



AMESBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Facilities Plan Public Forum

Amesbury, Massachusetts

June 18th, 7pm

ARCHITECT:

BRUNER / COTT
ARCHITECTS

CODE CONSULTANT:

CODE RED
CONSULTANTS

STRUCTURAL AND BUILDING
ENVELOPE CONSULTANT:

SGH

ACCESSIBILITY CONSULTANT:



MEP/FP ENGINEER:



Agenda

30 mins

1. Introduction to Amesbury Public Library
2. Facilities Master Plan Update:
 - i. Process
 - ii. Schedule
 - iii. Conditions assessment report
 - iv. City and Library Staff Interview Themes
3. Evaluation Process for Prioritization of Improvements

60 mins

4. Comments and Feedback



2022 Community Outreach

During the outreach in creating the APL's Strategic Plan in 2022, we **learned**:

- The community wants the Library to be a **gathering place to work, learn, and connect with others**.
- The community **values arts and culture** highly, and the Library plays a key role in offering free, accessible **programming** to meet this need.
- Our staff provides excellent **customer service**, and we need to invest in them to maintain this high quality of service.
- The library is an **essential resource** for all ages.



AMESBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY
STRATEGIC PLAN FOR
FISCAL YEARS 2024–2026



Long Range Planning
**Community
Survey**

Fill out by 5/20/22
Paper option at Library

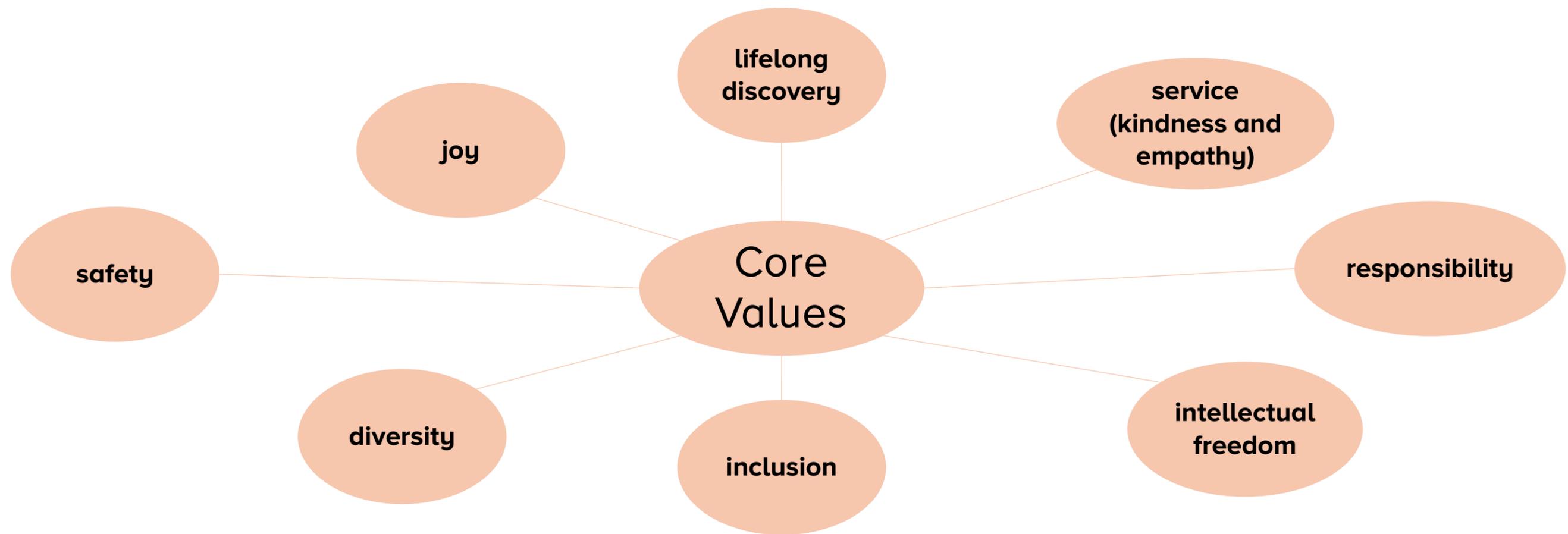


Facilities Needs Assessment Supports APL's Strategic Goals

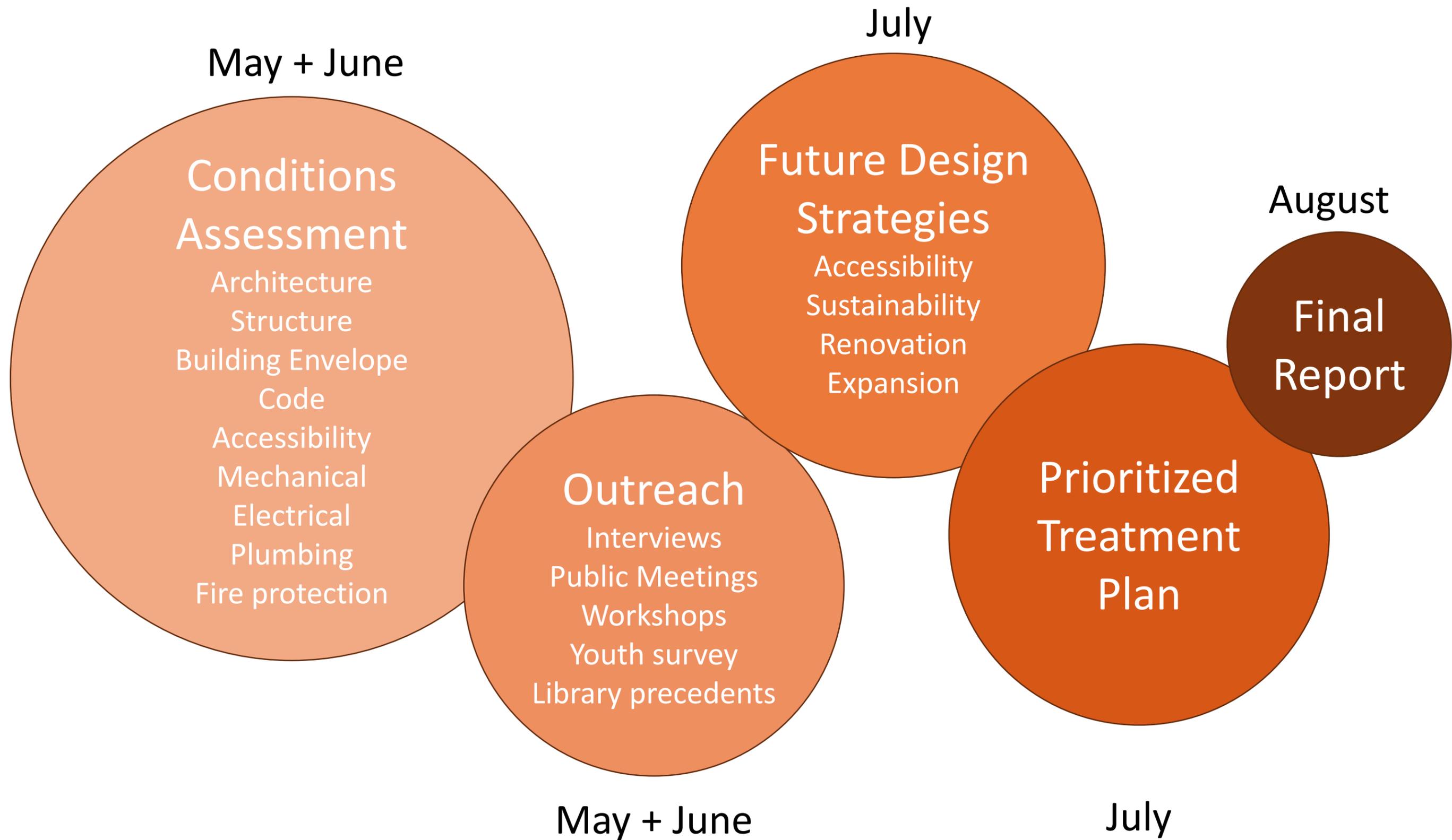
1. Establish the Library as a Center for Learning, Enrichment, and Joy
2. Increase Awareness of the Library's Value
3. Invest in our Team, Workflows, and Infrastructure

4. Activate our community of support

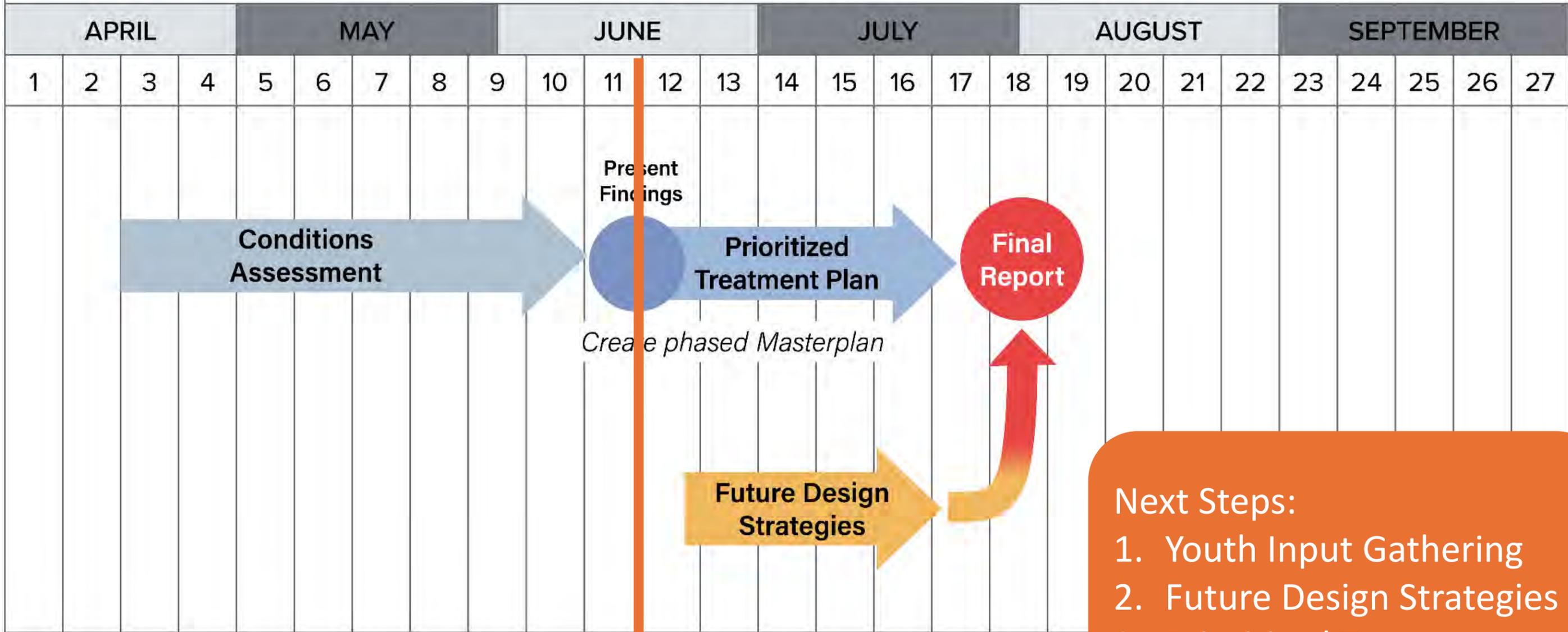
5. Ensure our Building and Facilities meet our Community's Needs



