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# Chinatown Branch Library Renovation

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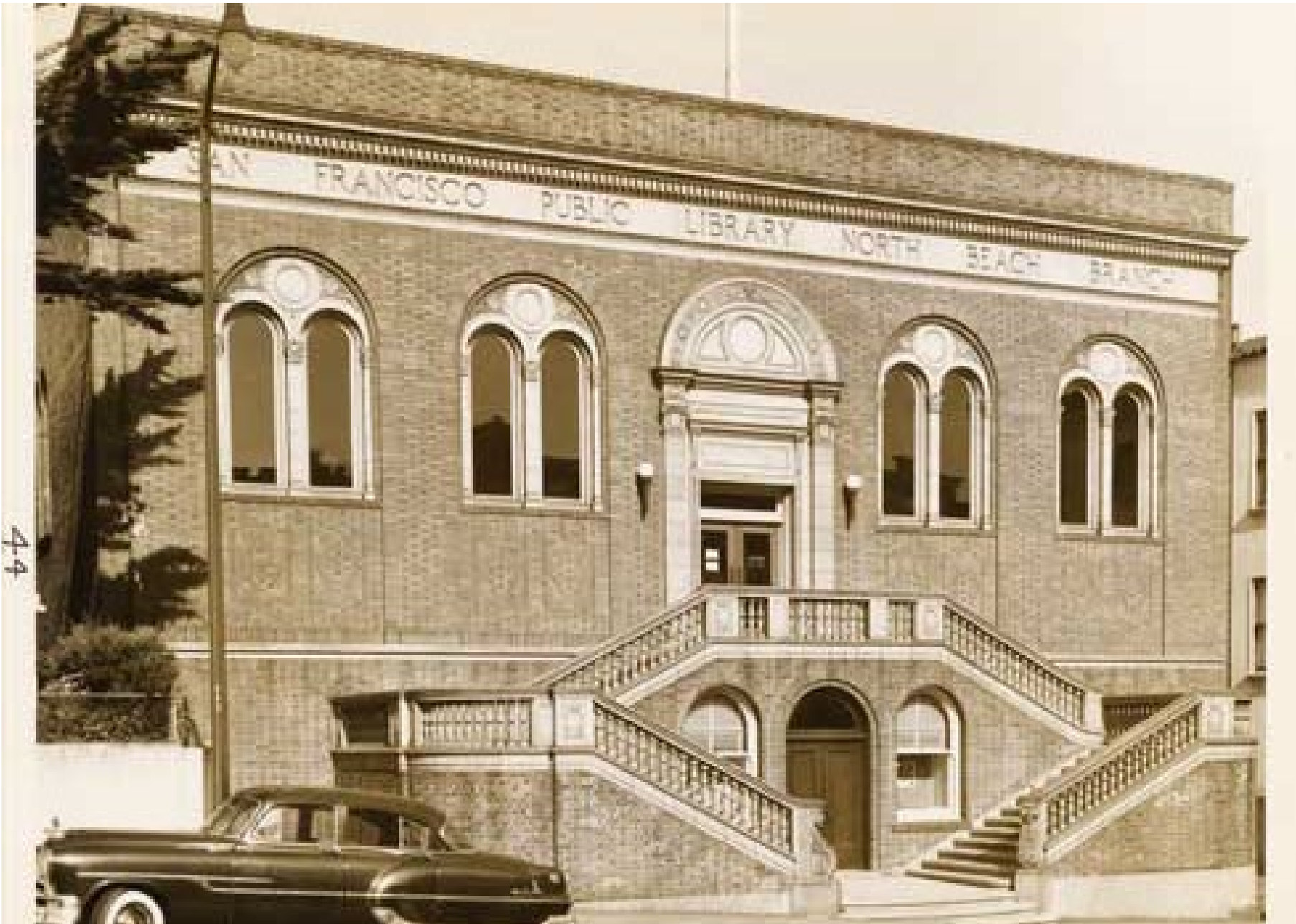
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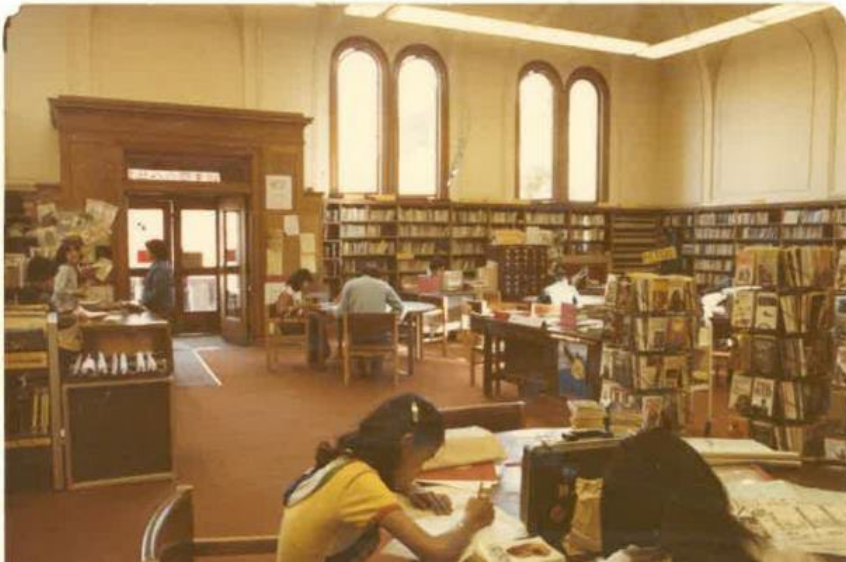


