

# Tulsa Central Library

*Moving from Midcentury  
to the New Millennium*

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*T. Civic Center*

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## Downtown Thing of Beauty

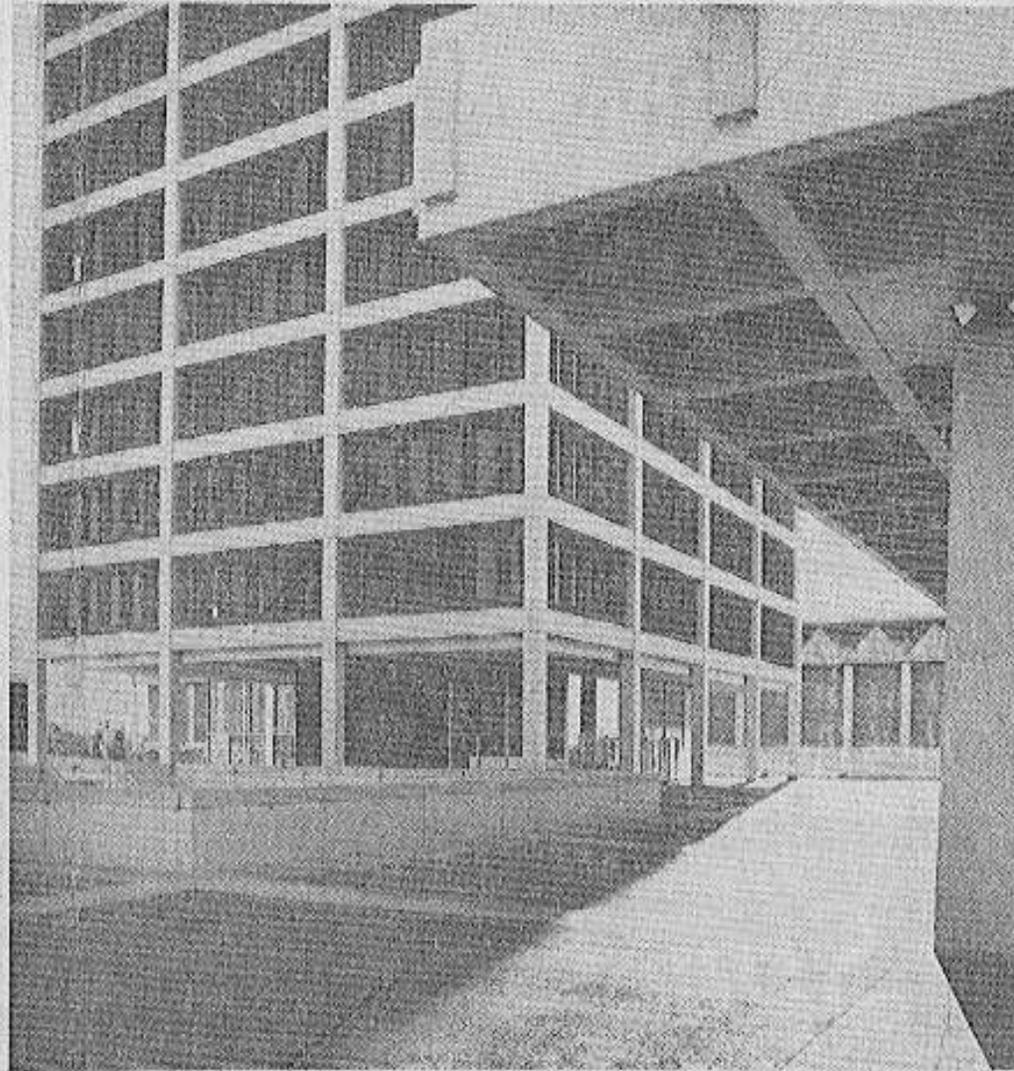
You can get a dog license, file for homestead exemption, check out a book, or study government operation at the city, county or federal level within an area of a few blocks.

Furthermore, you can park—a distinct advantage in a downtown area.

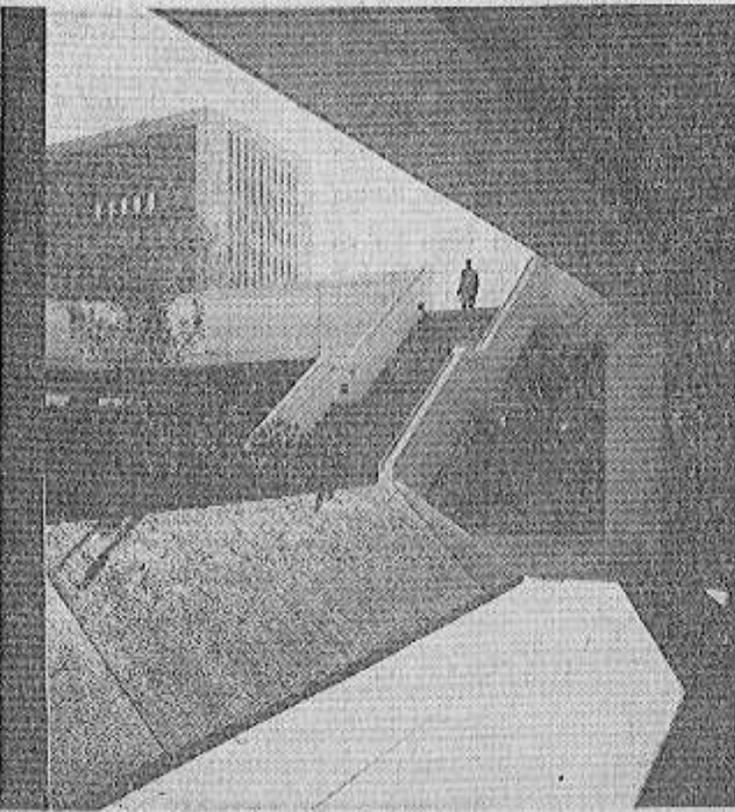
All this is wrapped up in Tulsa's Civic Center, begun in 1955 with the County Courthouse and completed last December with the opening of City Hall and the Police-Courts buildings.

Tulsans have fought over it. Many contend the complex won't be complete until a theater and a state office building are added. But everyone admires it—particularly those cities that don't have the Civic Center's compact advantages.

Tribune photographer Ben Newby finds it attractive. His art proves it.

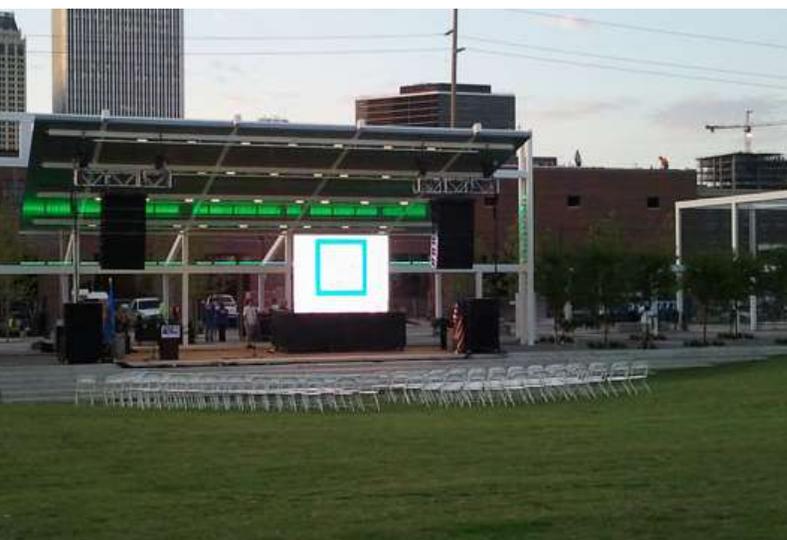


AN IMPOSING CITY HALL IS TALLEST STRUCTURE



ATTRACTIVE STAIRWAYS LEAD FROM THE PLAZA

# Downtown today



# downtown

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40,000 people work downtown

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4,000 people live downtown

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335 existing housing units

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+450 new housing units planned

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# Overview of Current Library

Thirteen City of Tulsa locations, including Central Library:

## Visits, Annual

2,709,815 City of Tulsa, average  
- 416,532 Central Library, average

## Circulation, Annual

3.1 million items, City of Tulsa  
- 488,465 items, Central Library  
- 224,161 e-book circulation

## Collections, Items Owned

1.2 million City of Tulsa  
- 539,418 Central Library

## Program Attendance, Annual

155,759 City of Tulsa  
- 27,098 Central Library

Tulsa libraries are busier than they've ever been.

