
CANARSIE LIBRARY RENOVATION COMMUNITY REPORT BACK!

APRIL 2, 2024

6:30PM

Canarsie Library



WELCOME

Alex Tretiak, Branch Manager
Canarsie Library

AGENDA

01

Welcome

Alex Tretiak, Branch Manager, Canarsie Library,
Brooklyn Public Library

02

Background

Michele Bonan, VP Government & Community Relations,
Brooklyn Public Library

03

Design Presentation

Wendy Evans Joseph, Principal, Studio Joseph

04

Next Steps + Questions

Moderator: LaMeane Isaac, Regional Director Office of
Neighborhood Services, Brooklyn Public Library

CANARSIE LIBRARY



BACKGROUND

Brooklyn Public Library is in the midst of our most significant era of rebuilding in history, with one third of the Library's system recently rebuilt or renovated.

Canarsie Library requires significant infrastructure upgrade

\$20M allocated in NYC Capital funding from the City and Council Member Narcisse for a comprehensive branch renovation

Architects, Studio Joseph selected

Community Engagement Process, developed and carried out in partnership with Hester Street

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In spring, summer and fall of 2022, Brooklyn Public Library and Hester Street, in coordination with the architects at Studio Joseph developed a community engagement process to help inform the branch's redesign.

The library engaged close to 300 Canarsie residents, library patrons, community organizations, elected representatives, service providers, library staff and other key stakeholders in a participatory design process.

The goal was to create a community-driven design process resulting in a new library that is truly reflective of the priorities and concerns of Canarsie stakeholders.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Engagement by the Numbers:

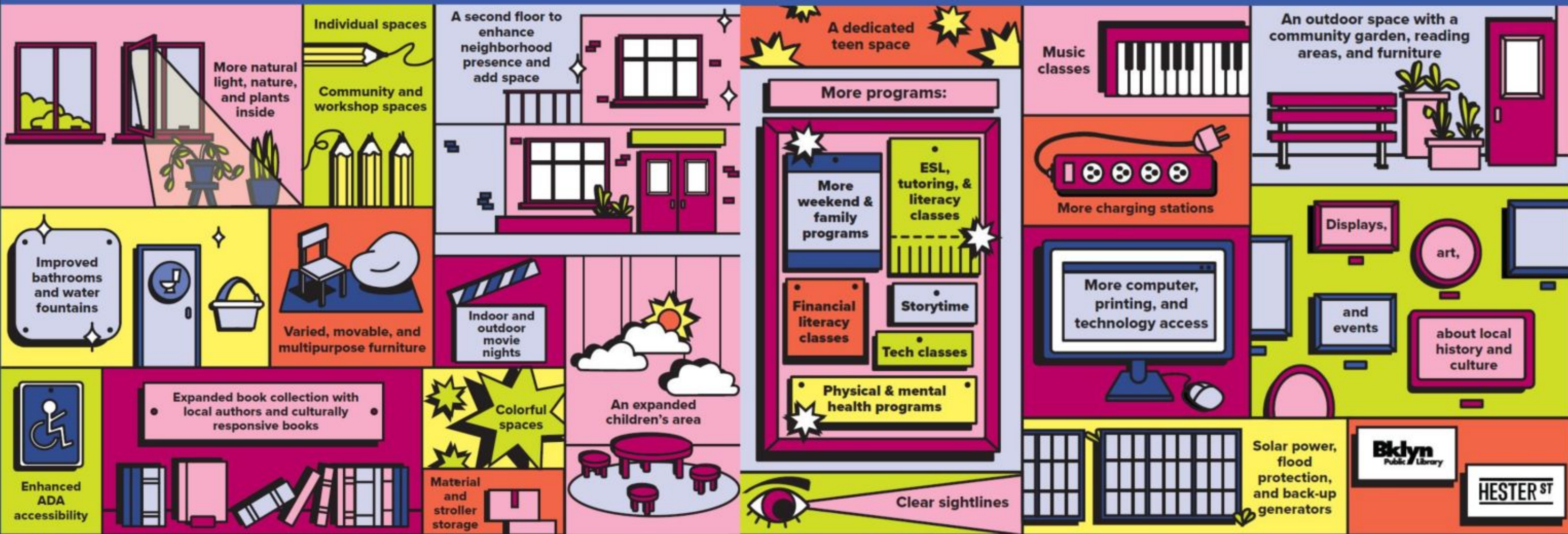
- 95** surveys from library patrons and stakeholders
- 11** stakeholder meetings
- 4** Bookmobile events
- 2** public workshops

Who We've Talked to:

- Local community members
- Schools
- Elected representatives
- Community-based organizations



In the **Renovated Canarsie Library**, Community Members Want to See:



**DESIGN
PRESENTATION**

Wendy Evans Joseph, Principal
Studio Joseph



Bklyn
Public Library

Canarsie Branch Community Board Meeting

Hello!

04.03.2024

Agenda

- 01.** Hello - Introductions
- 02.** What we heard - developing a program
- 03.** Site analysis - what we are able to build
- 04.** What we heard - developing a program
- 05.** Exterior and interior designs - artworks/murals
- 06.** Moving forward
- 07.** Questions and comments

What we heard.

We believe **the process is part of the solution.**

The way we work together determines the design.



