



# ASTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

***“ASTORIA + MID-CENTURY + 21ST CENTURY”***

## Vision

- Explore Ideas
- Engage Minds
- Excite Imagination

## Bond Promises

- Improve accessibility
- Expand Children's space and programming
- Dedicated Teen Space
- Update technology
- Repair the aging building

## 1. Accessibility for all

Incorporate universal design principles to make the library usable by everyone.

## 2. Equity

Reflect equity through community input, design and project decisions.

## 3. Flexibility

Provide flexible space, adaptable to changing needs and uses as community needs, technology, and library service models evolve.

## 4. Heart of the Community

A gathering place that is welcoming for all.

## 5. Innovative and inspirational design

Spirit of Astoria + Mid-century building + 21st century library

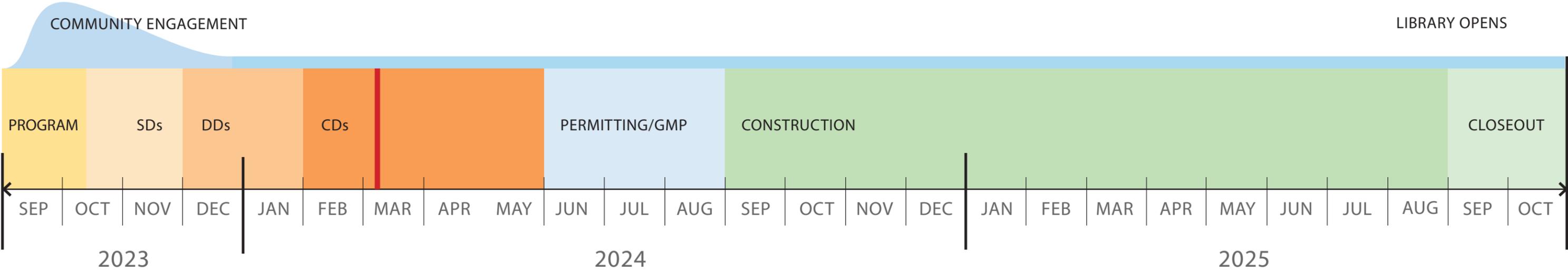
## 6. Sustainability

Include systems, materials and practices.

## 7. Safety

Safety and security for patrons and staff.

# DESIGN PHASES



- **The Library received an NEH Challenge Infrastructure Grant to help fund the project**

Grant will be used to renovate the lower level and create a Humanities Center.

Grant is \$500,000 with a 3:1 match = \$2,000,000

- **NEH is required to identify and assess remodeling effects on historic properties and properties 50 years old**

Section 106 / SHPO application has been completed and determined the remodel will impact the existing building structure. NEH fully supports the renovations utilizing the basement and increasing daylight for the library and asked us to propose mitigating measures.

- **Two mitigating measures have been proposed to offset the effects of the renovation**

Photo documentation of the existing building, renovation process and the new complete building.

Bolster the Library's online archive web page to include the above photo documentation, as well as existing historical drawings of the building and architectural history. These documents will be available to view in the Archives / Humanities Center.

- **NEH will prepare a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)**

An MOA is a legally binding document that commits the Library to implement the mitigating measures.

- **Public comments for 30 days until April 7, 2024**

What is your opinion of the proposed mitigating measures?

Comment cards are available after this meeting at the back of the room

Or email [comments@astorialibrary.org](mailto:comments@astorialibrary.org)



What images of culture and nature come to mind?

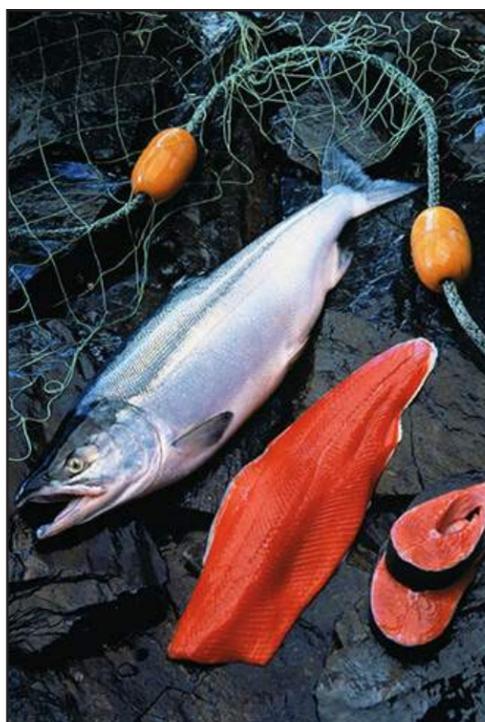
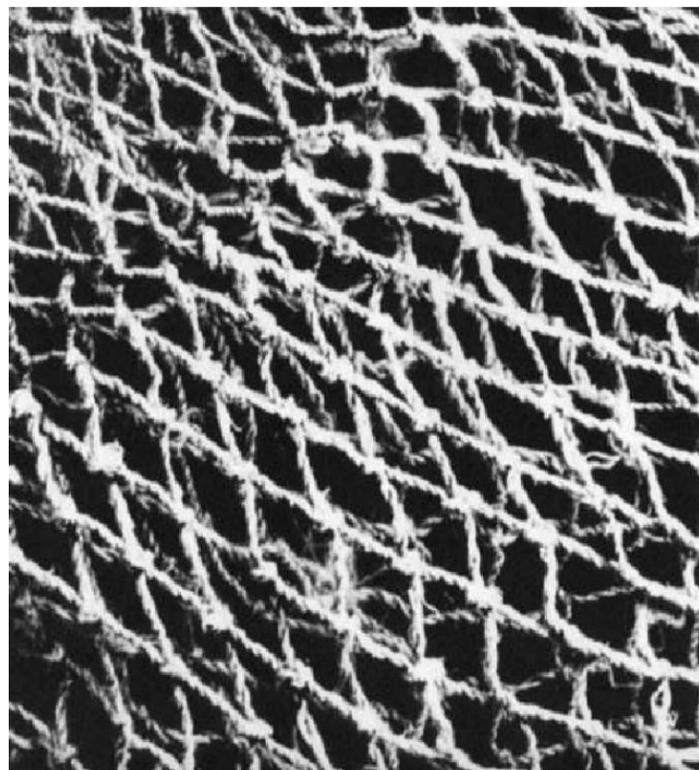