Facilities Needs Assessment Process



2024 SCHEDULE

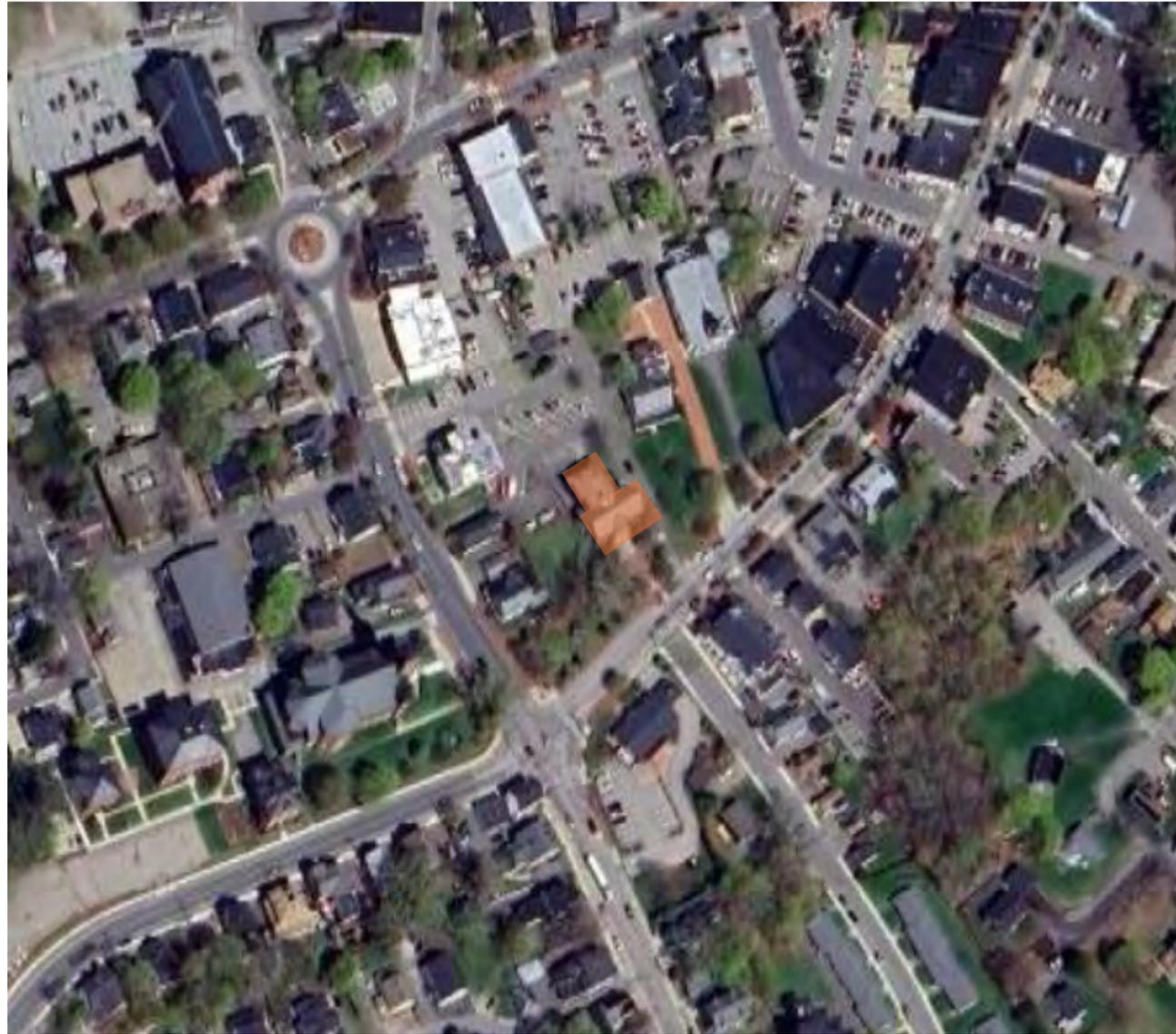


- Next Steps:
1. Youth Input Gathering
 2. Future Design Strategies
 3. Prioritized Treatment Plan

A photograph of a historic interior space. The image shows a corner with ornate woodwork. On the left, a wooden column features a decorative capital with a row of triangular motifs. Above it, a wooden beam is visible. The wall is covered in light green wallpaper with a repeating floral pattern. A horizontal wooden beam runs across the middle of the frame. In the bottom right corner, the top of an arched doorway is visible, with the letters 'FESB' partially seen on a white surface.

