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The redesigned Baxter
Courtyard leads to a
new Café and Center
for Education & Culture.

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CENTER FOR EDUCATION & CULTURE



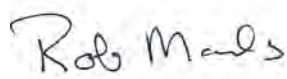
At a time when the veracity of news sources is under siege, and information on every imaginable topic is available at our fingertips, libraries nationally are riding a cloud of popularity.

A Pew Research poll reported that 78% of Americans feel that public libraries help them find information that is trustworthy and reliable. Among 18 to 35-year-olds, that trust is even greater; 85% of Millennials say librarians help them learn new things. Additionally, 65% of U.S. adults say libraries help them grow as people. Our experience here in Greenwich underscores these findings.

Greenwich Library is more popular than ever in so many ways. But its place in our community has new definition. Libraries like ours are no longer just a home for books, they are places where we come to connect to our work, to connect to ideas, and to connect to each other—providing a world of resources under one roof.

An investment in Greenwich Library today is essential because the improvements we've planned for the Main Library respond to what our patrons told us they want, and to the ways that the Library is used today. They incorporate best practices in the field along with innovative design so we remain the leader that we have long been, not just in our region but nationally.

In a changing world, communal institutions like Greenwich Library define our values and ideals. Greenwich Library is the educational and cultural hub of our community, and to remain so, we must reimagine the range of services and programs we provide, renew our commitment to the community by answering to its needs, and repurpose those portions of our beloved building that can further our continued relevance to this town and its dynamic population.



Robert Marks
President, Board of Trustees



Barbara Ormerod-Glynn
Library Director



Greenwich Library's recognized excellence is a point of pride, and its value to all it serves is unquestioned.

**Dramatic
improvements
and new facilities
will be found
throughout the
Main Library,
all within the
existing footprint.**

The Campaign to ReImagine, ReNew and RePurpose, will add remarkable new features to the Main Library, all smartly designed by Peter Gisolfi Associates within the envelope of the current structure. The improvements will be supported by private donations committed through the Capital Campaign, donor designated gifts, a portion of the Library's reserves, and funds allocated by the Town of Greenwich Capital Improvement Budget.

The collective investment in Greenwich Library's main facility underscores and reinforces the community's values, including the importance of an institution that is committed to free and open access to information, and to our collective cultural and educational well-being.

We invite you to share responsibility for Greenwich Library's strong future by joining with us in supporting this Campaign. We are privileged to serve as its co-chairs and to lead an effort that can only be successful with your help. Please consider participating generously to ensure that Greenwich Library remains this place of pride.

David Brownwood
Campaign Co-Chairs

Anne Farrell

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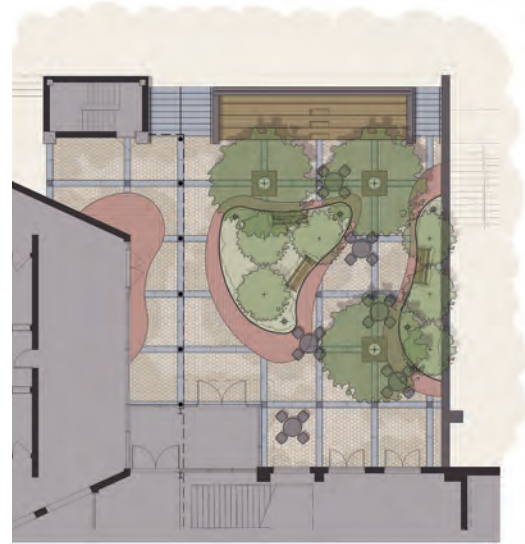
The auditorium will become a true Theater with new seating, flooring, ceiling, and walls; two aisles to improve access; and state-of-the-art audio-visual technology as part of a new Center for Education & Culture on the lower level.



The popularity of programs has only grown over time demanding more varied and technologically equipped spaces.

