



**Agenda Item B.4
PRESENTATION
Meeting Date: January 20, 2026**

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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BACKGROUND:

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DISCUSSION:

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- Intentionally designed Teen Area
- Rededicated Boysel Reading Nook with centerpiece tree
- Addition of study pods for small group reservations
- Updated adult seating for reading and independent work
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Strategic Goal: 2.5. Support the Goleta Library as a robust community resource

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Strategic Goal: 9.2. Create a culture of learning and awareness at the City, and a workforce committed to the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion and access in the provision of City services

FISCAL IMPACTS:

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LEGAL REVIEW BY: Isaac Rosen, City Attorney

APPROVED BY: Robert Nisbet, City Manager

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Presentation Content

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



Goleta Valley Library, 1974

Project Overview

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

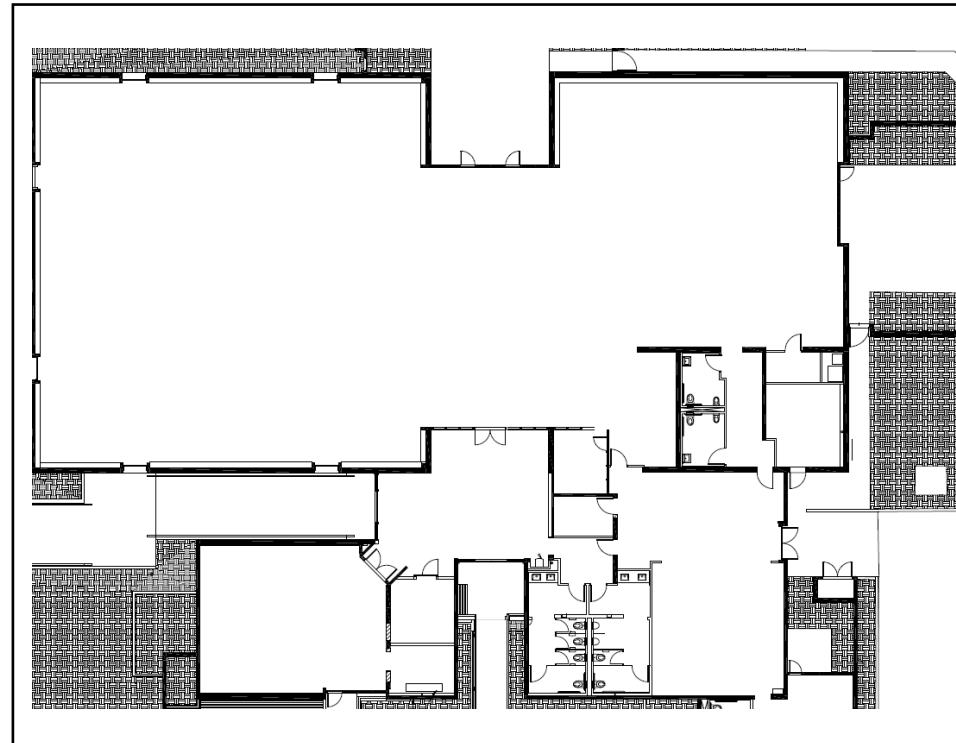
- Community Visioning Survey
- Library Advisory Commission
- Goleta City Council
- Friends of the Goleta Valley Library
- Boysel Family
- Library Staff



