



**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**SUBMITTED BY:** JoAnne Plummer, Neighborhood Services Director

**PREPARED BY:** Elizabeth Saucedo, City Librarian

**SUBJECT:** Goleta Valley Library Interior Design Presentation

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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## **DISCUSSION:**

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# GOLETA VALLEY LIBRARY INTERIOR DESIGN PRESENTATION

January 20, 2026

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# Presentation Content

- ❖ Project Overview
- ❖ Input Process
- ❖ Interior Design Tour
- ❖ Capital Campaign Update
- ❖ Discussion



*Goleta Valley Library, 1974*

# Project Overview

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***Goleta Valley Library Building, Safety, and ADA Improvement Project:*** Bring the building up to current code standards and improve accessibility, safety, and sustainability measures within the facility.

***Interior Design Capital Campaign:*** Raise funds for new library furnishings to support community aspirations as part of the construction project.





# Input Process

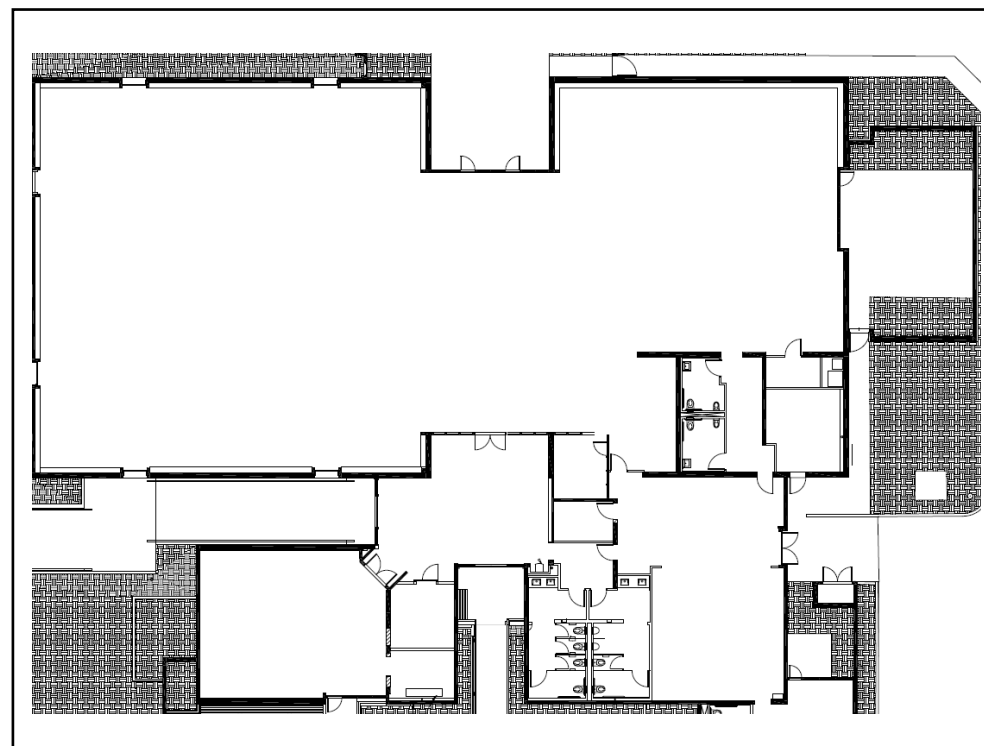
- Community Visioning Survey
- Library Advisory Commission
- Goleta City Council
- Friends of the Goleta Valley Library
- Boysel Family
- Library Staff



# Interior Design Tour

# Note on Renderings

- This phase of the interior design process focuses on **placement** and **layout**.
- Saturation is reduced in most of the included models to communicate **structure**, not final appearance.
- As furniture is selected and finishes are applied, future renderings will appear more lifelike and vibrant.



