

**REVITALIZING
THE HISTORIC
RICHMOND
MAIN
LIBRARY
8/15/24**

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**REVITALIZATION OF HISTORIC RICHMOND
MAIN LIBRARY**

CITY OF RICHMOND

03/21/2022

- State of California Library Building Forward Grant – \$9.7 million
- ARPA Funds - \$2.2 million
- General Capital Fund - \$16.9 million
- Impact Fees - \$1 million



- Provide 21st Century Spaces and Resources
- Maintain Historic Character of the Library
- Increase Public Safety
- Celebrate the Community through Public Art



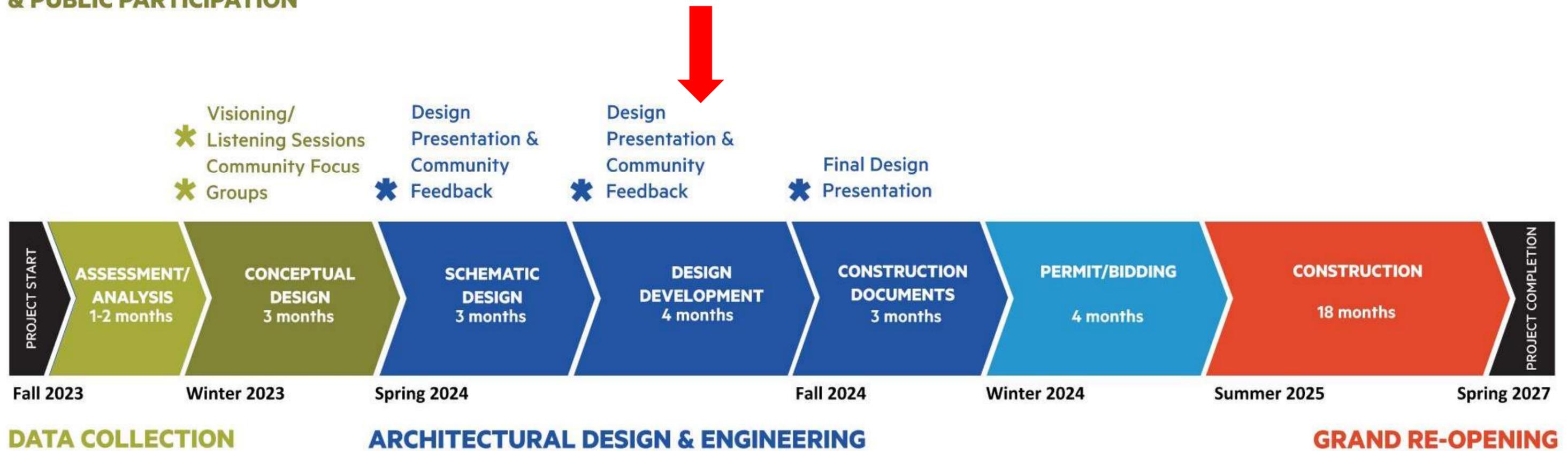
ENGAGING THE RICHMOND COMMUNITY

We heard from **539** Library users through our **Online Survey**, and we spoke with **143** Richmond residents in nine **Group Meetings** reaching a total of **682**.

Renovation of Historic Richmond Library Schedule

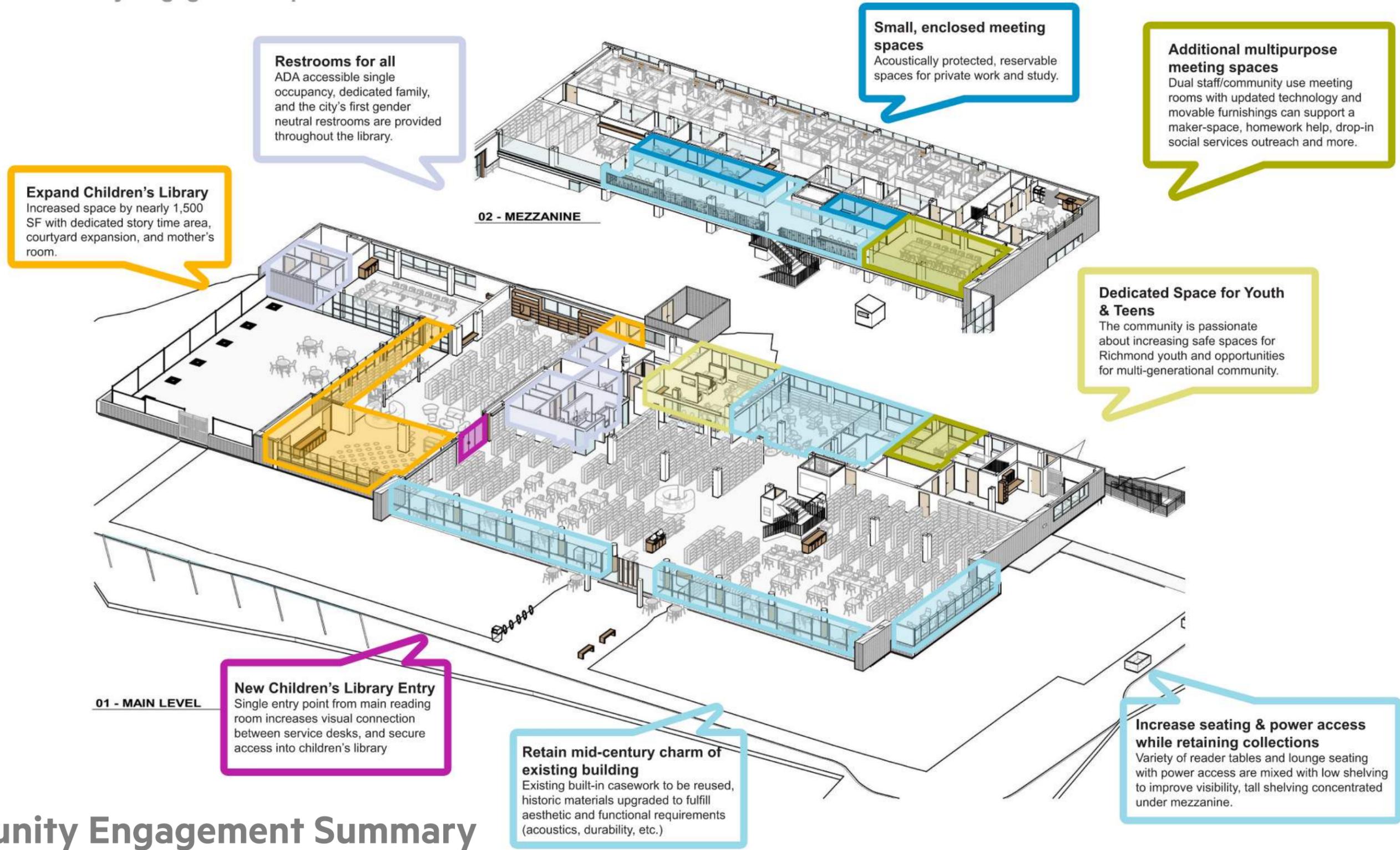
COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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WHAT WE HEARD

Community Engagement Input



Restrooms for all
 ADA accessible single occupancy, dedicated family, and the city's first gender neutral restrooms are provided throughout the library.

Expand Children's Library
 Increased space by nearly 1,500 SF with dedicated story time area, courtyard expansion, and mother's room.

Small, enclosed meeting spaces
 Acoustically protected, reservable spaces for private work and study.

Additional multipurpose meeting spaces
 Dual staff/community use meeting rooms with updated technology and movable furnishings can support a maker-space, homework help, drop-in social services outreach and more.

Dedicated Space for Youth & Teens
 The community is passionate about increasing safe spaces for Richmond youth and opportunities for multi-generational community.

New Children's Library Entry
 Single entry point from main reading room increases visual connection between service desks, and secure access into children's library

Retain mid-century charm of existing building
 Existing built-in casework to be reused, historic materials upgraded to fulfill aesthetic and functional requirements (acoustics, durability, etc.)

Increase seating & power access while retaining collections
 Variety of reader tables and lounge seating with power access are mixed with low shelving to improve visibility, tall shelving concentrated under mezzanine.