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

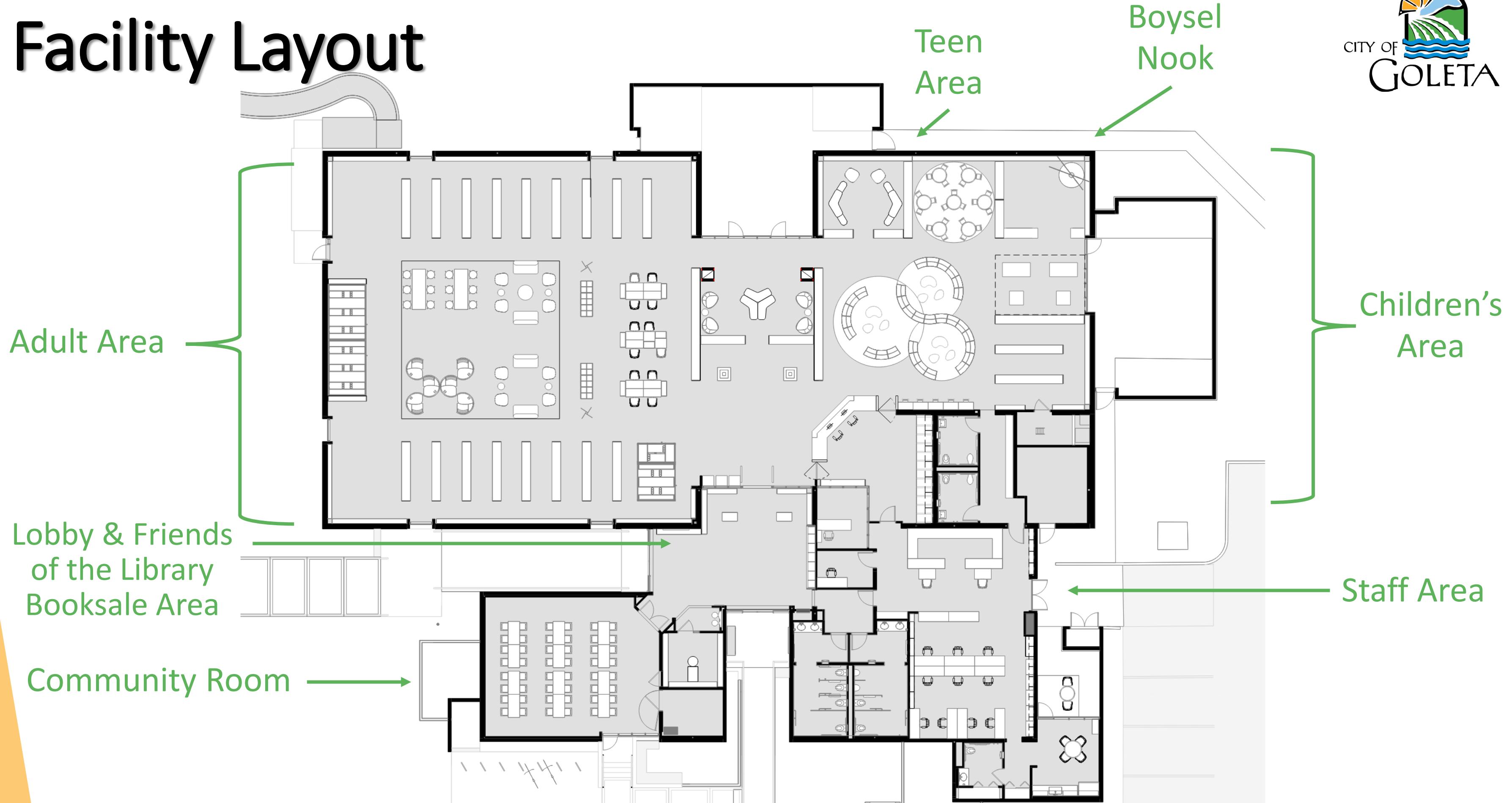


Phase 2: Furnishings Layout