HISTORY + HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Site Plan



Building Elevations



South Elevation



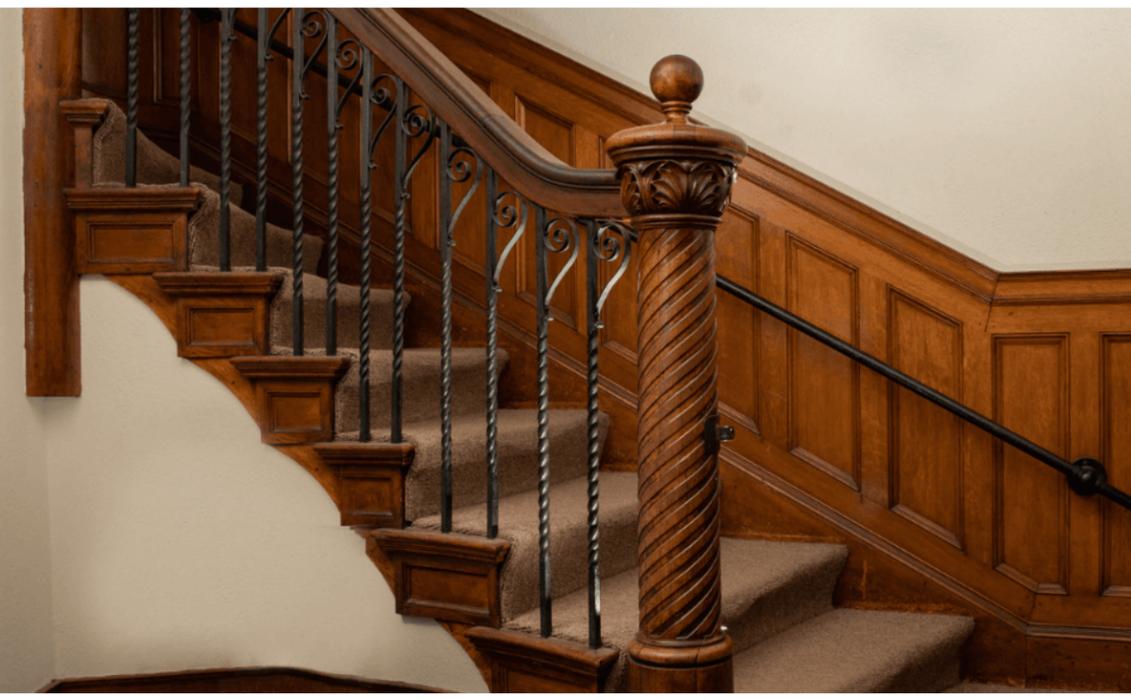
East Elevation



North Elevation



West Elevation

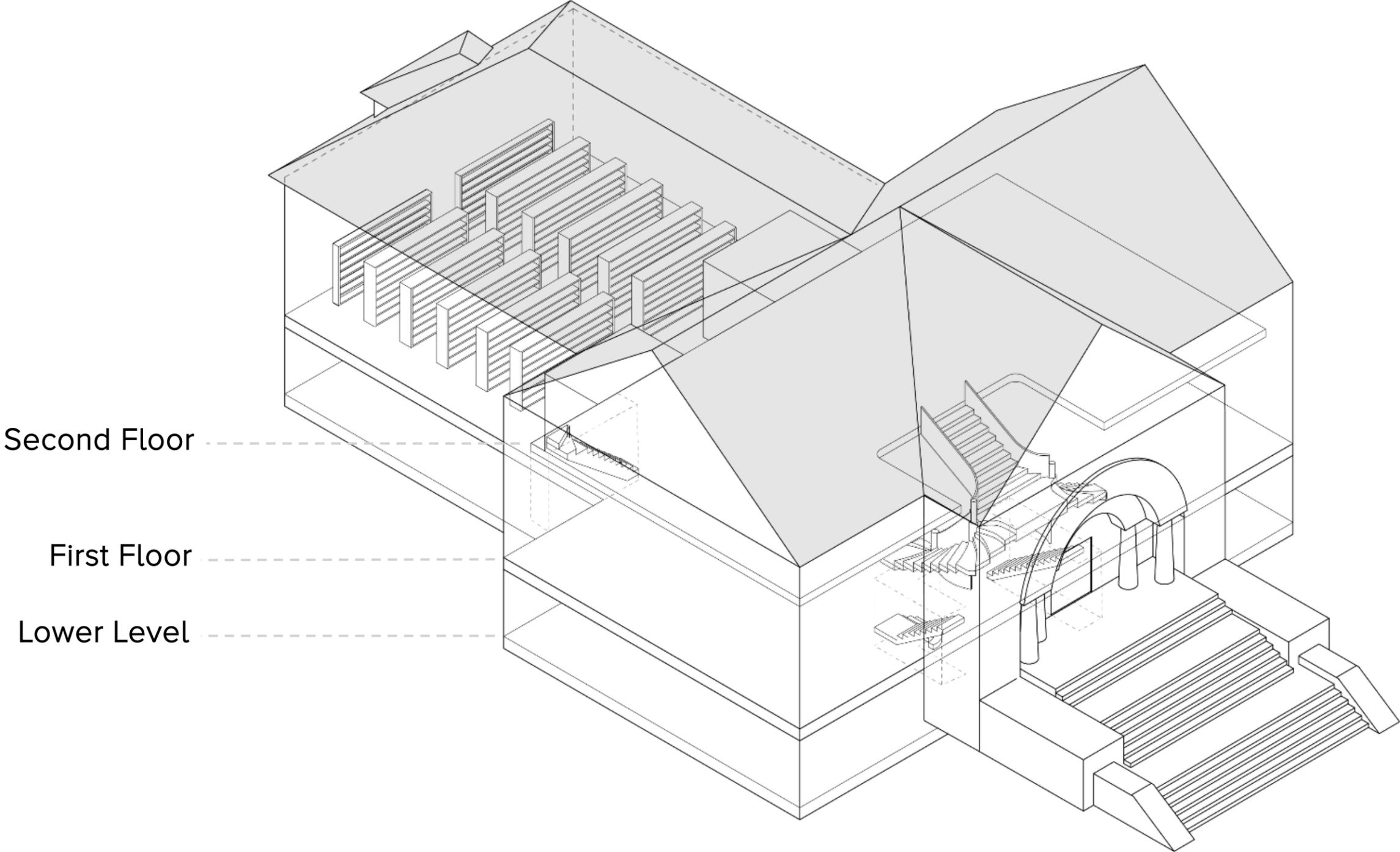


Historic Significance

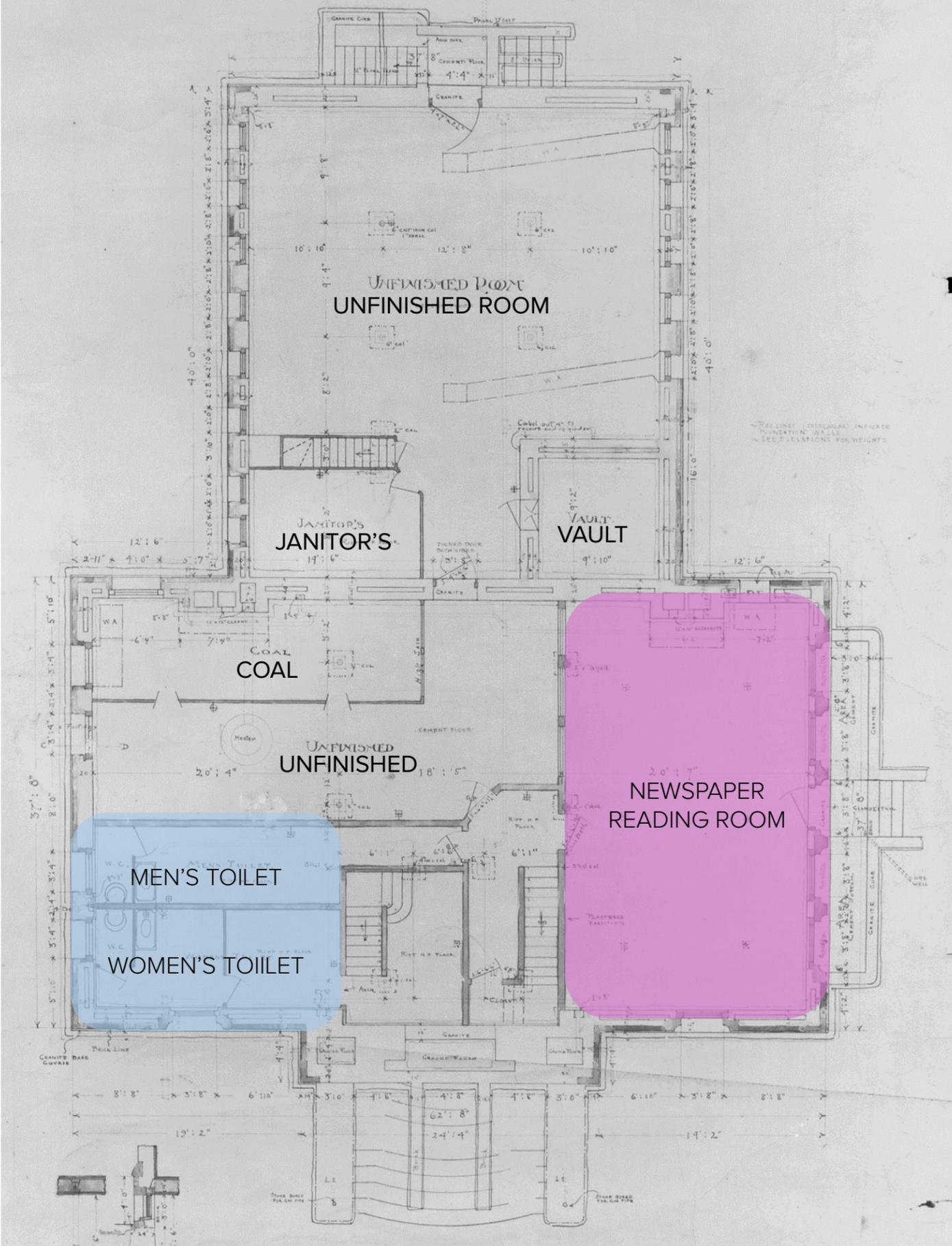
Constructed in 1900



Amesbury Public Library, 1900



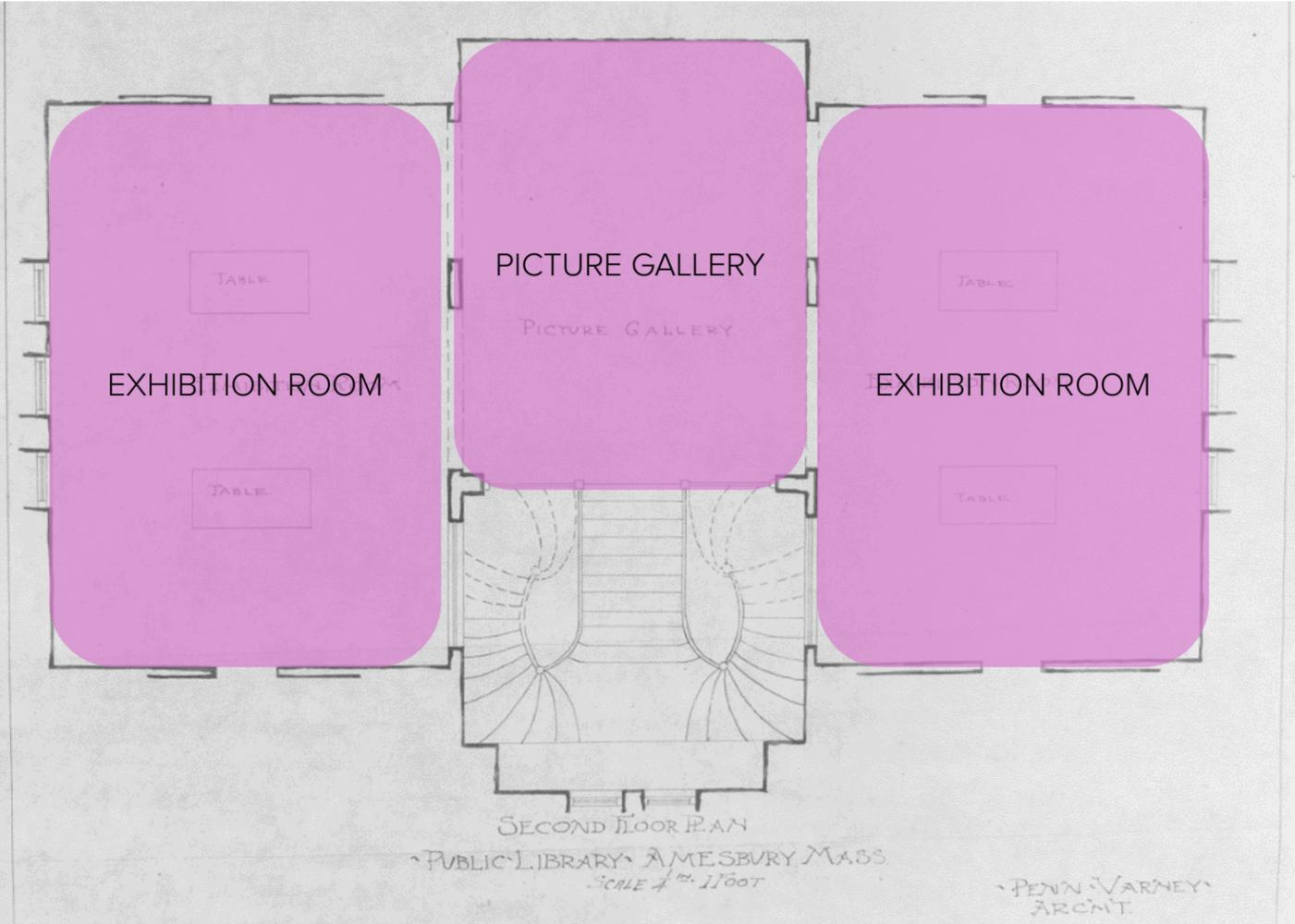
Original Blueprint Plans



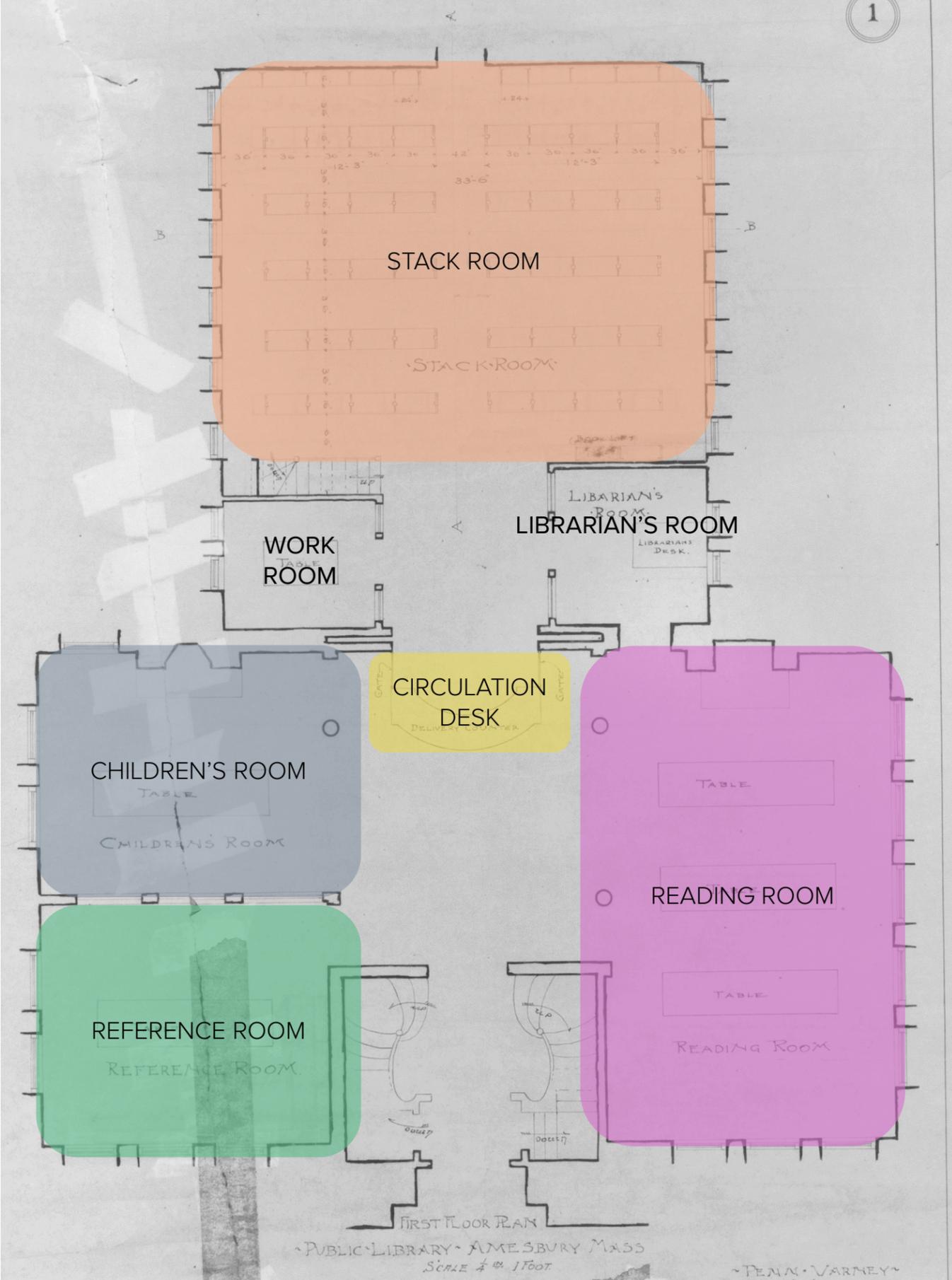
LOWER LEVEL

Original Blueprint Plans

1948 Children's department replaces museum floor to meet increasing demand for service



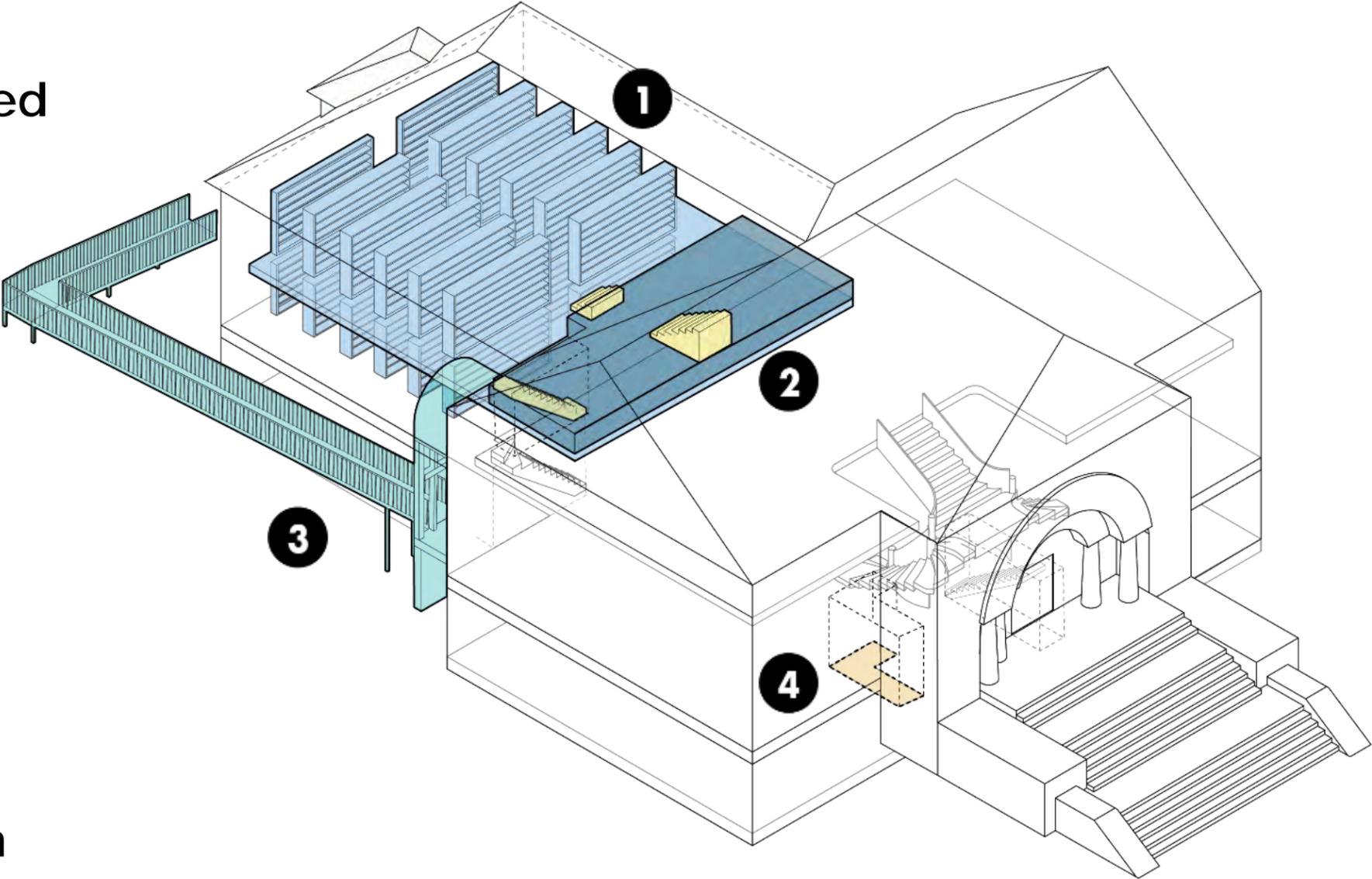
SECOND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR

Library Modifications

- 1** Second Floor Stack Level Added
1955
- 2** Teen Loft Area Added
1955
- 3** Ramp and Vestibule
1960-1970, renovation 2007
- 4** Lower-Level interior renovation
1993



Present-day Amesbury Public Library

Current Floor Plans

- BOOKSHOP
- RESTROOMS
- SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
- STAFF SPACE
- WORK SPACE

- CIRCULATION
- REFERENCE ROOM
- SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
- NEW BOOK DISPLAY
- FICTION STACKS

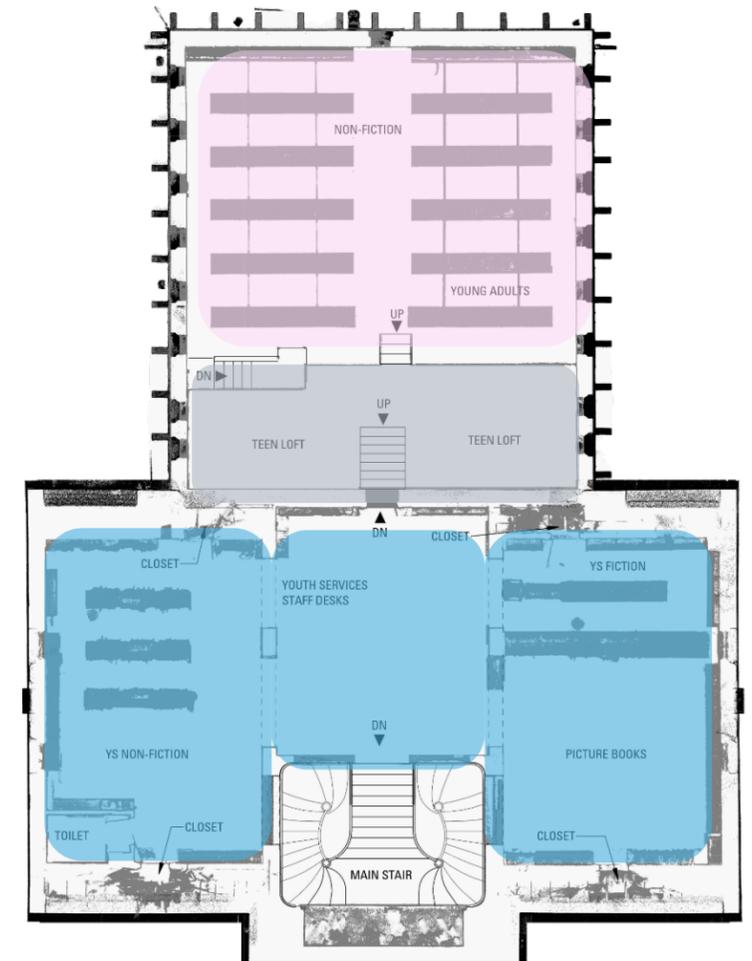
- YOUTH SERVICES
- TEEN LOFT
- NONFICTION STACKS