*Phase 1: Space Considerations*



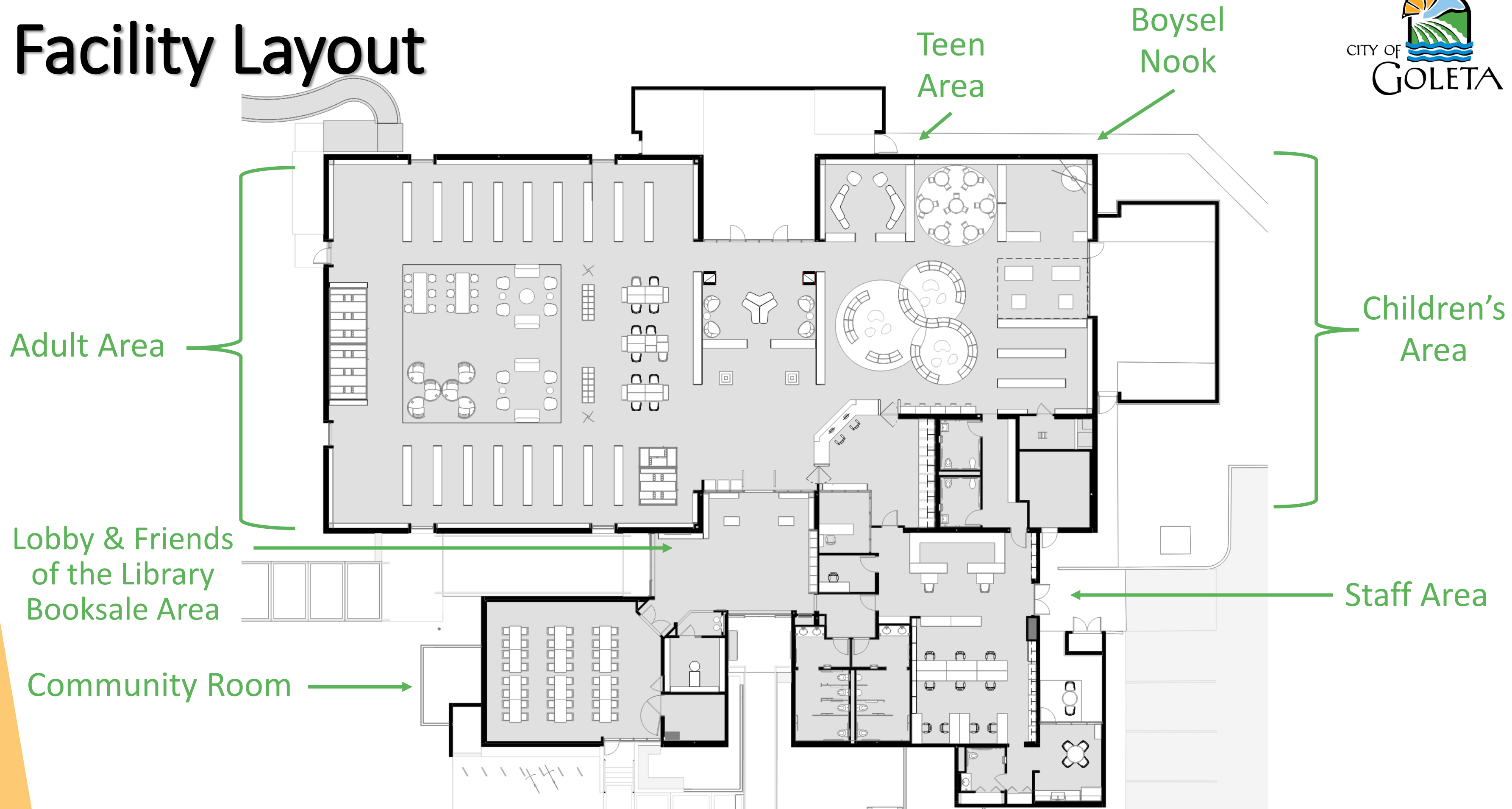
*Phase 2: Furnishings Layout*



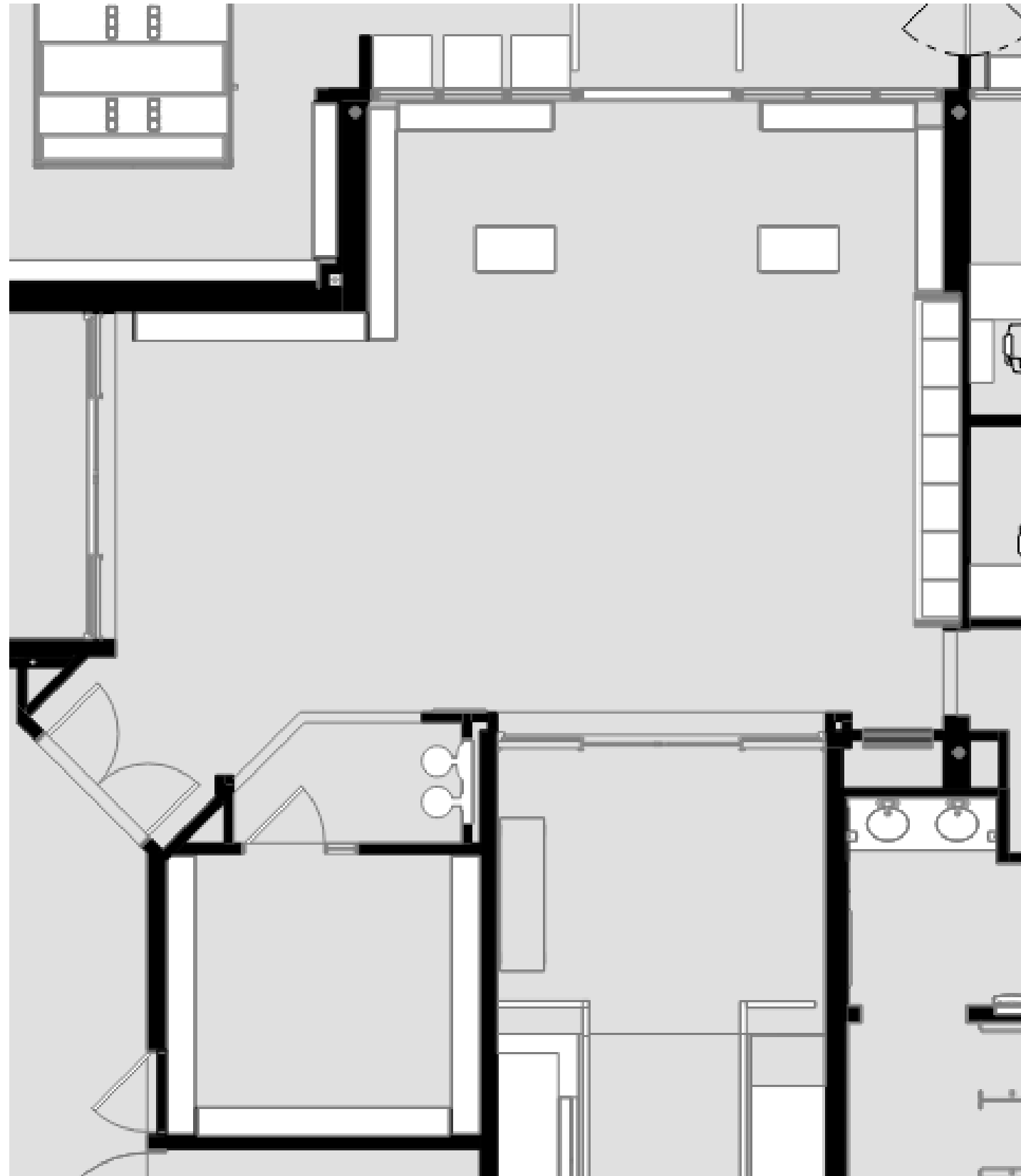
*Phase 3: Furniture Selection*



# Facility Layout



# Lobby & Friends Book Sale





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*Walking into the lobby  
from the front doors*

Note: Display Case will  
remain in lobby; rendering to  
be updated.