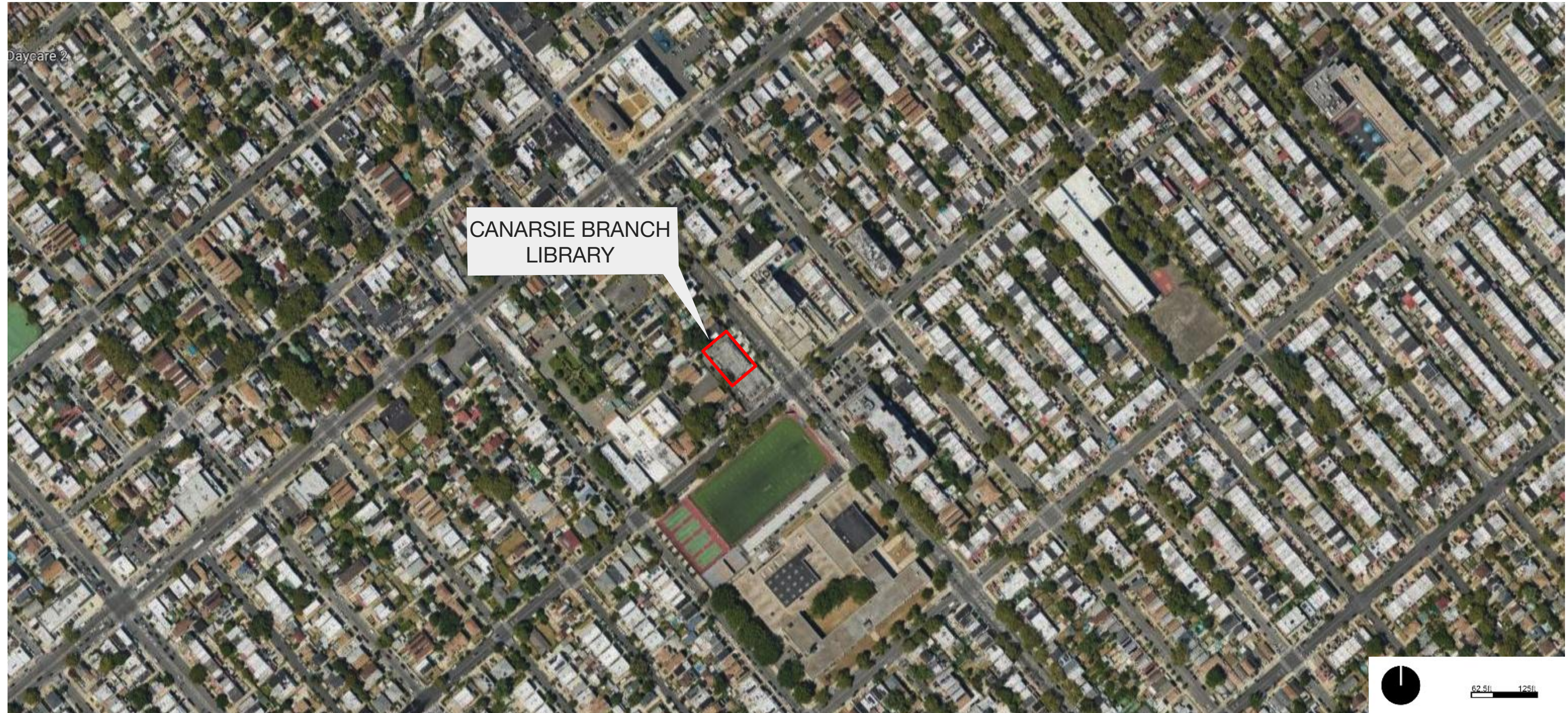
What we heard

- **Welcoming Entry**
- **Outdoor Space/Garden**
- **Views Out/Views in to street**
- **After Hours/Community Room**
- **Community Art**
- **Quiet Space/Lounge Space**
- **Tech Help**
- **Stroller storage**



- **Lactation room**
- **Separate teen+children's Areas**
- **Direct observation of teen areas**
- **Private staff offices/ meeting spaces/more space per staff**
- **Parking**