# Project Overview

## Complete renovation Chinatown Him Mark Lai Branch Library

- 1921 Historic Carnegie Library (one of seven in SF)
- Named after Chinese American historian and activist Him Mark Lai
- Not renovated in past SF library bond (BLIP Program)
- Library features and building systems are outdated
- Extensive community engagement process informed project scope





# 1995 Seismic and Accessibility Upgrades

- Building systems outdated
- Library service style outdated
- Community room too small
- Too few restrooms
- Historic features in need of renewal:
  - Historic Reading Room
    - Structural removal
  - Façade repair

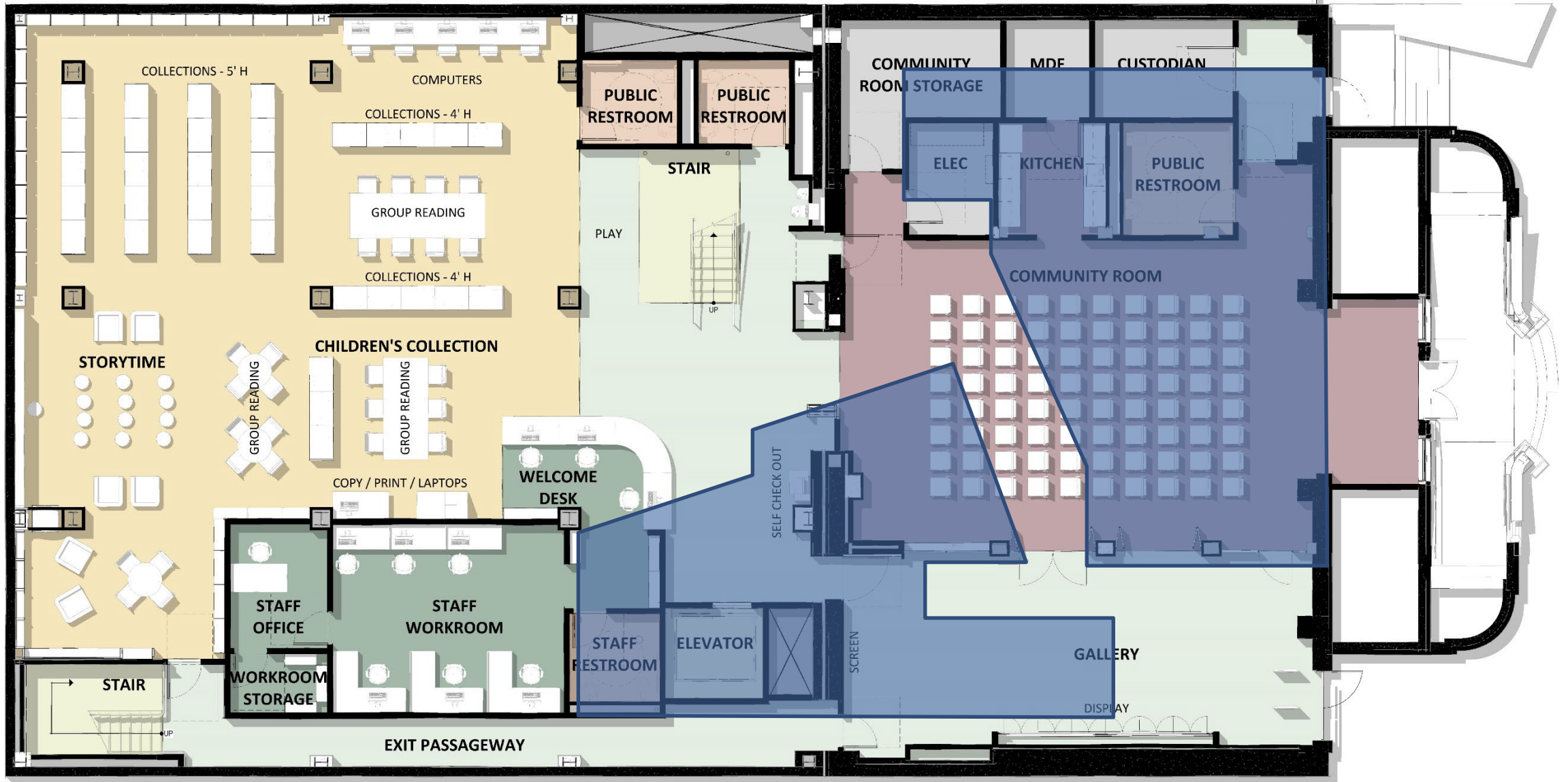


# Updated Building Features

## IN-PROGRESS RENDERS OF RESTORED ENTRY



- New Amenities:**
- Enlarged community room
  - New teen room
  - Restore community room entry
  - Renewed roof terrace
  - New elevator and stairway
  - Replace obsolete systems
  - Sustainability and resiliency upgrades
  - Additional restrooms
  - Public art