# Overview of Current Library

## Meeting Room Usage, Annual

- 133,759 City of Tulsa
  - 9,851 participants in three public meeting rooms, Central Library

## Free PC Use, Annual

- 832,327 log-ins, City of Tulsa
  - 138,224 log-ins on 61 public access computers, Central Library

## Free Wi-Fi Use, Annual

- 234,000 log-ins, City of Tulsa
  - 35,600 log-ins, Central Library

# Why Now?

- **State of the Art** when opened, it is now nearly 50 years old, energy inefficient, with aged mechanical systems.
- Public requesting **more meeting & programming space**, then currently available.
- There is a growing downtown population and **more city residents are spending time downtown**.
- The Library is a key part of downtown, which is experiencing **much growth and revitalization**.
- 21st century technology is crucial to **bridging the digital divide** and enabling civic engagement.

# The Impact of the Transformed Tulsa Central Library

- Studies show **significant economic benefits** to communities with modern, exciting libraries.
- Families move to and stay in communities with attractive libraries with **robust collections and accessibility to new technology**.
- Residents of Tulsa will have **more opportunities to convene, collaborate and create**, as well as a greater access to information for people of all ages.
- **Traffic will increase at least 40%** to 1,540 visits per day.

**Libraries Change Lives.**

# central library building (present)





quality

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21st century library

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improve efficiency

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regain civic stature

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view from 5th street



# library campus

landscape plan



bikes

parking

garden

library

drop  
off

cafe

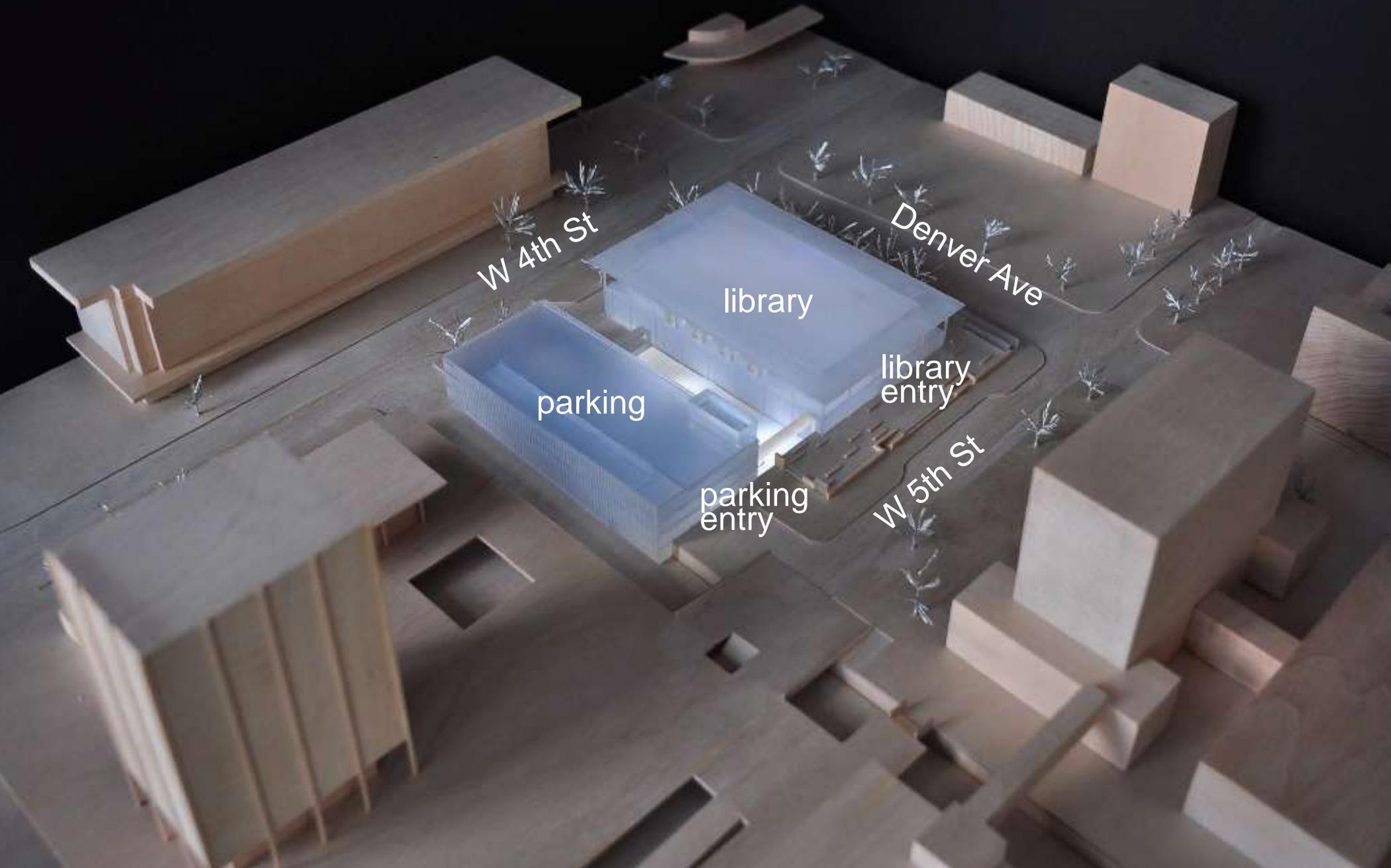
5th St

4th St

Denver Avenue



# library campus





**service**

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21st century library

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improve efficiency

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increase technology

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increase study space

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increase gathering  
space

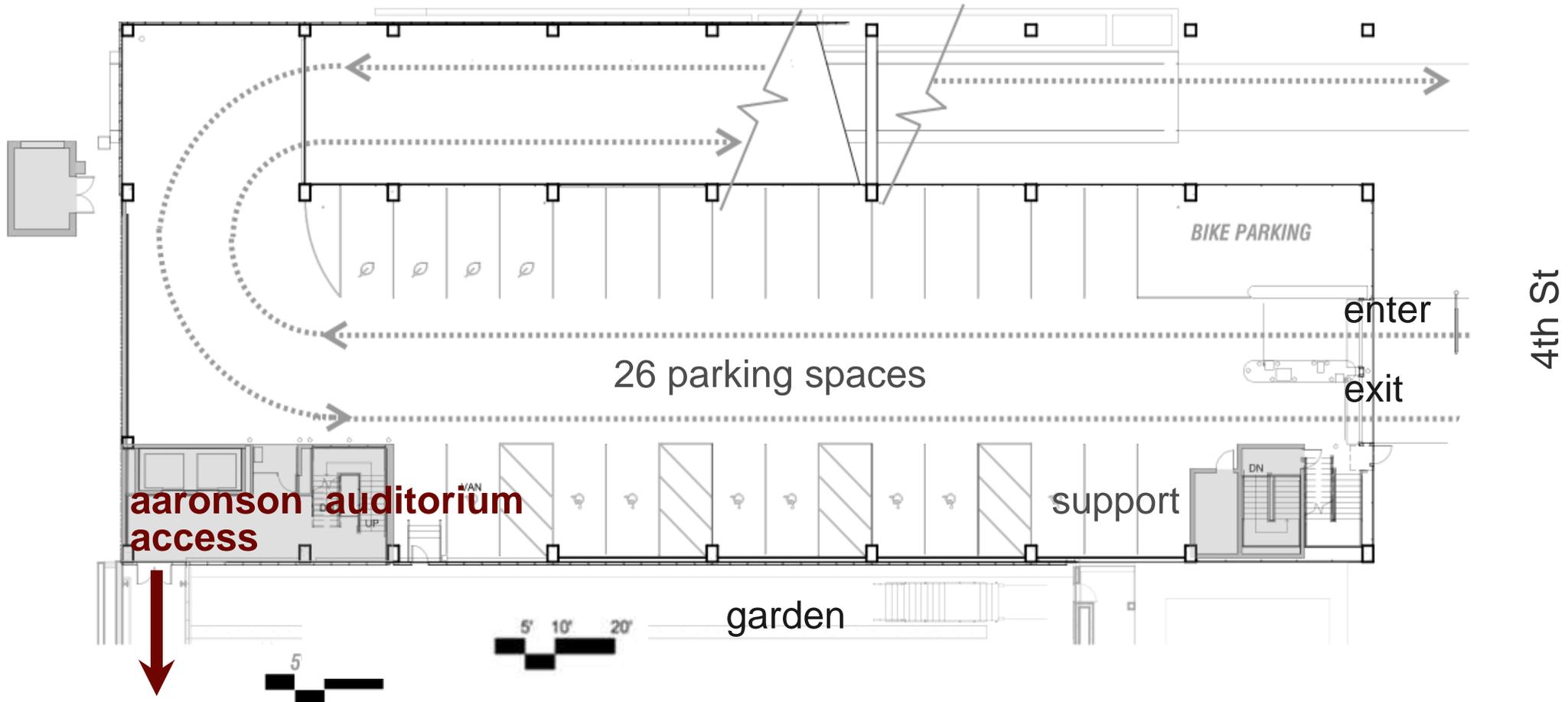
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increase parking