Existing Context



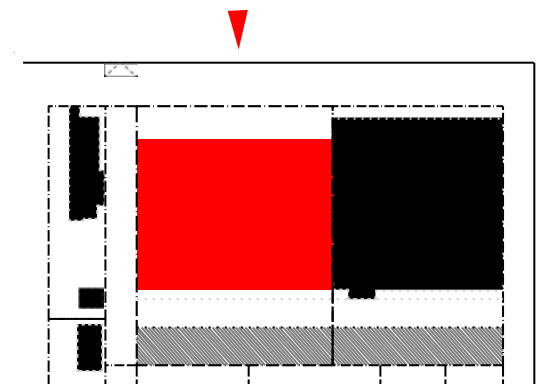
Daycare 2

CANARSIE BRANCH
LIBRARY



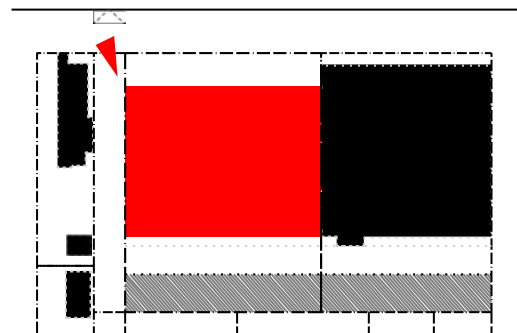


Front view | Rockaway Parkway

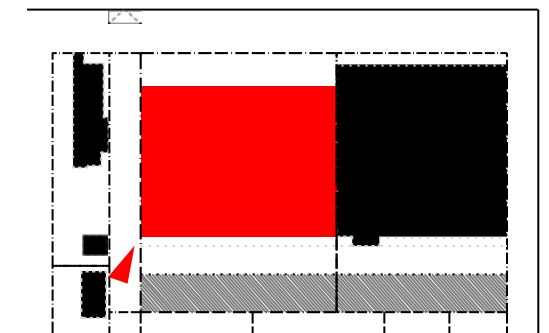




View from Skidmore Lane

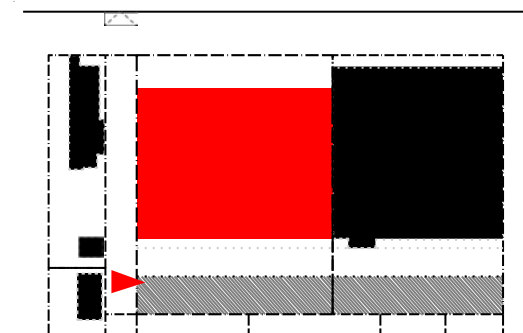


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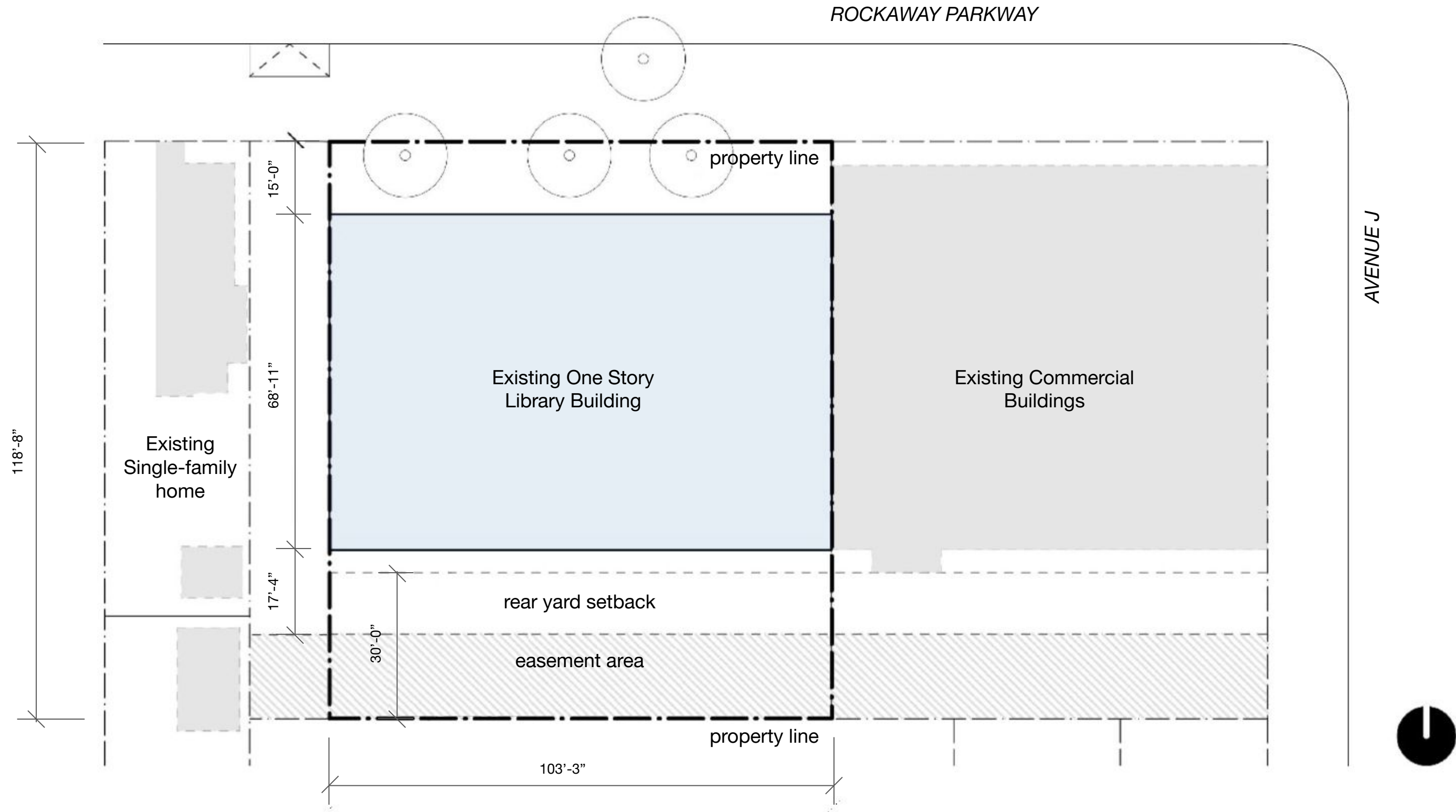