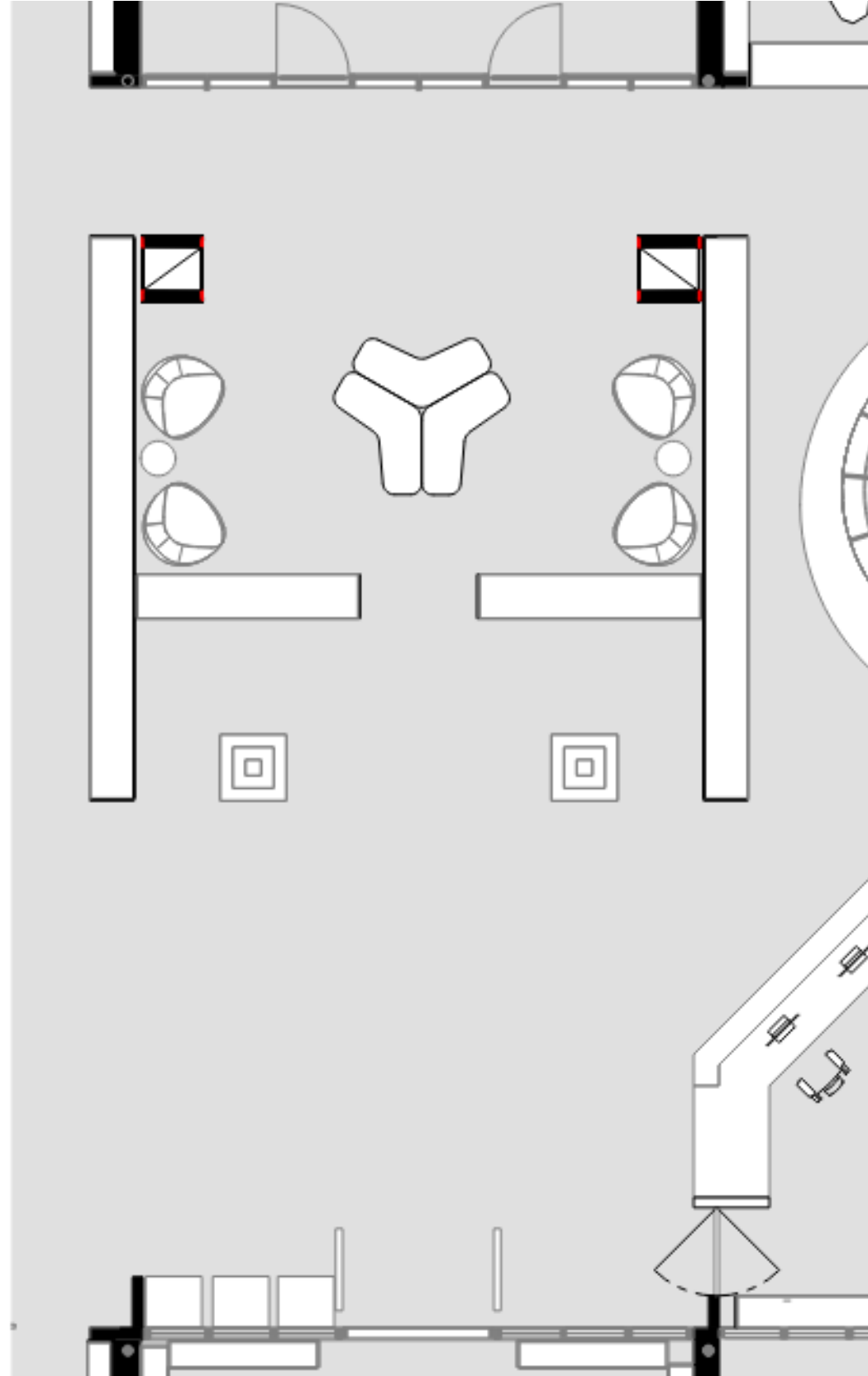
# Lobby & Friends Book Sale



*Looking at library  
entrance from the  
Friends sale area*

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# Library Center Area





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*Walking into the main  
library area from the  
lobby*