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# parking ramp

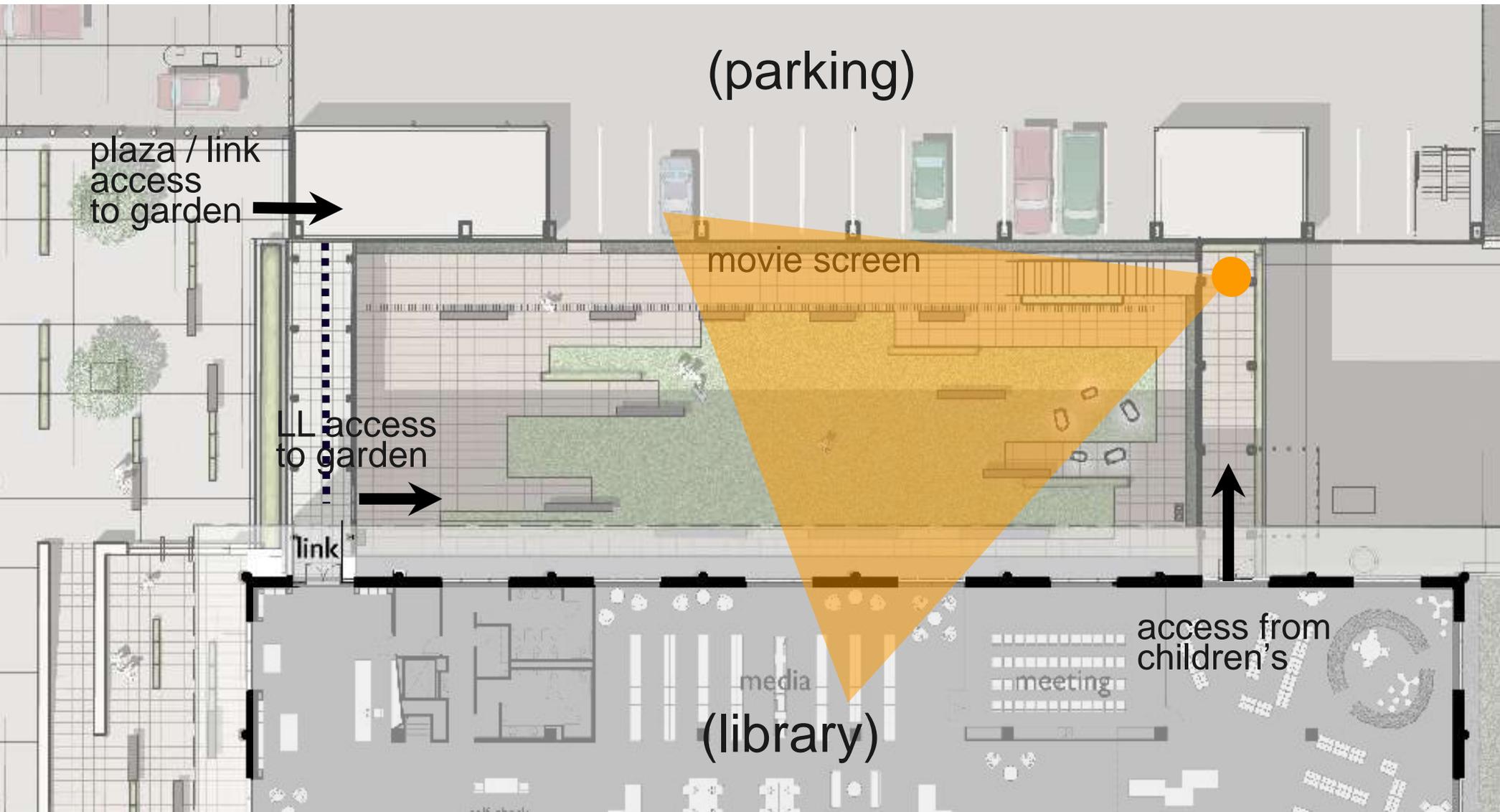
4th street entry



4th St



# Children's garden



# Children's garden

existing view

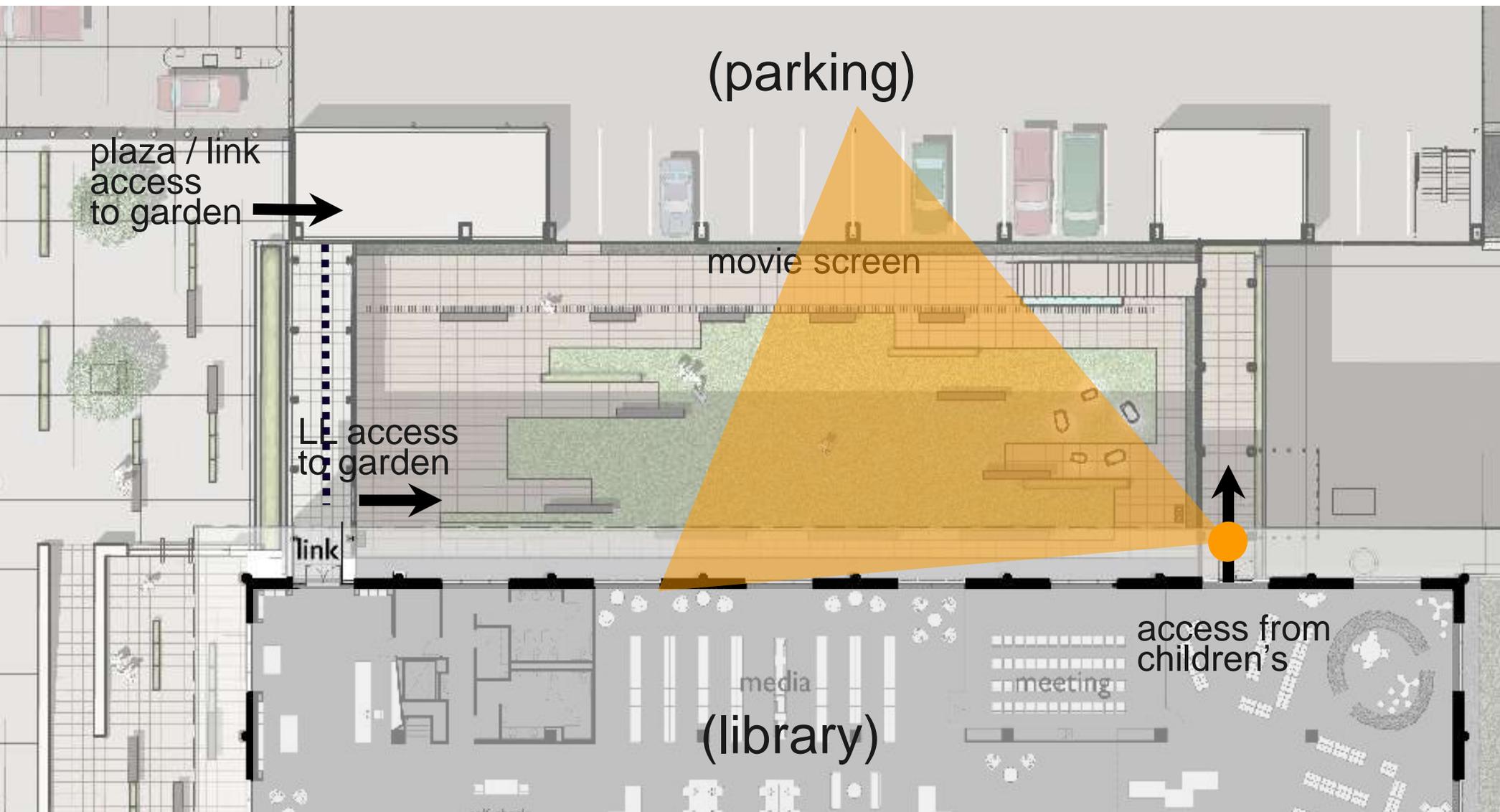


# Children's garden

evening view



# Children's garden

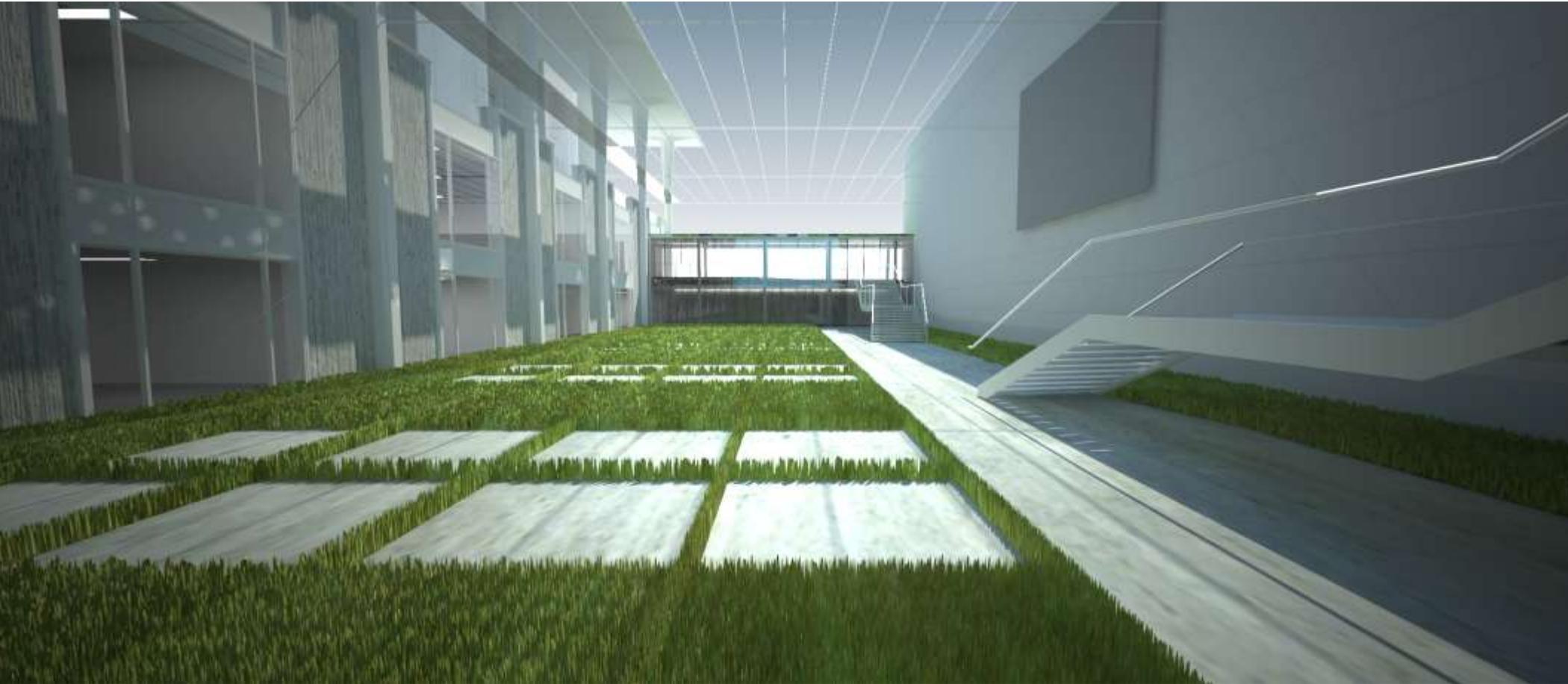


