

State LIBRARY STANDARDS

The Best Practices document is a voluntary framework endorsed by the Connecticut State Library Board to assist libraries in self -evaluation and service enhancement.

This tool is structured around five key areas:

- 1. Facilities
- 2. Finances
- 3. Governance
- 4. Resources and Services
 - 5. Staffing

1.1 Physical Space- Library space is designed to support the current and future needs of the community	Did not meet benchmark	Essential= .8 sq ft/capita or 9,100 sq ft Enhanced=1.25 sq ft/capita or 12,271 sq ft Exemplary= 1.7 sq ft/capita 19,337 sq ft
Essential8 ft/capita Exemplary- 1.25 ft/capita	.67 7,733 sq ft public spae	

Feasibility SPACE STUDY

September 2023 through December 2024, Northeast Collaborative Architects;

- assessed the current use of library space
- identified functional needs
- explored options for improvement or expansion
- evaluated structural and mechanical systems
- analyzed user traffic patterns and community survey data
- gathered input from stakeholders
- followed the CT state libraries Space Planning guide and Best Practices of Public Libraries

The final study included;

- conceptual designs
- renderings
- cost estimates
- phased implementation recommendations
- tools for library leadership to make informed decisions about renovations, reconfigurations, or the possibility of expansion to enhance usability and meet future demands.



Space PLANING

Collection Space and User Seating

Public Workstations

Staff Workspace

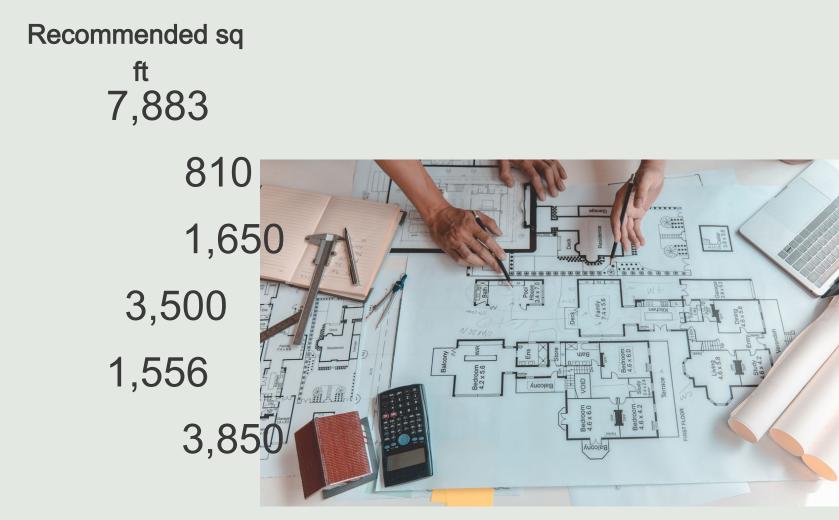
Program/Meeting Room Space

Special -Use Space (displays, cafe, FOGPL, etc.)