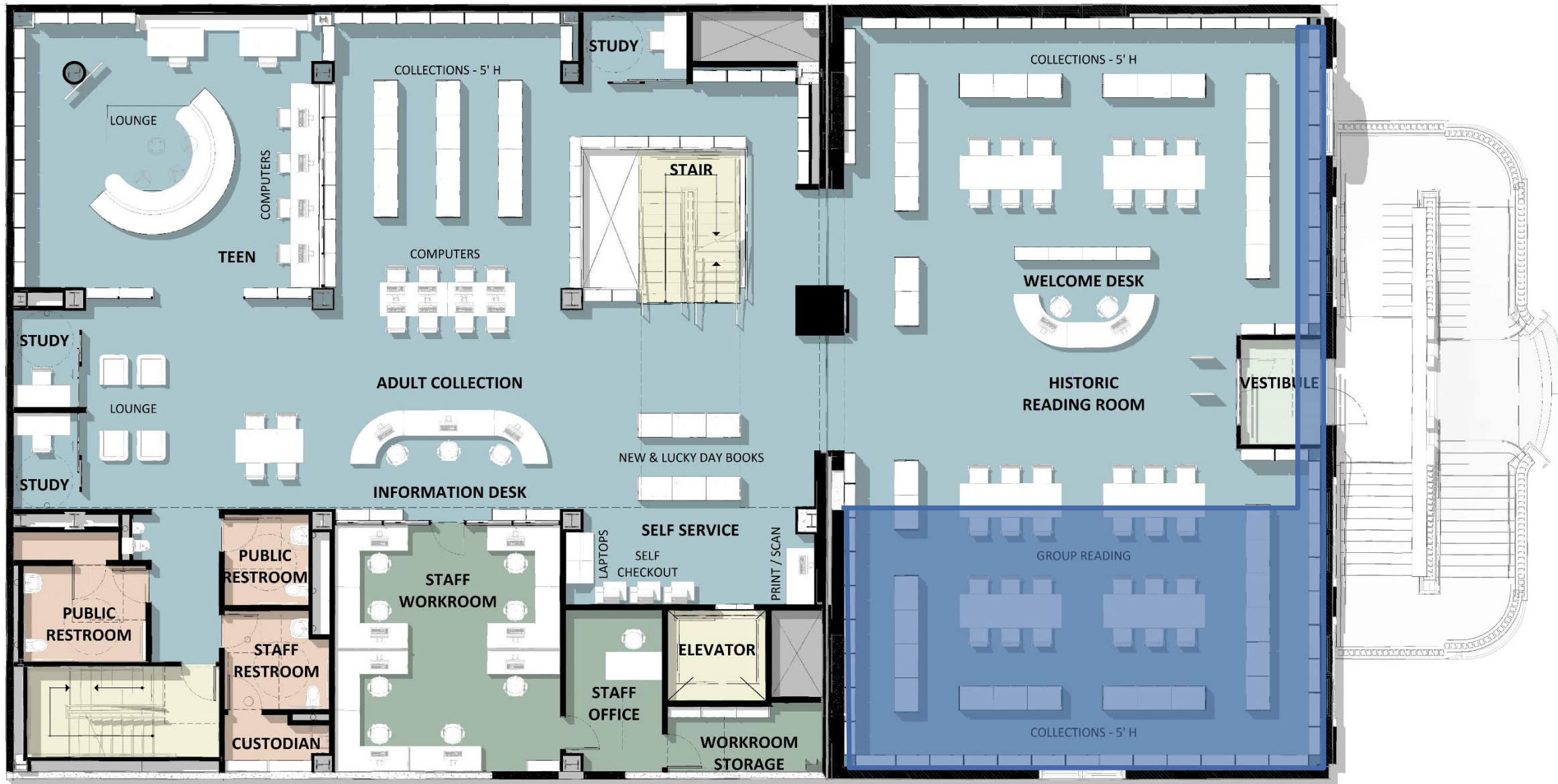


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