# CONCEPT SCHEME: THE RED THREAD

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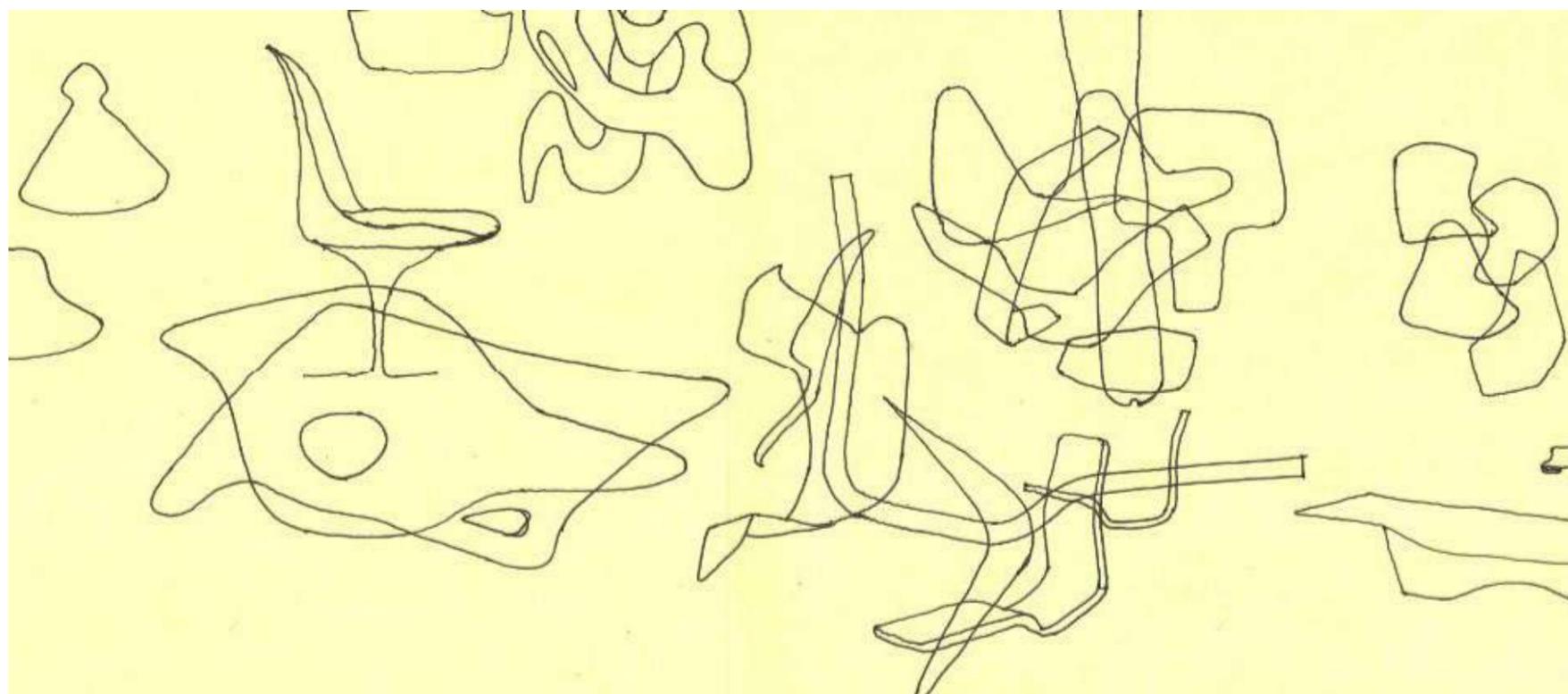
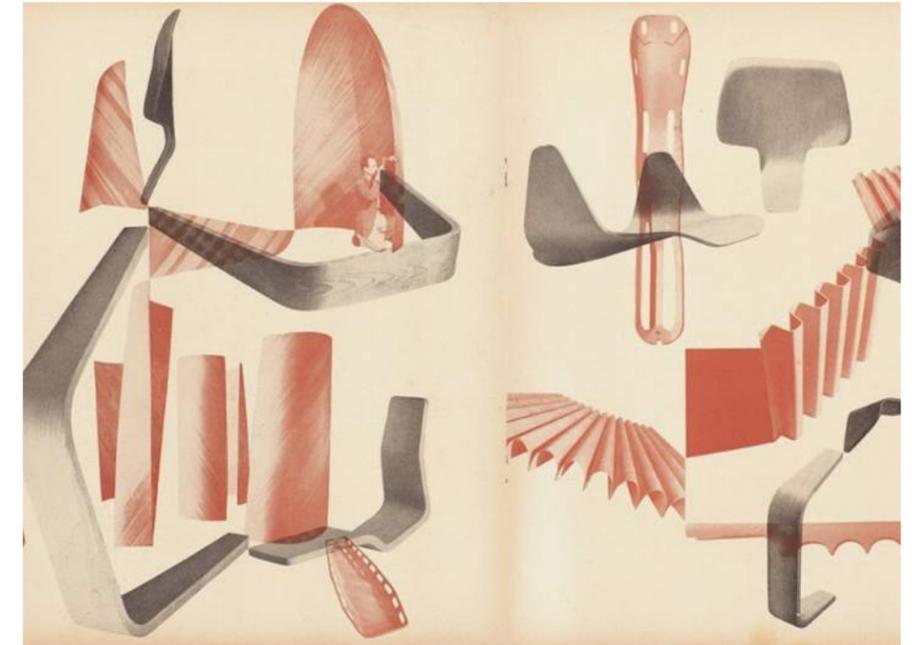
“The heart of the matter or common denominator of something.  
It is an essence that links together the soul of an experience,  
the narrative, a unified style or the collective heritage of many peoples”