Non-Assignable Space

Total

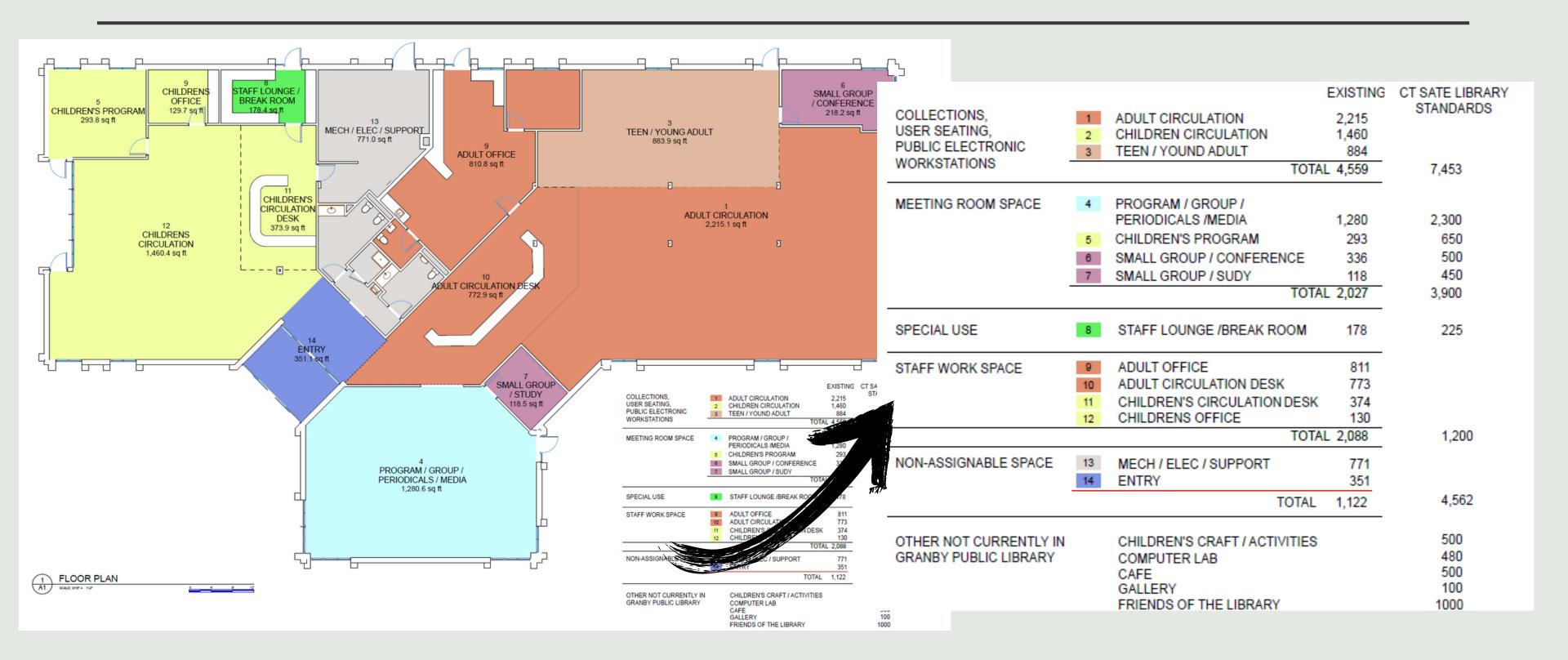
Square Feet per Service Population



19,249

1.5

Current LAYOUT



Study PRIORITIES



- Expanded Children's Department with active play area, quiet areas and program room
- Dedicated Teen Room
- 3 Large Multipurpose Program Space
- Increase available study/meeting rooms
- Storage for both Library and FOGPL, gallery space, cafe, Computer Lab

Floor Plan OPTION 1

Adds
Larger Children's Room
Program Room
1 Study Room
1 Meeting room

Missing
Dedicated Teen Space
Kids Bathroom
Storage (No FOGPL)
Computer Lab
Adult/Teen Collection
Space