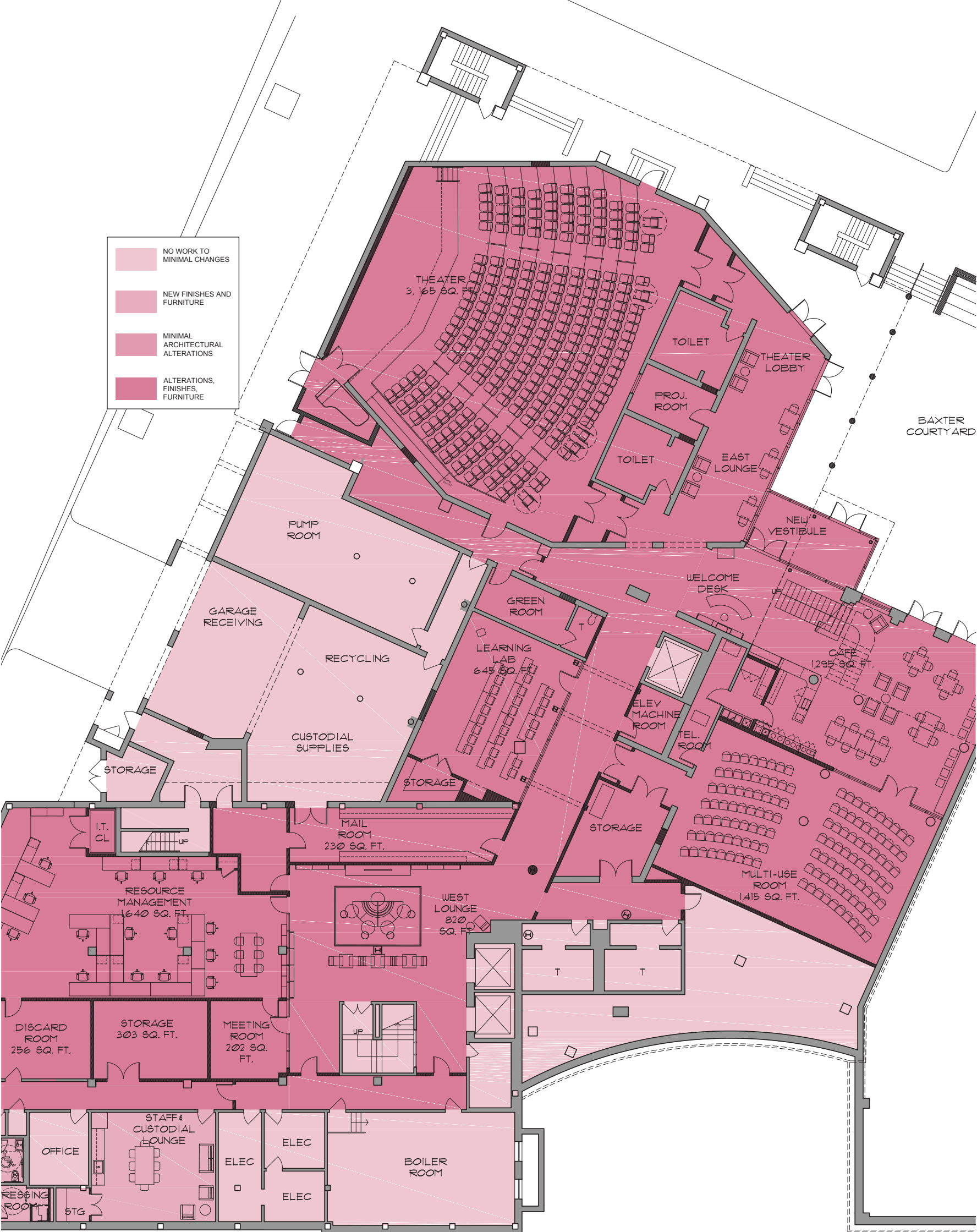
Our plans reimagine the Main Library's lower level, using square footage formerly devoted to administrative spaces to create a Center for Education & Culture—a major new resource for Greenwich. The auditorium will become an updated theater fit for notable performances, lectures, and public events with comfortable seating, and state-of-the-art acoustics and audio-visual technology. More intimate events will fill a new “black box” theater space—an entirely new community venue that can comfortably seat 100.

A new entrance through a stunning two-story glass atrium with a dramatic floating staircase will connect the lower level to the first floor. A bright and expanded café will welcome visitors for tea and coffee and provide healthy foods for those who've come to stay awhile. An updated Baxter Courtyard will have new seating and landscaping. With two lower level lounges and a refurbished green room, small conferences can now be hosted.



The redesigned Baxter Courtyard will serve as a new primary entrance to the Main Library and become an inviting space for outdoor performances or meals.







The new two-story Atrium's floating staircase connects a second main entrance to a refreshed first floor.

The new light-filled café
will be a hub where everyone
can find a place: to socialize
with friends, take a break
from research, or enjoy
a coffee and a good read.