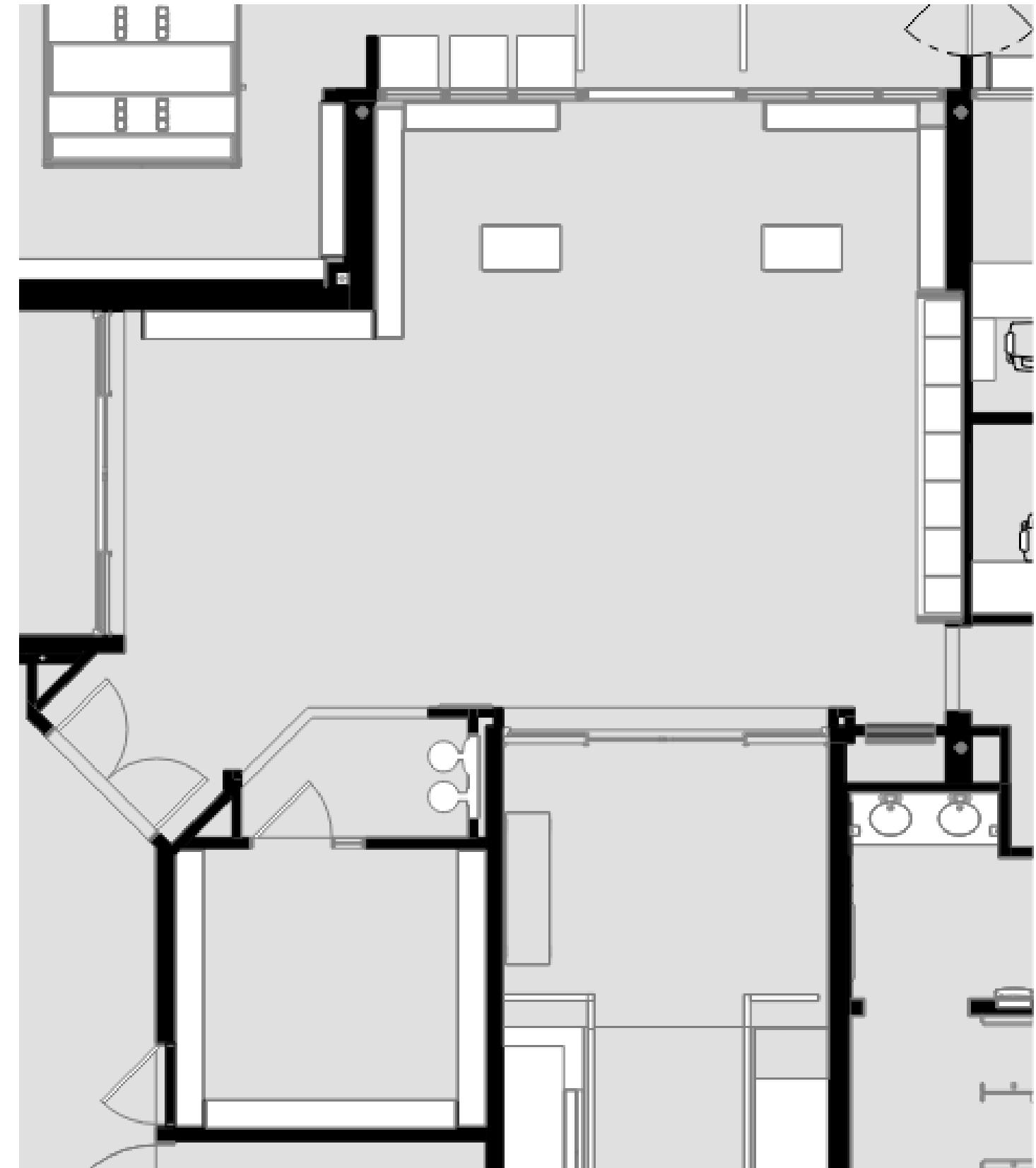


Phase 3: Furniture Selection

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.