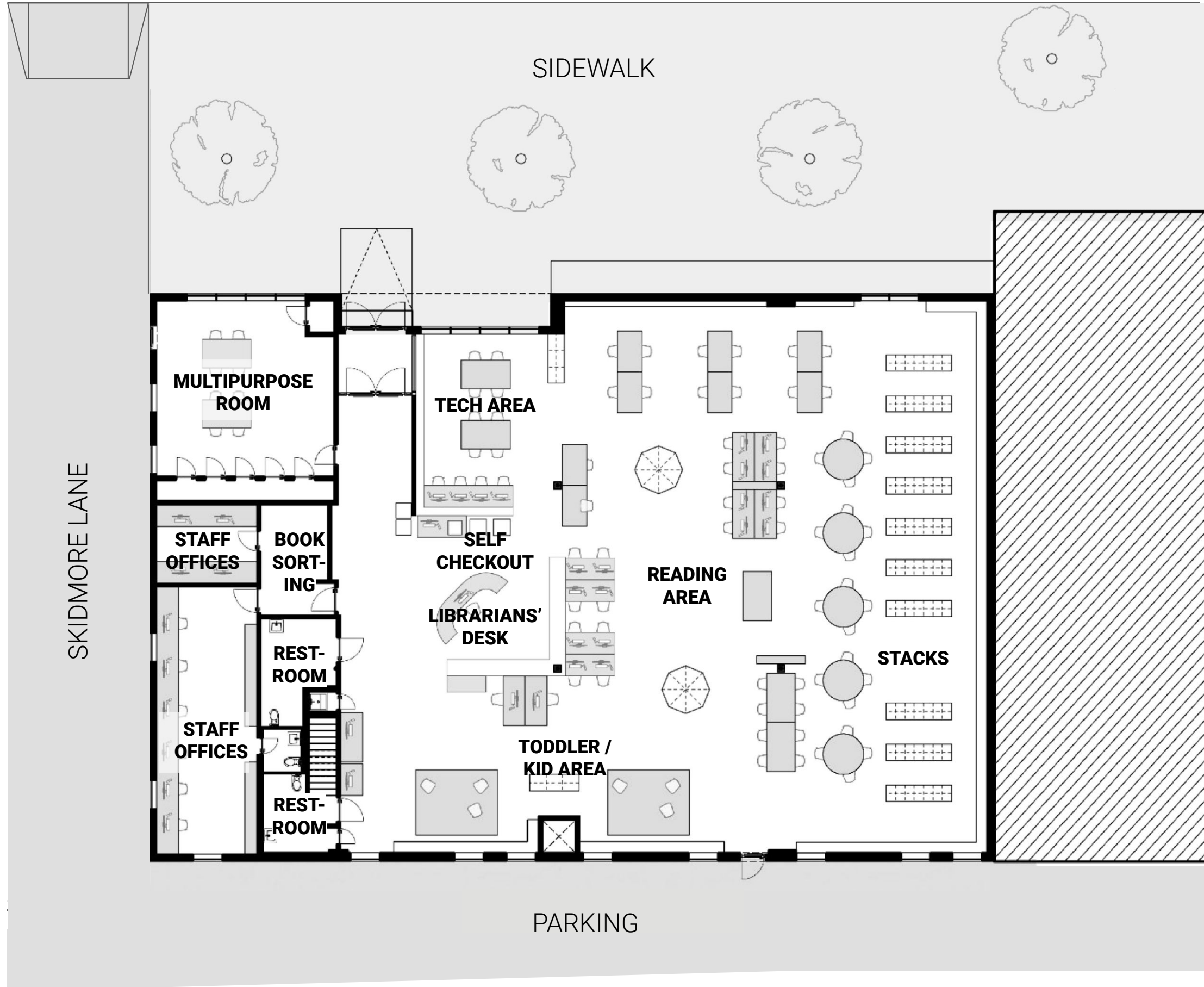


Rear view from easement

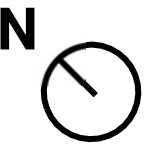


Site Analysis