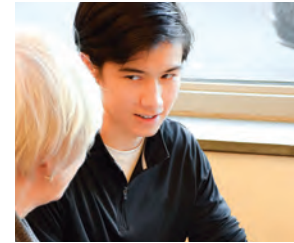


There's a place for everyone at the Library.

There's an intelligent repurposing of spaces throughout the Library to make them more inviting and responsive to today's patrons. The new Main Reading Room will be an inspiring space with long tables, comfortable chairs, good lighting and plenty of outlets – replacing shelves that once held periodicals now available online.

Teens will have a space of their own with comfortable seating, tables, and nooks to study, connect and collaborate. An adjacent Innovation Lab will be equipped with tech tools that level the playing field for access across Greenwich's economic spectrum. The intent of this spatial pairing is to encourage the exchange of knowledge across generations – so a retired electrical engineer and a tenth-grade computer programmer can share skills in technologies old, new, and emerging.

For patrons of any age there's an enhanced reading gallery on the second floor of the Peterson Wing and a wrap-around study arcade facing Putnam and Dearfield Avenues. Everywhere there will be plenty of outlets and comfortable seating.

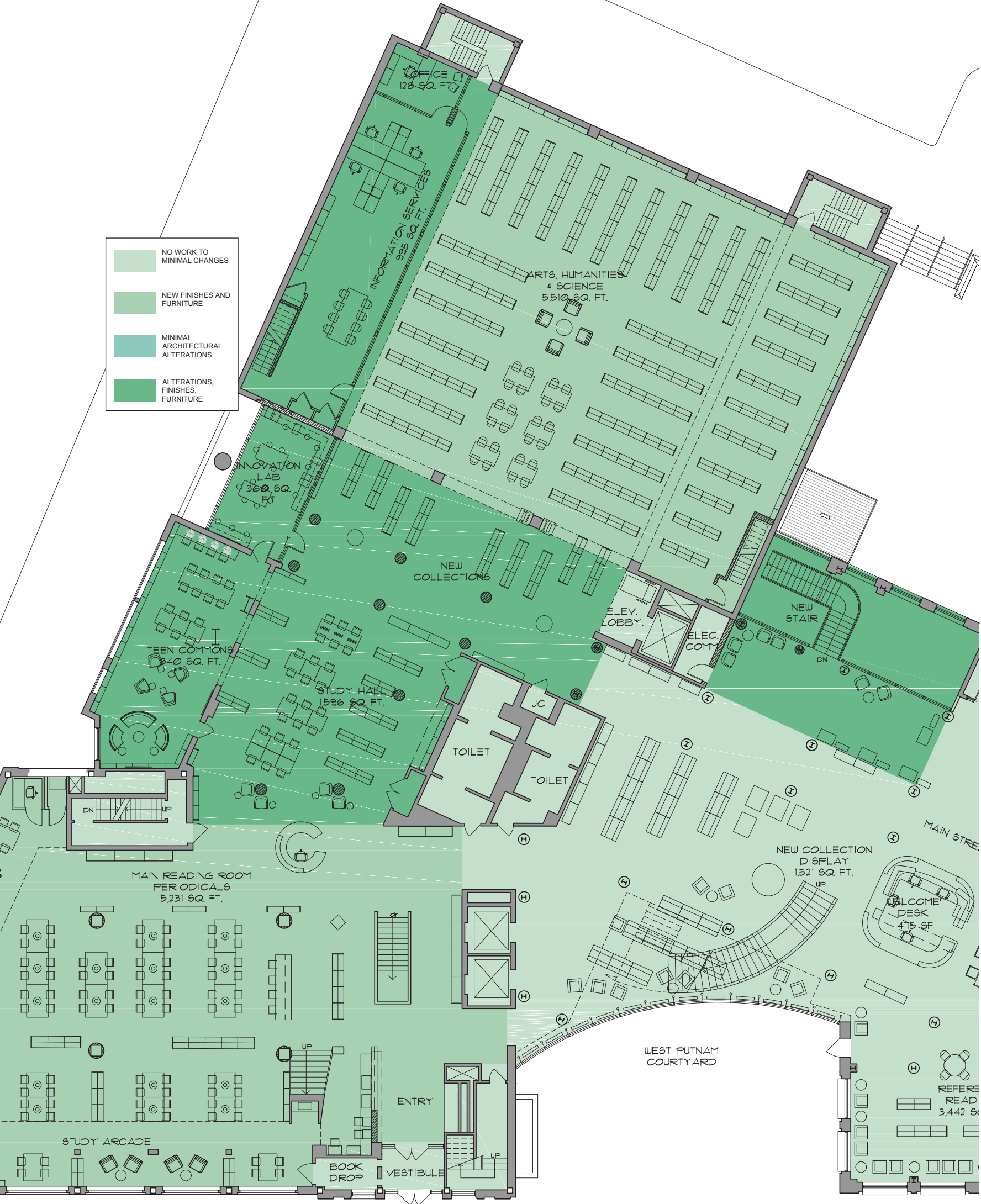


**“Main Street”
extends west
with new flooring,
ceiling and lighting
connecting the
Cesar Pelli addition
to the older part
of the Library.**

**The Innovation Lab
is designed to host
technologies old
and new and will
be staffed to ensure
good use.**



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- ALTERATIONS, FINISHES, FURNITURE





The former Periodicals Room will be replaced by a Main Reading Room, a quiet space with large reading tables, good lighting, and comfortable seating so you can stay awhile.

Access to technology
will be a key part of
the reimagined Library.

People come to the Library in groups to work, learn, study, and discover in ever greater numbers.