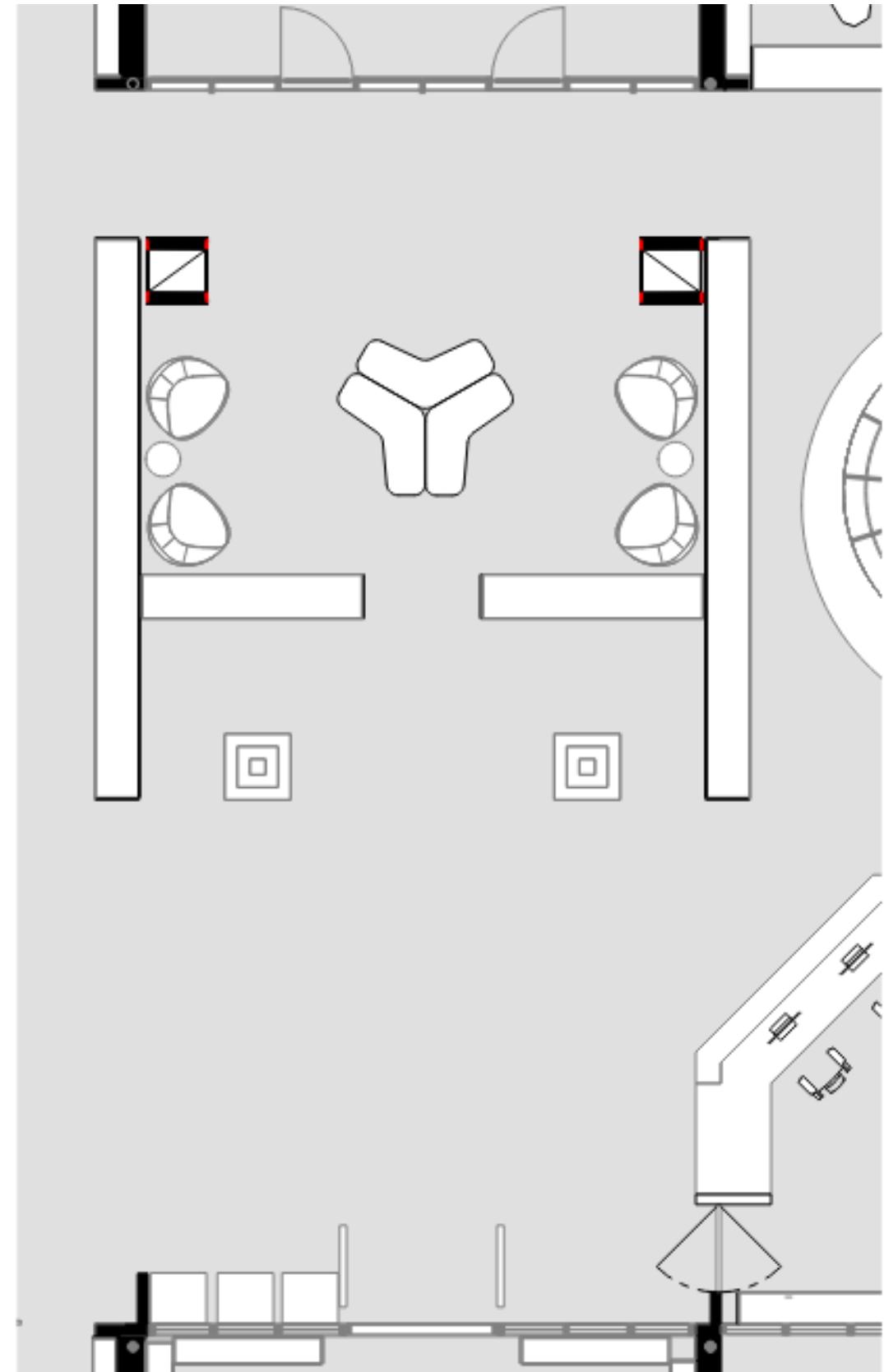
Lobby & Friends Book Sale



Looking at library entrance from the Friends sale area

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Library