# Children's garden

garden view



# Children's garden



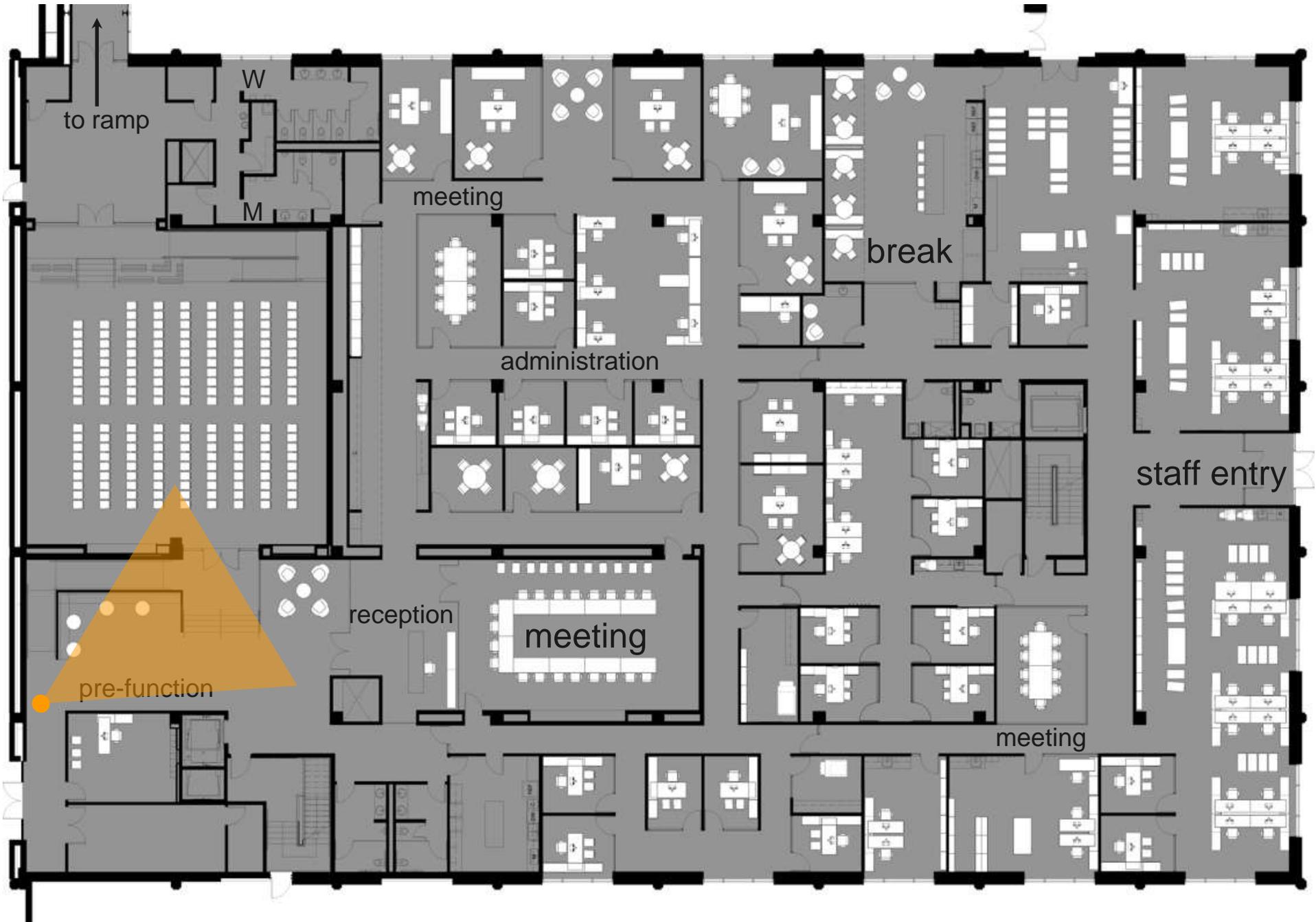
# lower link to library

access to aaronson and garden



# lower level floor plan (convene)

aaronson auditorium prefunction space



# lower level floor plan

aaronson auditorium prefunction space