Community Engagement Summary

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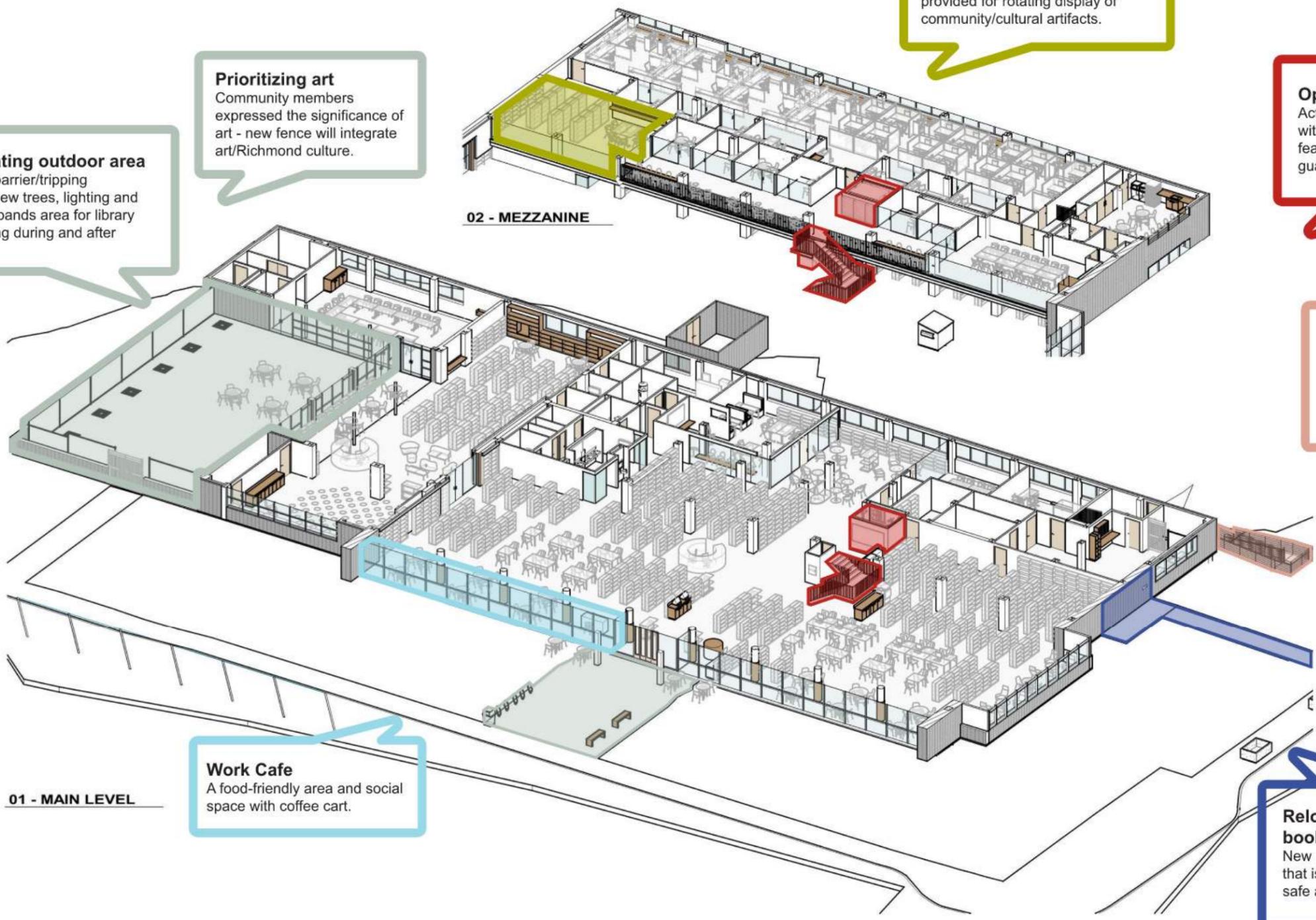
Rejuvenating outdoor area
Removing barrier/tripping hazards + new trees, lighting and furniture expands area for library programming during and after hours.

Prioritizing art
Community members expressed the significance of art - new fence will integrate art/Richmond culture.

Relocate local history collection
For increased public access, space provided for rotating display of community/cultural artifacts.

Optimize existing space
Activate previously unused mezzanine with new accessible elevator, single feature stair, and transparent custom guardrail.

Accessible staff entrance
New stairs and a switchback ramp allows for easy staff entrance, promoting more employment opportunities for all members of Richmond's community.



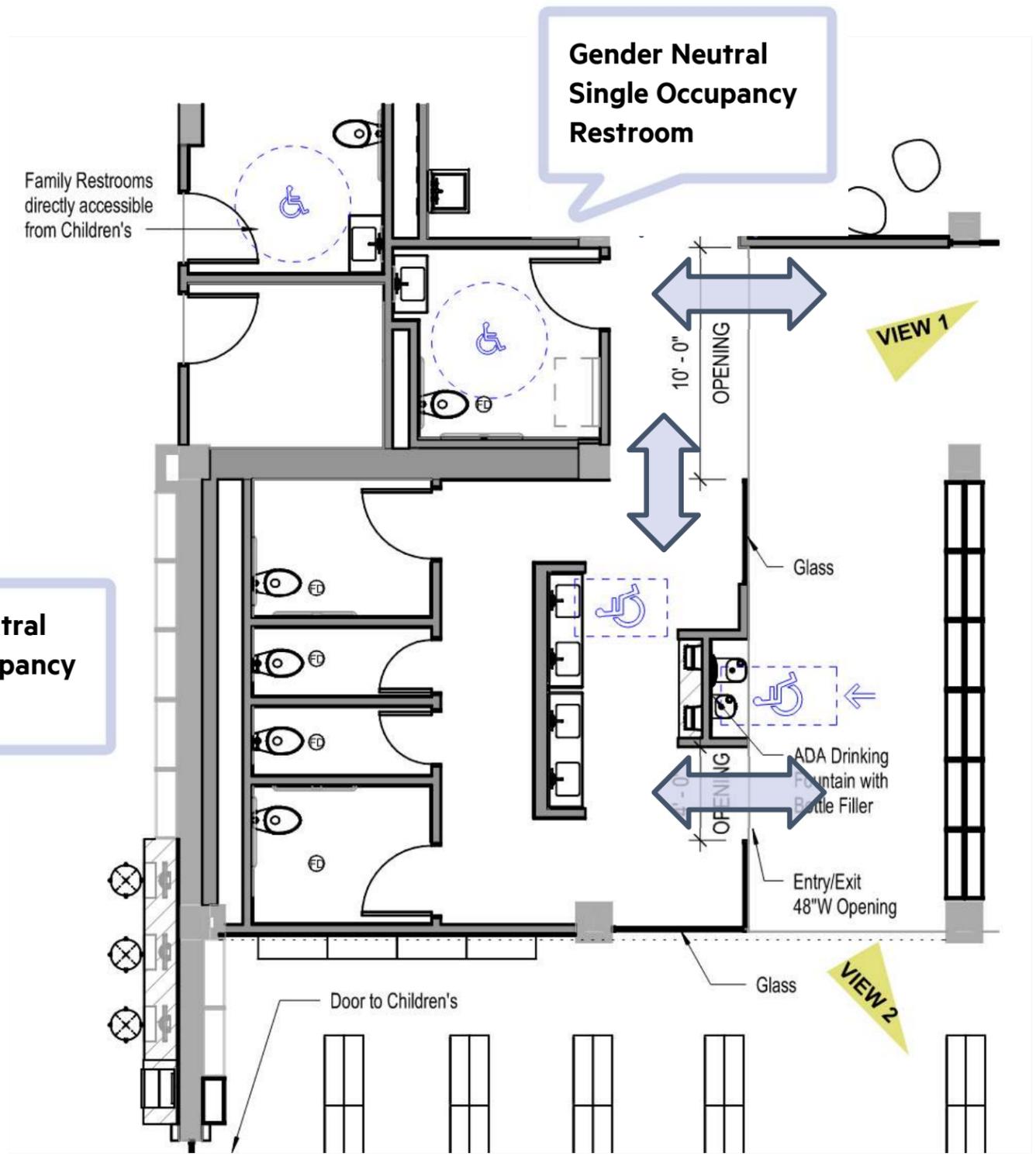
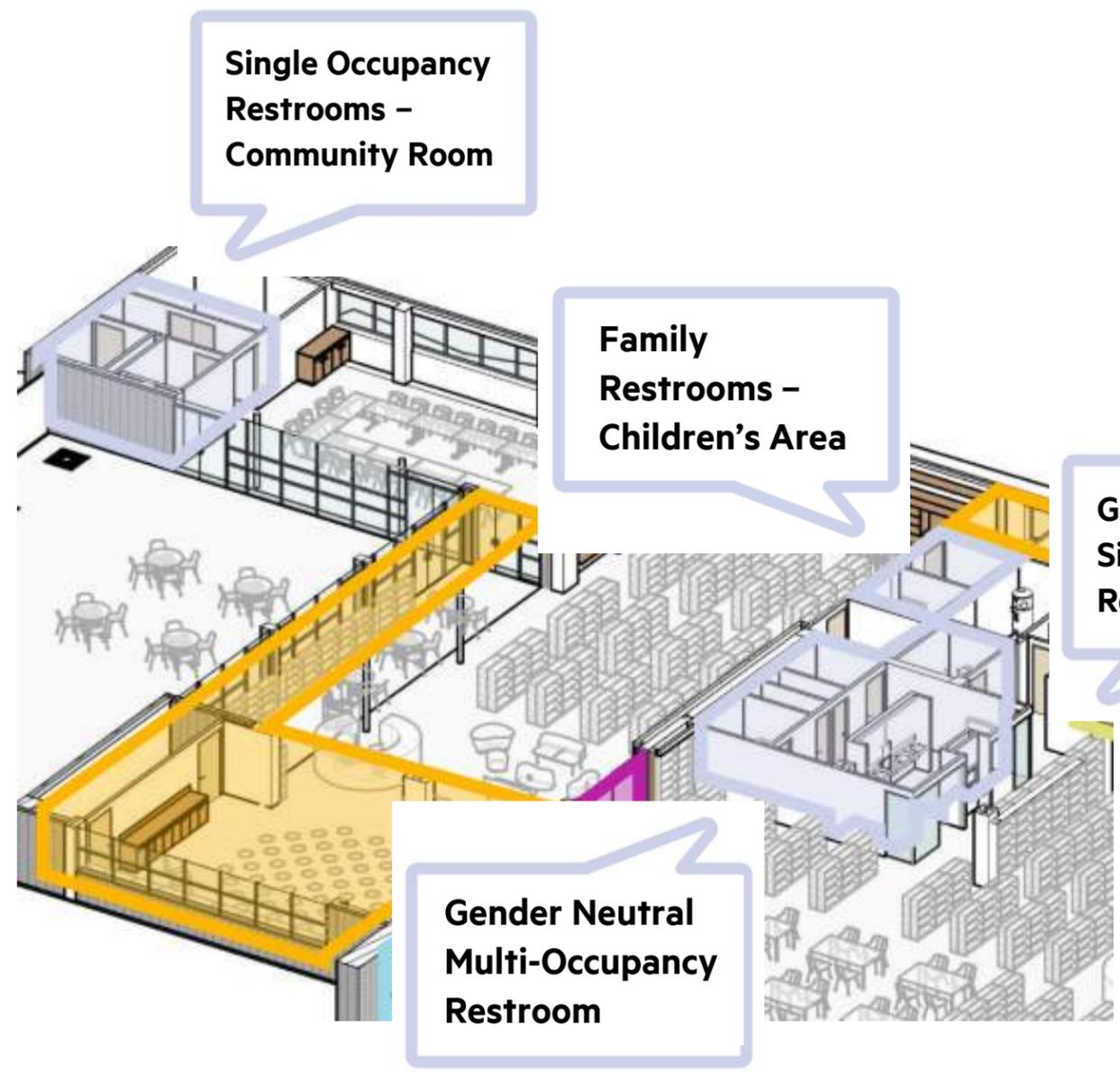
Work Cafe
A food-friendly area and social space with coffee cart.