Center Area



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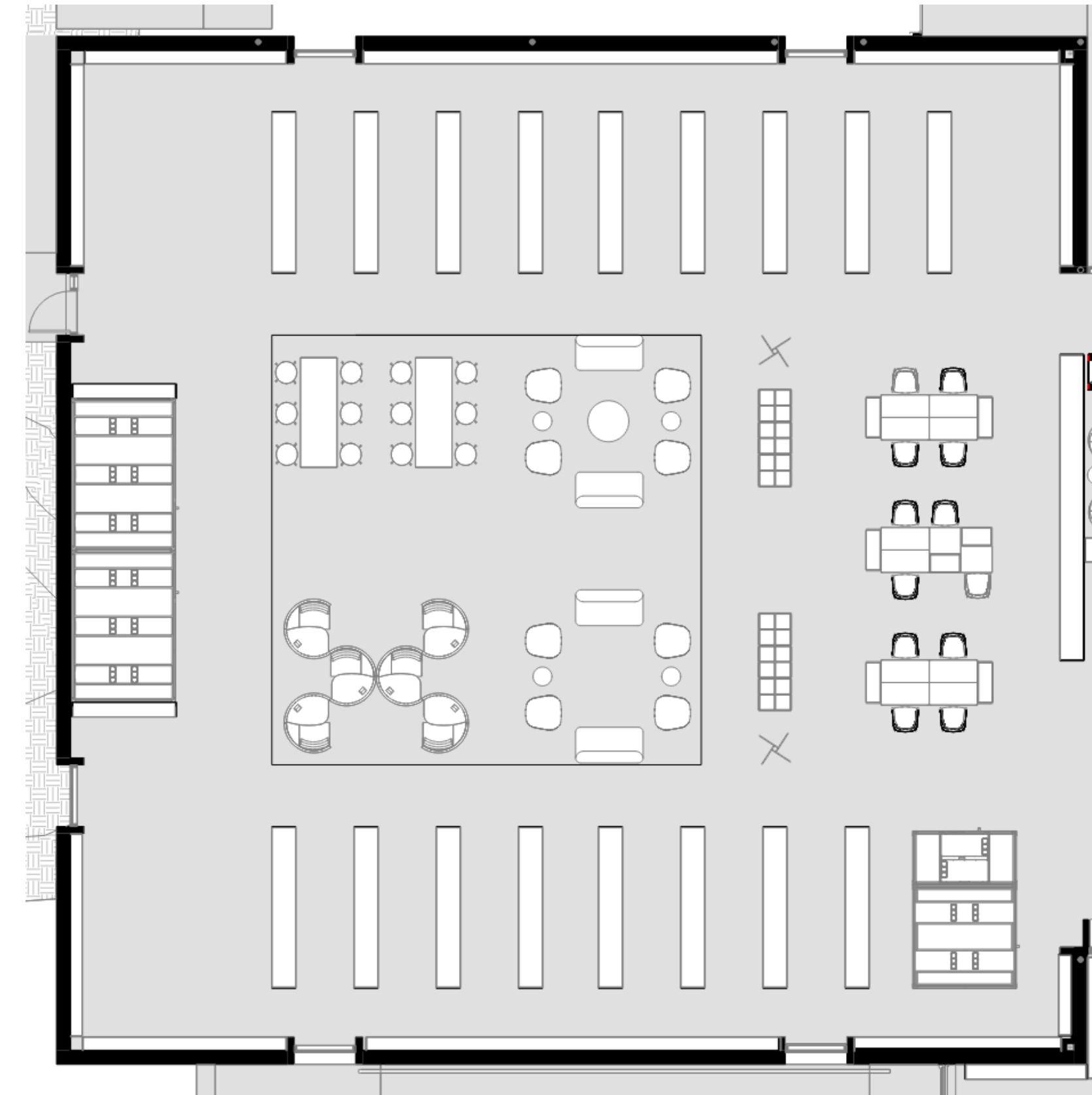
Walking into the main library area from the lobby