Approx. \$6 million





Lowest cost of construction
Limited Site Impact
Minor Reno of Existing building



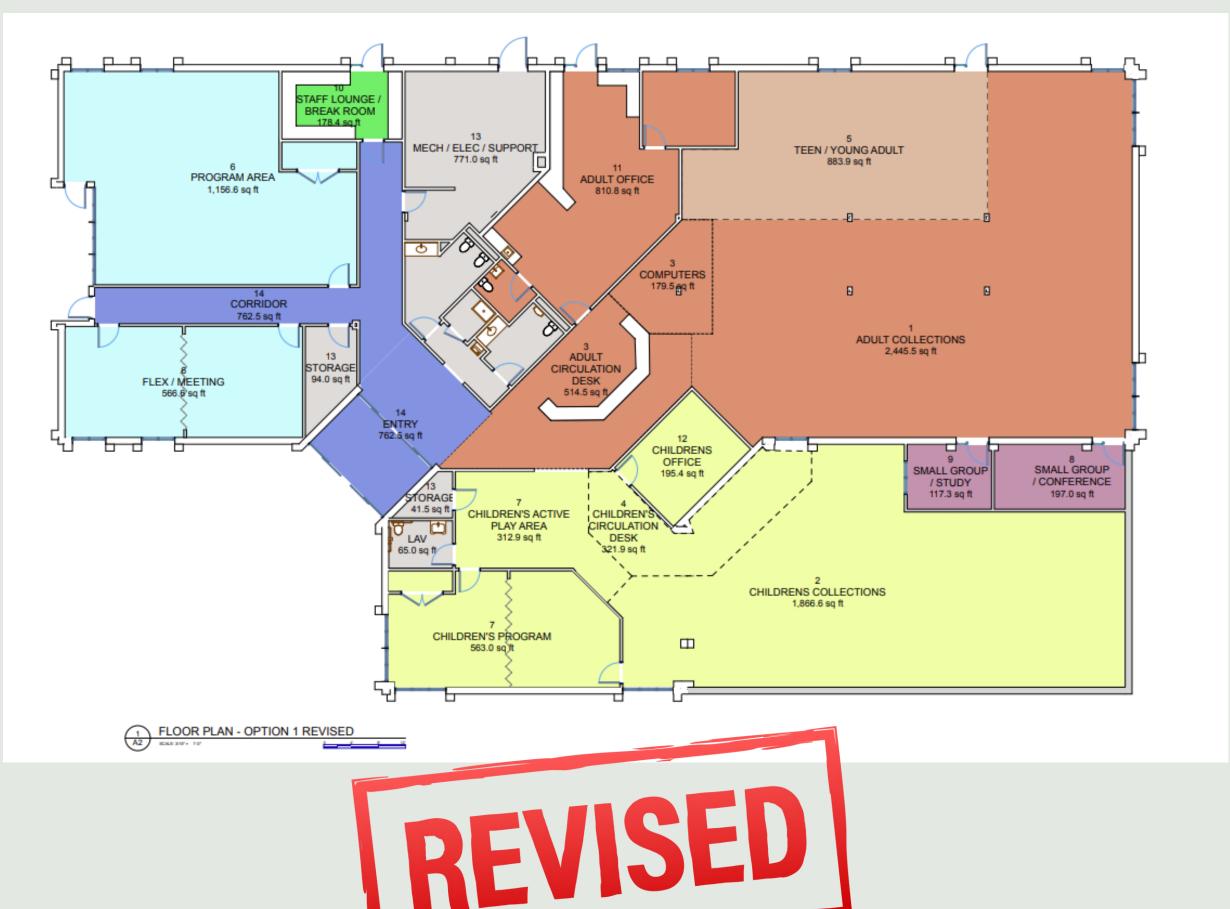
Doesn't Meet Needs of Growing
Community
Doesn't Meet Requirement for
State Grant

Floor Plan OPTION 1

Adds
Larger Children's Room
Program Room
1 Study Room
1 Meeting room
Kids Bathroom

