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# Chinatown Branch Library Renovation

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## Project Overview- [Chinatown / Him Mark Lai Renovation \(sfpl.org\)](https://sfpl.org)

### 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- Library features and building systems are outdated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



# Community Engagement- [Chinatown / Him Mark Lai Renovation \(sfpl.org\)](https://sfpl.org)



## 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

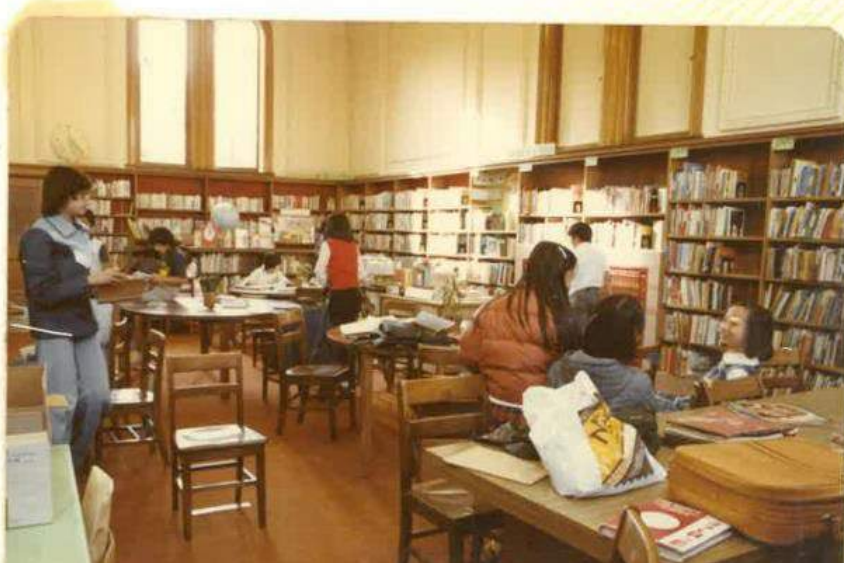
- May 2022 – 3 Community meetings

## 2023

- Upcoming in August, 3 public meetings







# 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- Building systems outdated
- Library service style outdated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