# lower level floor plan

## conference room



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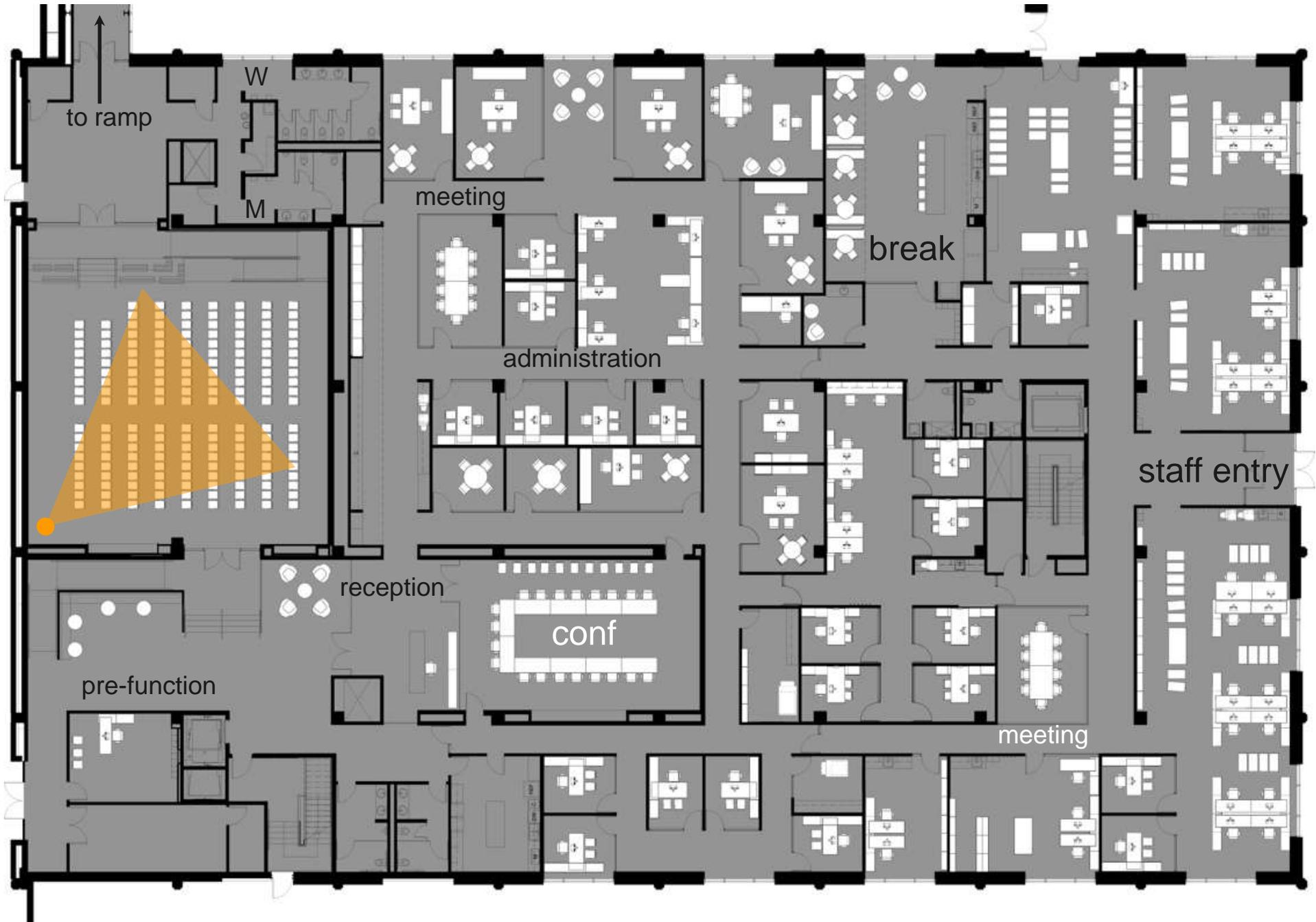
# lower level floor plan

## conference room



# lower level floor plan

aaronson auditorium



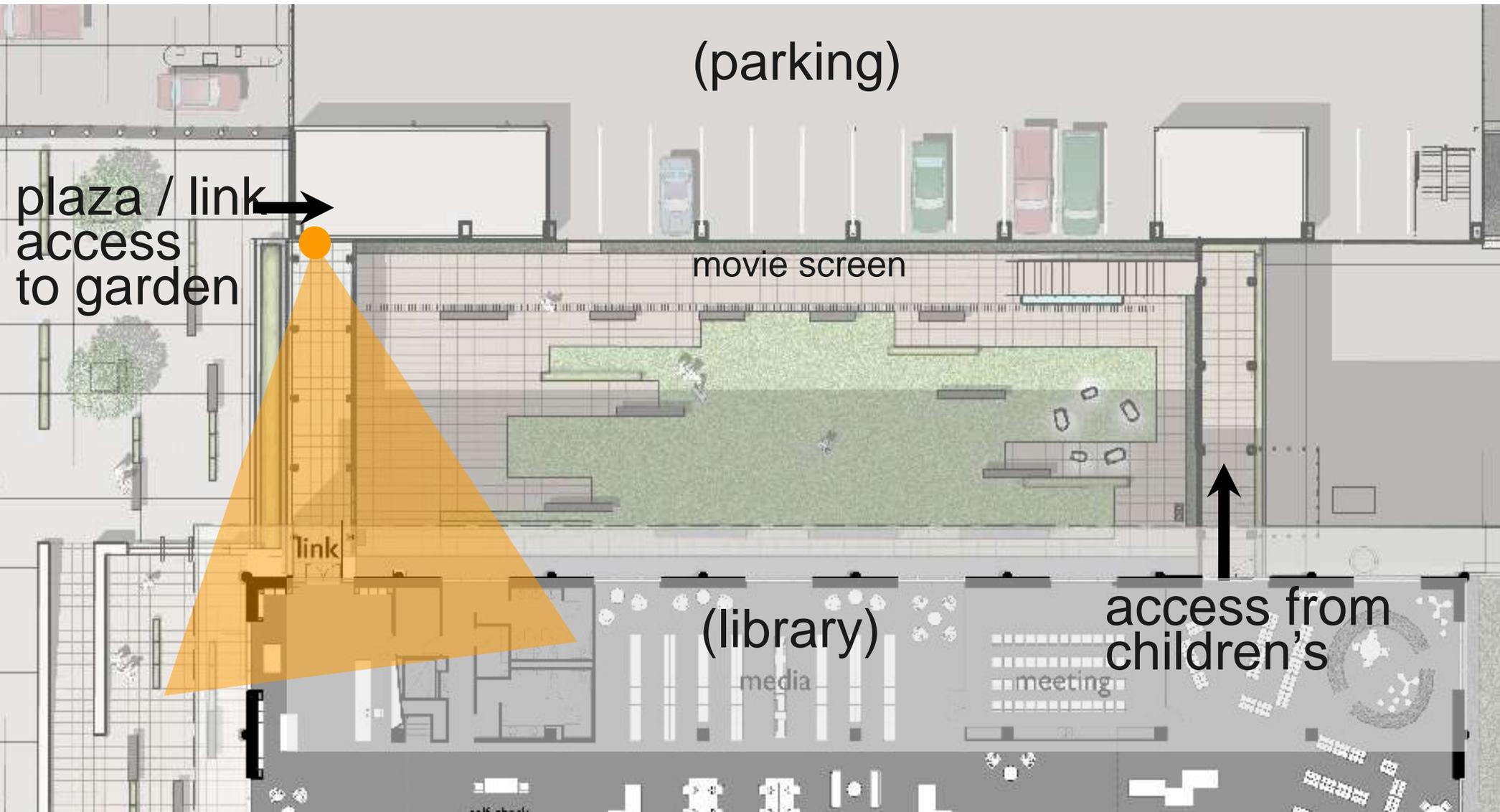
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# lower level floor plan