Relocate after hours exterior book drop
New paved walkway from Nevin Ave. that is well lit acts as a convenient and safe after hours book drop.

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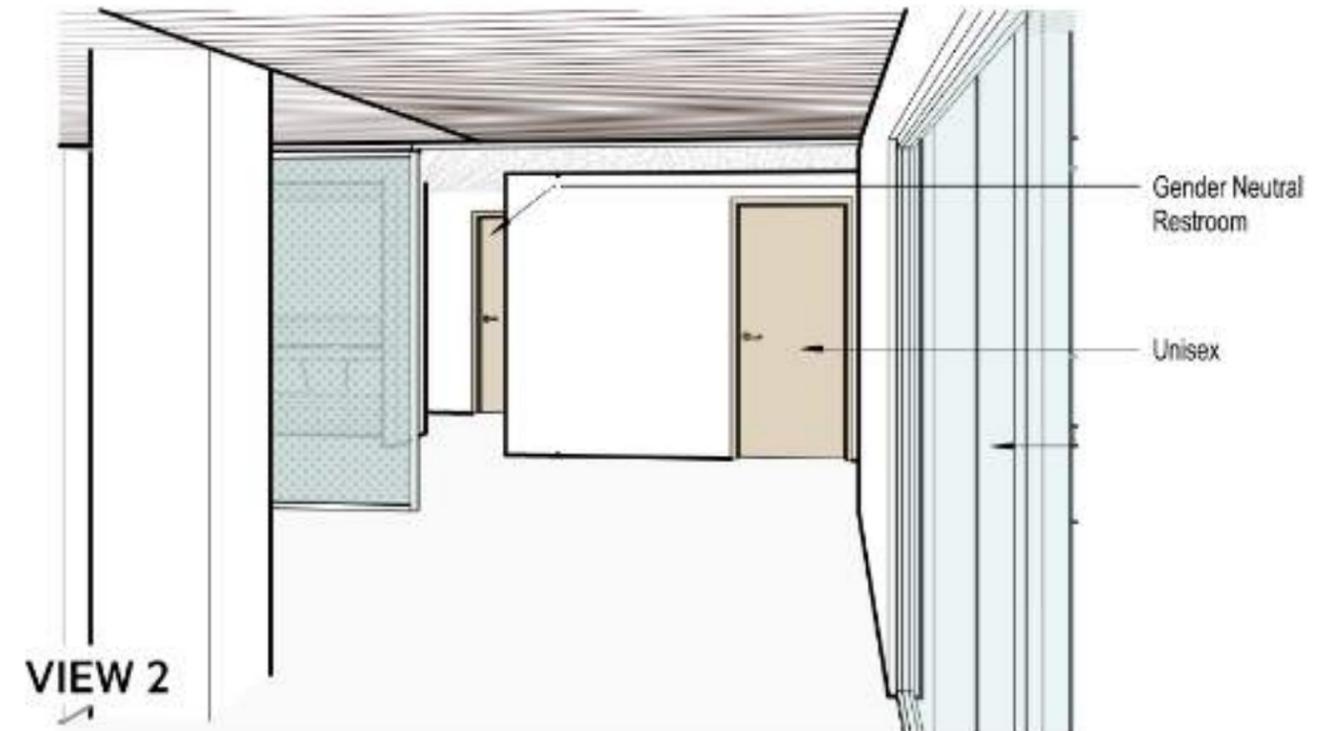
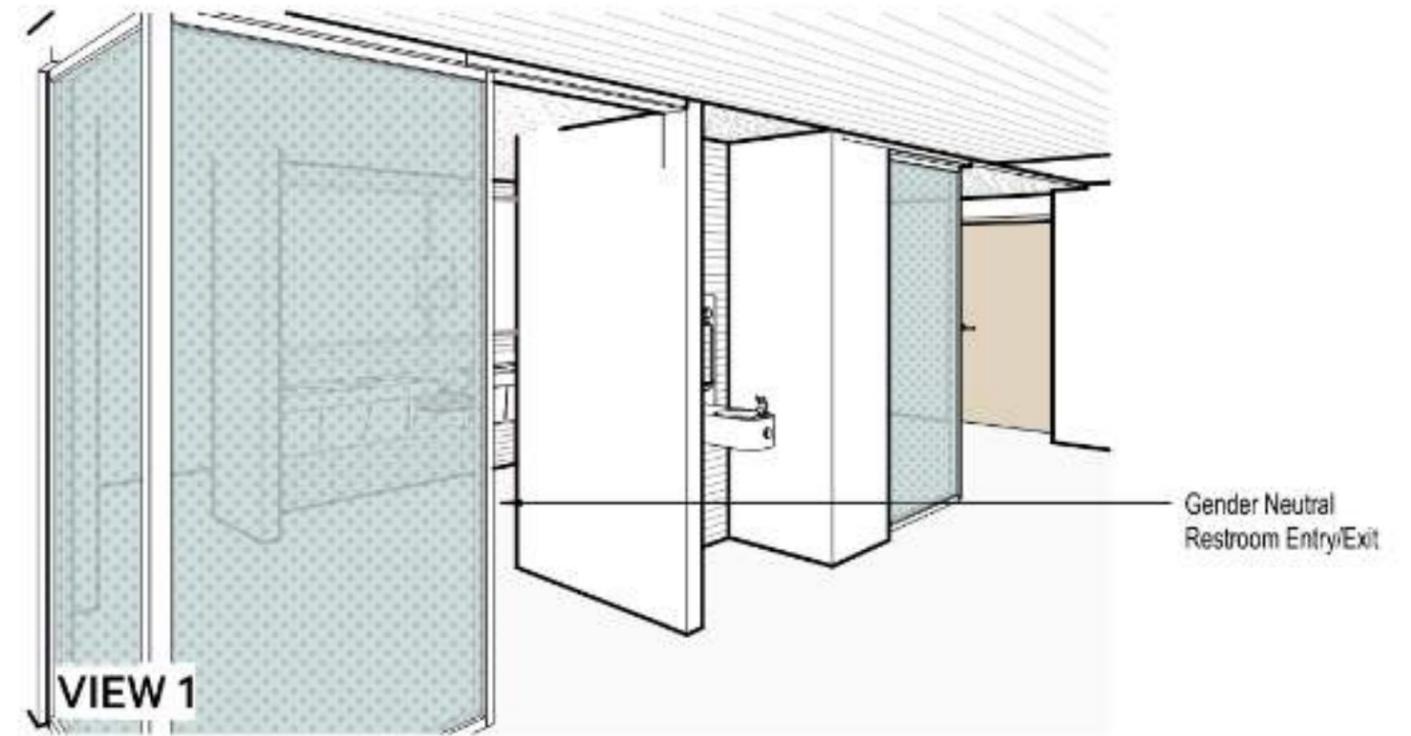
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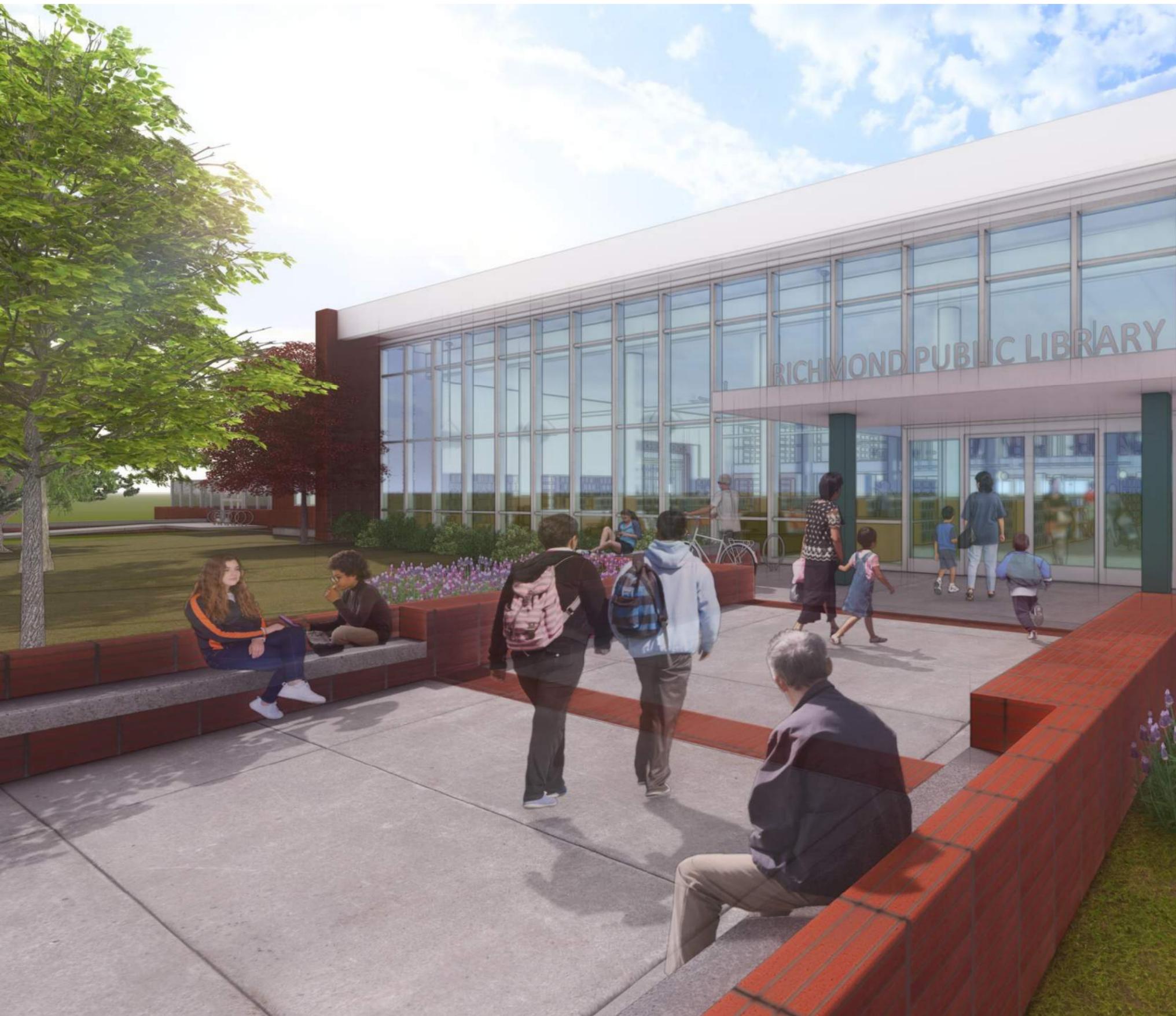
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- Safety Features – patterned glass partitions and multiple exits