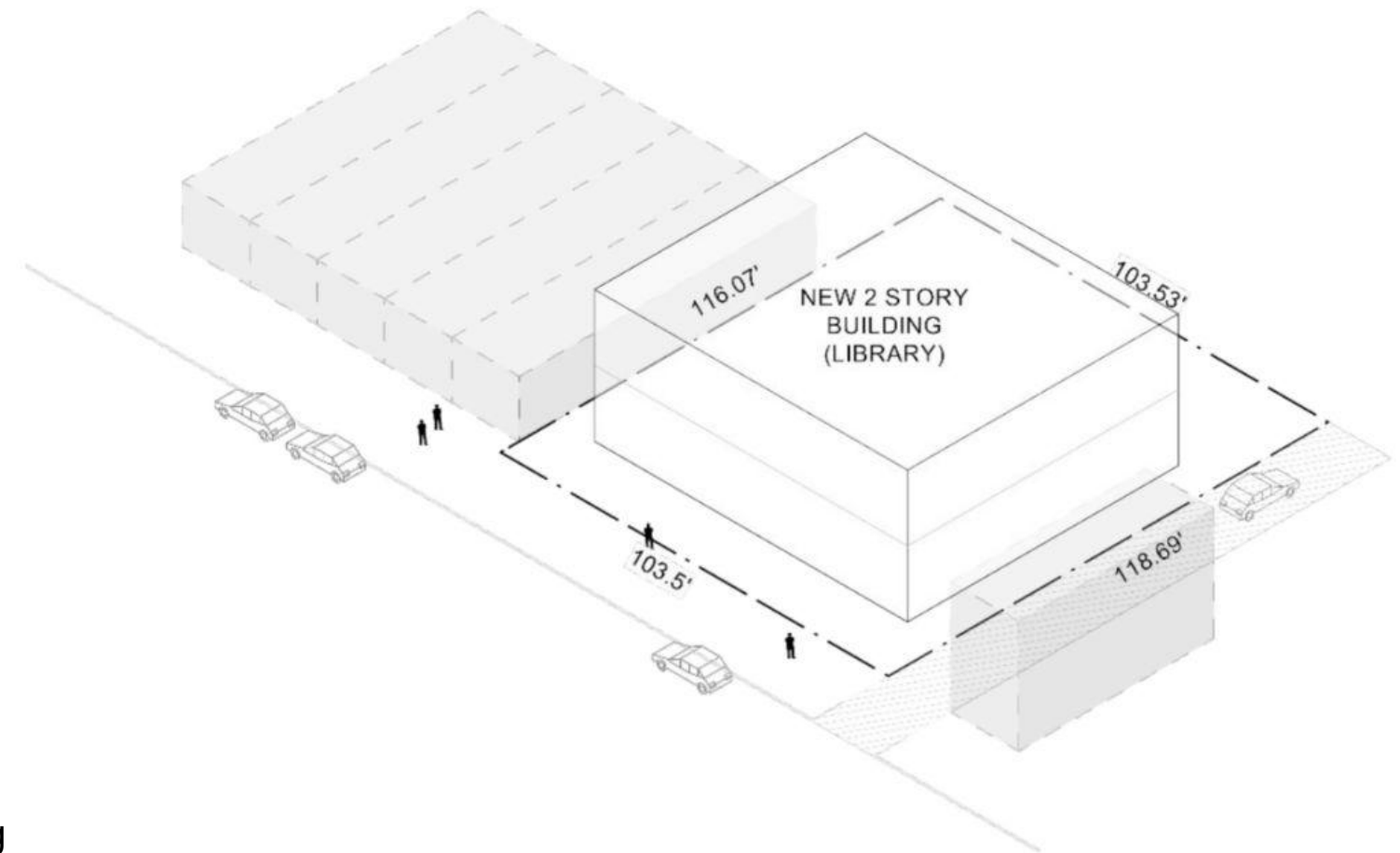


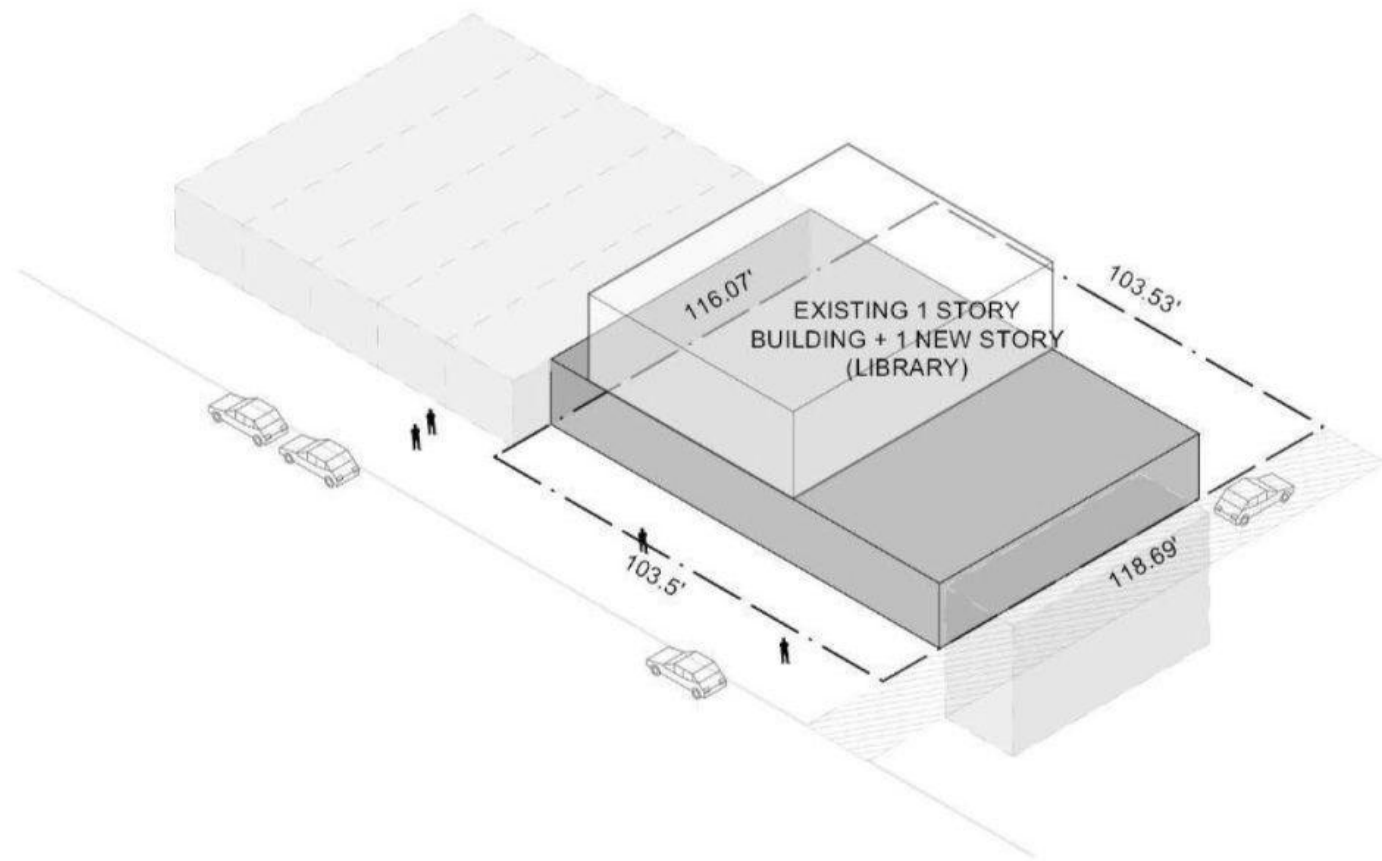
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ADVANTAGES OF NEW BUILDING:

- **Higher ceiling height.** On all levels, this creates more inviting public spaces with increased natural light.
- **Maximizes the floor area.** Helps fulfill library's programmatic needs and community spaces and specific areas for different age groups. Allows for outdoor terrace on 2nd floor.
- **Expands the lower level.** This is more feasible/economical with new construction. Allows the capture of utility entry points and isolated mechanical rooms.
- **Setbacks are useful.** The zoning setbacks allow front and side areas can be used for green space, mechanical areas, and parking.
- **Efficiency.** A new building massing maximizes program and supports strategic adjacencies.
- **Constructability.** Open site reduces cost associated with securing an existing building and minimizes unforeseen site issues.

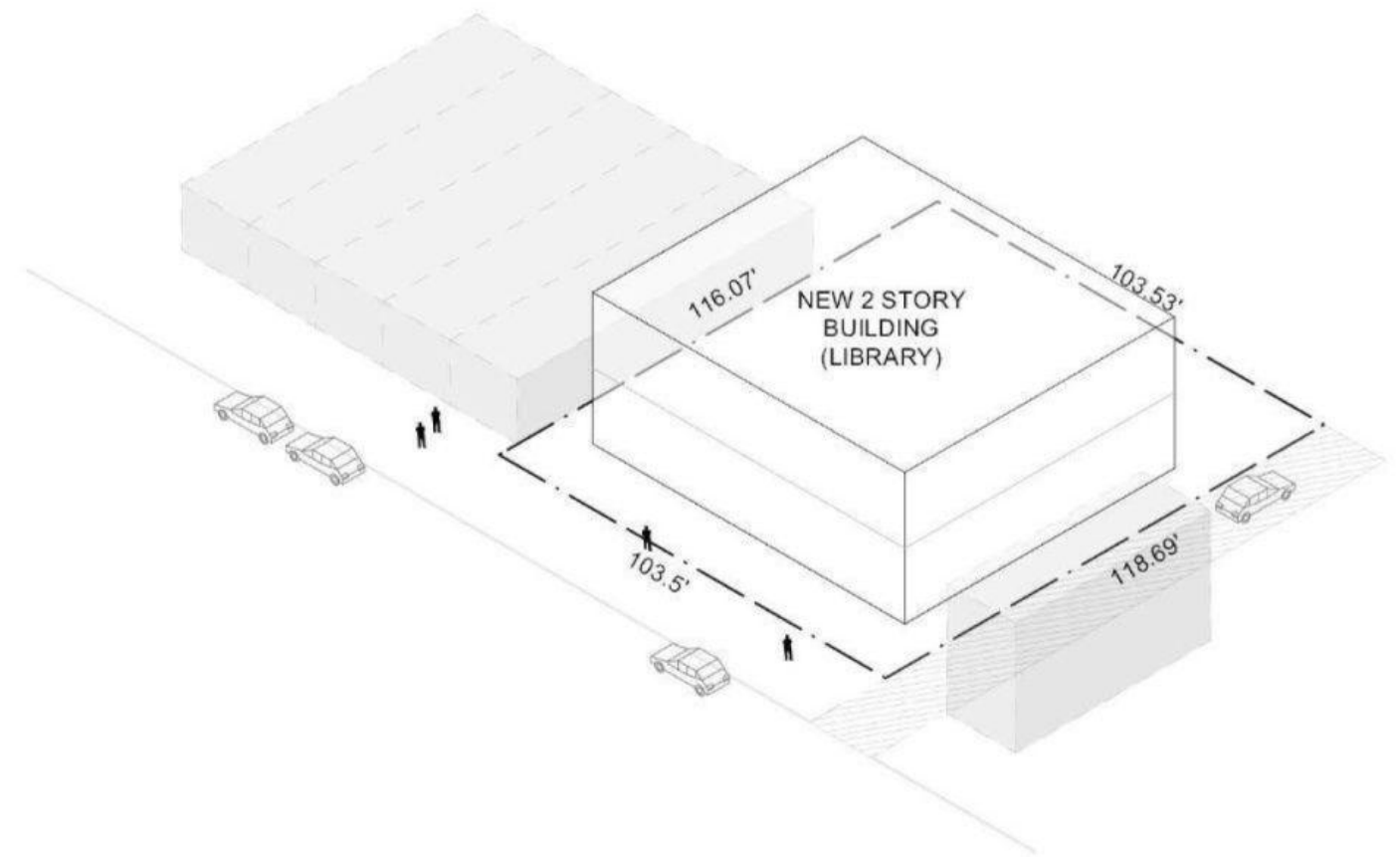




EXISTING GROUND FLOOR + LOWER LEVEL

NEW SECOND FLOOR

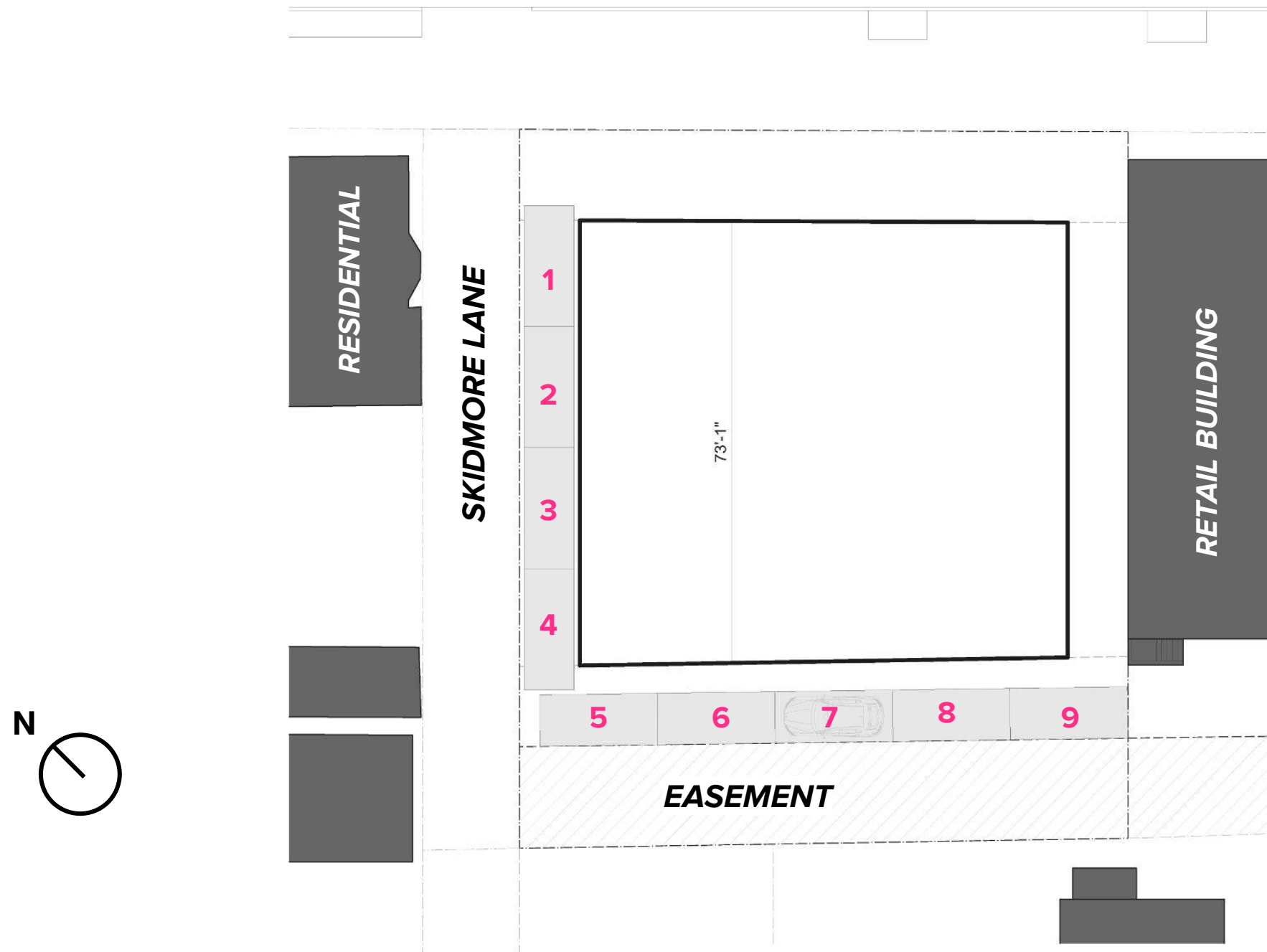
8,394 SF



NEW BUILDING - 2 STORIES + LOWER LEVEL

10,215 SF

ROCKAWAY PARKWAY



REQUIRED OFF-STREET PARKING FOR PERMITTED NON-RESIDENTIAL USES: ZR 25-31

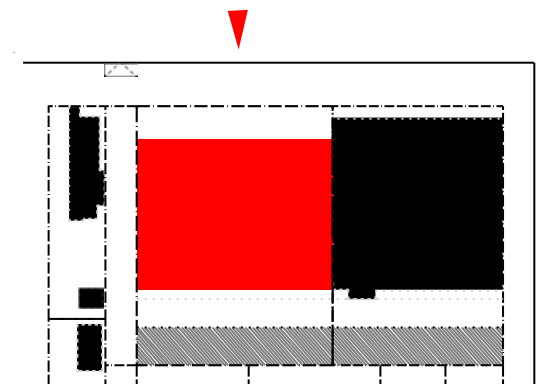
LIBRARIES IN R 4 - 1 ZONING DISTRICTS: 1 PARKING SPACE / 1,000 SF

PROPOSED BUILDING 9,205 SF= 9 PARKING SPOTS

Views



Front view looking southwest | Rockaway Parkway



Canarsie Library | Entry, Front Facade





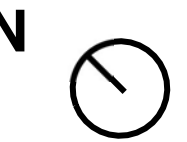






Canarsie Library | Existing Ground Floor Plan

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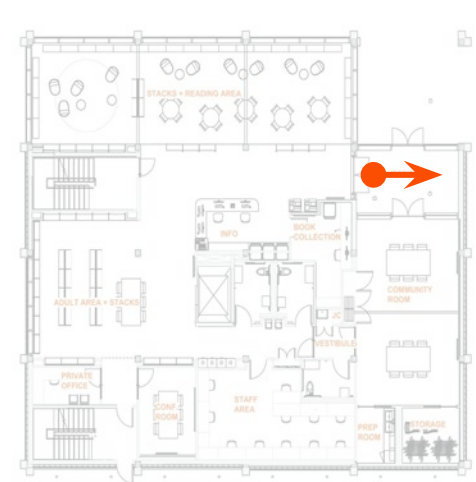