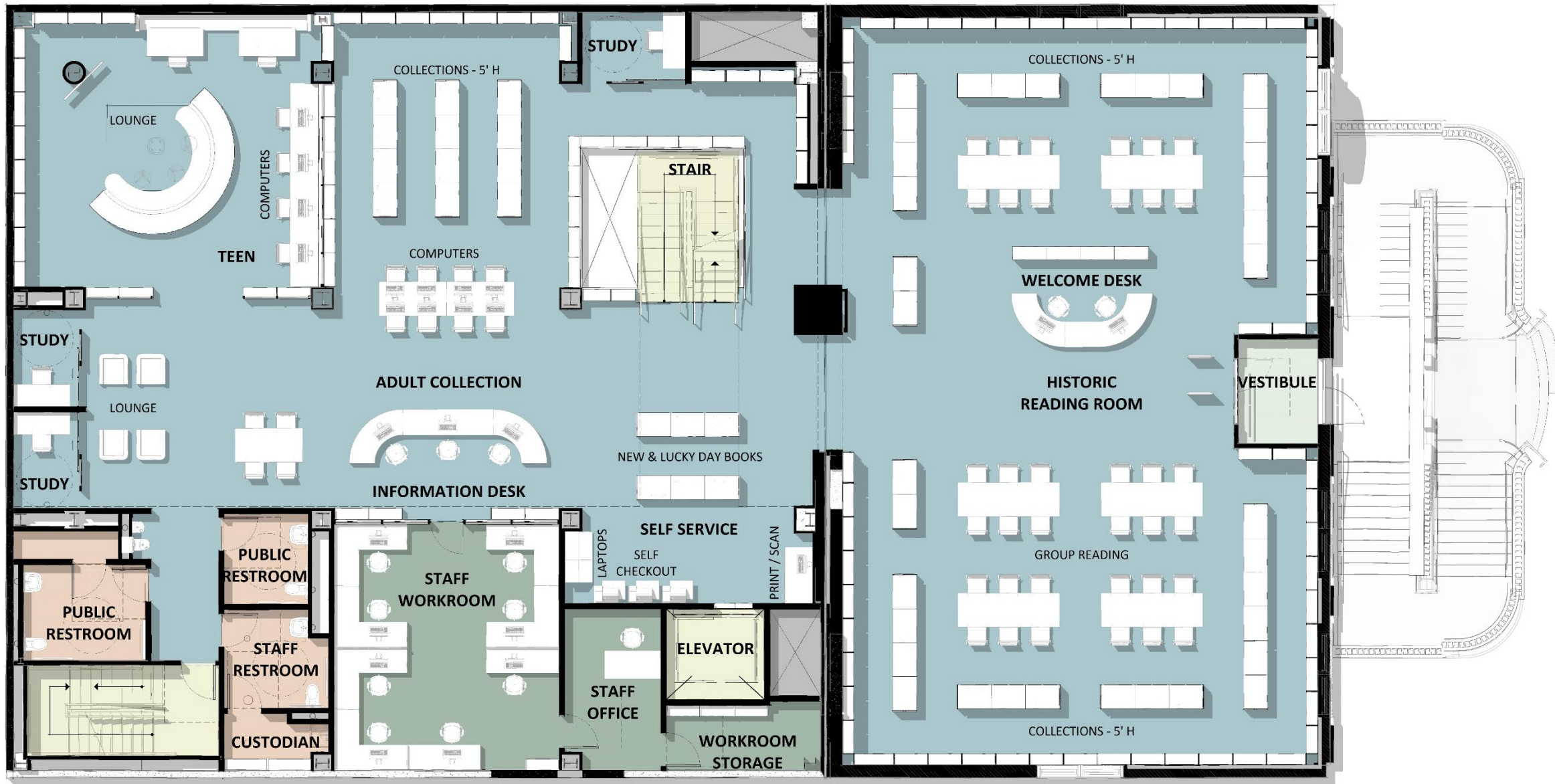