aaronson auditorium



upper link to library



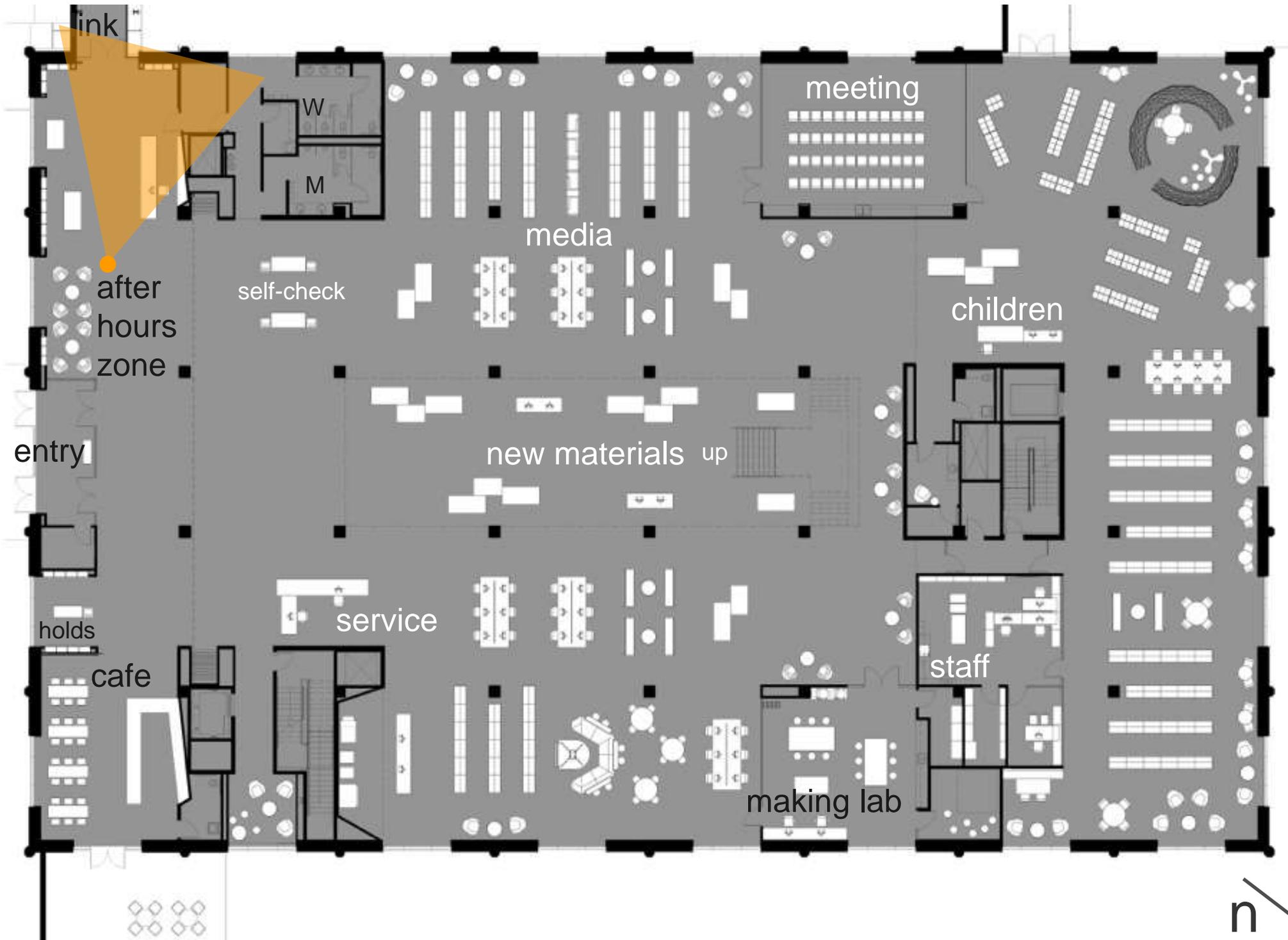
upper link to library  
existing view



upper link to library



# first floor plan (create)

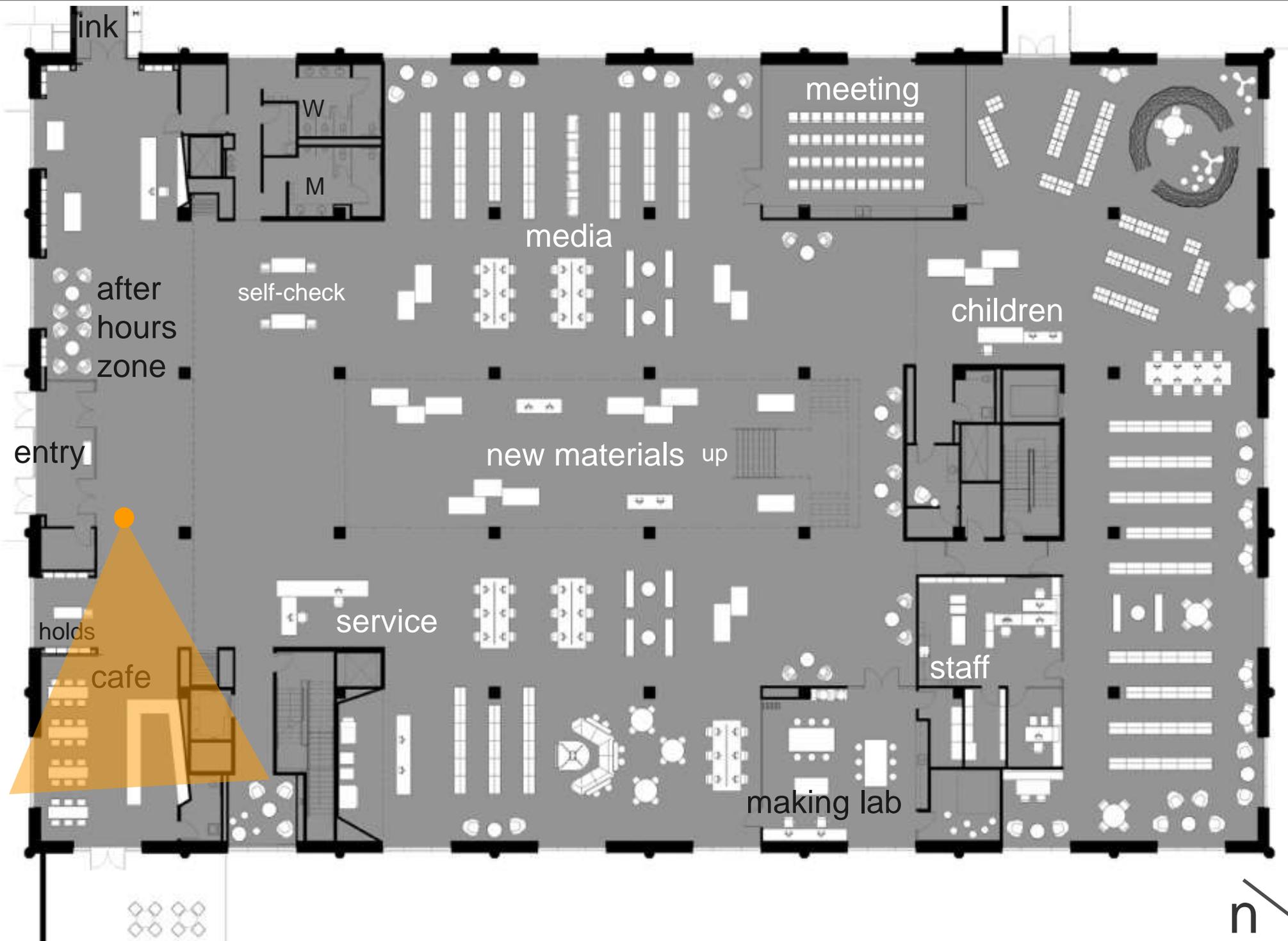