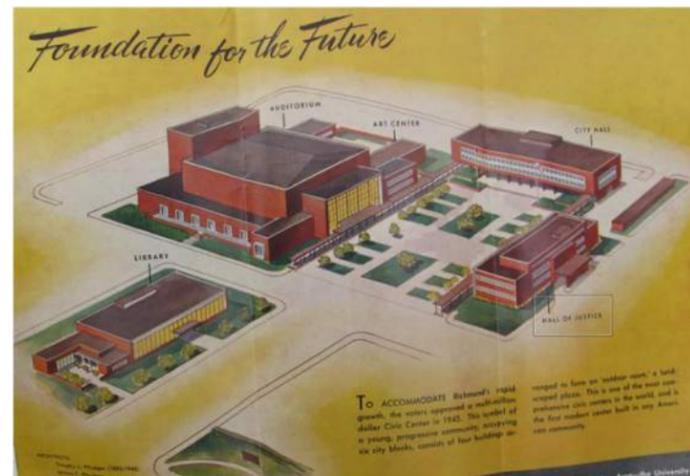


DESIGN CONCEPT STATEMENT



The Richmond Public Library's first major renovation since opening in 1949 melds the mid-century charm of the historic civic building with the vibrant spirit of the city's storytellers.

At all levels of the engagement process we heard a need to honor the resilience, creativity, and unique contributions of women and BIPOC communities, specifically African Americans, Indigenous, Latinx, and Asian Americans, to Richmond culture.



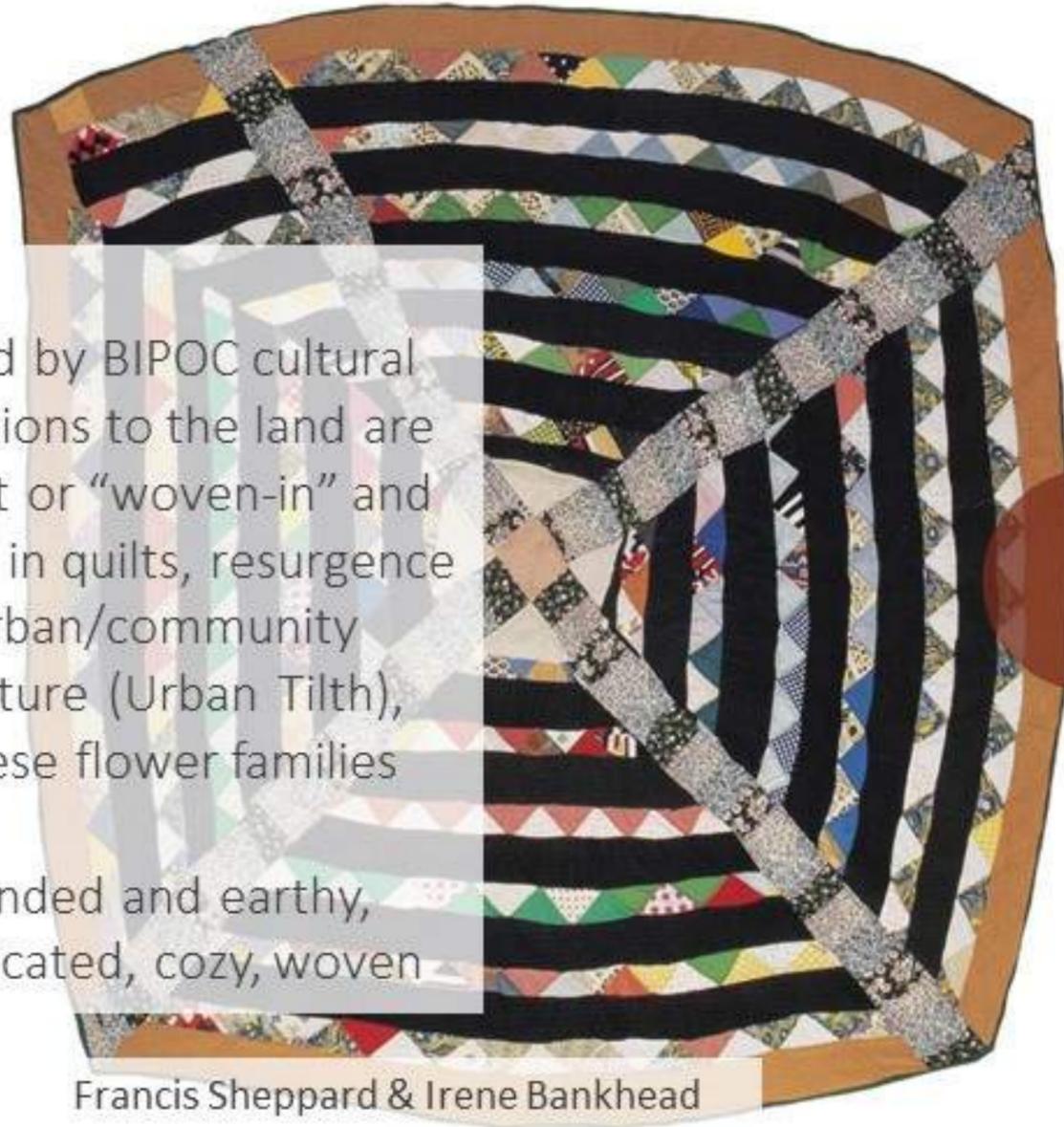
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ANCESTRAL ROOTS | INSPIRATION