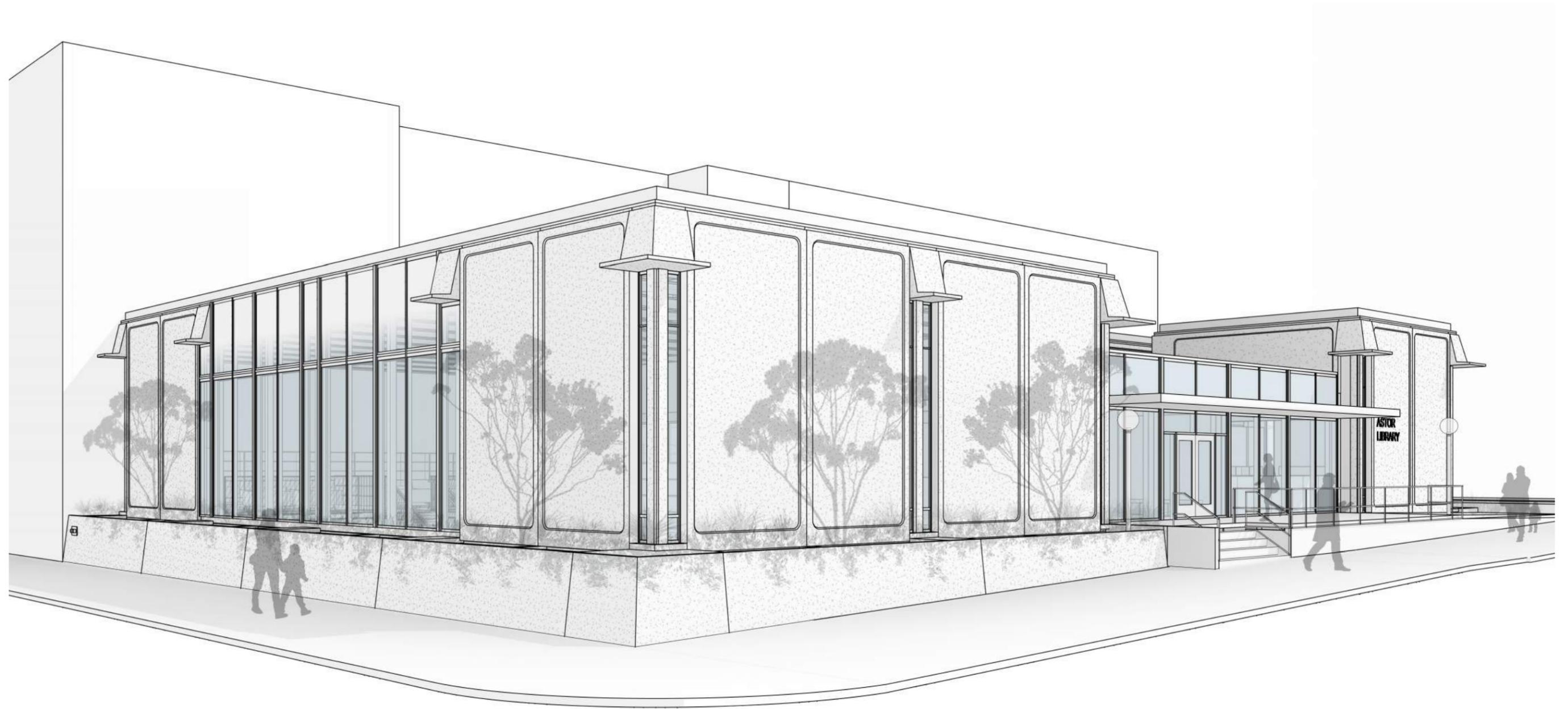
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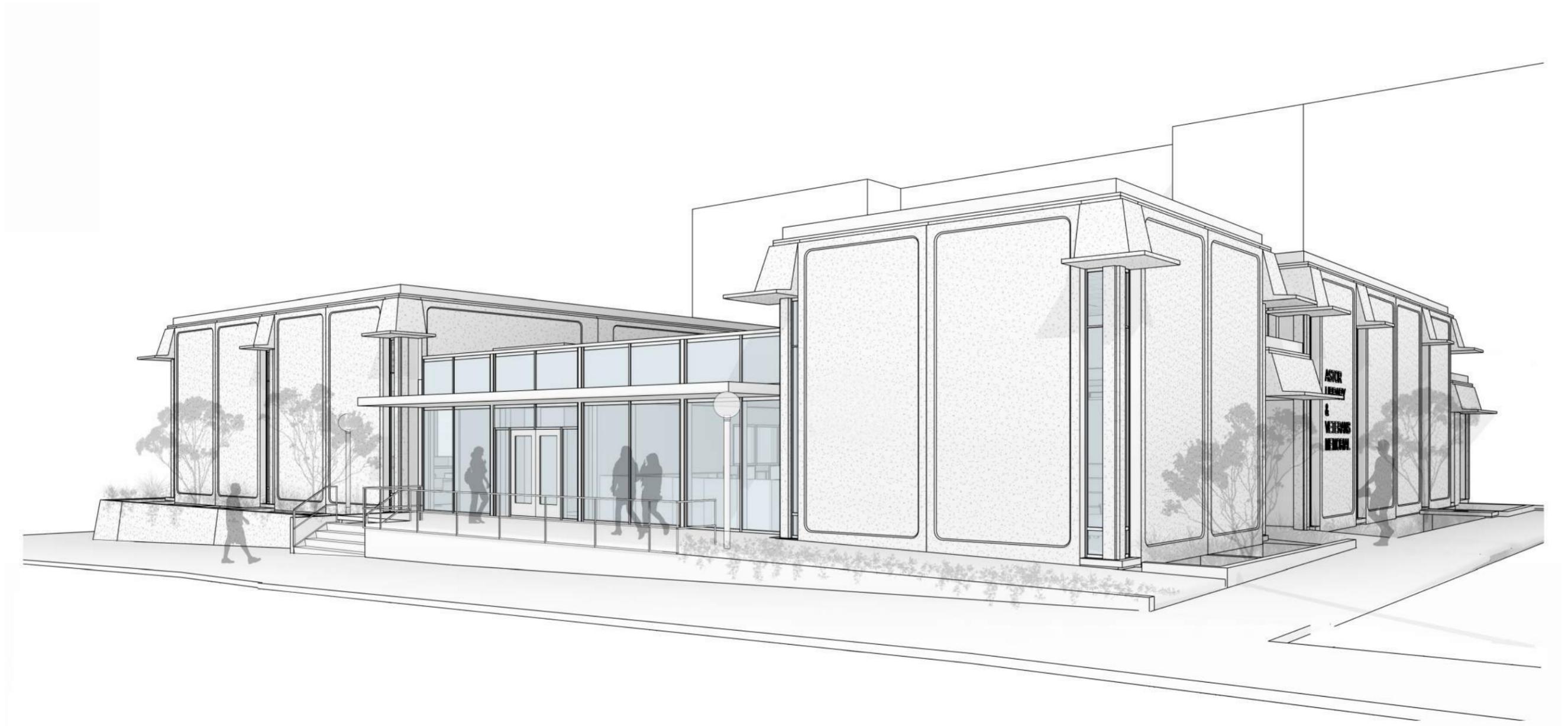