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



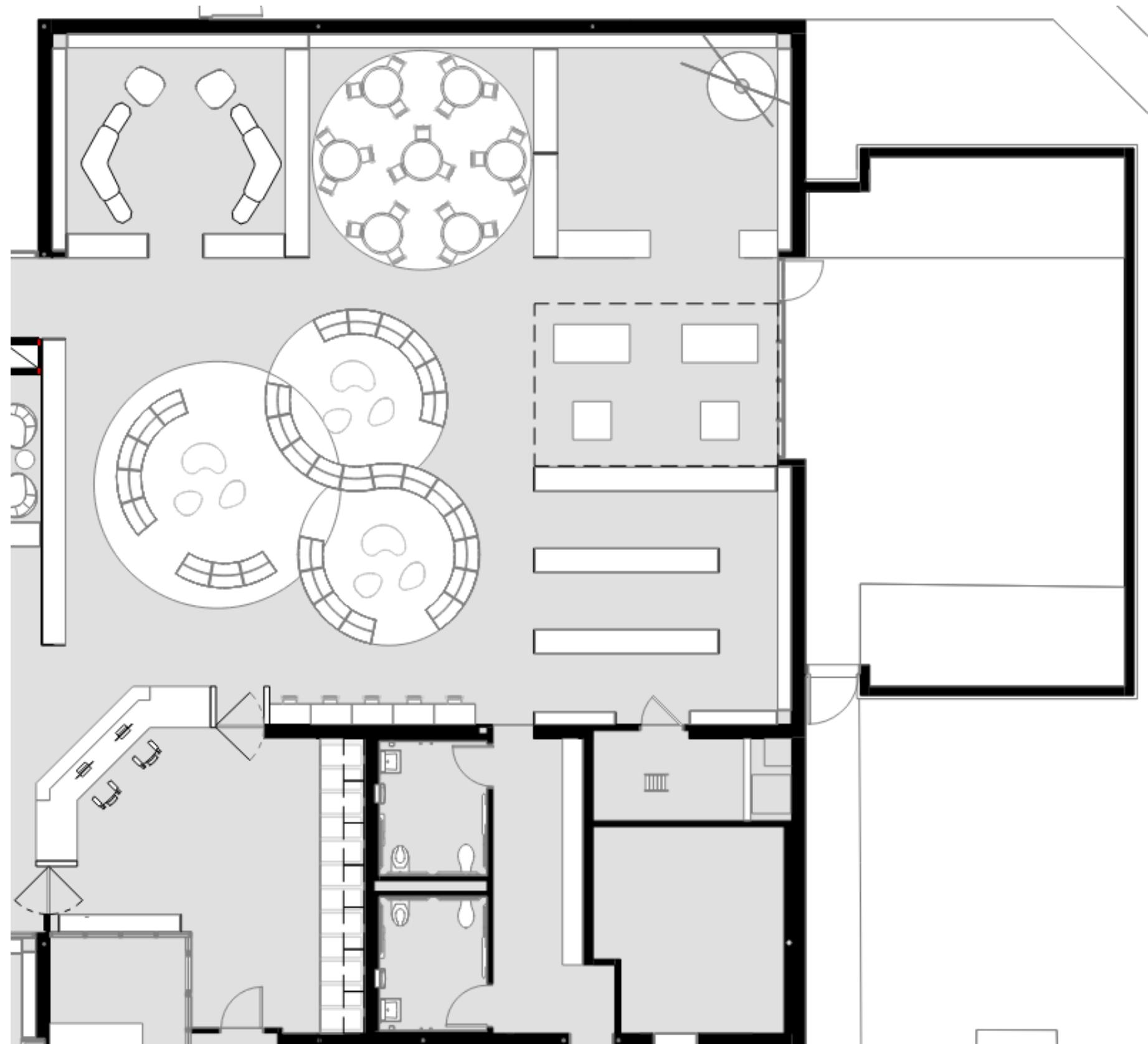
Viewing the study carrels, laptop tables, and study pods

Adult Area



Looking across the library from the adult area

Children & Teen Areas



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Heading into children's area from center of library