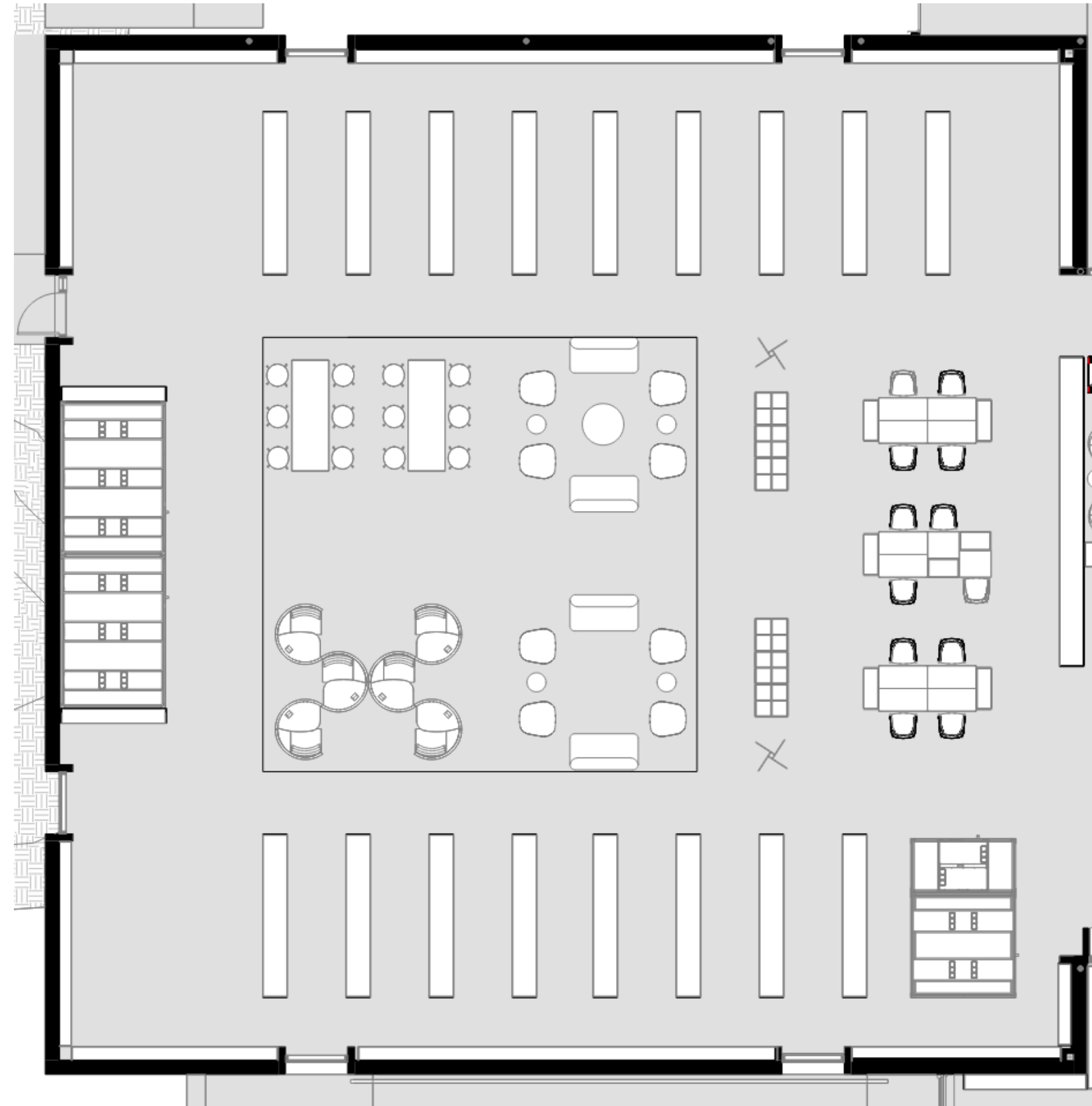


# Library Center Area



*View of library service desk and doors into lobby*

# Adult Area





# Adult Area



*Heading into the adult  
side of the library  
toward Fairview*



# Adult Area



*Viewing the study  
carrels, laptop tables,  
and study pods*

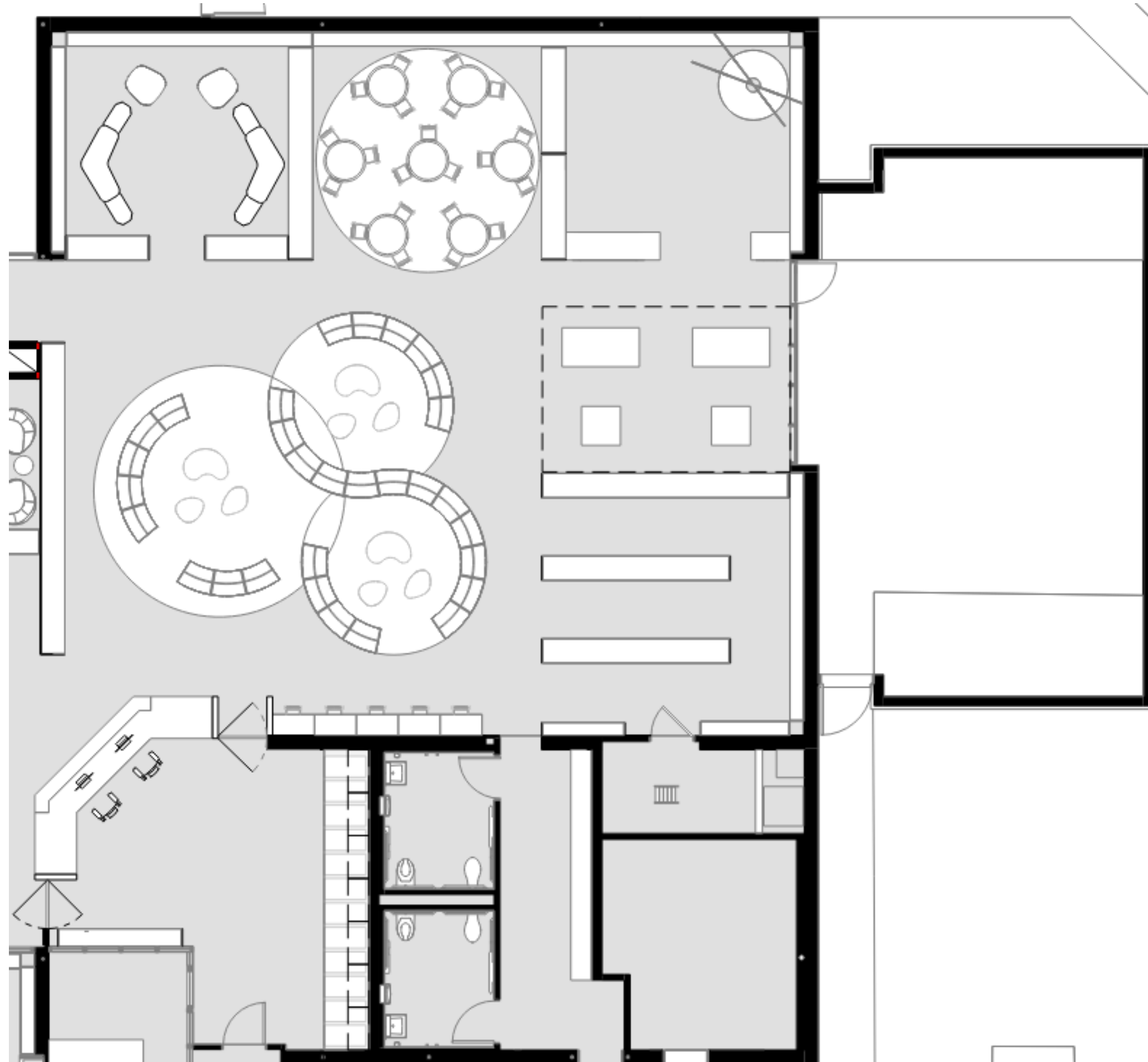


# Adult Area



*Looking across the library from the adult area*

# Children & Teen Areas





# Children & Teen Areas



*Heading into children's  
area from center of  
library*



# Children & Teen Areas



*Approaching Boysel  
Nook*