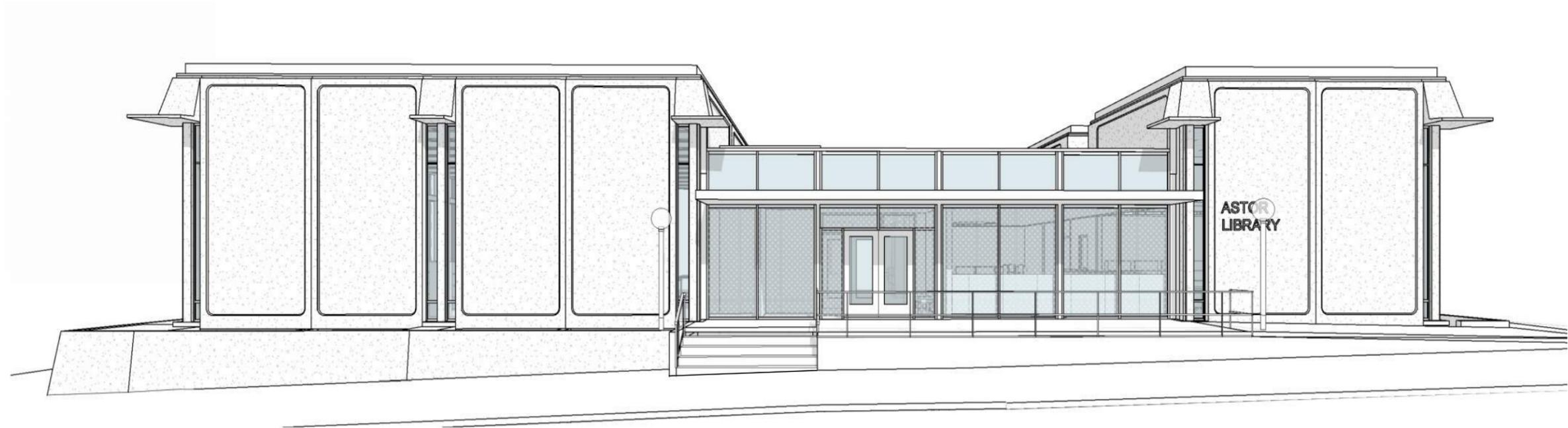
# CURRENT BUILDING CONCEPTS

# EXTERIOR PERSPECTIVE

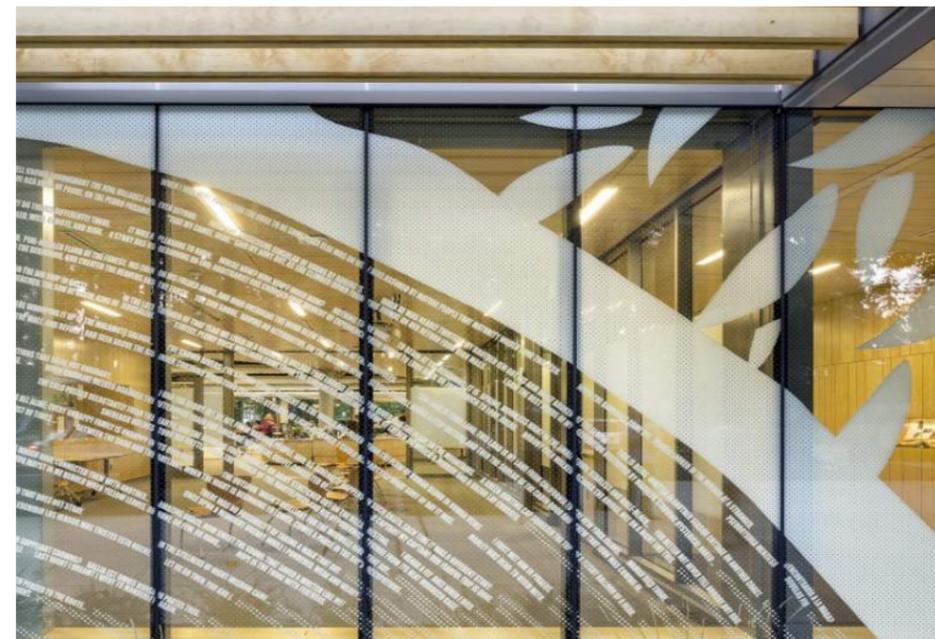


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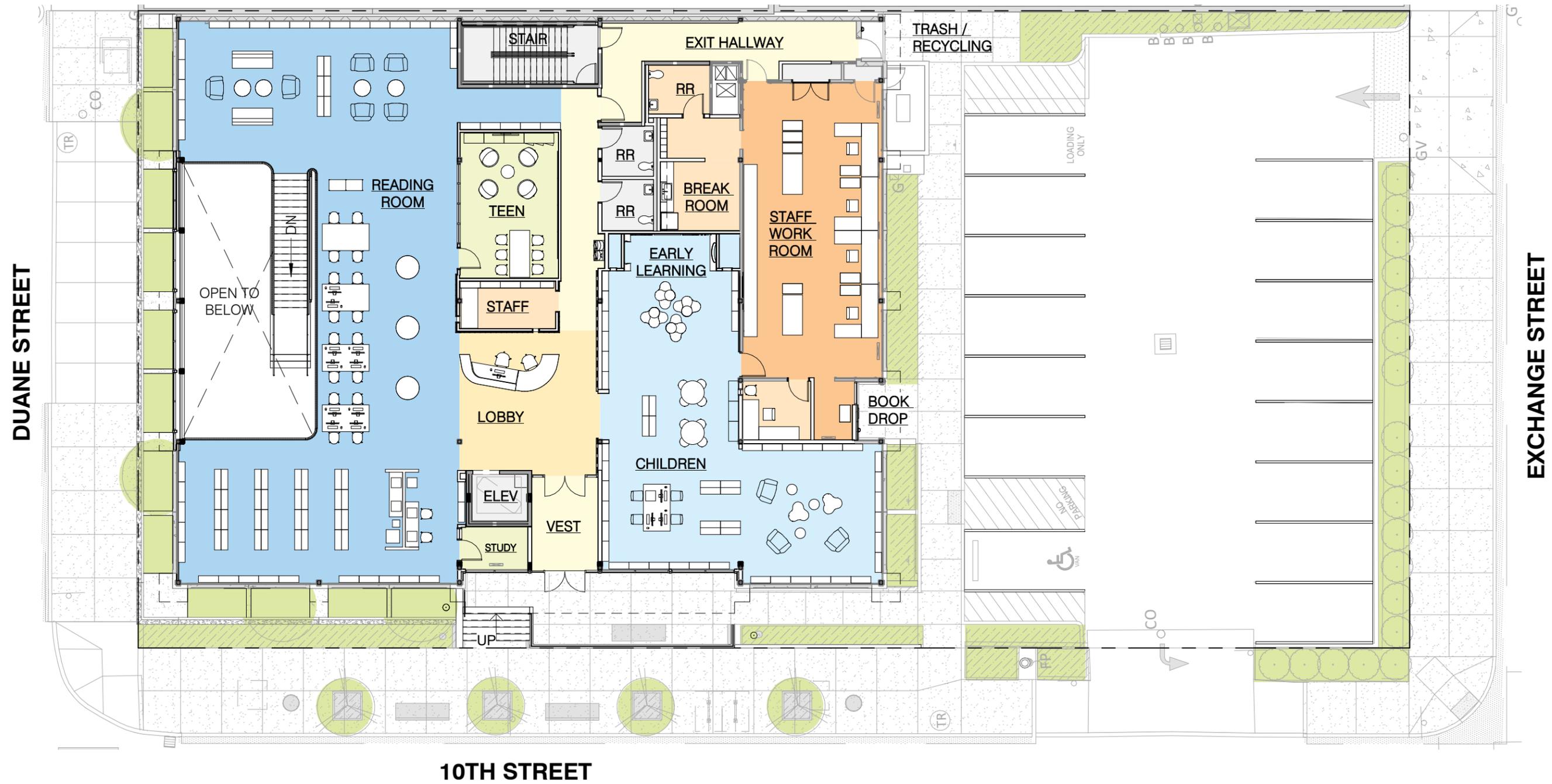