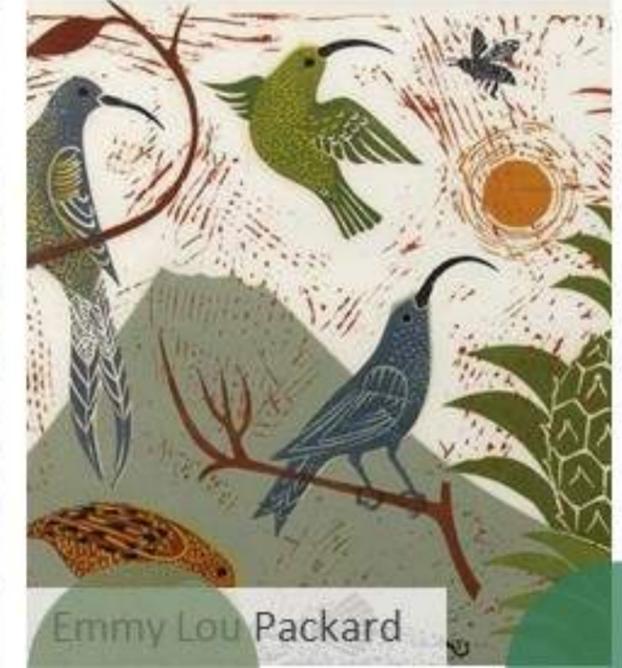
Inspired by BIPOC cultural connections to the land are inherent or “woven-in” and depicted in quilts, resurgence of urban/community agriculture (Urban Tilth), Japanese flower families

Grounded and earthy, sophisticated, cozy, woven

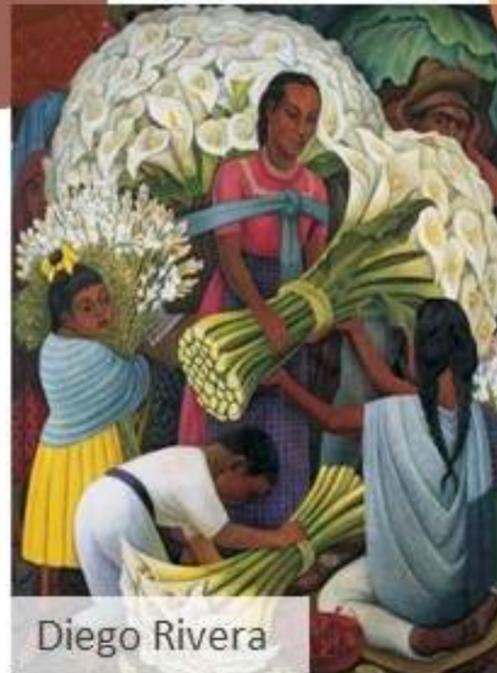
Francis Sheppard & Irene Bankhead



Denis Perez Bravo



Emmy Lou Packard

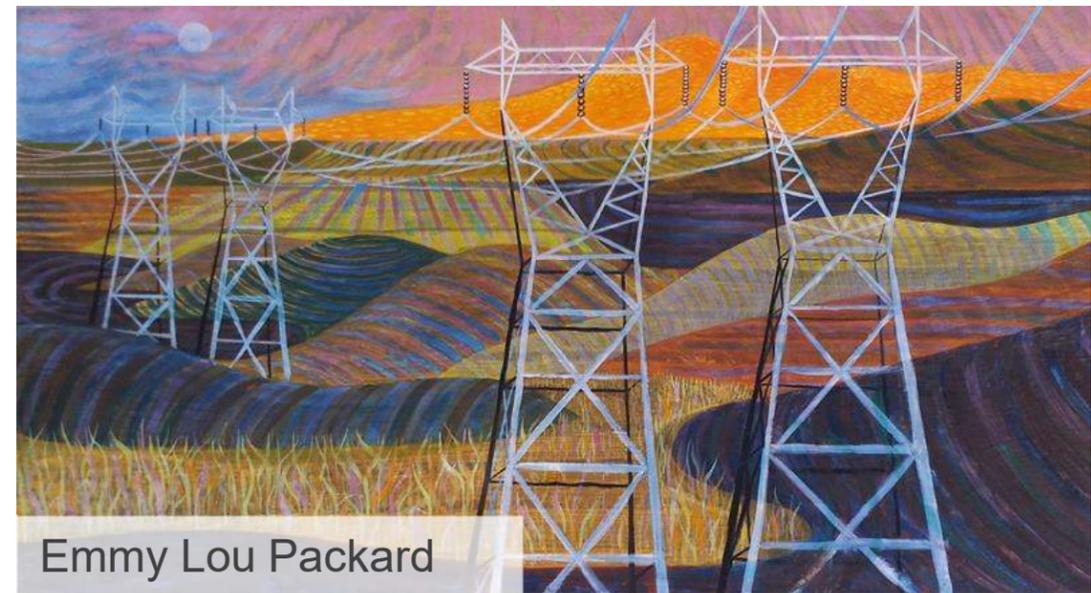


Diego Rivera



Urban Tilth

Inspirational artists include Emmy Lou Packard, Rosie Lee Tompkins, Sherry Byrd (and family), John Wehrle, Victor Arnautoff, Diego Rivera, Faith Ringgold, Jacob Lawrence, Gees Bend Quilts, NIAD (various artists), and Abi Mustapha