LOWER LEVEL



FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR

Building Interiors



First Floor Stacks



First Floor Circulation Desk

Building Interiors



Amesbury Room



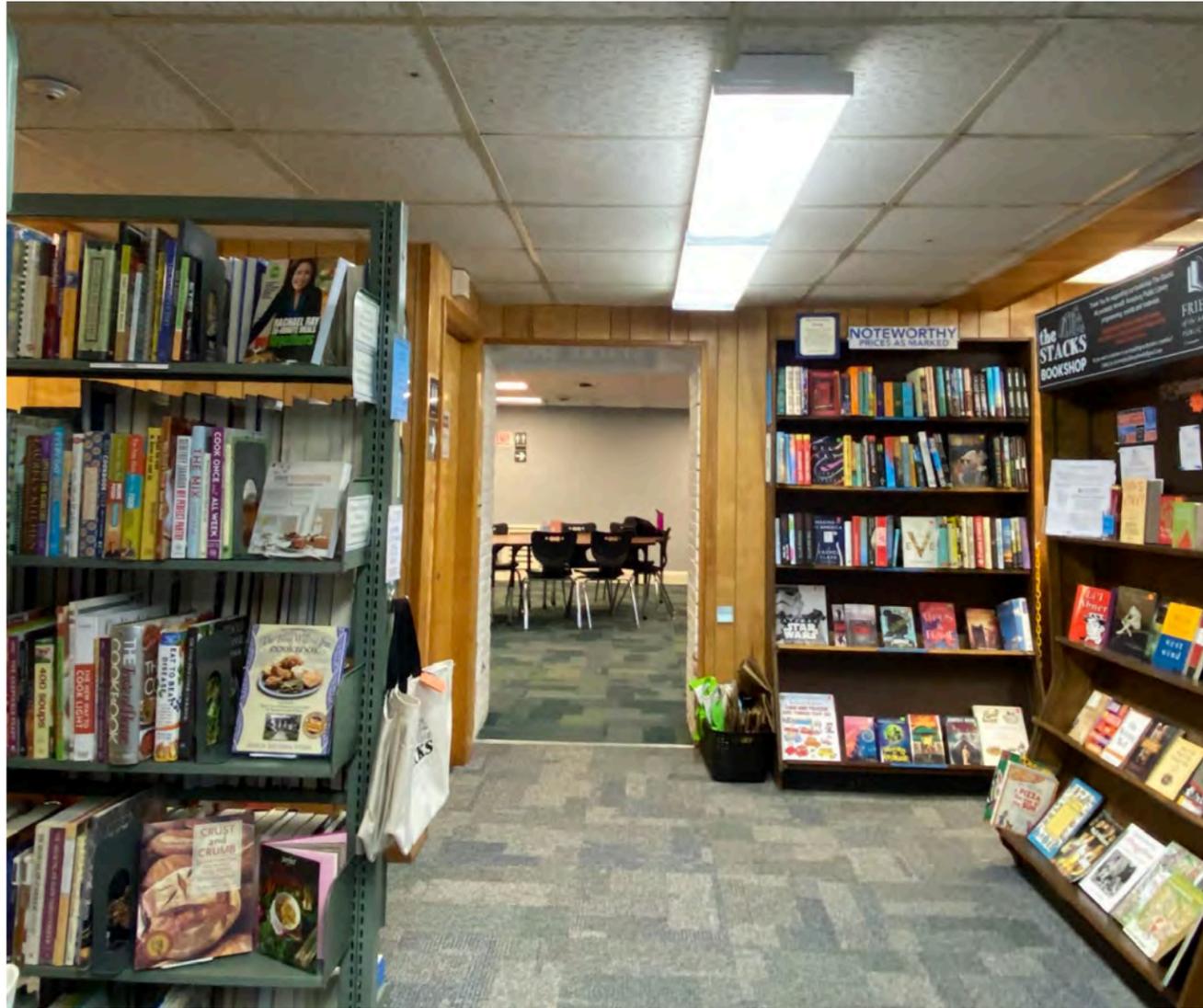
Reference Room

Building Interiors



Second Floor Stacks

Building Interiors



Lower Level Bookshop



Lower Level Workspace

Building Interiors



Children's craft area



Children's Picture Books and Reading Space



Amesbury Public Library: Conditions Assessment



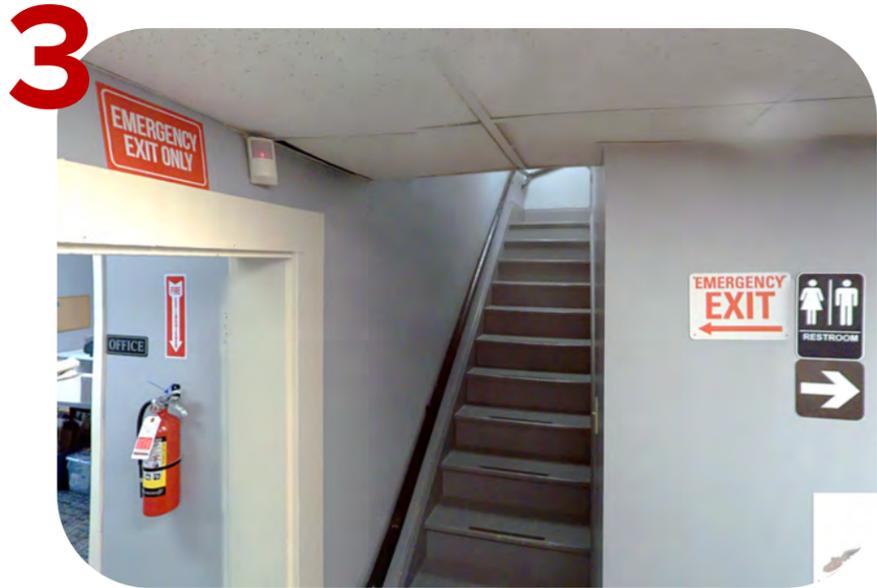
Conditions Assessment Overview



Accessibility



Water Infiltration

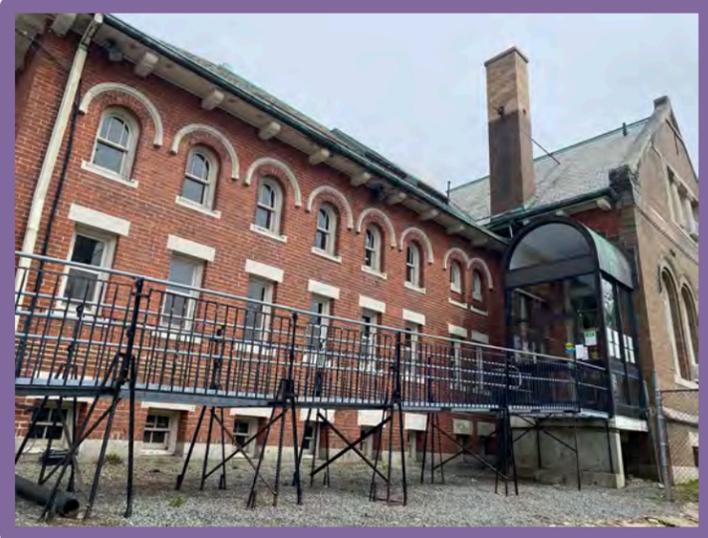


Life Safety + Building Systems

Accessibility – Exterior



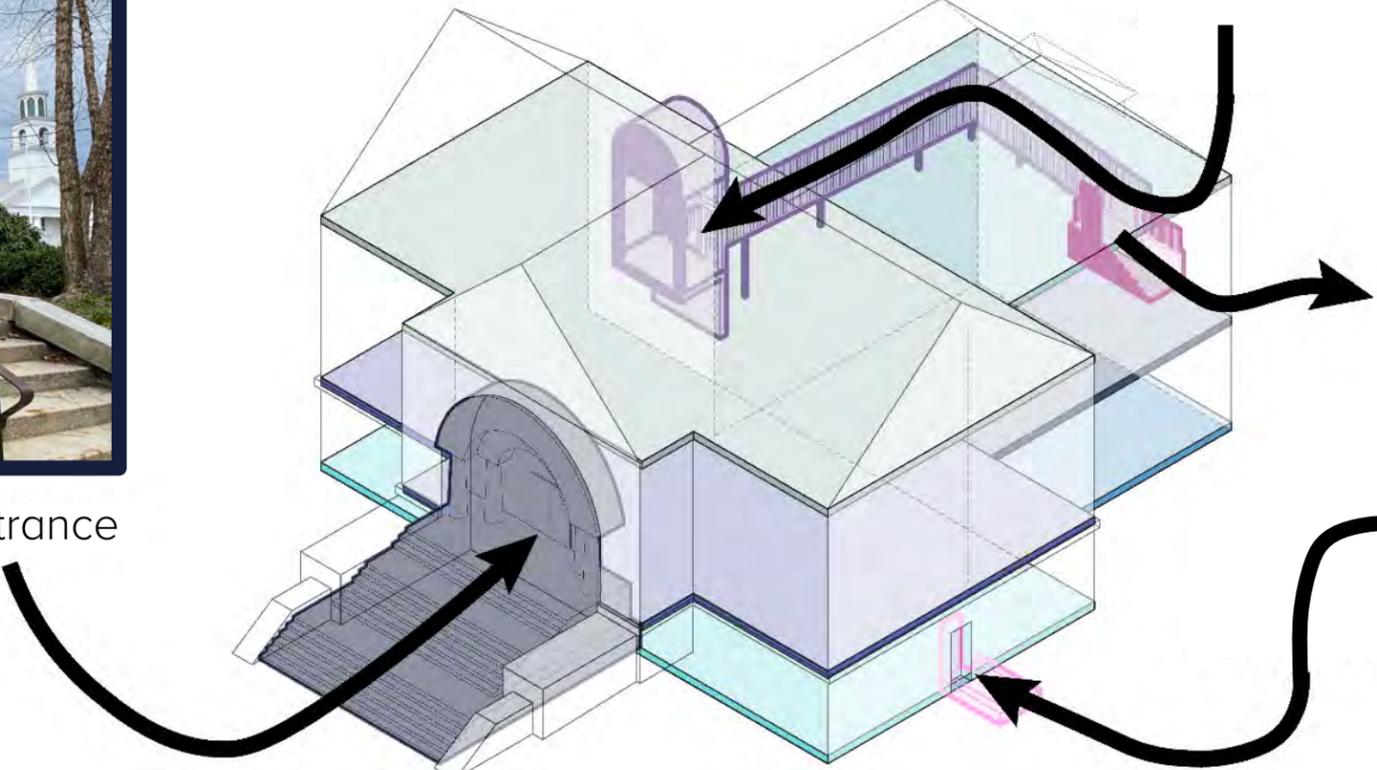
Main Entrance



Accessible Ramp



Emergency Exit



Delivery Entrance



Accessibility – Interior



Accessibility – Hauling Books



Water Infiltration – Exterior

Site Drainage and Low areas
Drains not functioning
Seeps in under doors and through walls



Water Infiltration – Interior

- Gutters + Downspouts
- Flashing
- Ice Dams
- Missing mortar in brick and stone



Thermal Image From Water Infiltration report, 2022



Life Safety + Building Systems



Community Outreach

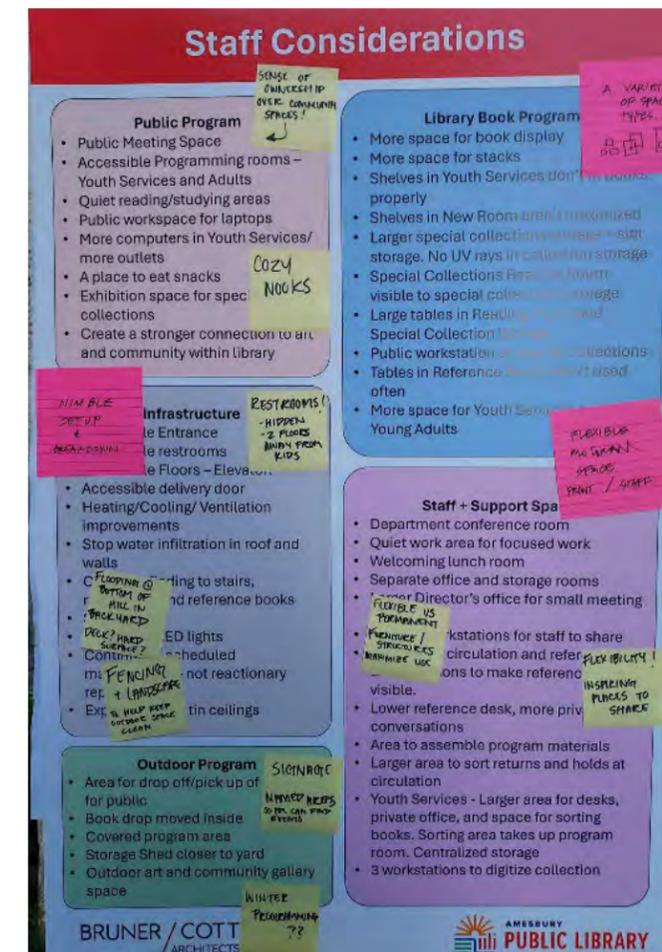
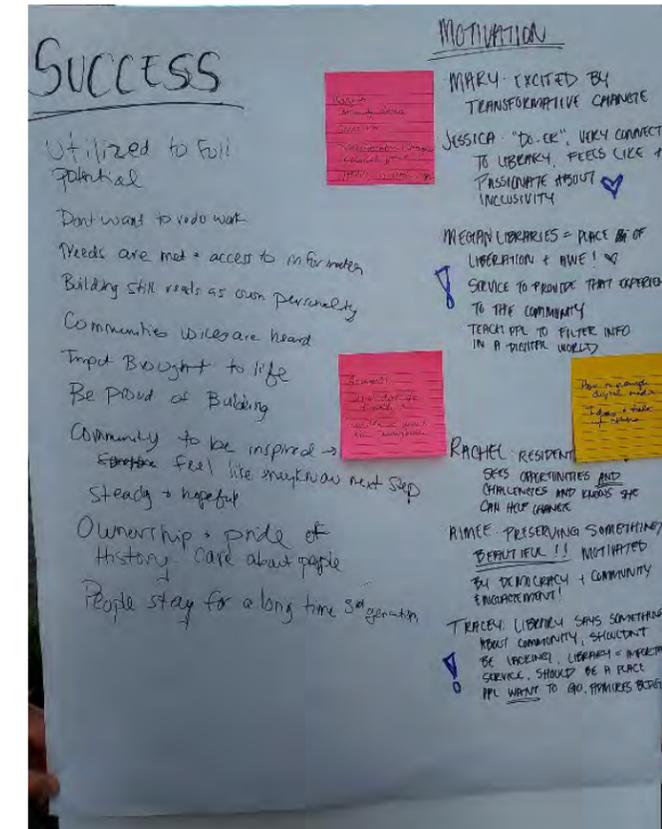
Create a welcoming and inspiring place