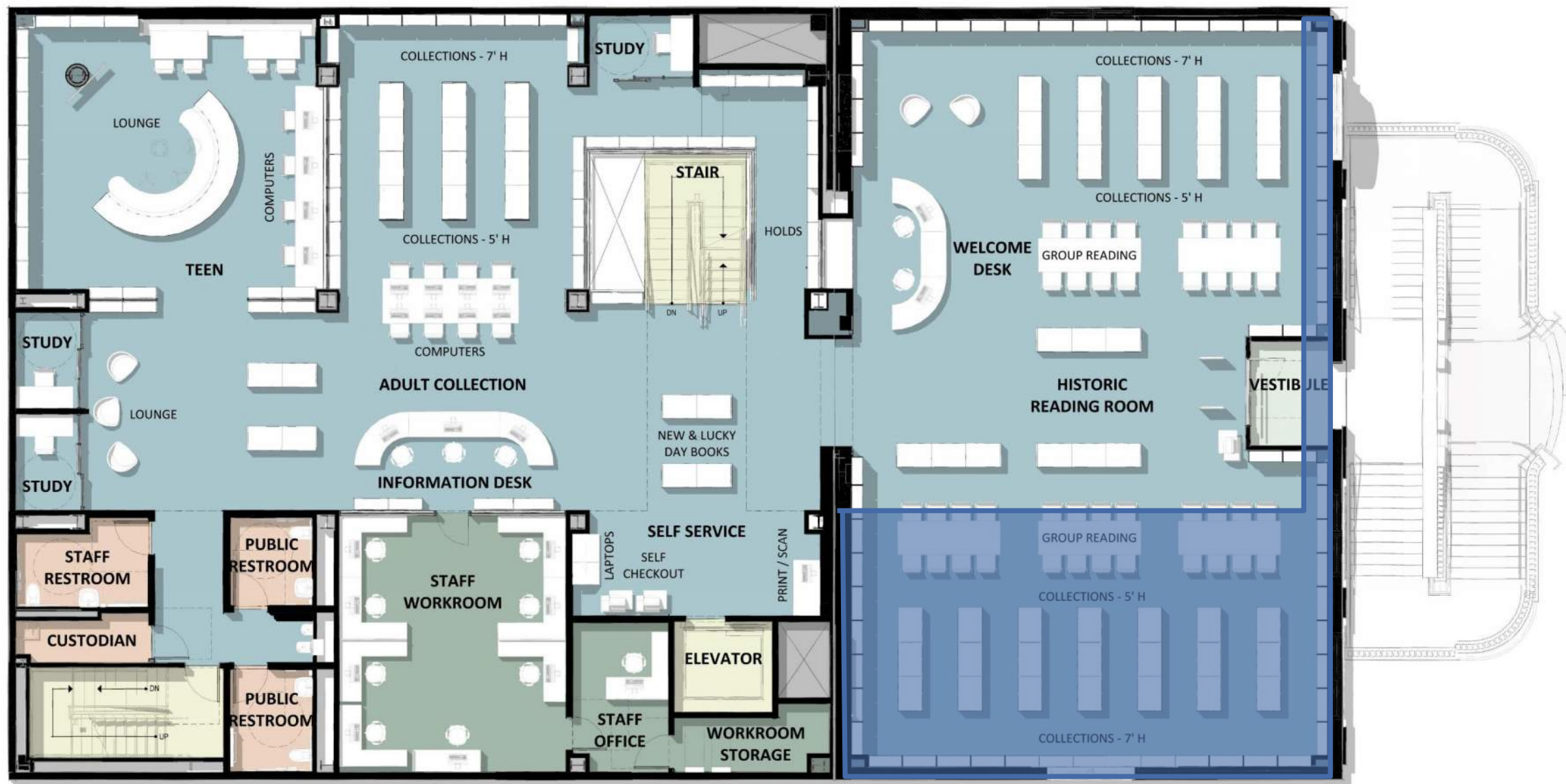


## Ground Floor Plan



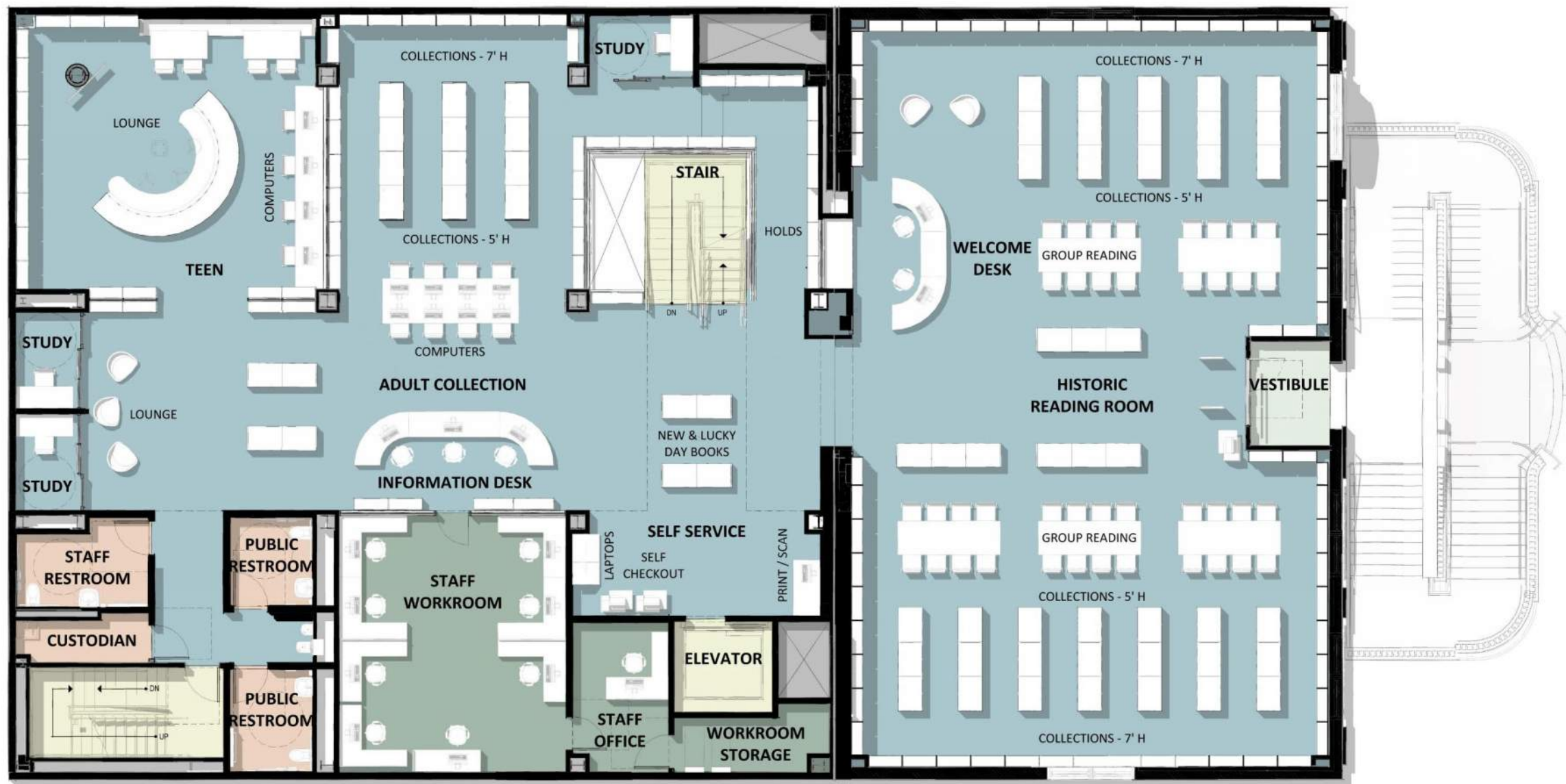