# Children & Teen Areas



*View of children's area  
from inside Boysel Nook*

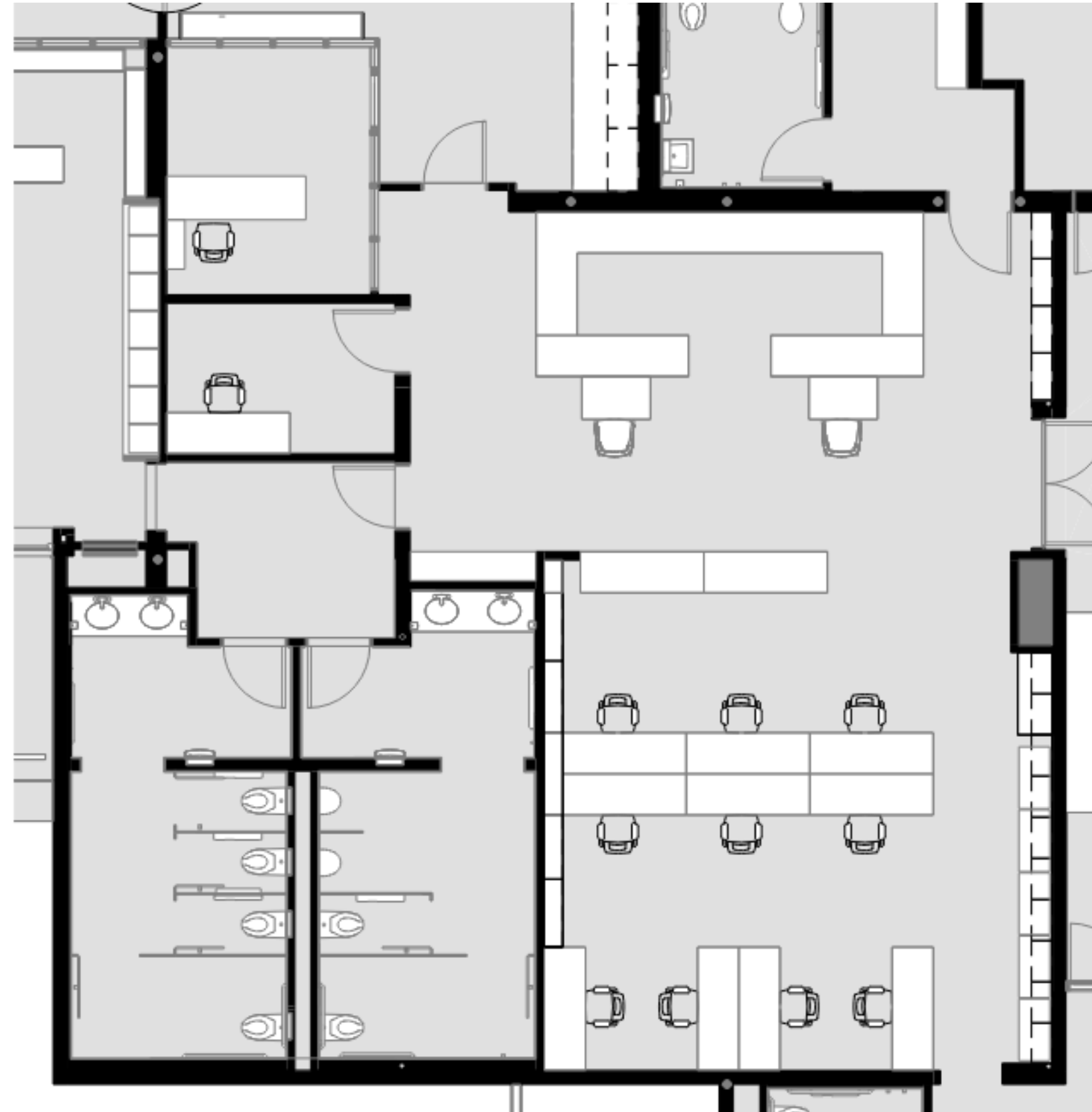


# Children & Teen Areas



*View of  
children's area  
spaces from  
near patio*

# Service Desk & Work Room





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*View of staff  
workstations from  
courier delivery area*



# Service Desk & Work Room



*View of courier delivery  
area from staff  
workstations*



# Original Layout (1973)



*Adult area*



*Center of library*



# Original Layout (1973)



*View from adult side of library*

*View from children's side of library*



# Capital Campaign Update



# Capital Campaign: Writing the Next Chapter



- **January 2026:** Finalize campaign launch with fiscal sponsor
- **January-February:** Engage donors with established giving programs, roll out marketing plan
- **March-May:** Approach local and longtime donors, share progress report with community
- **June-August:** Promotion during Summer Reading Program, community fundraising opportunities
- **September-October:** Strategic engagement with focus groups, share progress report
- **November-December:** Special End-of-Year-Giving, campaign completion

# Discussion and Questions