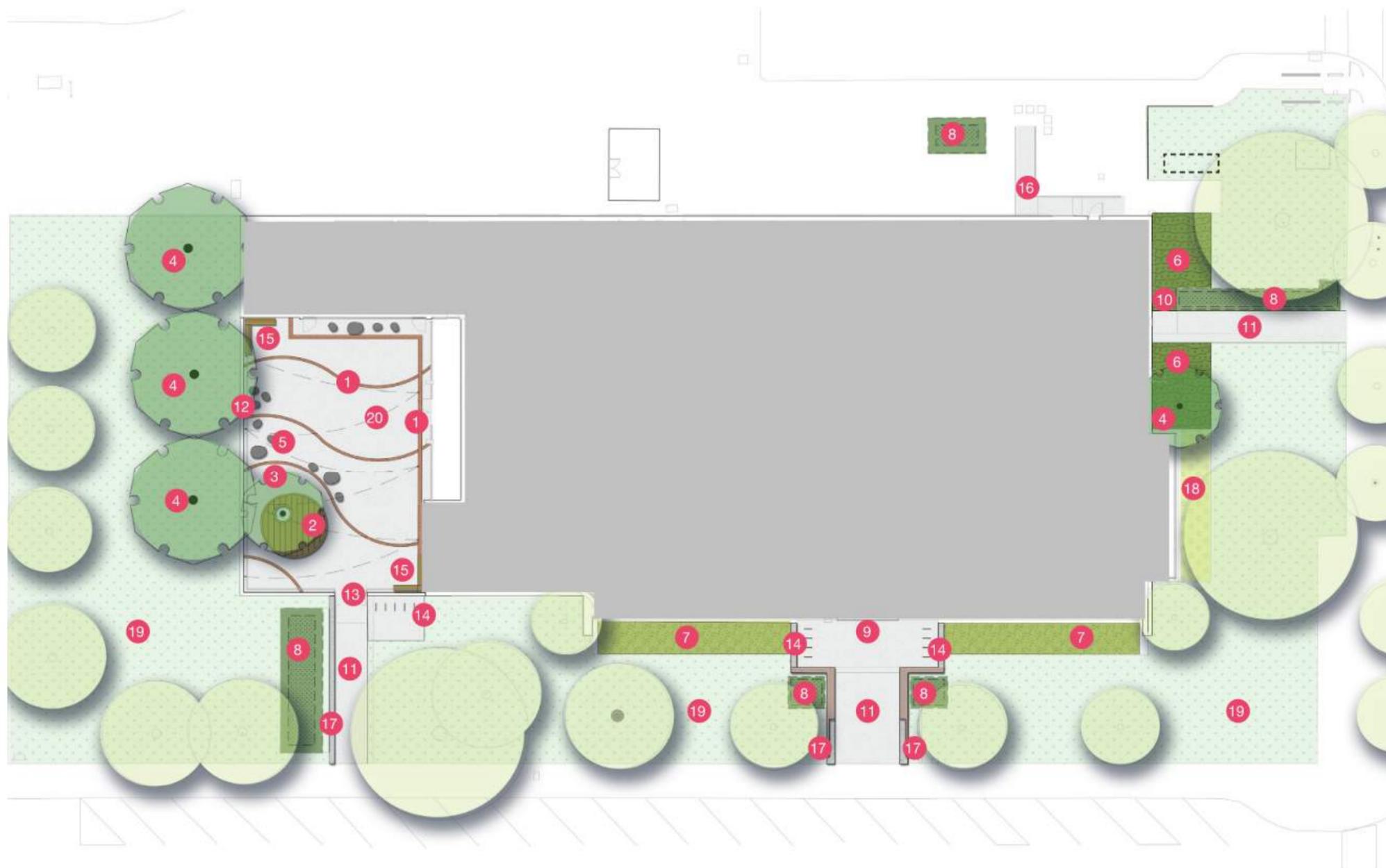


Emmy Lou Packard

Mediums/Styles of Artwork



Rendering – Library Main Entry

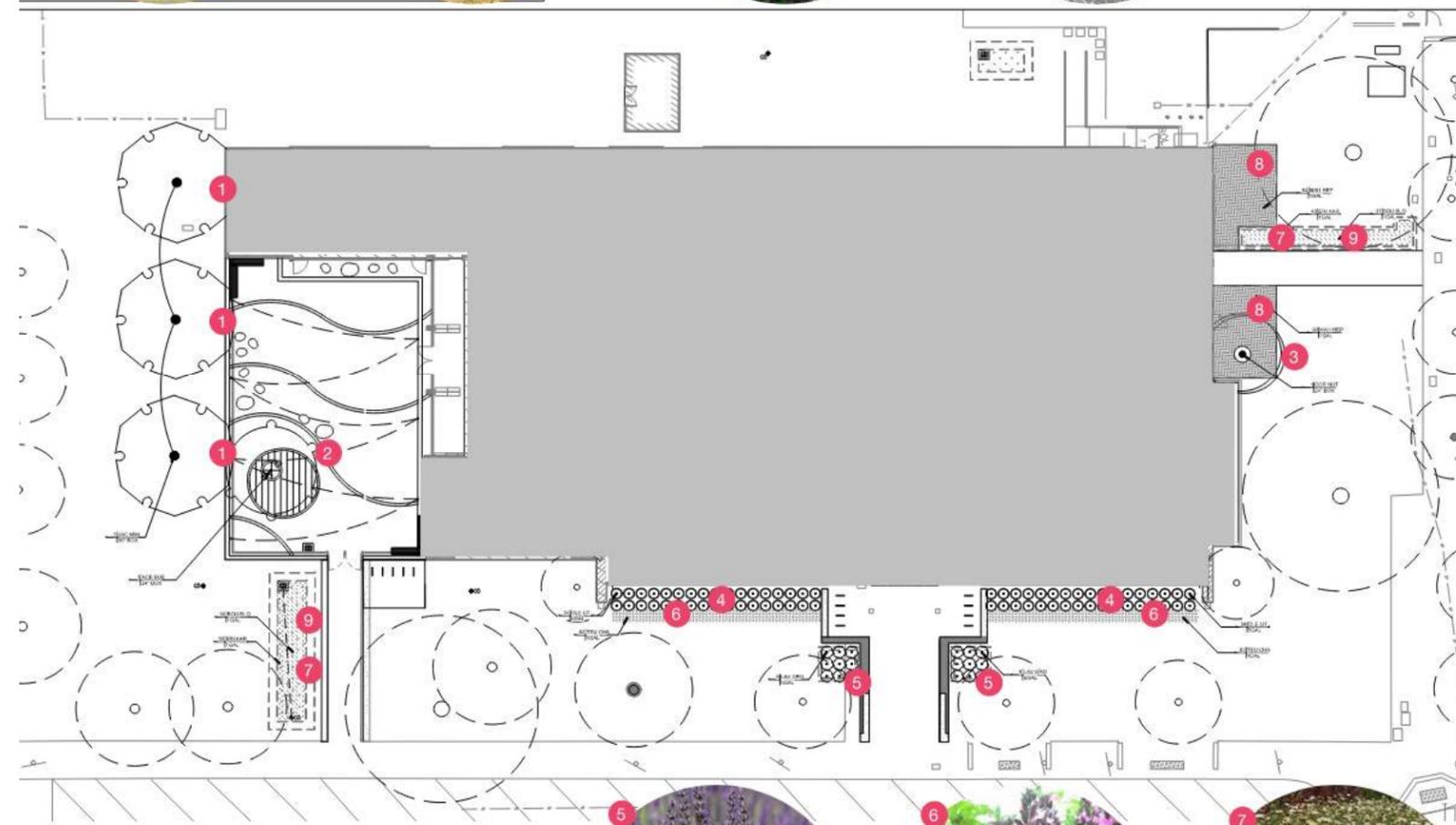


- 1 HISTORIC AND WAVY BRICK INLAY
- 2 WOOD SEATING PLINTH
- 3 NEW COURTYARD TREE
- 4 NEW CANOPY TREES
- 5 SCULPTURAL SEATING
- 6 LOW UNIFORM GROUNDCOVER
- 7 SCULPTURAL PLANTS
- 8 BIORETENTION PLANTING
- 9 MAIN ENTRANCE
- 10 BOOK DROP OFF
- 11 SLOPED WALKWAY
- 12 PRIVACY SCREEN
- 13 GATE
- 14 BIKE RACKS
- 15 WOOD BENCHES
- 16 RAMP
- 17 SEAT WALL
- 18 (E) BUSHES
- 19 (E) LAWN
- 20 CATENARY LIGHTING



Landscape Plan

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PLANTING LEGEND

- 1 *Jacaranda mimosifolia*
- 2 *Acer buergerianum*
- 3 *Cornus nuttallii*
- 4 *Olea europaea 'Montra'*
- 5 *Lavandula x intermedia*
- 6 *Teucrium chamaedrys*
- 7 *Erigeron karvinskianus*
- 8 *Mahonia repens*
- 9 *Bouteloua gracilis*