Missing
Teen Space
Storage (No FOGPL)
Computer Lab
Adult/Teen Collection
Space

Approx. \$6-7 million

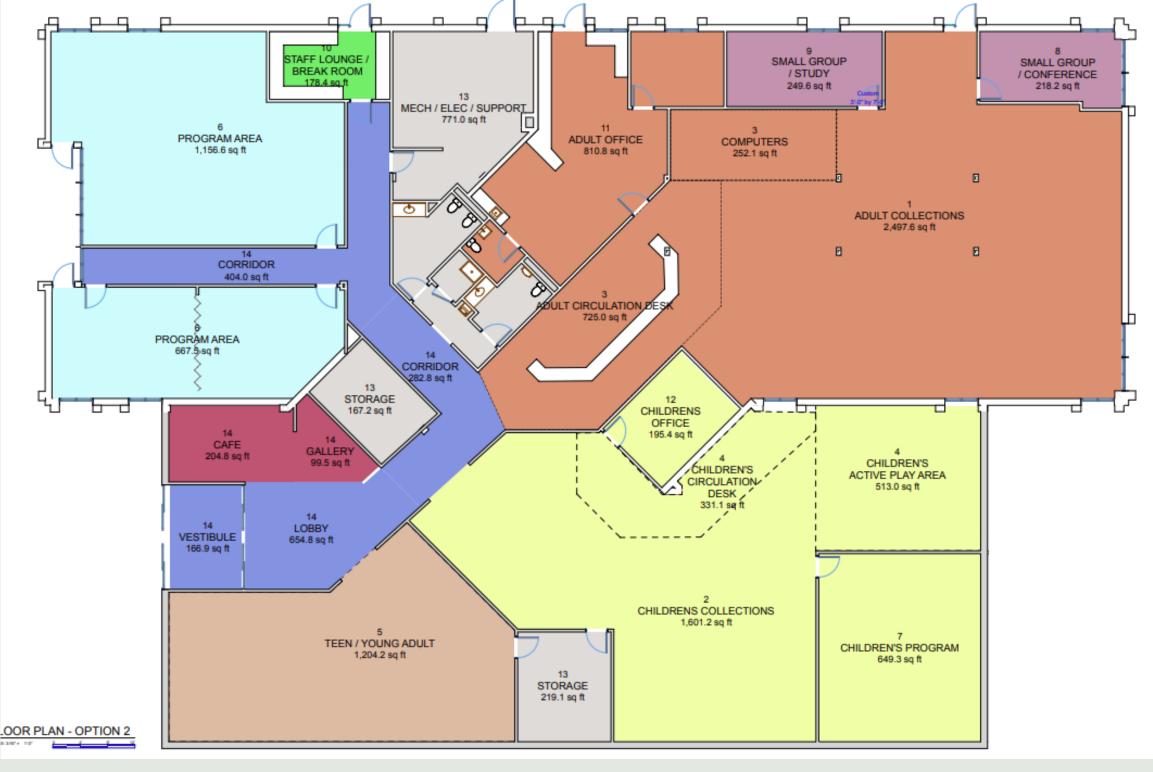


Floor Plan OPTION 2

Adds
Larger Children's Room
Program Room
Cafe
Gallery
Dedicated Teen Space
1 Meeting room

Missing
Kids Bathroom
Storage (No FOGPL)
Computer Lab
Additional Adult Collection Space

Approx. \$7 million





Limited Site Impact
Minor Reno of Existing building



Floor Plan OPTION 3

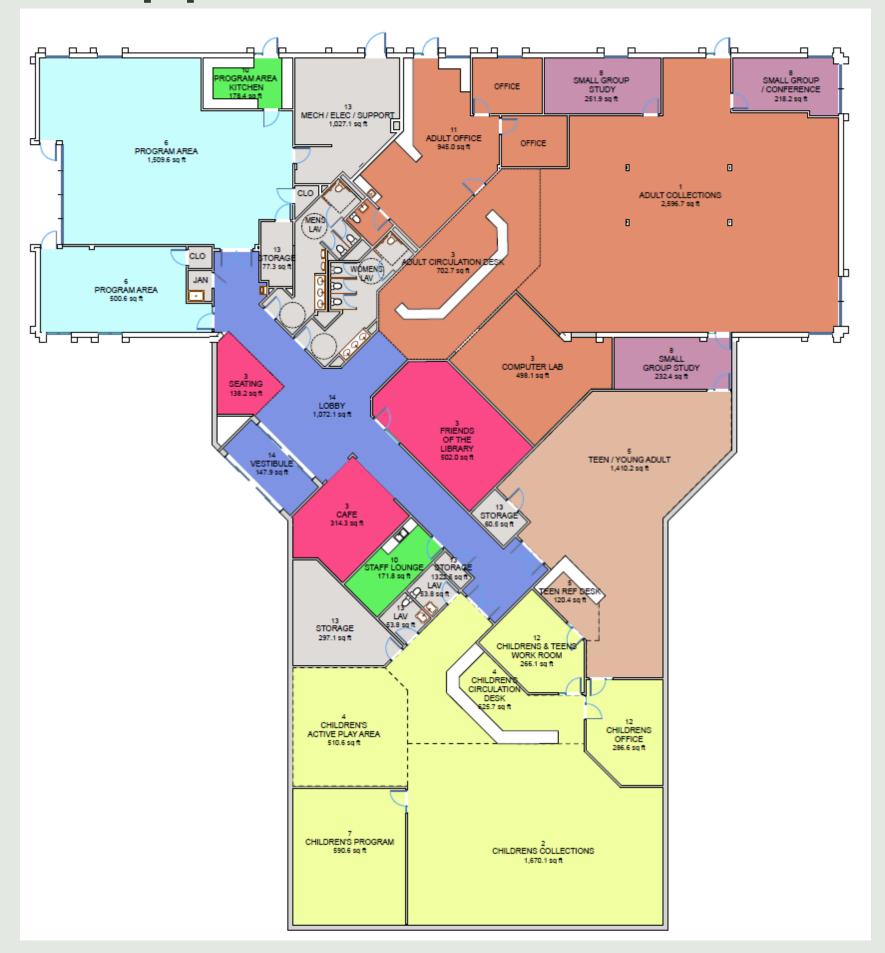
Adds
Larger Children's Room
Program Room
Cafe
Gallery
Dedicated Teen Space
2 Meeting rooms
1 Study room
Kids Bathroom
Storage
Computer Lab

