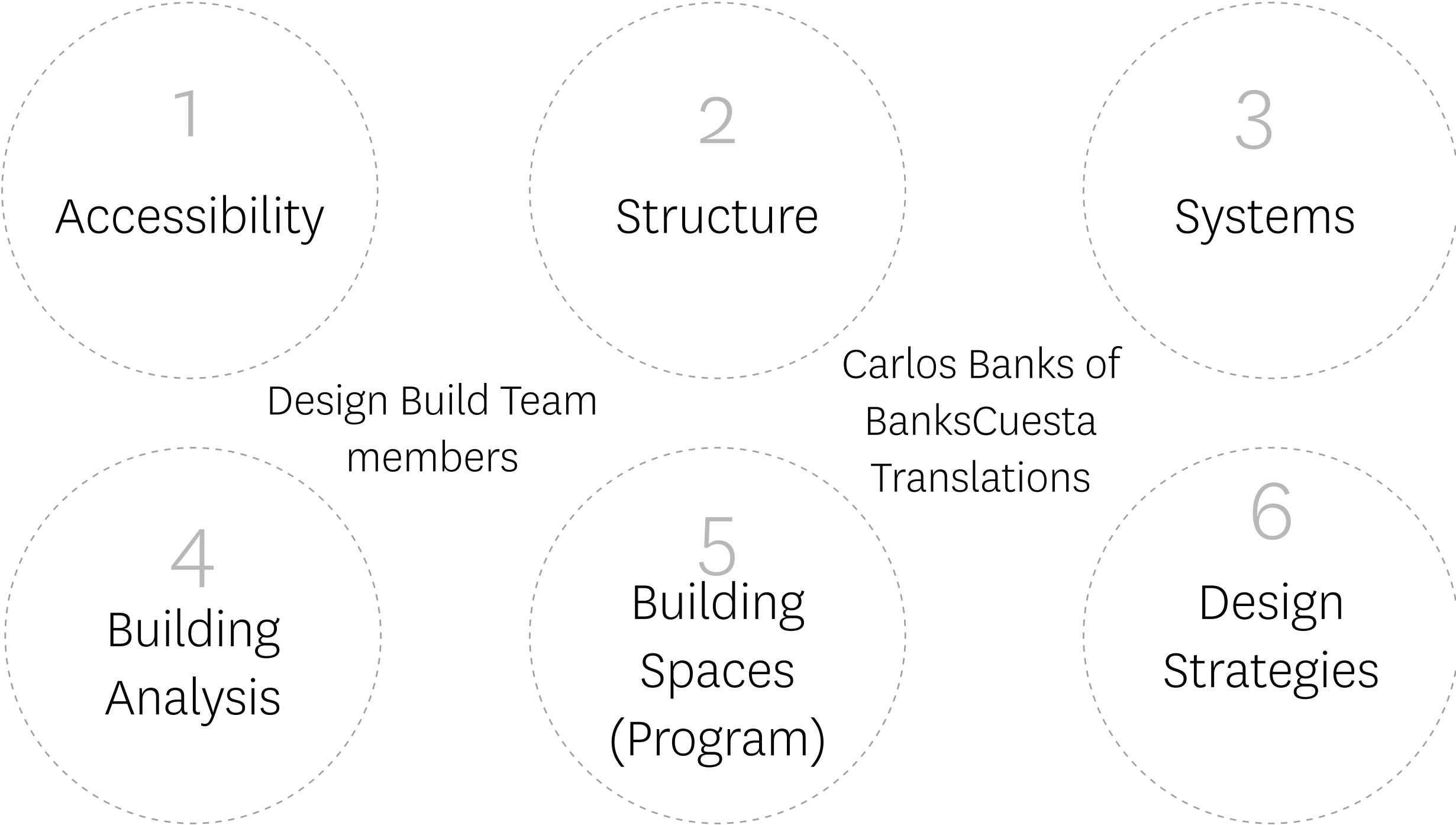
At these upcoming public events, we hope to receive ideas and input from the community about the Library, share information about the Renovation Project, and explain how your feedback will help influence initial design. As the project progresses, we will keep you up to date on the next steps and welcome any input or ideas you may have to share with us.



## Next Steps



# Stations



**We need your input**





Thank you