Children & Teen Areas



Approaching Boysel Nook

Children & Teen Areas



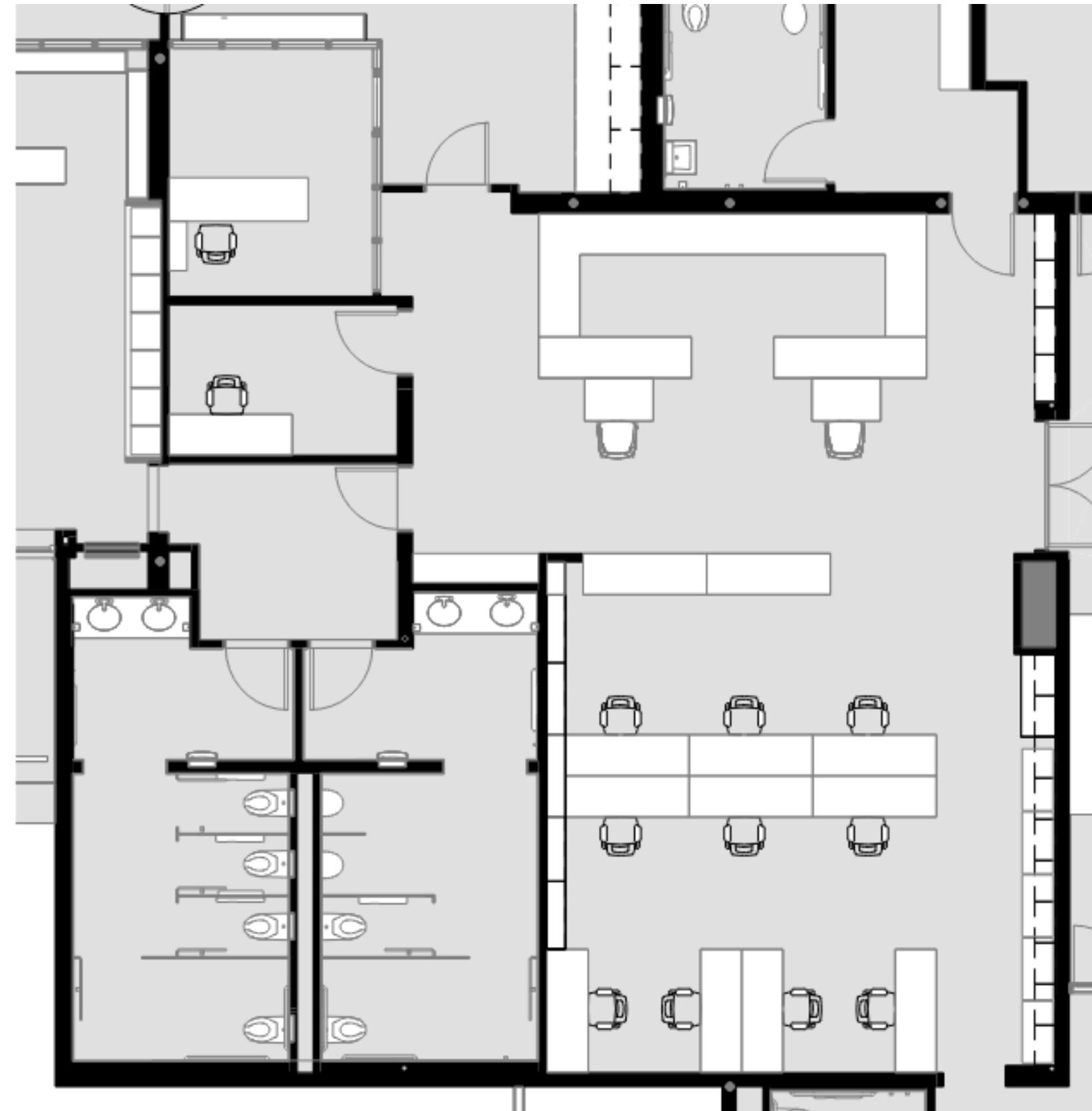
*View of children's area
from inside Boysel Nook*

Children & Teen Areas



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

Service Desk & Work Room



Service Desk & Work Room



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