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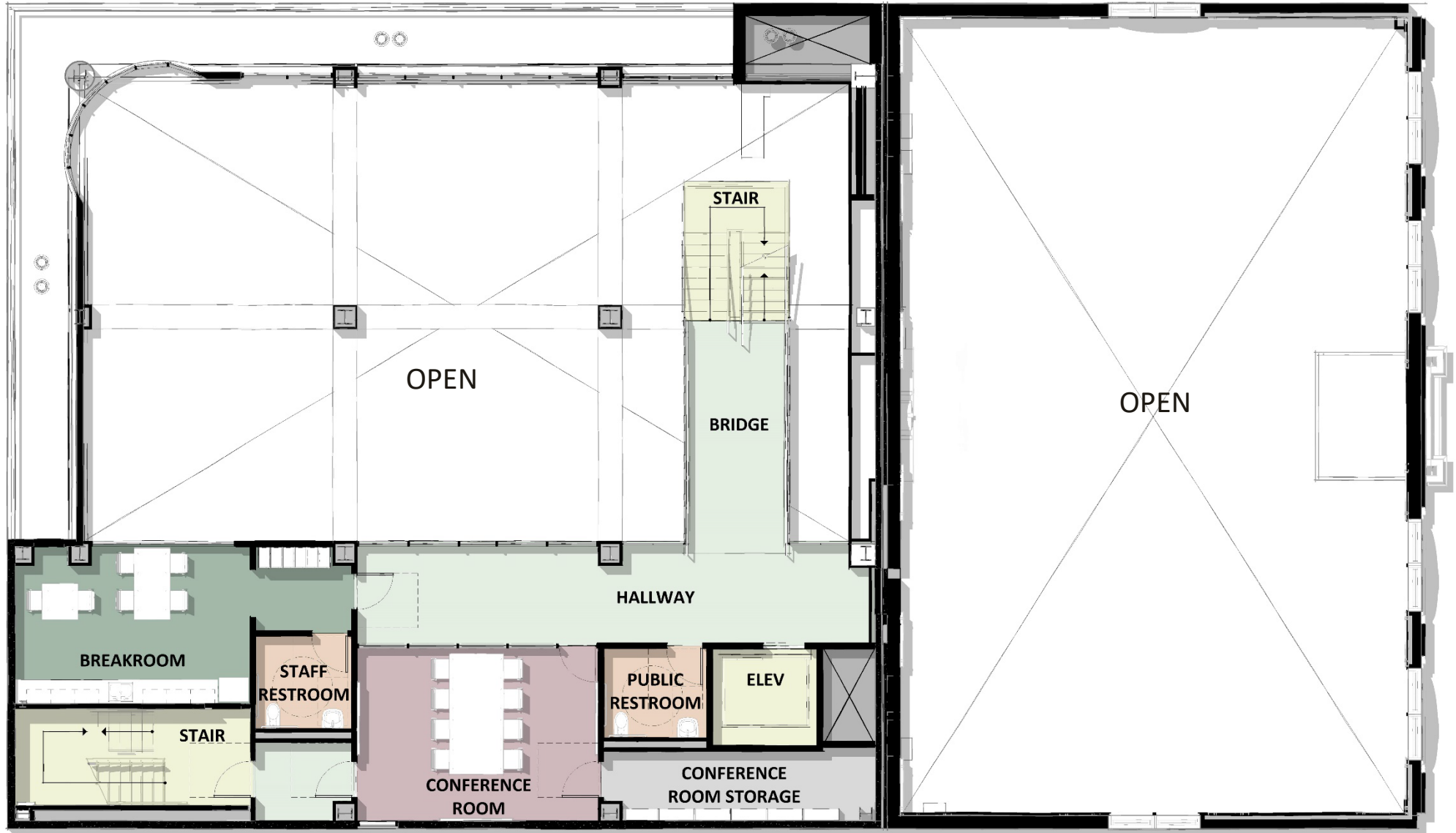