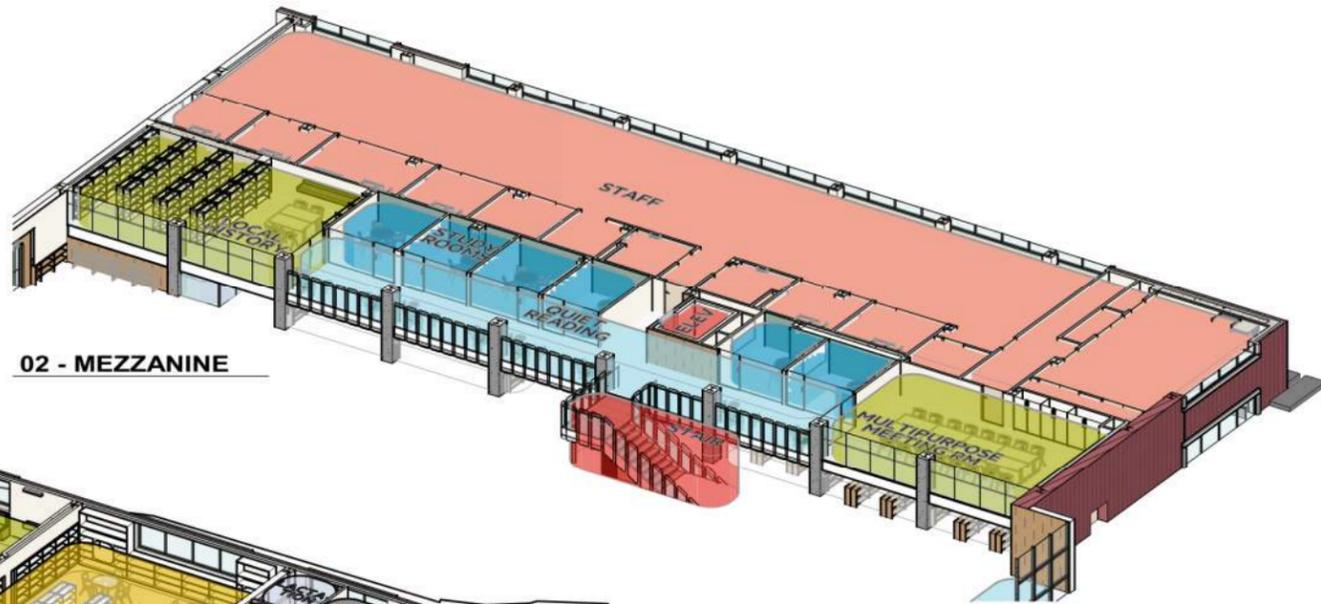
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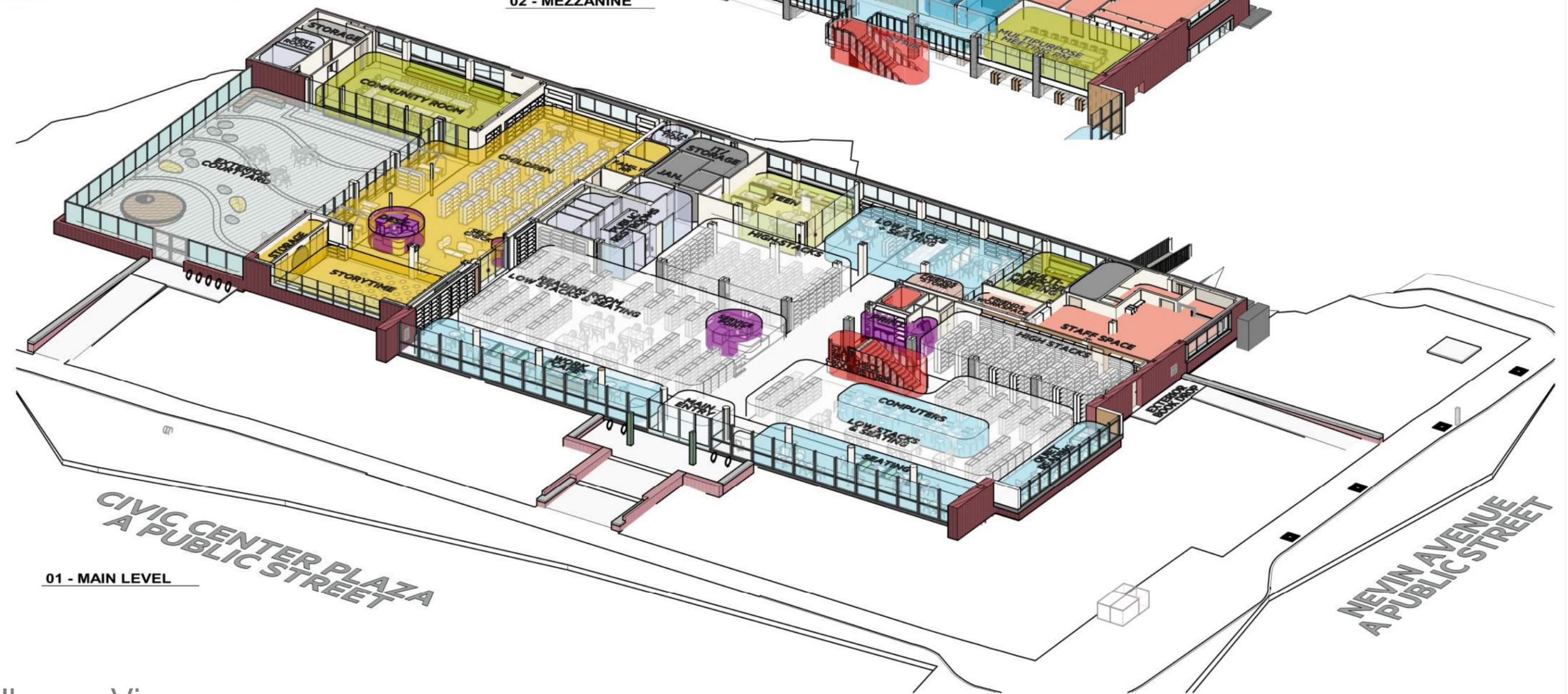
Rendering – Children's Expansion

KEY

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|---|---|---|---|
|  | VERTICAL CIRCULATION
(ELEVATOR & STAIRS) |  | COMMUNITY ROOM/
MULTIPURPOSE MEETING ROOMS |
|  | SERVICE POINTS &
SECURITY |  | TEENS |
|  | RESTROOMS |  | FRIENDS OF
THE LIBRARY |
|  | SEATING AREAS /
QUIET READING |  | STAFF |
|  | GROUP STUDY ROOMS |  | BUILDING CORE (STORAGE,
IT/ELECTRICAL) |
|  | CHILDREN'S AREA +
FAMILY RESTROOMS |  | EXTERIOR COURTYARD |