Promote multi-generational interaction

Remove physical barriers

Act resourcefully and sustainably

Communicate openly and involve the community



Library Visits + Research

Reading Public Library

Woburn Public Library

Concord Public Library

Hopkinton Public Library

Somerville West Branch Library

Quincy Public Library

Milton Public Library

Rice Public Library, Kittery Maine

North Hampton Library Cultural Center

Aldrich Public Library, Barre VT

Fleet Public Library

Lithgow Public Library, ME

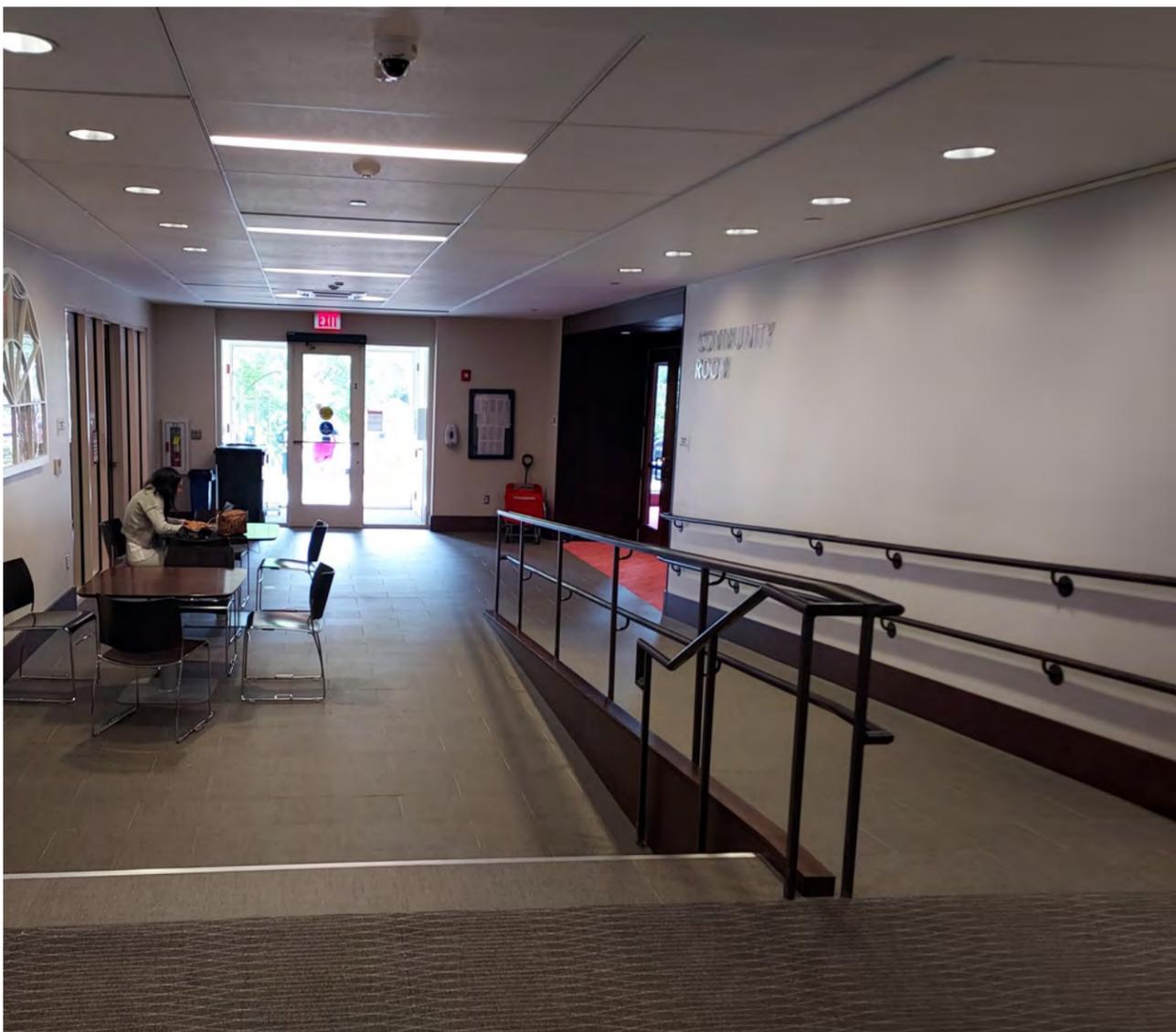
Gloucester Sawyer Free Library

Ames Public Library, Easton MA



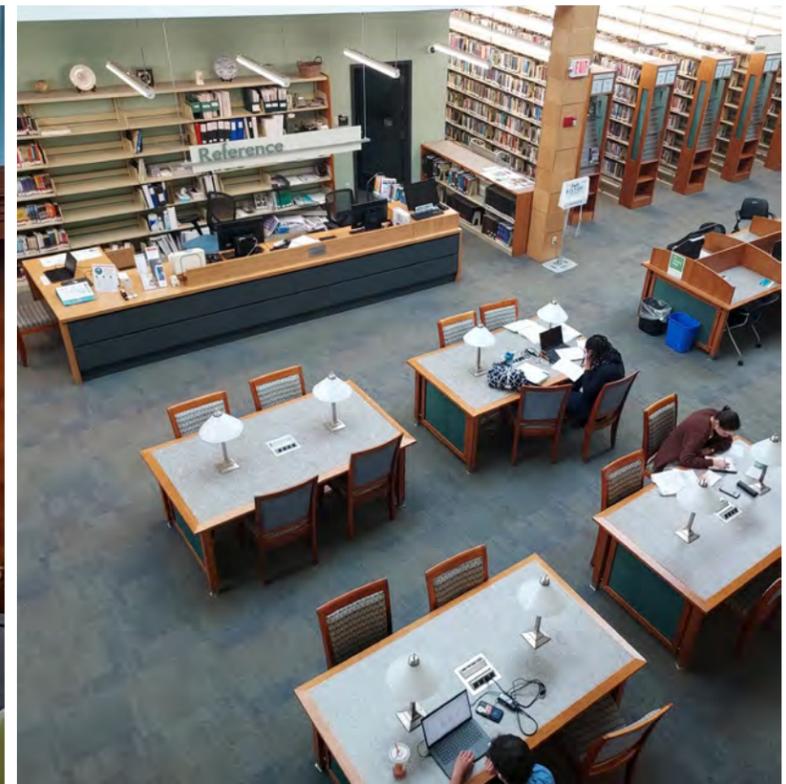
What makes a Library for today and the future?





Lower Level
Keys Community Room
Conference Room
Friends Book Shop

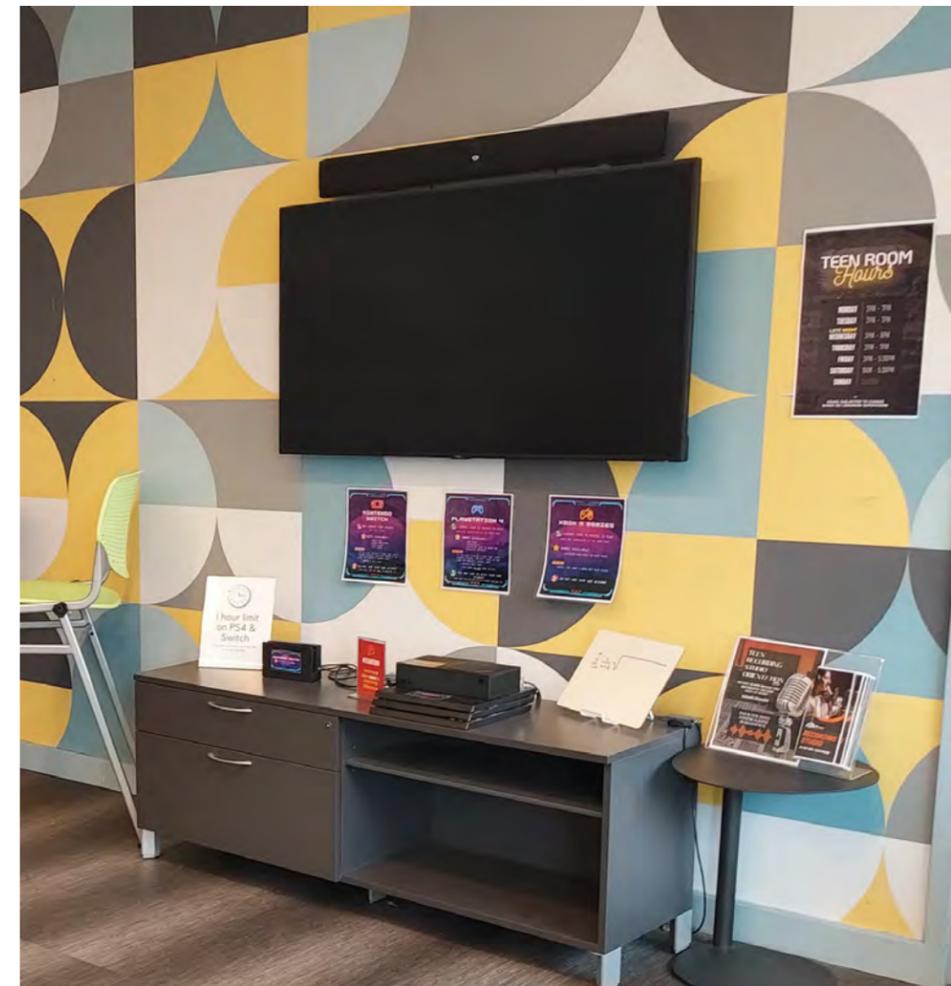
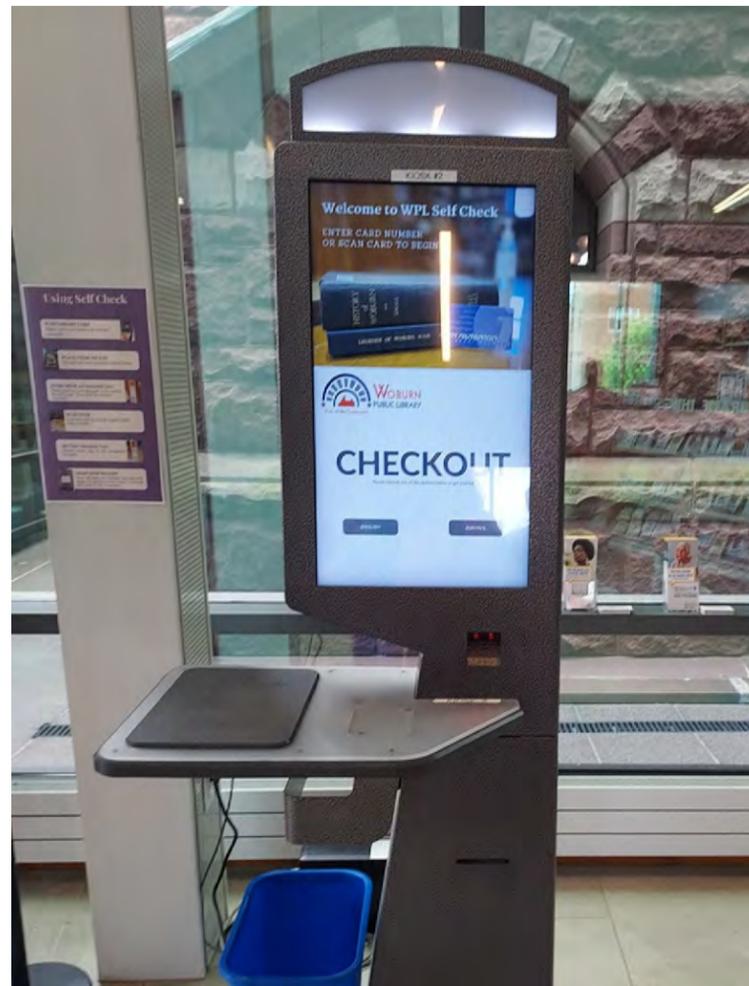
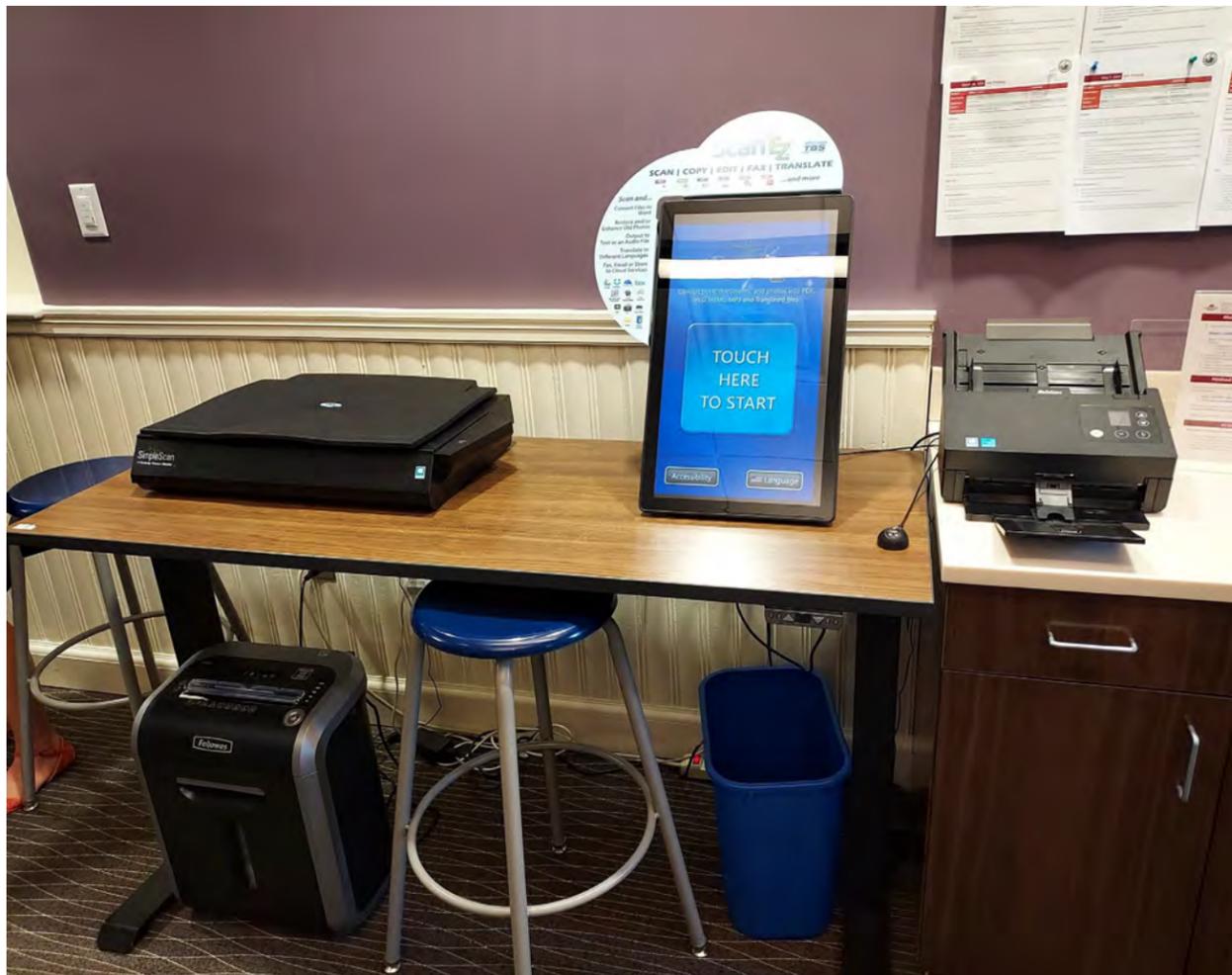
Elevator and Accessibility