Missing
Additional Adult Collection Space
Square Footage for State
Standards



Doesn't Meet Needs of Growing
Community
Major Renovations of Existing
Building
Phasing Required

Approx. \$1112 million



Floor Plan OPTION 4

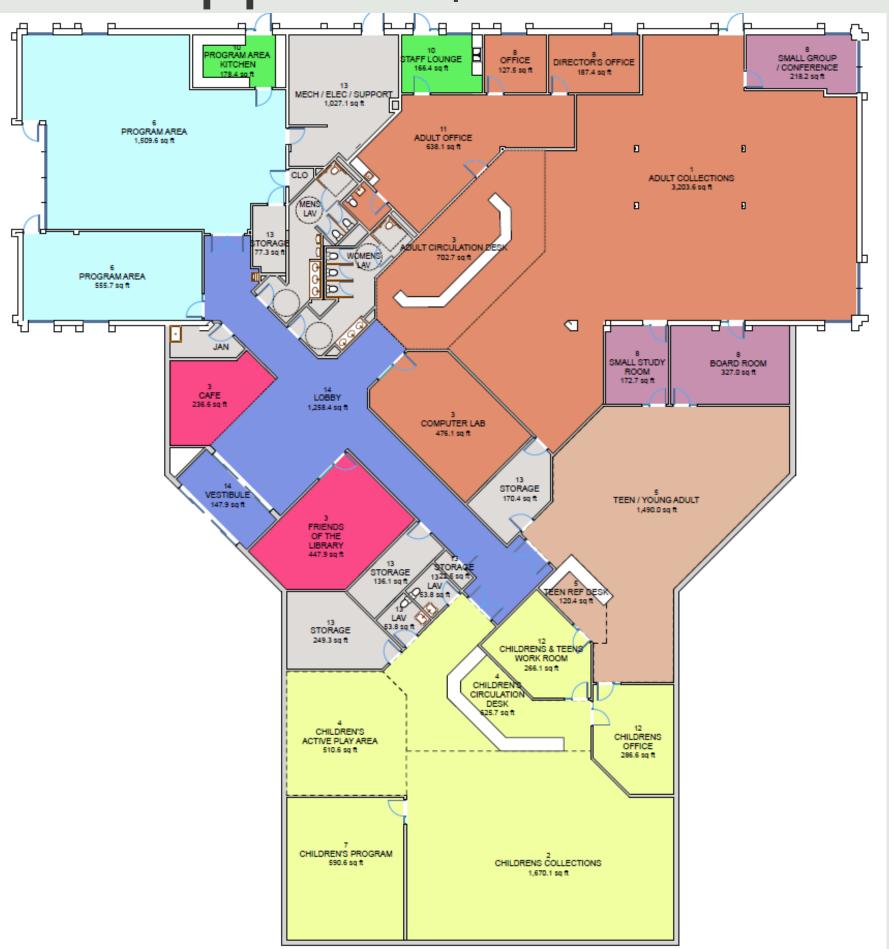
Adds Larger Children's Room Program Room Cafe Gallery **Dedicated Teen Space** 3 Meeting rooms **Kids Bathroom** Lots of Storage Computer Lab **Adult Collection Space**