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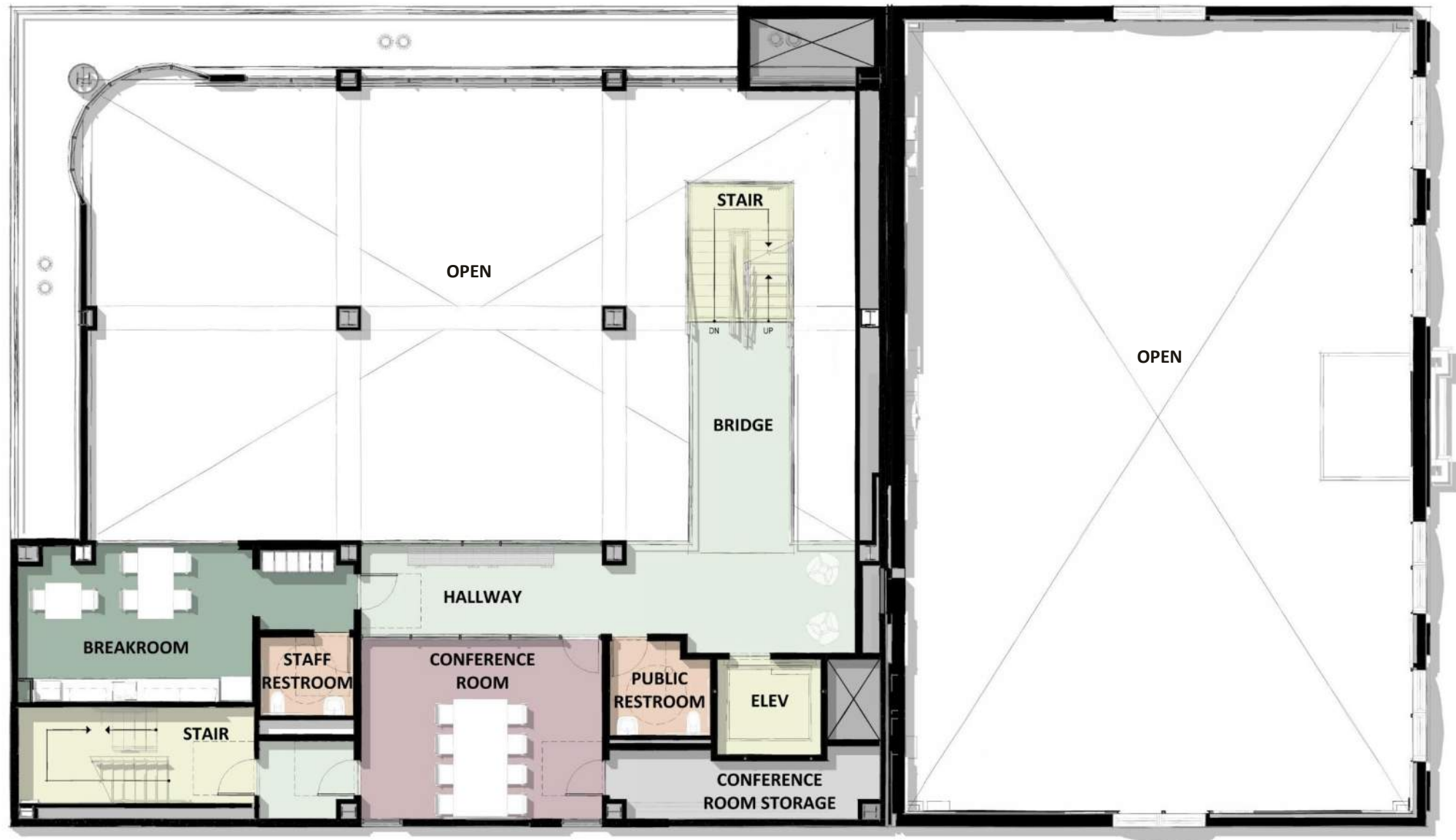