# first floor

view of entry from parking / link



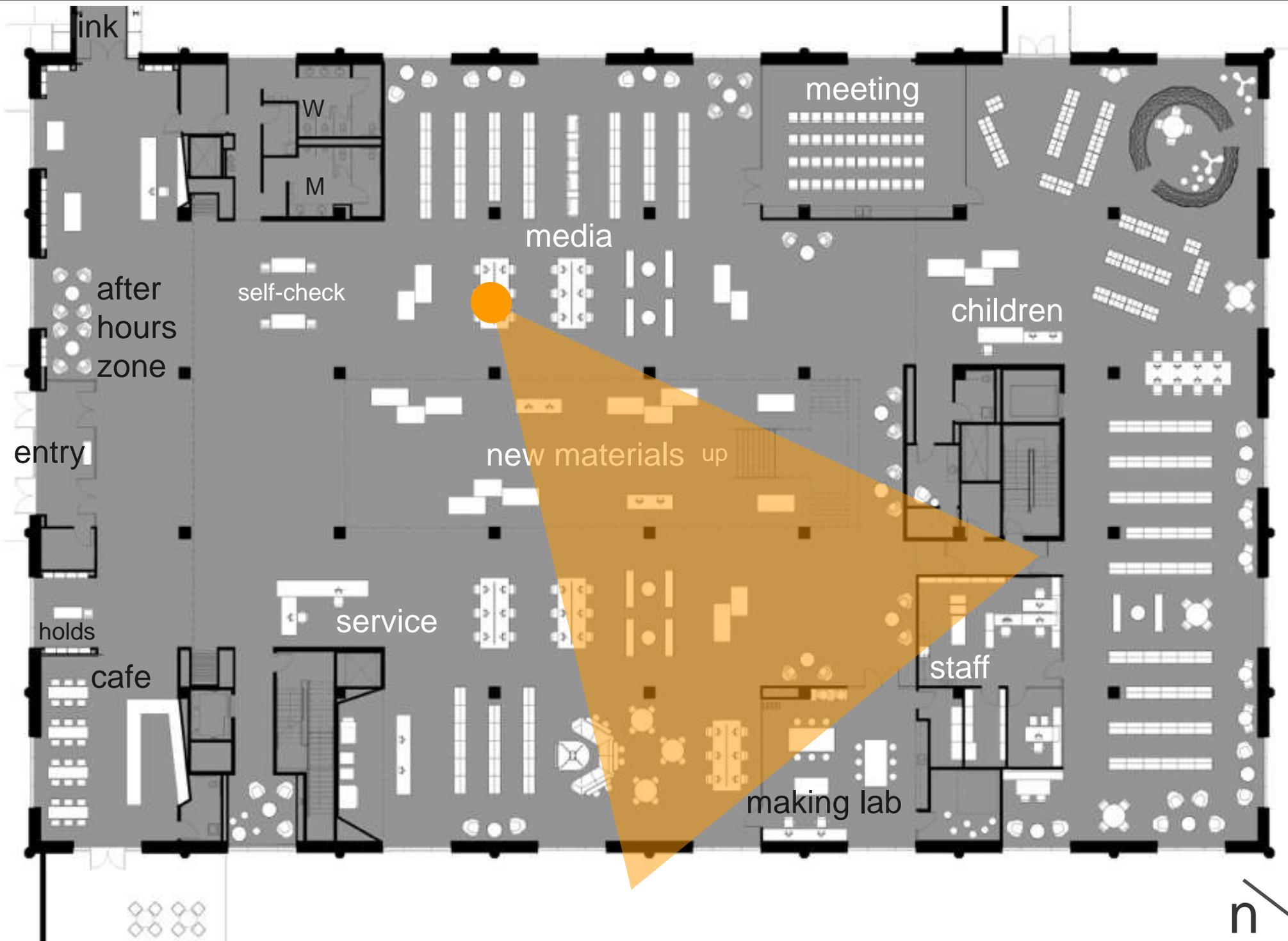
# first floor plan



first floor  
cafe



# first floor plan



first floor  
existing view

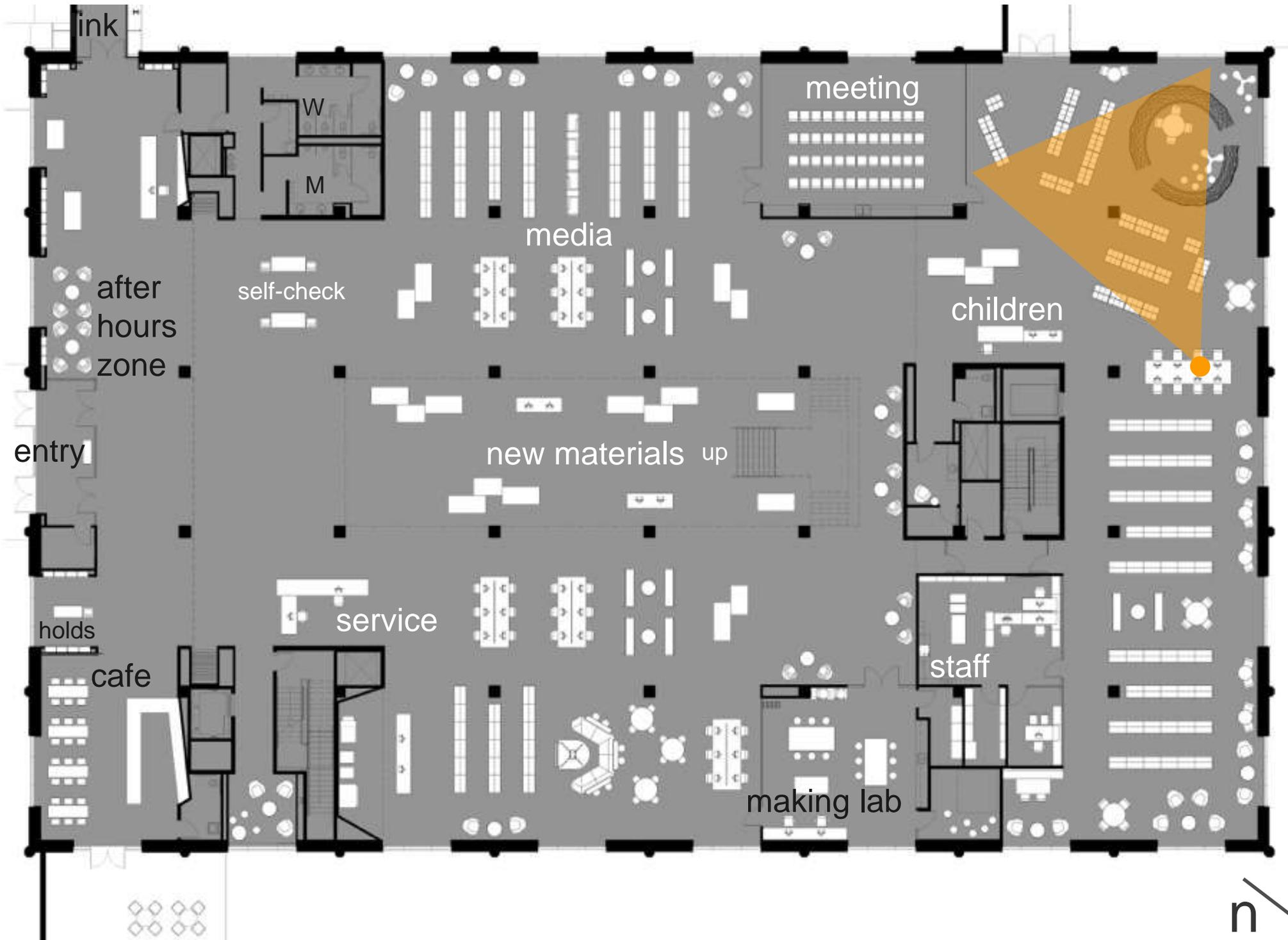