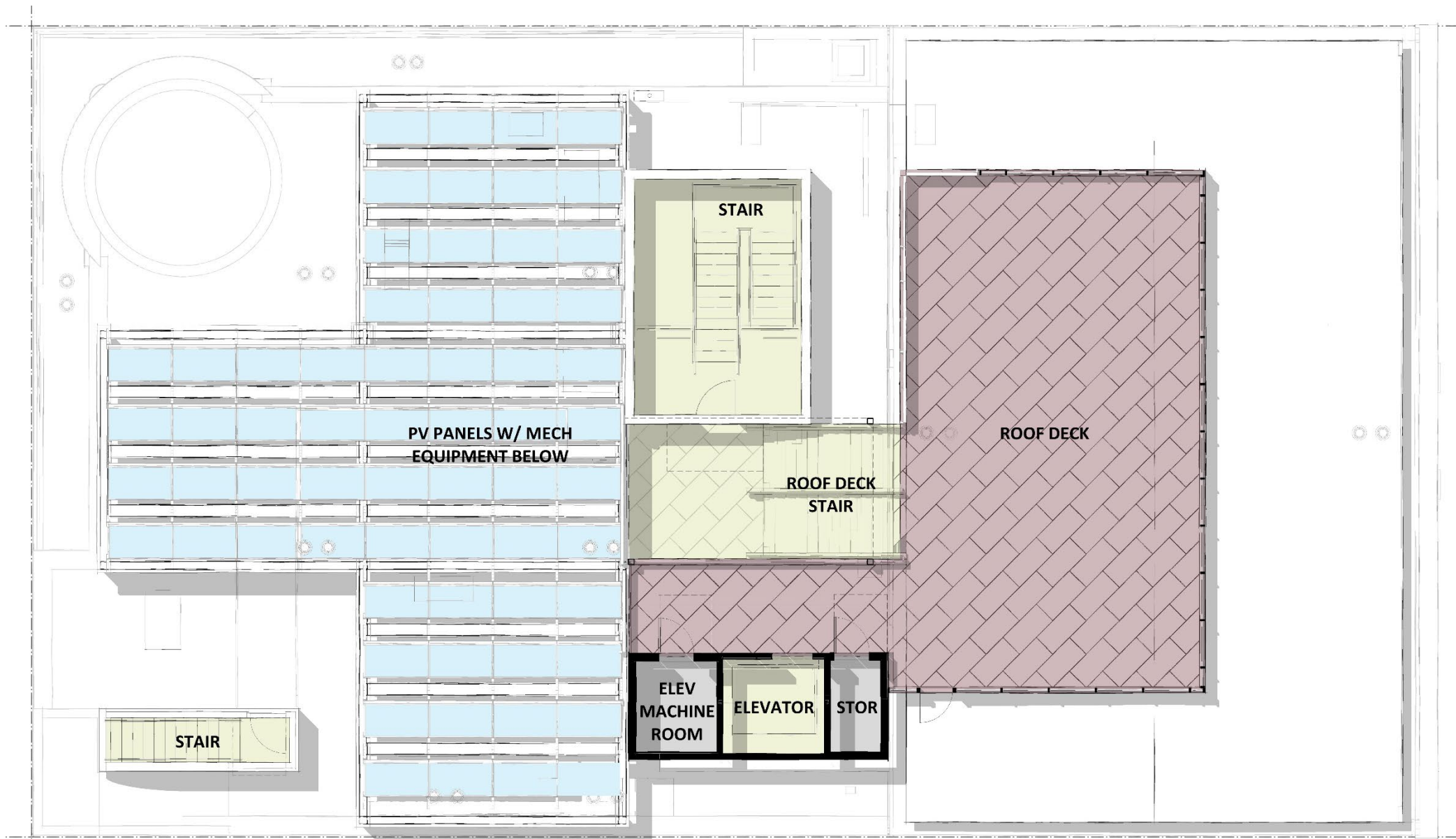
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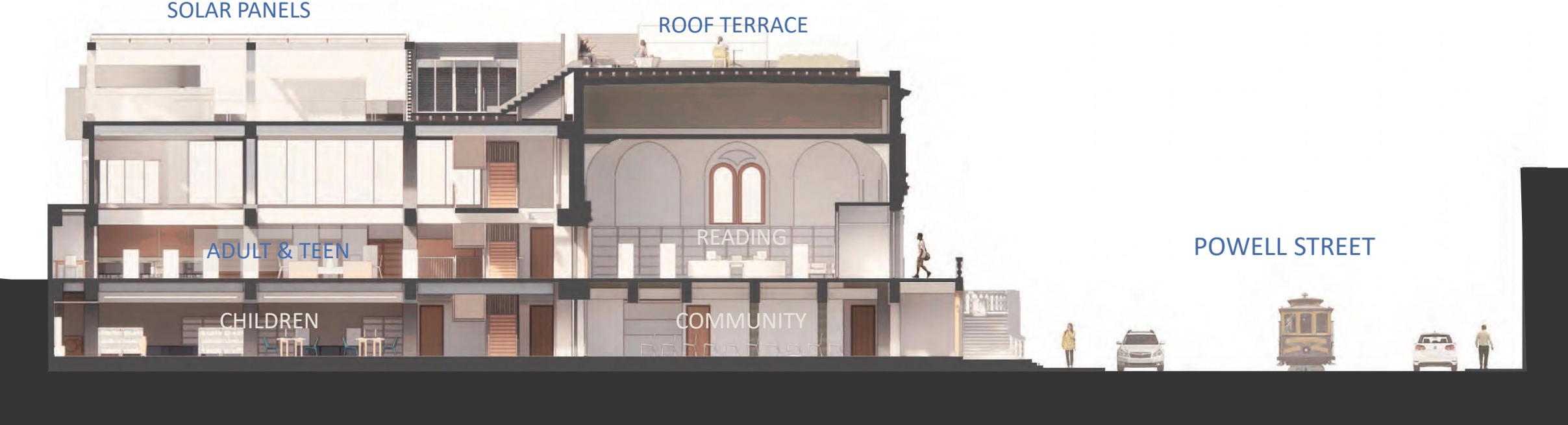


# Mezzanine Plan



**Roof Plan**

# Cross-section through building





Rendering: birds eye view



Rendering: interior view at Children's entry



Rendering: interior view at Children's Storytime





Rendering: interior view at Historic Reading Room



Rendering: interior view at Teen Room



Rendering: interior view at Info Desk



Rendering: exterior view at roof terrace



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# Community Engagement



## 2017

- Council of Neighborhood Libraries
- SFPL Library Commission

## 2018

- Branch Feasibility Studies
- SFPL Library Commission update

## 2019

- SFPL Library Commission

## 2020 & 2021

- SFPL Library Commission updates

## 2022

- May 2022 – 3 Community meetings

## 2023

- Upcoming in August, 3 public meetings

# Project Schedule

<b>Design completion</b>	Fall 2022 – Nov 2023
<b>Next community mtgs</b>	August 2023
<b>Permitting</b>	Winter 2023 - 2024
<b>Bid and Award</b>	Spring 2024
<b>Notice to Proceed</b>	Summer 2024
<b>Construction – tentative</b>	2 years



# QUESTIONS