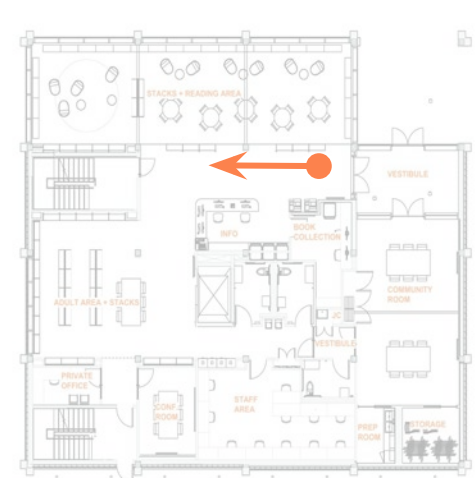
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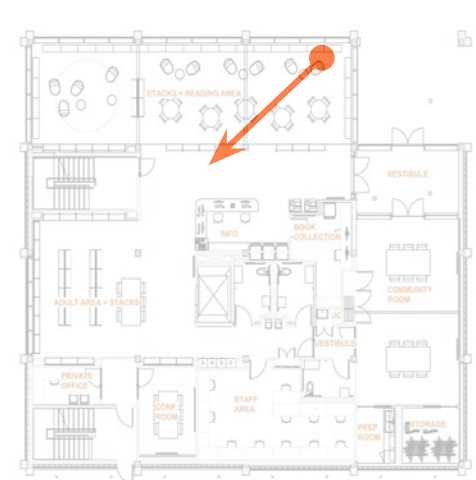
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- COMMUNAL
- STAFF
- AGE SPECIFIC AREA
- TECH/CONFERENCE
- OUTDOOR SPACE
- CIRCULATION/BOH





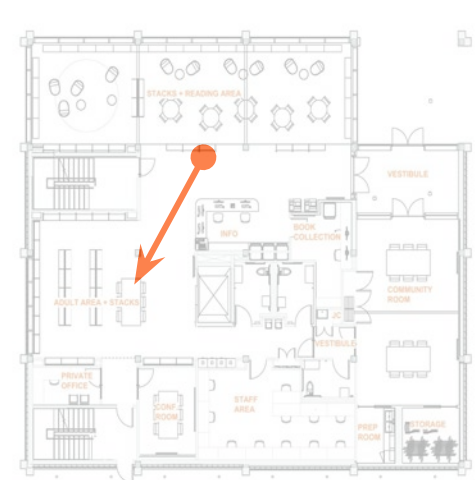


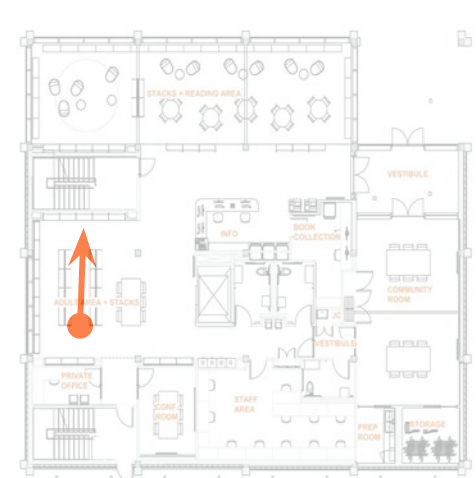


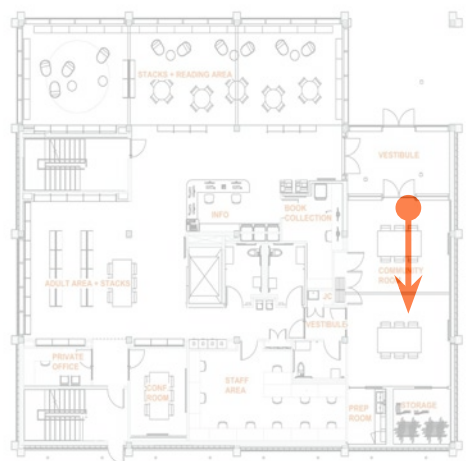


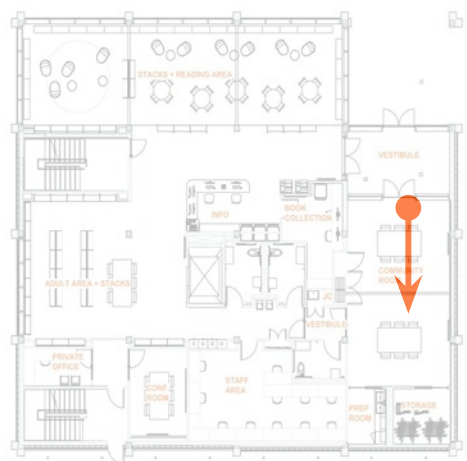


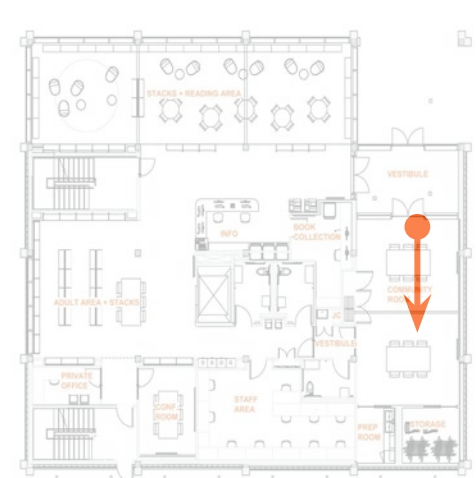
Canarsie Library | Adult Area & Stacks



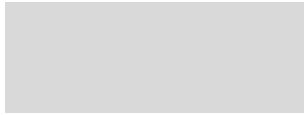








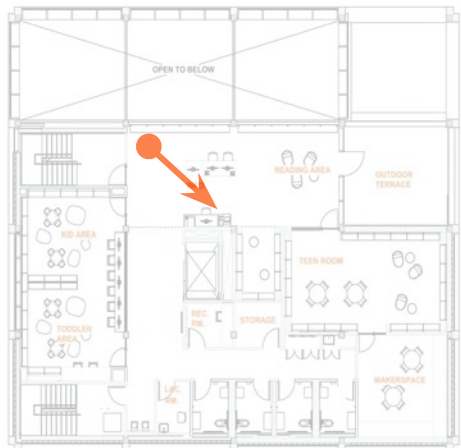
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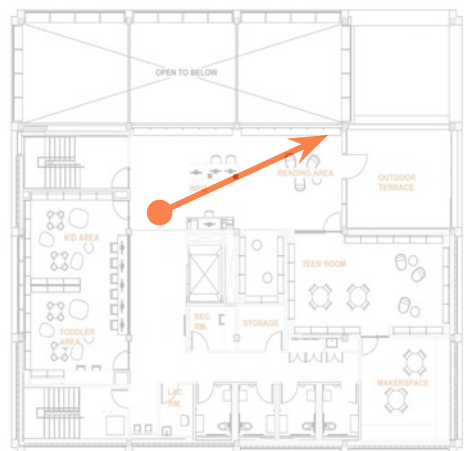