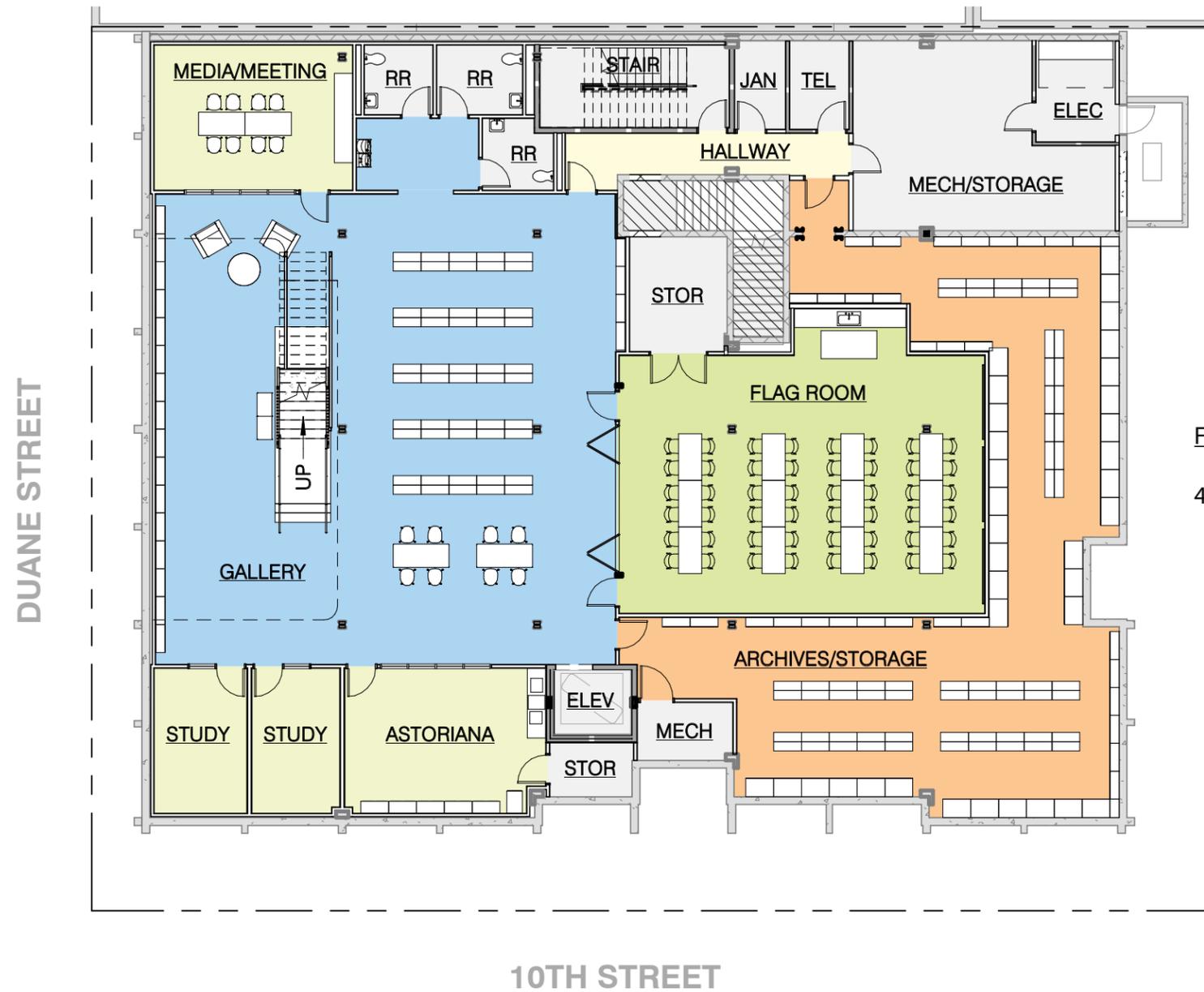
1 WEST ELEVATION



# FIRST FLOOR PLAN

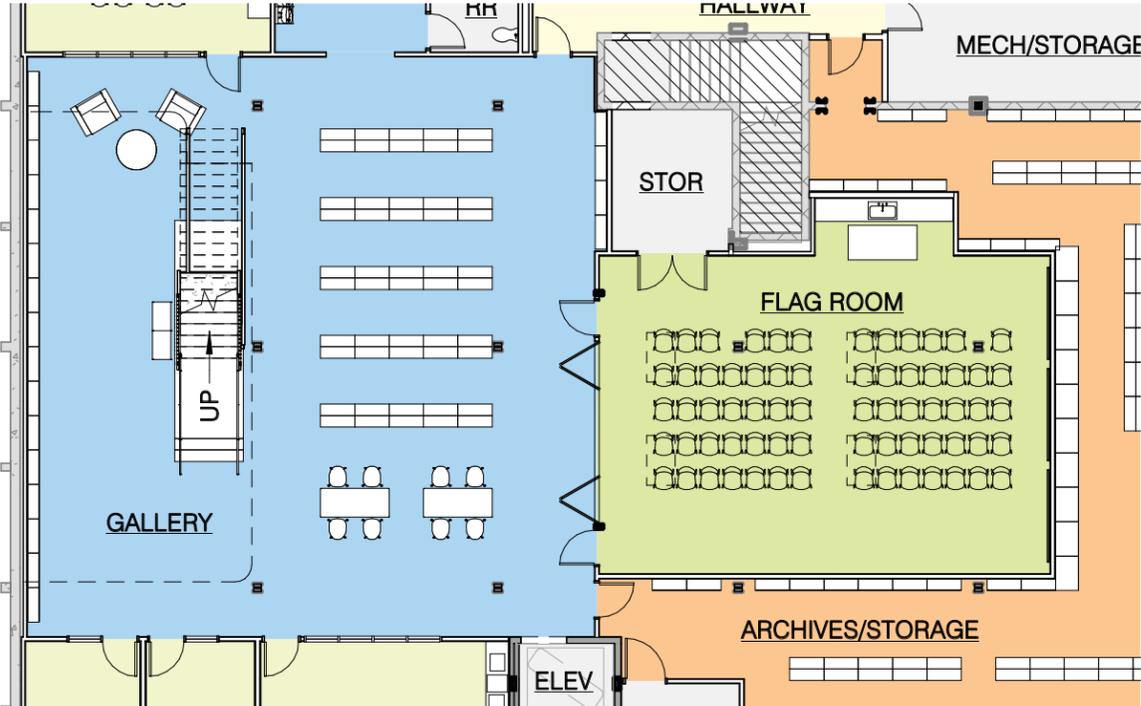


# BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN



Flag Room Seating, Typical:  
48 seats total

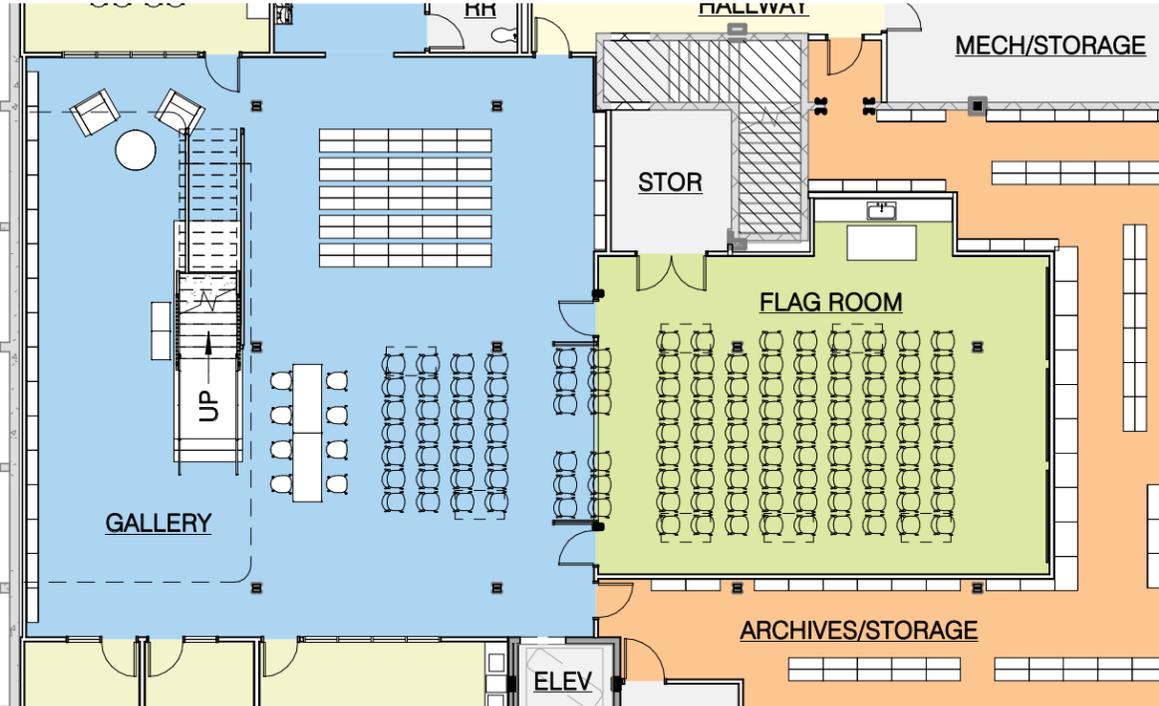
# BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN ALTERNATE FLAG ROOM SEATING