Missing
Makerspace?
More Collection Space

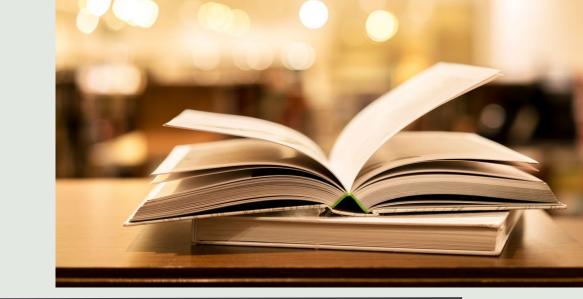
Most Effectively Meets
Community Needs, Now and
Into Future
Meets State Space Planning
Requirements



Approx. \$14 million



Space PLANNING



	Recommended sq	Option 4
Collection Space and User Seating	ft 7,883	7,687
Public Workstations	810	656
Staff Workspace	1,650	1,500
Program/Meeting Room Space	3,500	3,371
Special -Use Space (displays, cafe, FOGPL, etc.)	1,556	1,625
Non-Assignable Space	3,850	5913,
Total	19,249	18,430
Square Feet per Service Population	1.5	1.7











Estimated BUDGEToctober 11, 2024

BUILDING AREA NEW ADDITION

\$6,132,084

BUILDING AREA-RENOVATION

\$3,801,379

DEMO & PROT

\$88,113

HAZ-MAT ALLOWANCE

\$122,809

SUB TOTAL

\$10,144,384

DESIGN & ESTIMATING CONTINGENCY

\$1,014,438

SUBTOTAL

\$11,158,823

ESCALATION TO MIDPOINT (10%)

\$1,115,882

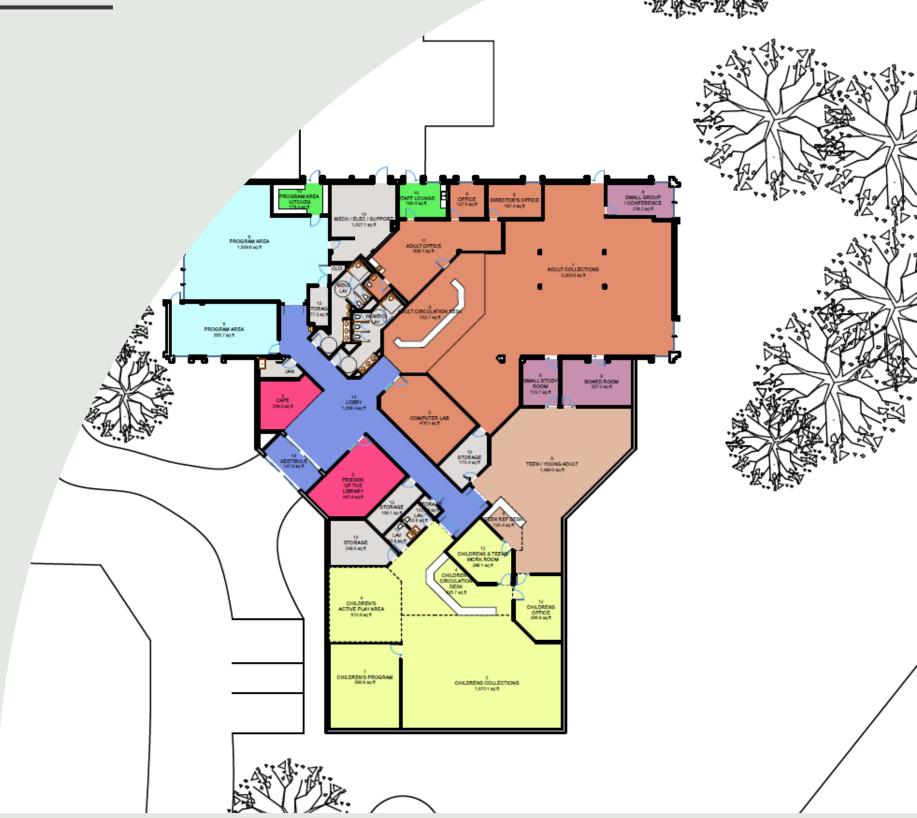
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST

\$12,274,705

OCT 2024

\$14,000,000

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST UPDATED MARCH 2025



Estimated FUNDING

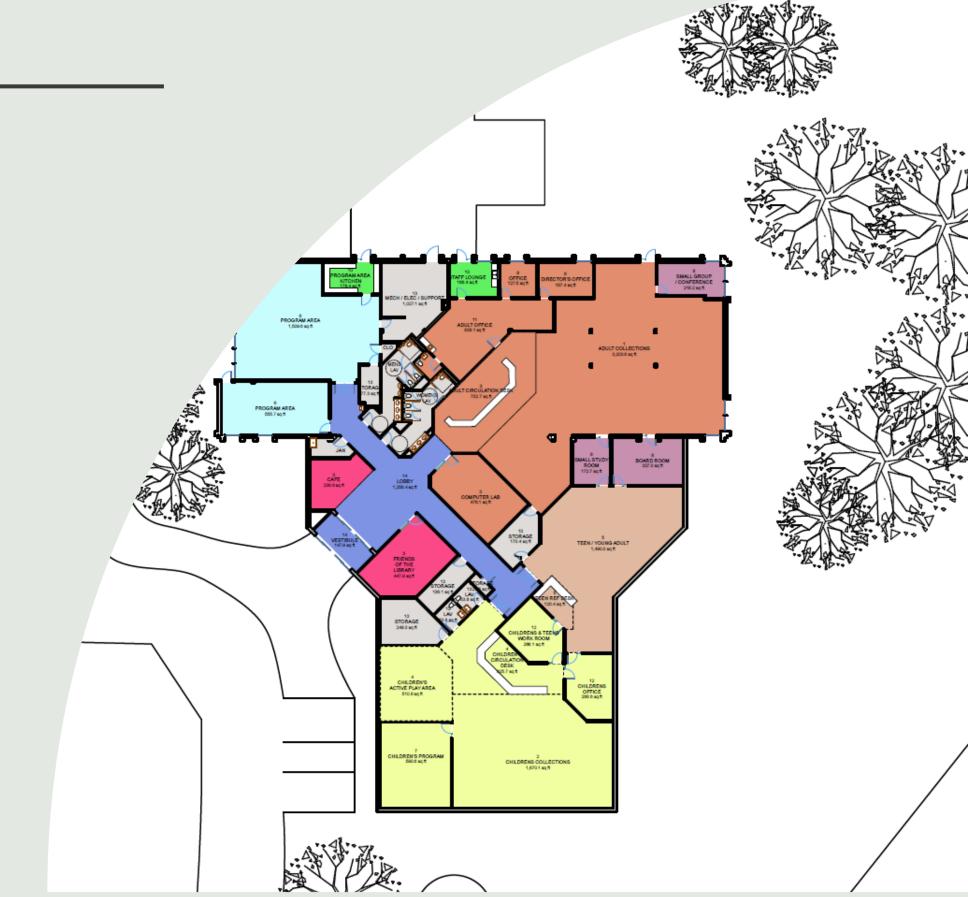
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN/FUNDRAISING \$5,000,000

GRANTS \$2,500,000

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS \$2,500,000

BOND REFERENDUM \$4,000,000

TOTAL \$14,000,000



QUESTIONS