We're building four new Meeting Rooms for use by students, community groups, nonprofits, and people who work from home; two smaller Meeting Rooms on the second floor will be refurbished; and all will be enabled with state of the art technology to meet our patrons' needs and interests.

The lower level Learning Lab, a centerpiece of the new Center for Education & Culture, will be our technology classroom today and into the future. Patrons can still get tech help at the Reference Desk or drop in at the Lab for classes in Spanish or English each week. The beautiful Jewel adjacent to the Business Center also gets new technology and flexible furnishings for small classes, lectures and meetings. For those who need to be on the phone, we're installing new single-person, sound proof work spaces.

To every patron entering, Greenwich Library will feel both familiar and refreshed. There's a newly expanded Welcome Desk, a comfortable seating area overlooking the Café, and a convenient reserves wall for holds so patrons who want to can check out quickly.







Tech-enabled Meeting Rooms will provide flexible space for groups to work collaboratively or study together.

Libraries are a building block in children's literacy and the foundation for a lifelong love of learning

Our treasured third floor Children's Library will have an inspiring new and much larger Program Room to accommodate large crowds for daily programs. We'll welcome every child to inviting, renewed areas for group work and play. New furnishings, lower bookcases, and technology will refresh the entire space.

We take our role in advancing early literacy as an essential responsibility. Baby lapsit, story time, and book clubs for kids at every point in their development encourage a love of words, books, and reading. The popularity of Greenwich's thematic summer reading program lets us know we're succeeding. Every public school first grader visits the library and receives their first library card.