**Lecture Setup:**

68 seats total

64 seats total (5% accessible spaces)

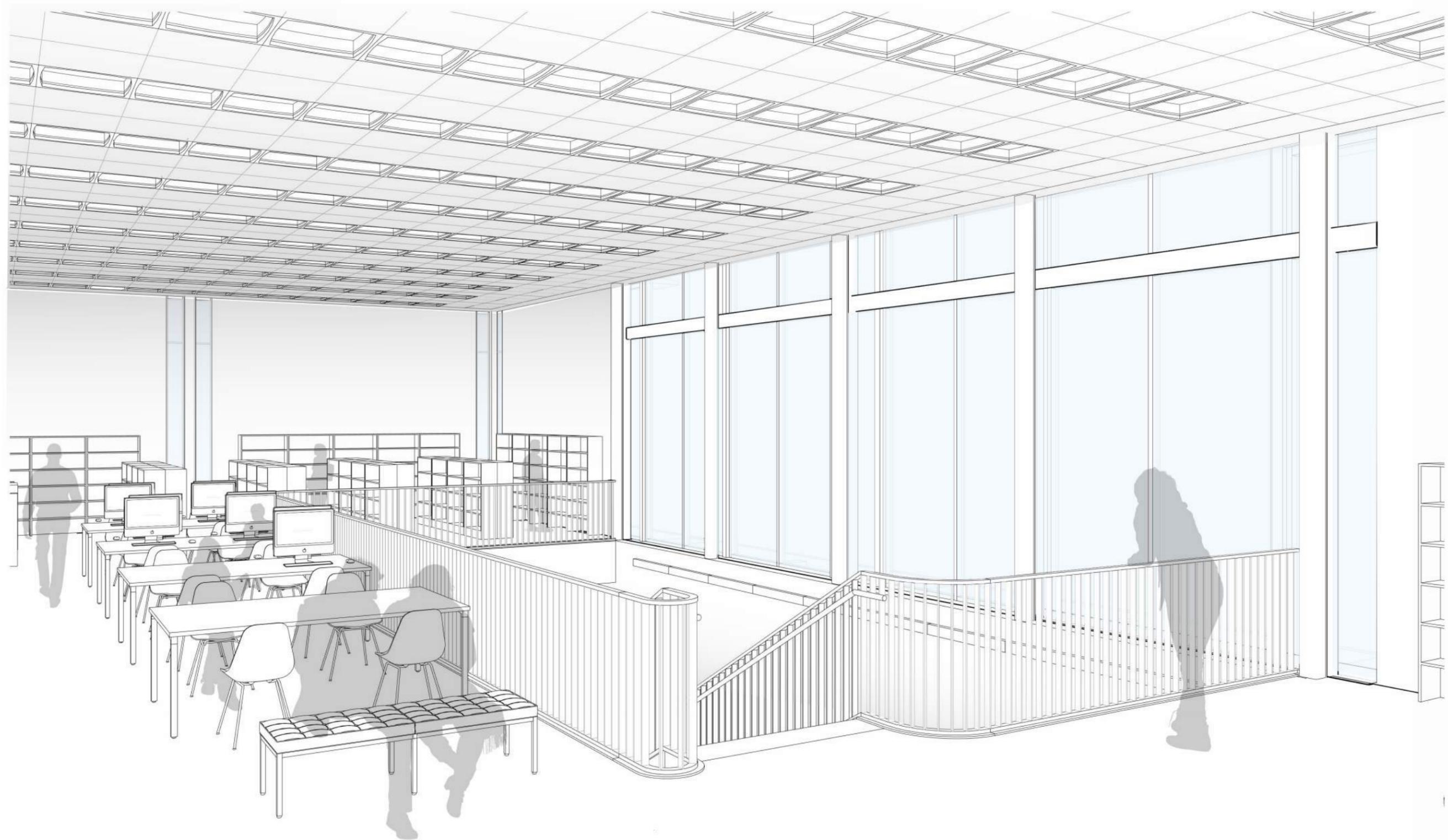


**Lecture Setup with Spillover:**

128 seats total

121 seats total (5% accessible spaces)