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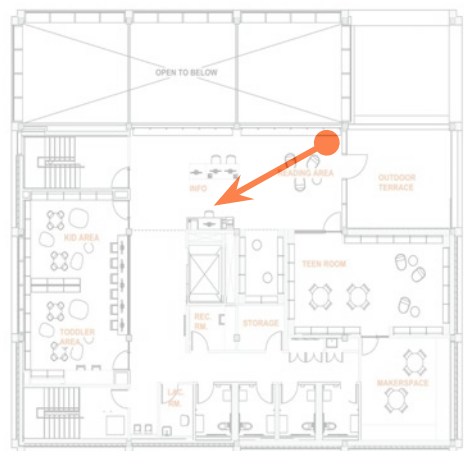
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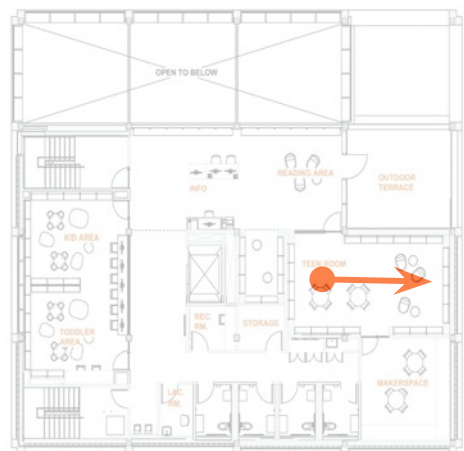




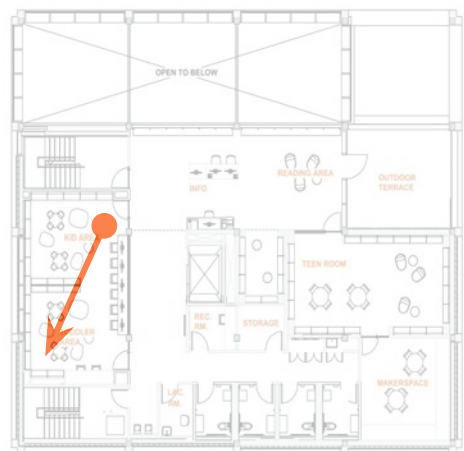


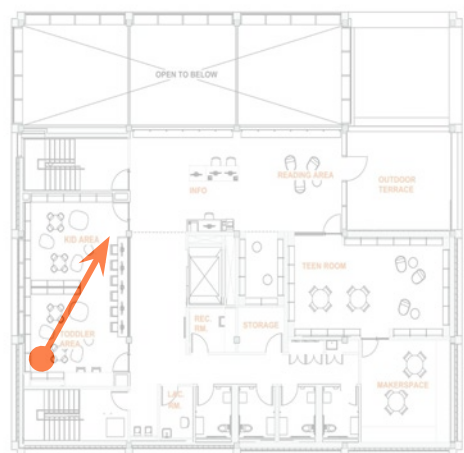






Canarsie Library | KIDS AND TODDLERS ROOM





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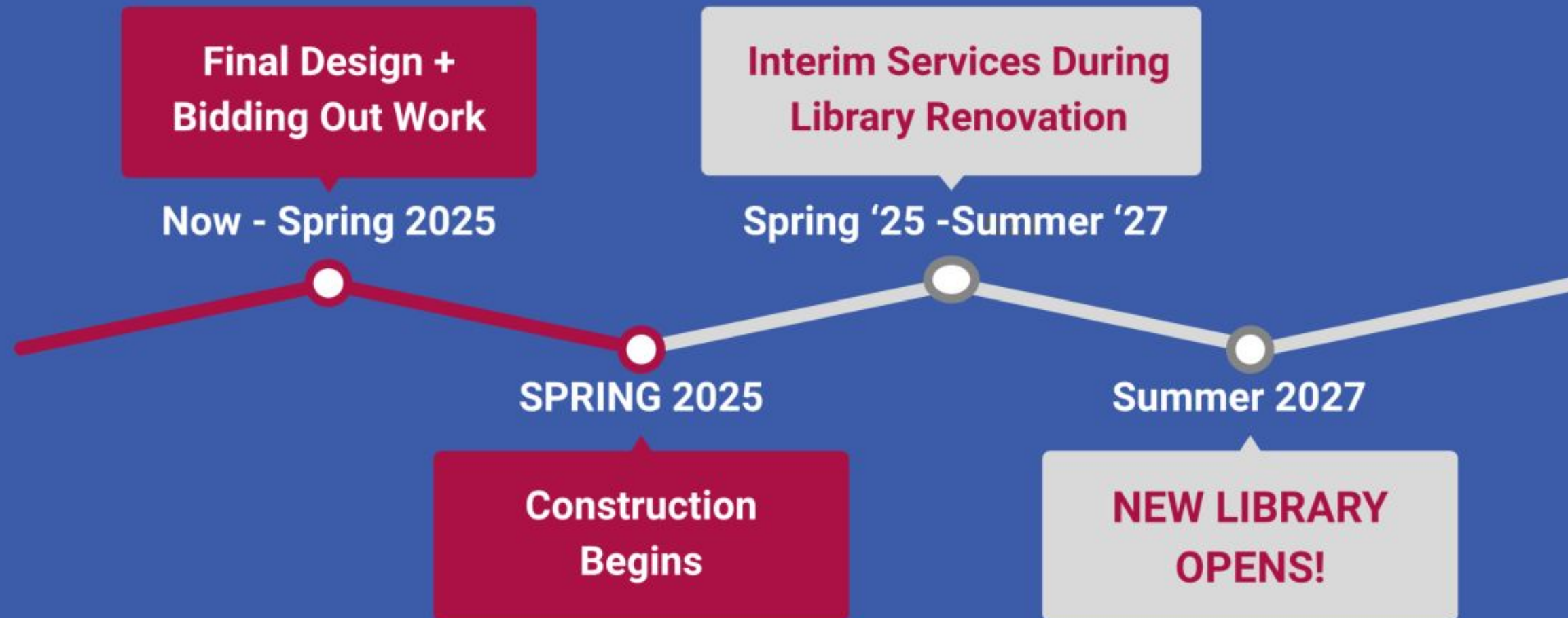
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NEXT STEPS

We expect construction to begin in Spring 2025 and to finish in Summer 2027. Updates on construction and interim programming will be finalized closer to 2025.



QUESTIONS

Questions?

Thank You!