



Facilities Master Plan Floorplan Improvements Summary

General Notes:

- In 2020, the architectural firm Holmes, King, Kallquist, developed the floor plans based on community survey, focus group data, and Library Board, staff, and stakeholder feedback.
- The timeline for implementation of the improvements is to be determined based on the overarching priorities set through the Library’s Strategic Plan and funding considerations, including the availability of New York State Public Library Construction Grants.
- It is expected that construction will be completed over multiple phases to meet the Library’s priority on maintaining operation of library services and maximizing cost savings from grouping projects.
- It is expected that modifications of varying degrees will be made during the project implantation phase based on new user data and feedback. However, these layouts will serve as the guiding force for internal planning and communication with library users.
- The architect has relocated certain library collections in the floorplans. However, the ultimate location of each collection will be finalized by the library during each phase of construction. The proposed floor plans create 7% more shelving space for collections.

The following is a summary list of the notable changes to the Library’s current floor plans and the key benefits of each change:

<i>Proposed Layout Change</i>	<i>Key Benefit</i>
-------------------------------	--------------------

Please see the included floor plans for views of the changes.

Ground Floor:

New glass wall running length of ground floor entrance walkway. Includes a single entrance and two exit points.	Separates children’s area from entrance walkway and teen area so children/guardians can enjoy collections and play spaces in more comfortable environment.
Teen lounge area and multiple materials collections move out to open area and computers move into current Teen Room space.	Teen collections are used by patrons of all ages and these bring those collections to spaces that are more accessible. The computers are moved to a quieter area of the floor.

Two new multi-purpose meeting rooms to be built under the skylights in the Teen Room	Allow for tutoring when Community Room is unavailable and for quiet study spaces for youth
New book drop area added off of the ground floor parking lot entrance.	Book drop available by temporary parking area in parking lot and allows for improvements to Castle St. entrance.
Expanded storage area in Story Room.	Additional storage areas are needed for various youth programs and play spaces
Rearranged ground floor information desk and staff office spaces, including new Teen Library Assistant office adjacent to Teen Room.	Changes enable staff to assist the various users of the ground floor more effectively while also improving the functionality and safety of workspaces.

First Floor:

Entrance off Castle St. renovated to provide more light and improved line-of-sight from circulation desk to entrances.	Common concerns voiced by patrons and staff revolve around not being able to see the main desk when entering the building. In addition, the improvements help identify the Castle St. entrance as a primary entrance into the building.
Book drop relocated from Castle St. entrance to ground floor entrance to open up vestibule.	Change allows more glass to be added to Castle St. entranceway and opens up the vestibule area.
Circulation desk moved back toward east side of the building.	In addition to improved visibility to Castle St. entrance, staff at desk can now better serve patrons coming from main stairwell. Change also adds more space for collections displaced by new meeting spaces.
Fully renovated bathrooms and expanded hallway area off of the bathrooms.	Bathroom appliances and fixtures in need of cosmetic and functionality improvements.
New staff office and multi-purpose meeting spaces added in current DVD area and new multi-purpose meeting space added adjacent to staff office.	Community has shown an increased need for meeting spaces of various sizes.
Main stairway walls replaced with a glazed portion for improved line-of-sight.	Allows staff using stairwell to more easily locate main desk and be helped by staff.
Current newspaper and periodical area moved into Reading Room space to allow for two new staff offices.	Library staff are in need of more office and storage space.
Reading Room modified to allow for potential café space.	Along with newspapers and periodicals, a café fits the vision of the Reading Room as a hub for library users gathering to read and interact.

New multi-use furniture.	Adding seating that can be used for both daily activities and for library programming cuts down on staff time to setup room.
--------------------------	--

Second Floor:

Reference desk moved to former meeting room area off stairwell.	Current format of desk has staff seated with their back to patrons entering from stairwell. This change allows staff to identify visitors entering from stairs and elevator.
New staff conference room/meeting space and two study rooms added.	Keeping with overarching goal to increase multi-purpose space for patrons and staff.
New public bathroom created.	Patrons on second floor will no longer need to visit another floor to use a bathroom.
Adult computer area renovated to consolidate computers to one side of the floor.	Allows for staff at desk to see all computer users more easily. In addition, displaced collections and seating spaces can be moved to the area off of the balcony entrance.
New computer classroom for library computer programs and for quiet computer use.	Computer classes and quiet computer use need dedicated spaces to increase capacity for learning and privacy.
Two new staff offices and updates to existing office layouts.	Aligns with priority of creating new, more functional staff workspaces.
Existing desks in balcony area removed and replaced with new quiet study desks to open up the space and allow for use of the space for watching events in the Reading Room.	Highly attended programs in the Reading Room will benefit from the potential overflow seating and standing space on the balcony. Current desk areas do not allow people to see into all areas of the Reading Room.
Modifications to shelving on balcony for archival collections.	By adding lockable glass cases, the Library can display its own local history items and collaborate with groups like the Geneva Historical Society on displays.