# READING ROOM VIEW



# STAIRWELL TO BASEMENT VIEW



# BASEMENT VIEW



CIRCULATION DESK VIEW



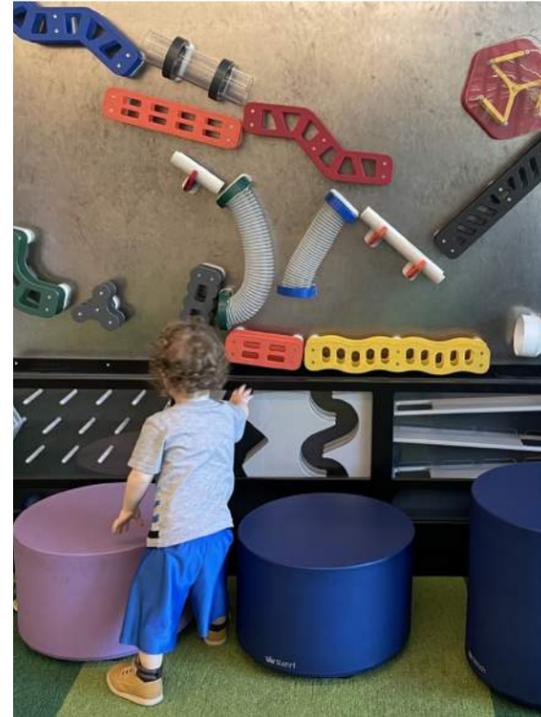
# CHILDREN'S ROOM VIEW



# CHILDREN'S EARLY LEARNING CENTER



Early Learning Center - back wall precedents



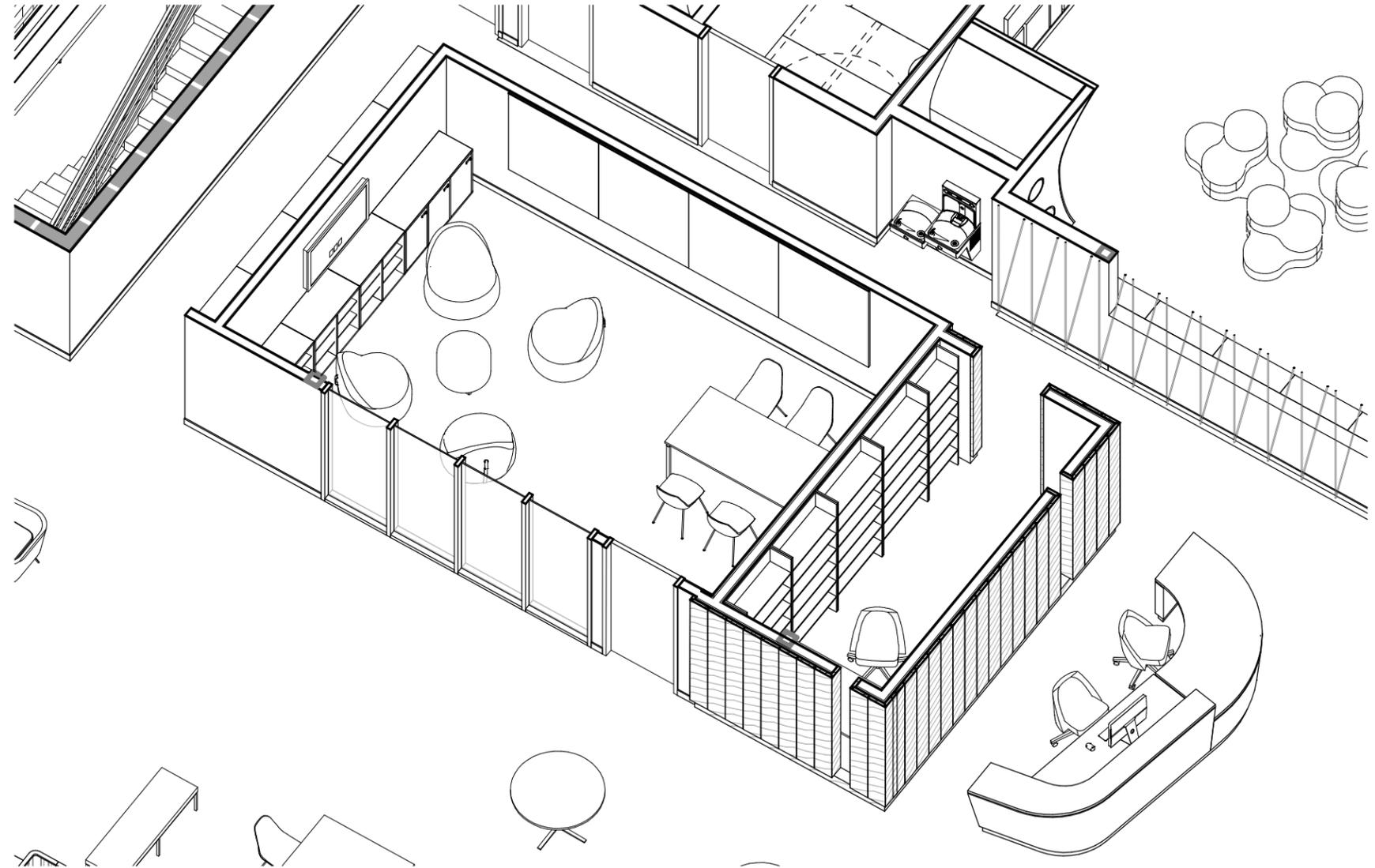
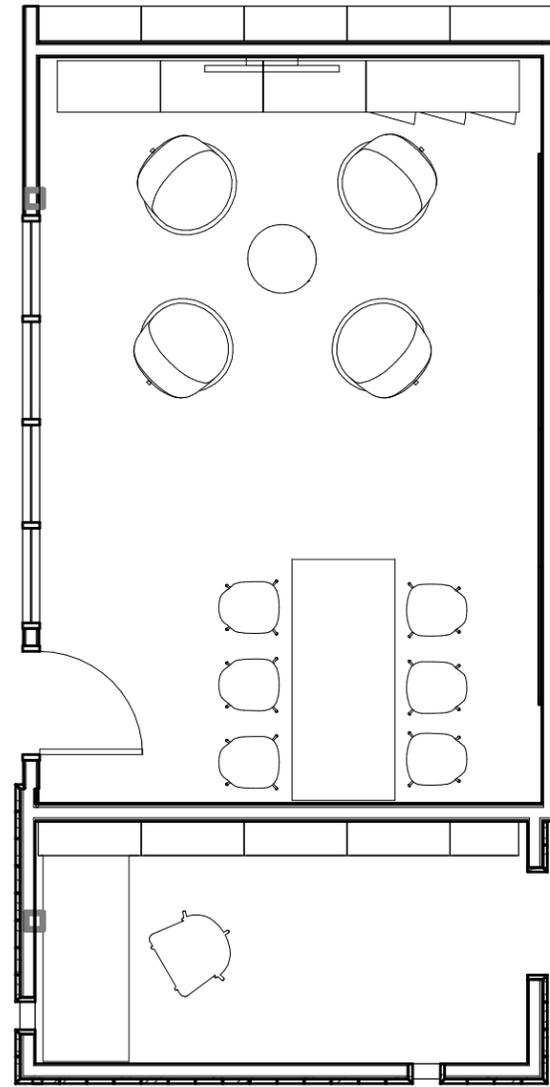
Children's reading nook



Seating / Climbing



# TEEN AREA: FLOOR PLAN & VIEW FROM ABOVE





Collaboration wall



Lounge seating



Teen art display / Bulletin board