02 - MEZZANINE



01 - MAIN LEVEL

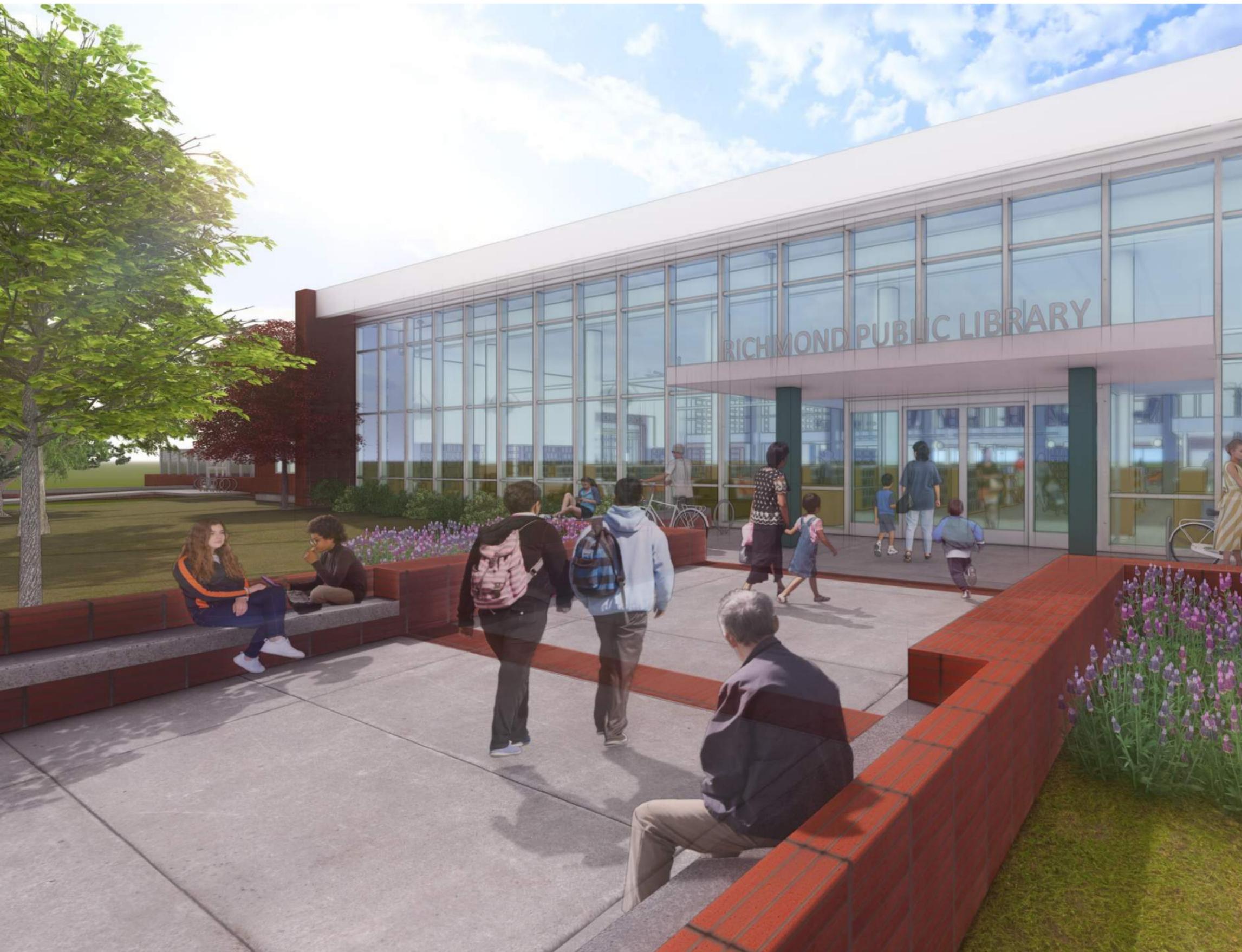
Dollhouse View



Renderings – Main Reading Room/Mezzanine



Renderings – Main Reading Room/Children's Entrance

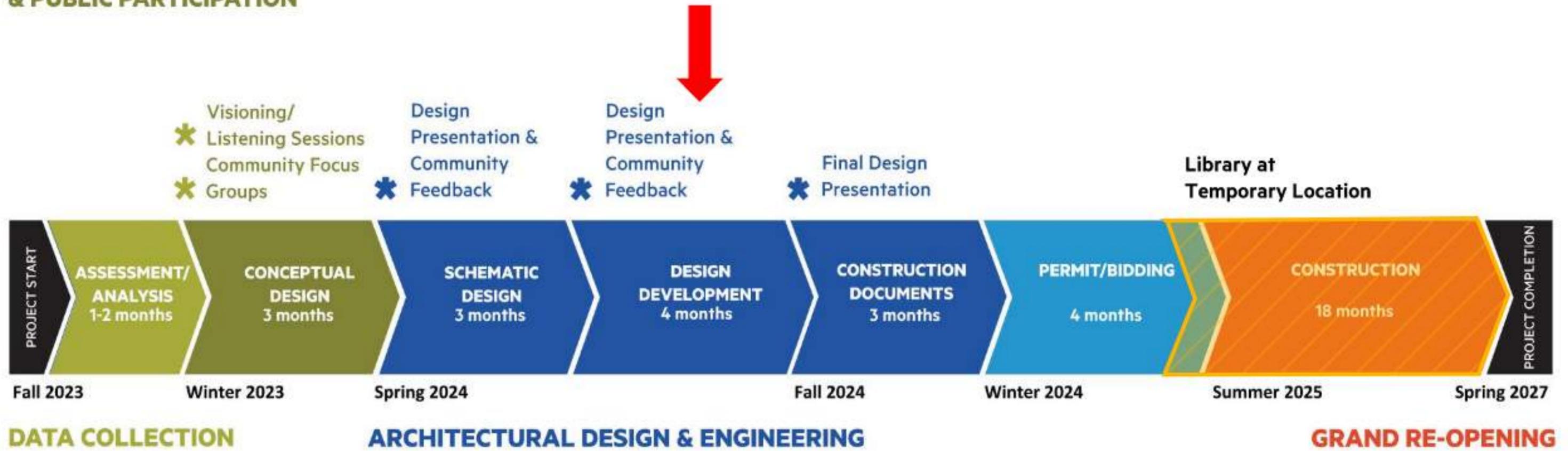


NEXT STEPS

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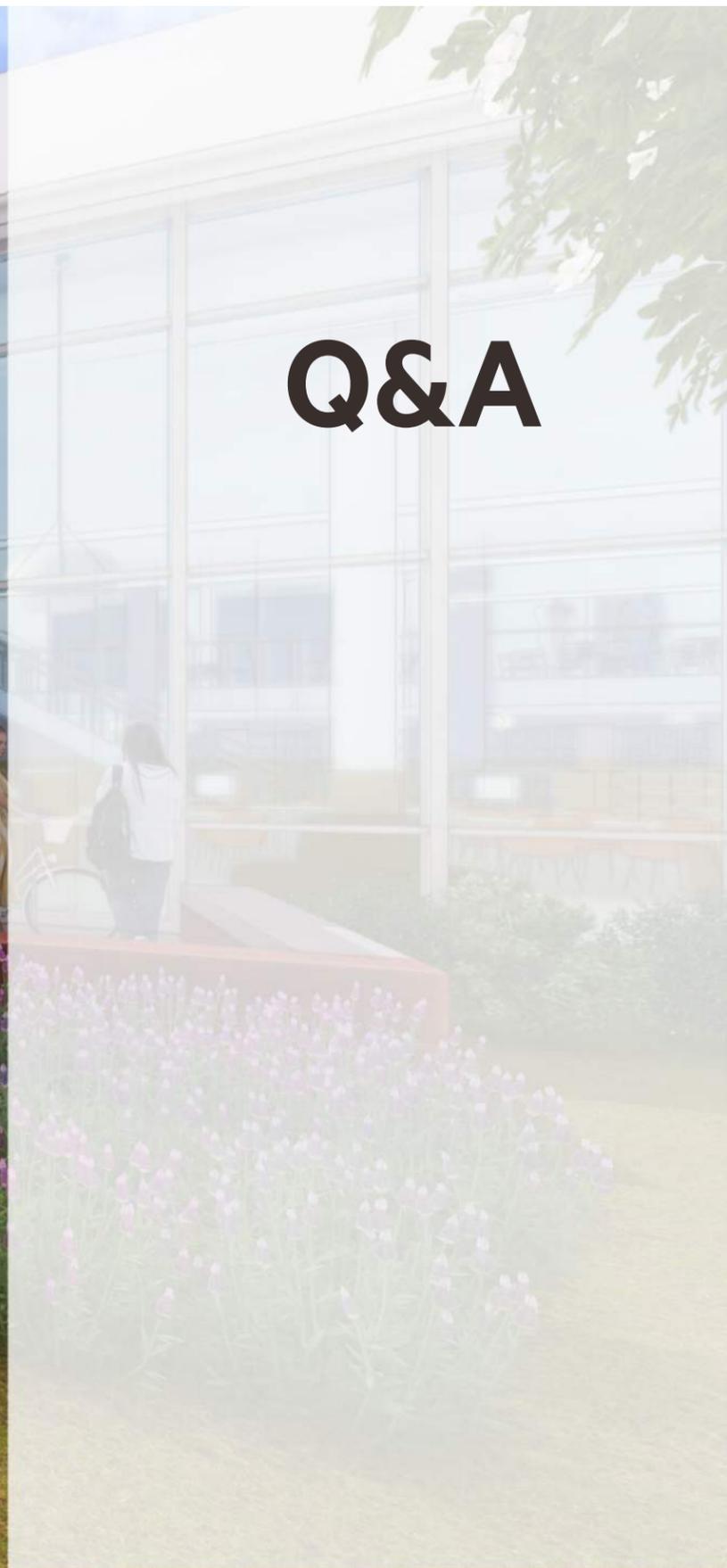
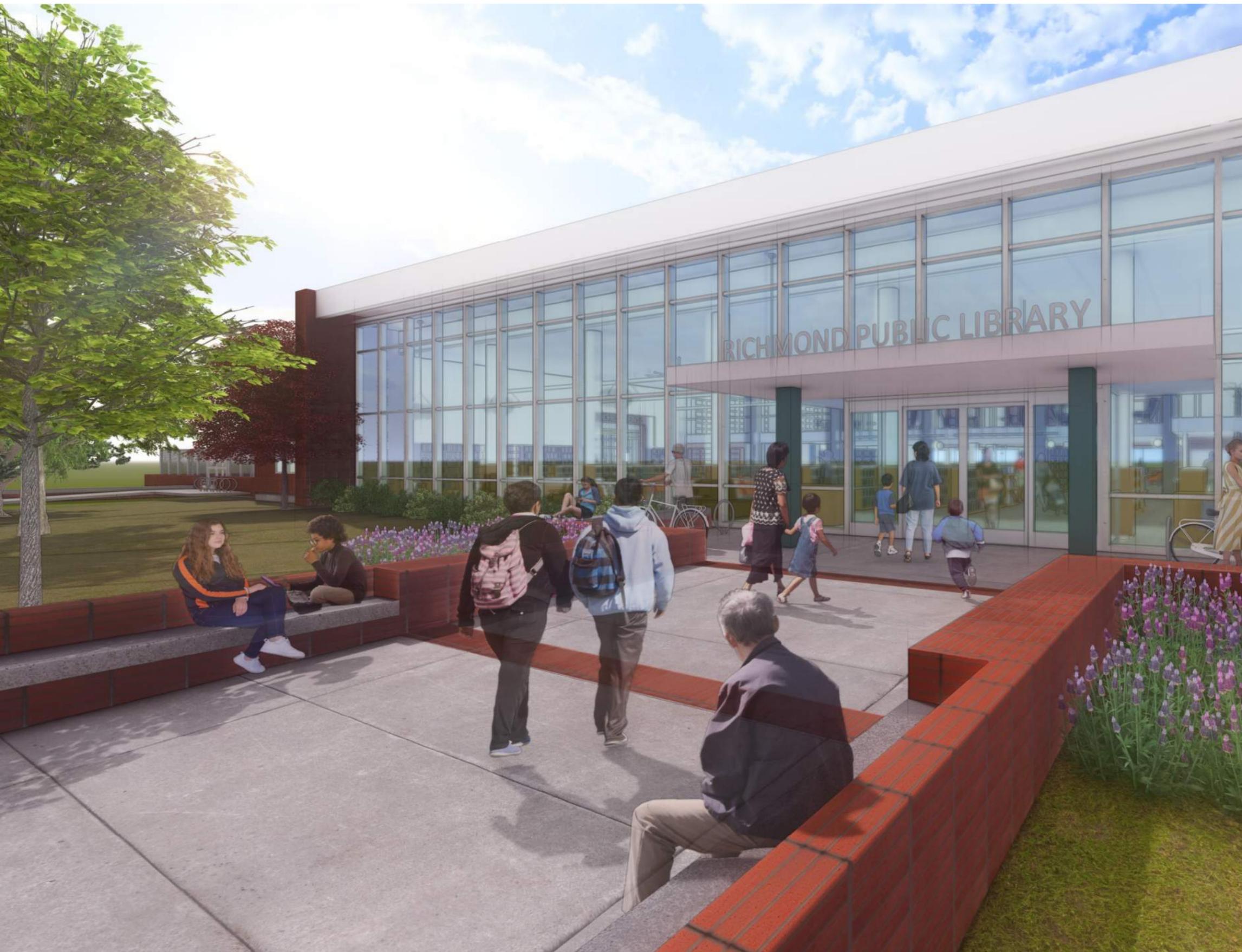
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- Separate Children and Adult Spaces
- Storytime Area
- Seating
- Computers

Temporary Location



Q&A



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

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