## Main Floor Plan



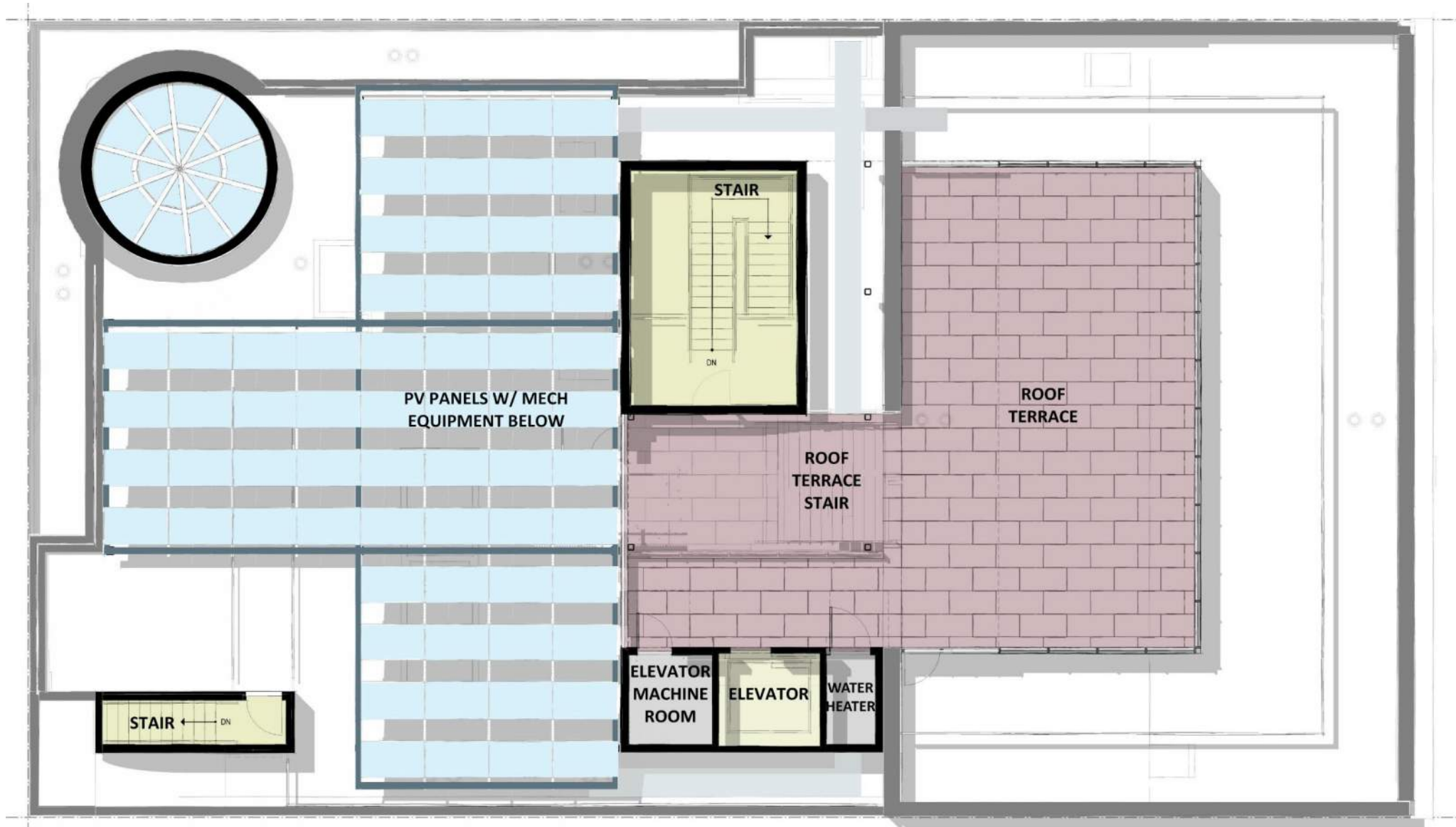


## Main Floor Plan



## 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





Rendering: exterior view at roof terrace



# Project Schedule

Community mtgs	August 2023
Design completion	Fall 2022 – Nov 2023
Permitting	Winter 2023 - 2024
Bid and Award	Spring 2024
Notice to Proceed	Summer 2024
Construction – tentative	2 years



# QUESTIONS