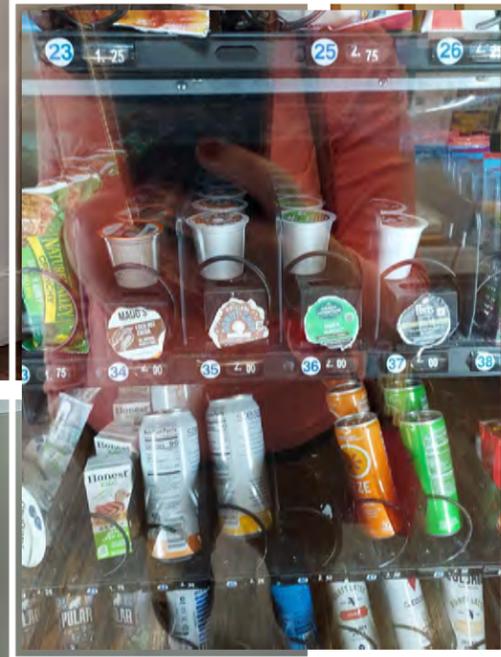
Flexible Work Areas



Private Study Rooms and Nooks



Technology Area with Modern Applications



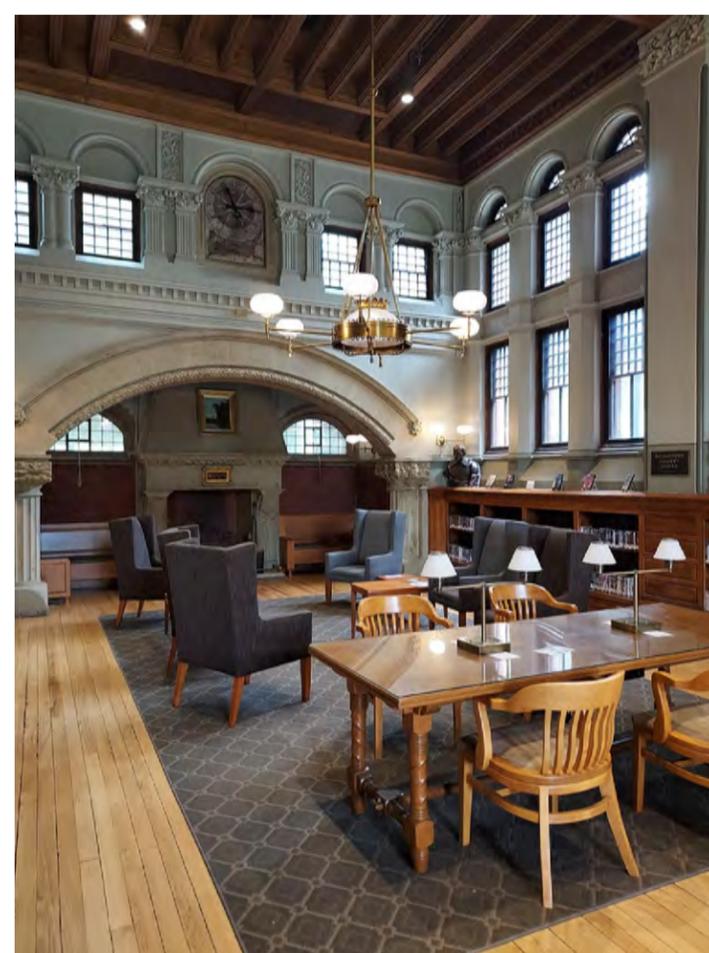
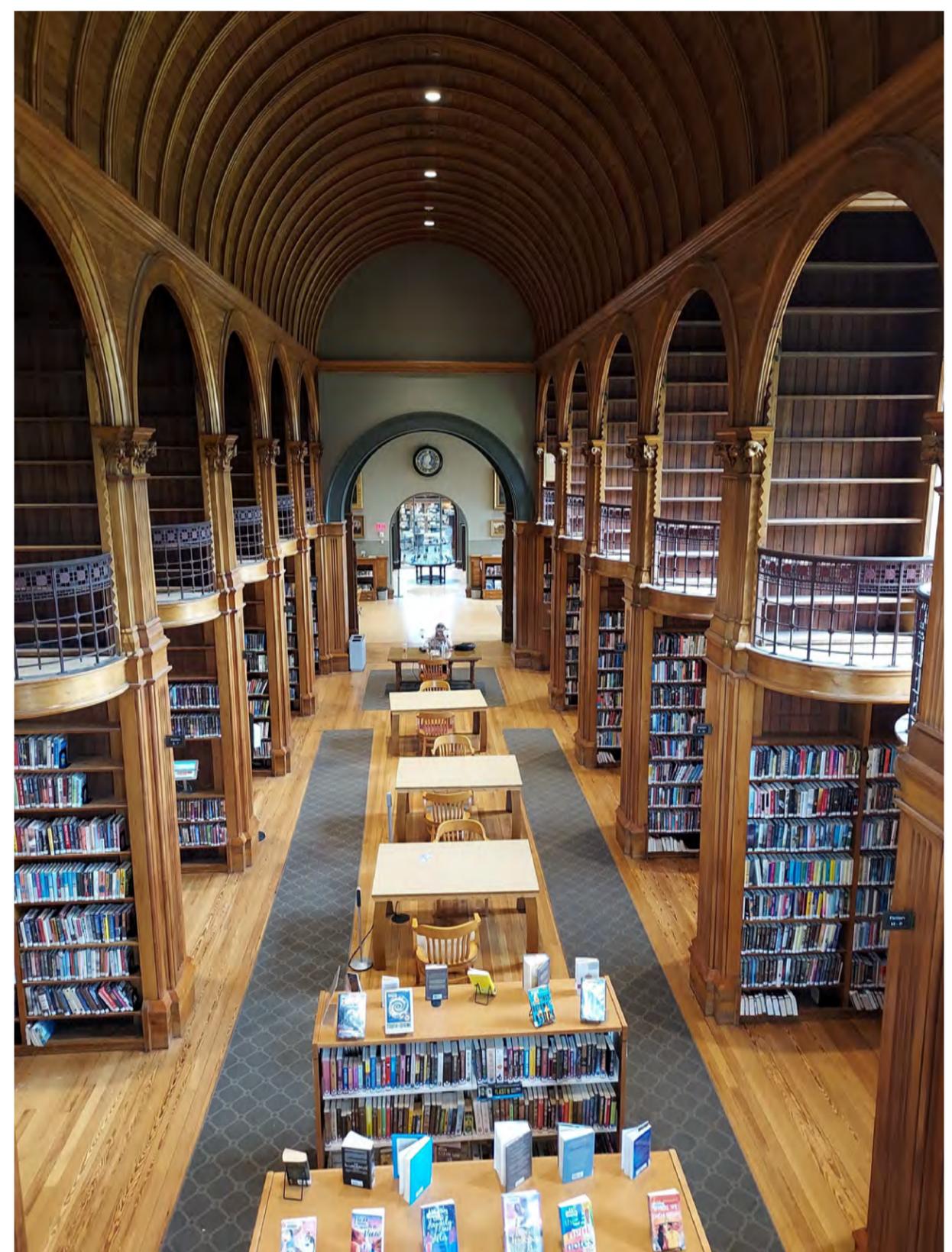
Amenities and Snacks



Charging Stations and Electrical Outlets

What makes a Library a Community Asset?