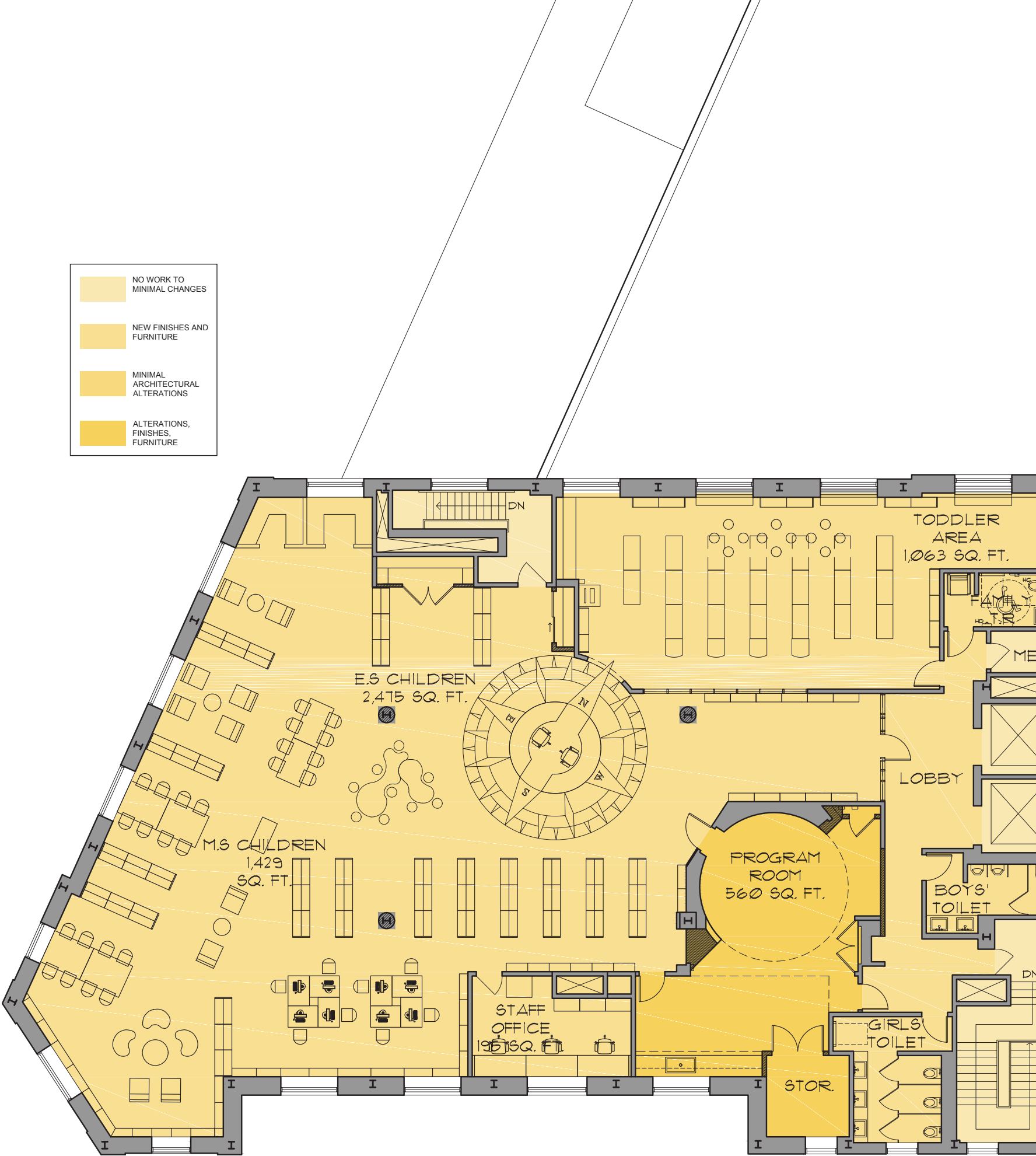
Children's programs with larger audiences can be held in the new "black box" theater or the renewed auditorium where the grand new Atrium entrance will make it easier for anyone with a stroller to enter.



Improvements to the third floor will better facilitate our children's programming.



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Libraries can provide children with their first feelings of independence as they explore books, technology and games, and ask librarians for guidance.





“We’ve zoomed past the information age into the imagination age. The new Learning Lab and Innovation Lab will expose all of Greenwich to the tools and training for developing an innovative and entrepreneurial mindset for the present and, more importantly, the future.”

Bill Derry, Consultant-Schools and Libraries:
Learning through Play, Imagination and Making

“The Library enriches the lives of everyone in our community, regardless of age or economic circumstance. The Library’s stellar programs are a critical component of this enrichment. A new Center for Education & Culture – and the enhanced performance spaces and other facilities that it will offer – are vital to the functioning of our town. No other local organization or building plays such a monumental role in bringing people together and informing and inspiring them. The Library is both Greenwich’s backbone, as well as its future.”

Shelly Cryer, Curiosity Concerts



“Greenwich Library has always been a great place to study for mid-terms or finals. With the new Teen Area we will have our own space that looks and feels like ours. I think it will be full all year round!”

Ella Morrissey, 11th grade, Greenwich High School



“We are very pleased to partner with Greenwich Library to ensure children develop strong literacy skills. The expanded Children’s Program Room and other new spaces will enhance the Library’s programming initiatives, furthering its mission to promote the joy of reading and lifelong learning.”

Robert Hibson, Greenwich Public Schools
Library Media Services Program Coordinator



“We have partnered with the Library for many years, providing a wide range of top quality mentoring and education programs for small business owners and prospective owners. The new Meeting Rooms will be a welcome addition to the many entrepreneurs and nonprofits who frequent the Library.”

Jim Shattuck, Business Mentor, Fairfield County SCORE



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The Main Library at Putnam and Dearfield Avenues is the hub of a system that includes the beautiful Byram Shubert and Cos Cob branches, also heavily used by our community.



Artist's renderings throughout may not reflect final selection of finishes and furnishings.





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