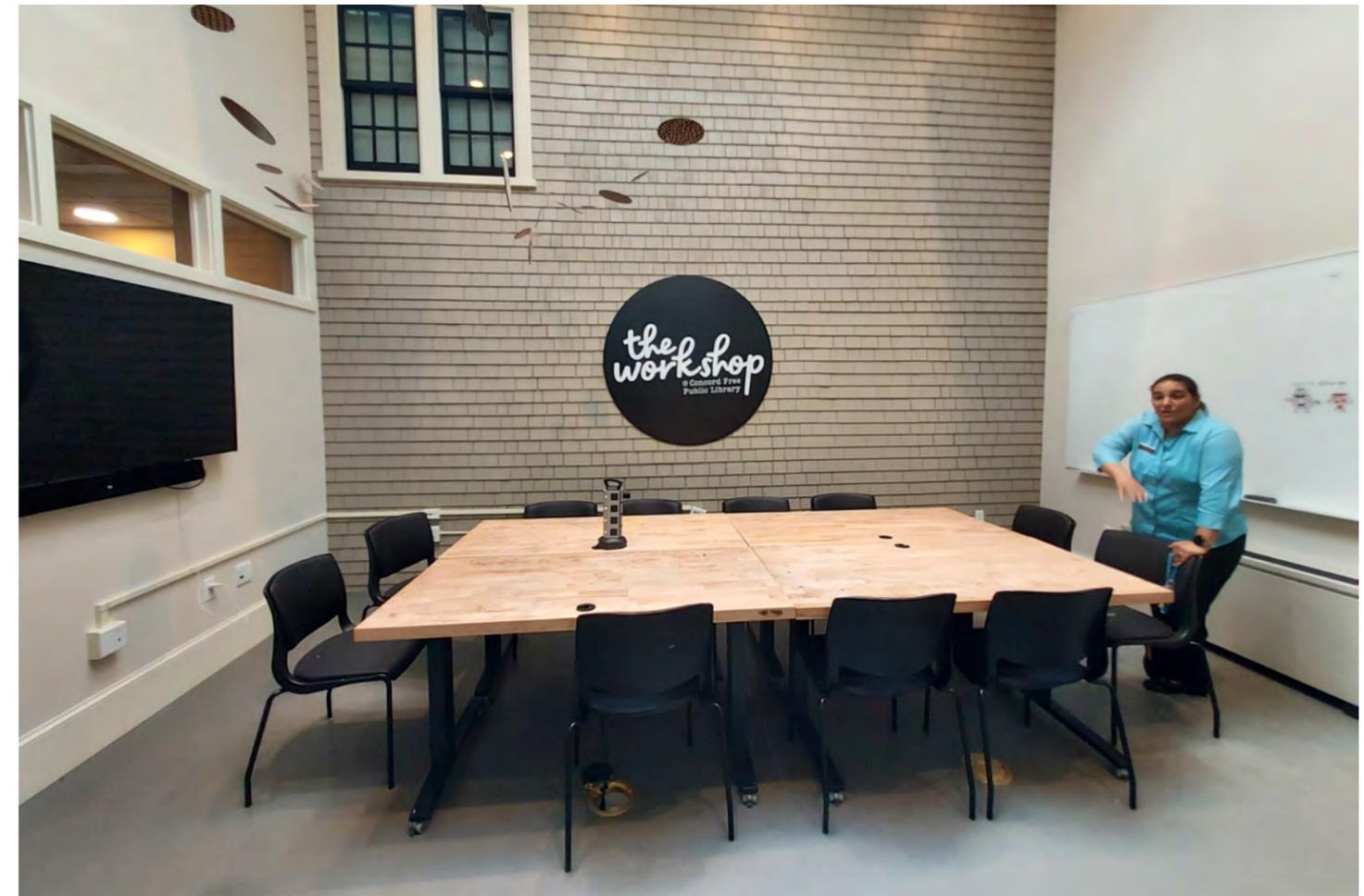




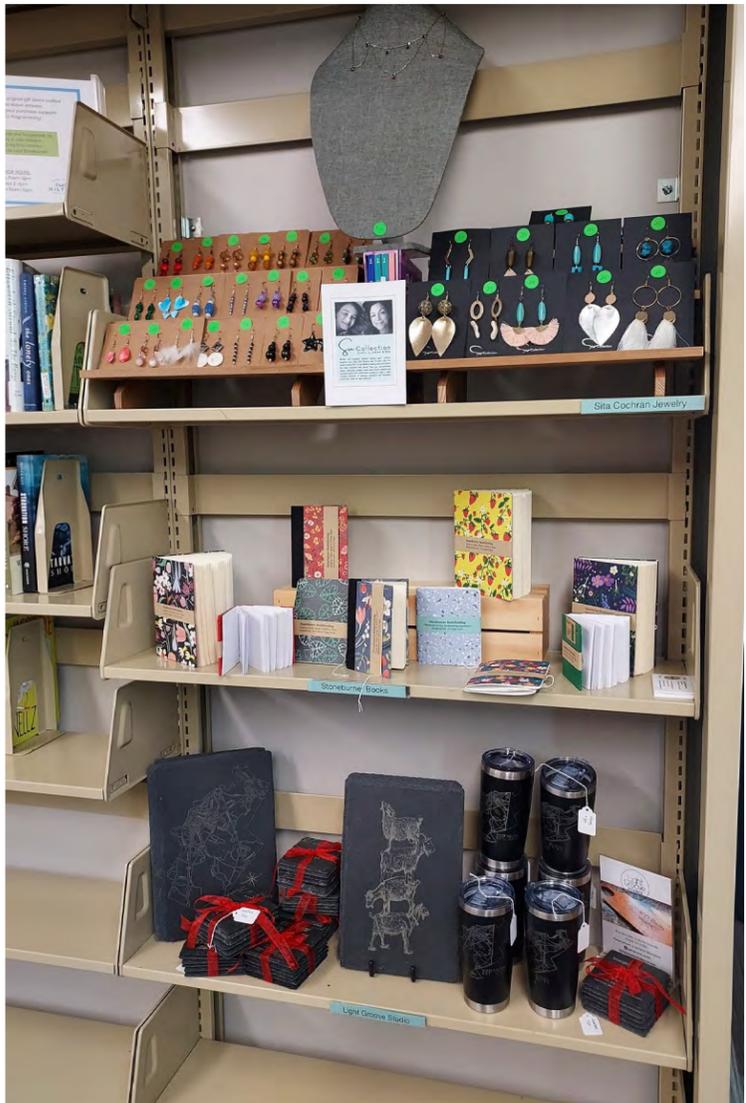
Beauty and Awe



Community Meeting Rooms



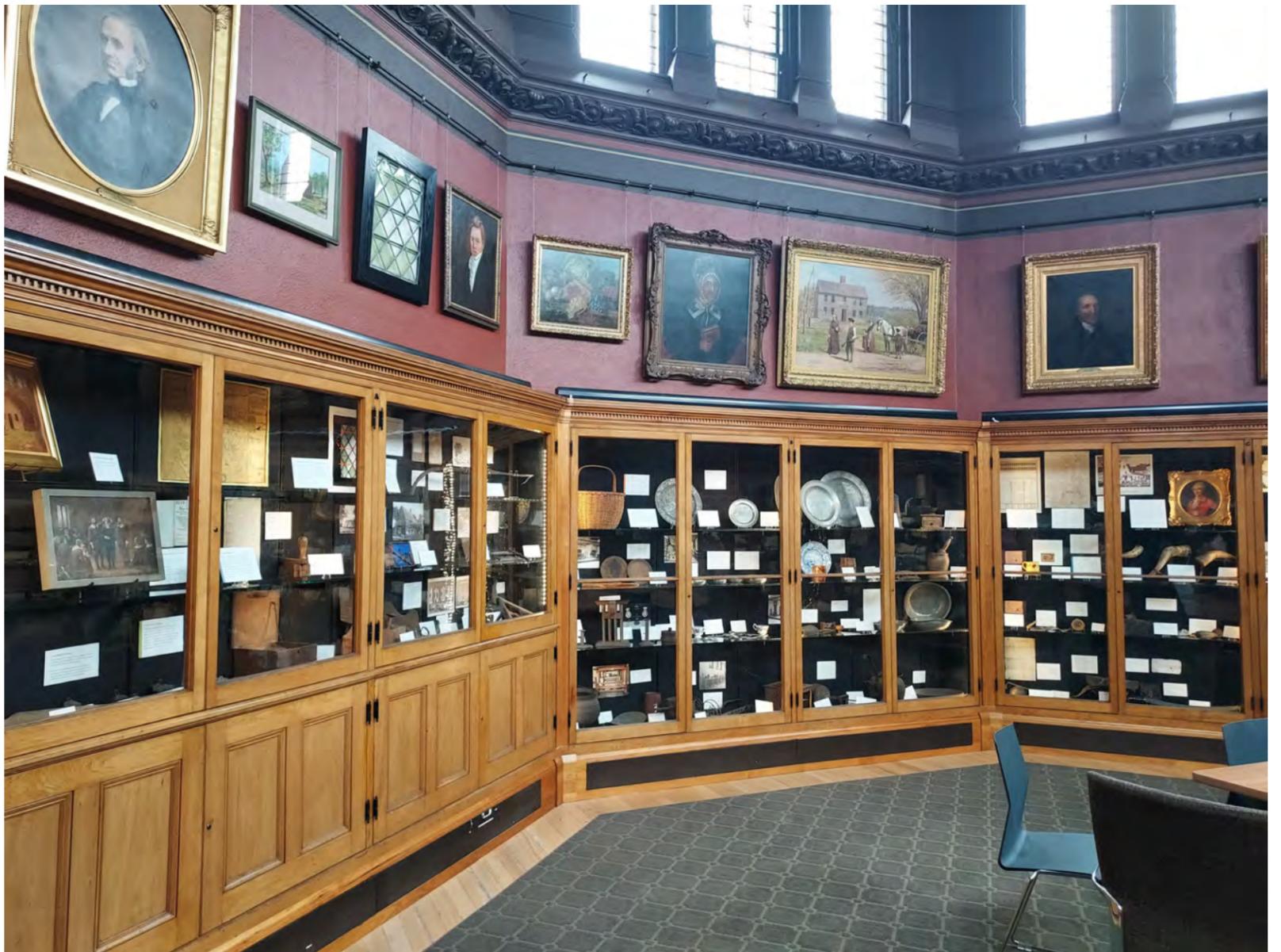
Program Rooms to Gather



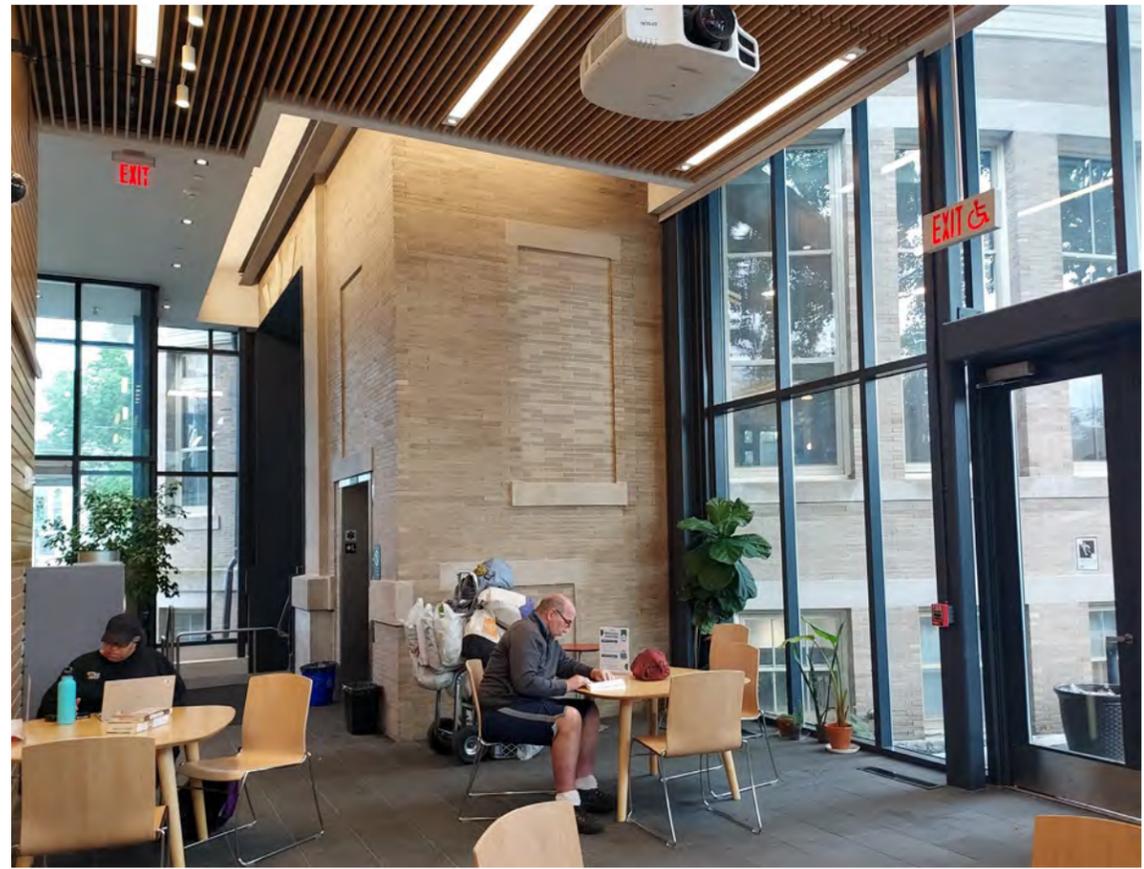
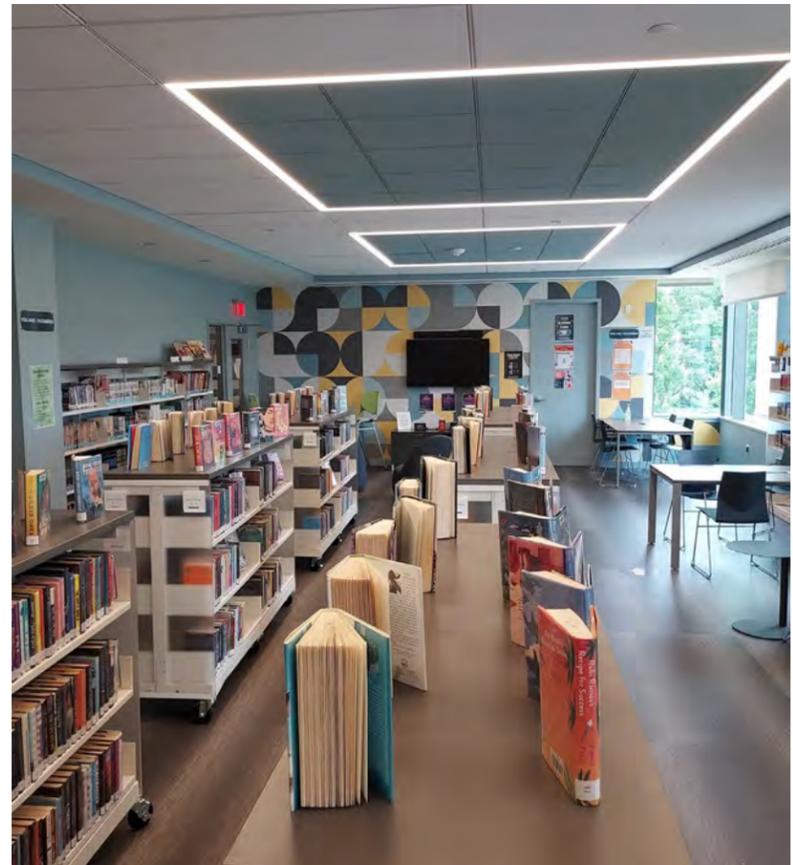
Exhibits and Local Artists Display



Spaces for Social Connections



Community and Historic Resources



A Free Place to Use and Belong

Prioritization of Recommendations

**Immediate
1-2 years**

Criteria:

Life Safety

Water + pest intrusion

Small Effort/ Big Reward:

Space Reallocation

Furniture

Outdoor upgrades

Indoor air quality

Program outreach

**Short-Term
3-5 years**

Criteria:

Accessibility Compliance

**Building Code + Systems
upgrades**

**Wholistic Envelope
Repairs**

Major program changes

**Climate Action + Energy
Reduction**

**Long-Term
Beyond 5 years**

Criteria:

**Expansion of space to
fulfill Library Mission**

safe place to talk, sit, and be

inclusive

diversity of activity and working environments

accessible to all

cared for

grand and in awe

How Should You Feel when using the Amesbury Public Library?

greeted

engaged

modern resources

clean

historic building

respect for all ages

warm

comfortable furniture and temperature

exploration and discovery

Tell Us More

How do you feel when you use the Library?

How can APL be more connected to you and your needs?

How can APL become a more valuable resource for Amesbury?