# first floor

## main stair



# first floor plan

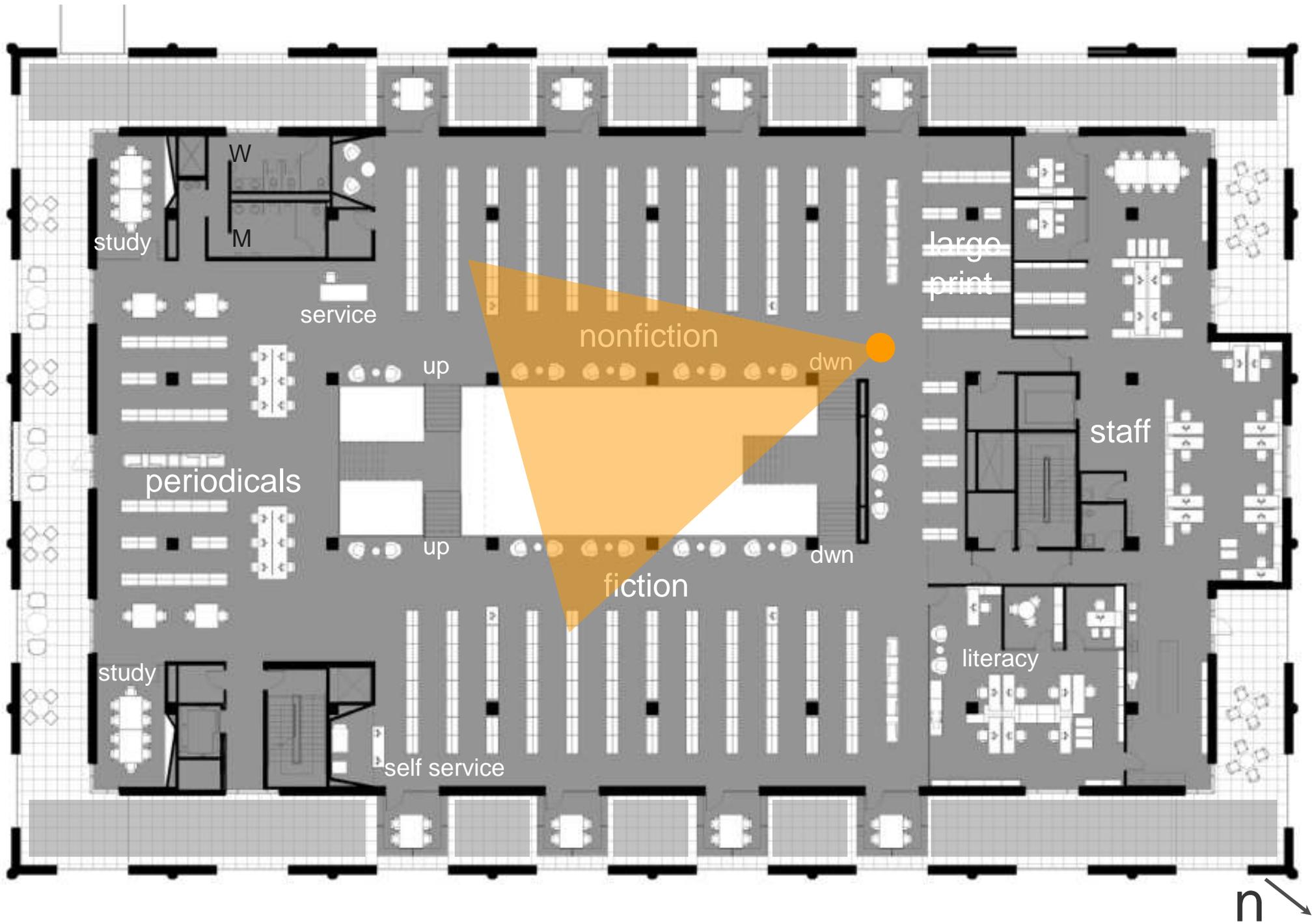


# children's area

view towards garden entry



# second floor plan (collaborate)

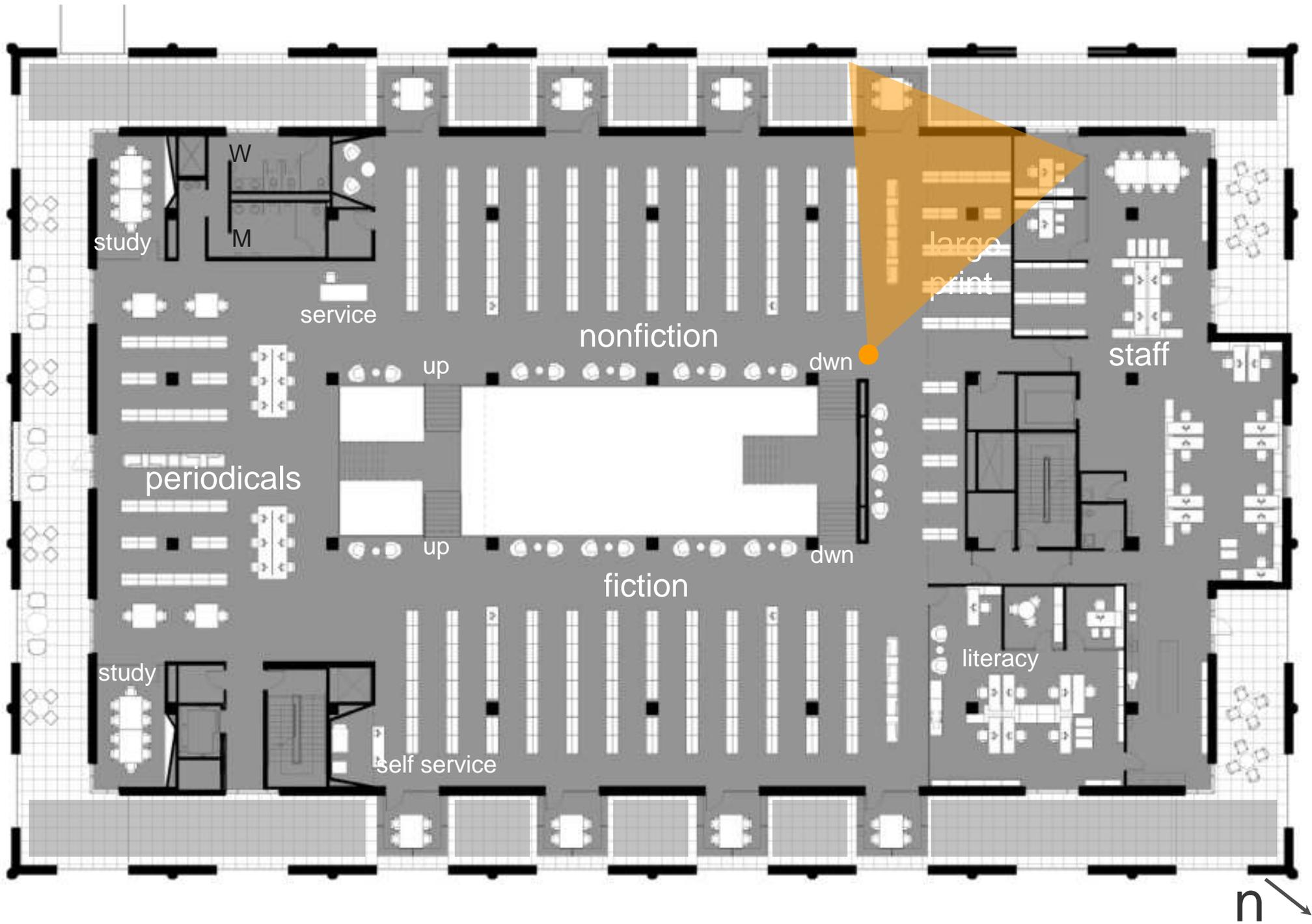


# second floor plan

## atrium



# second floor plan

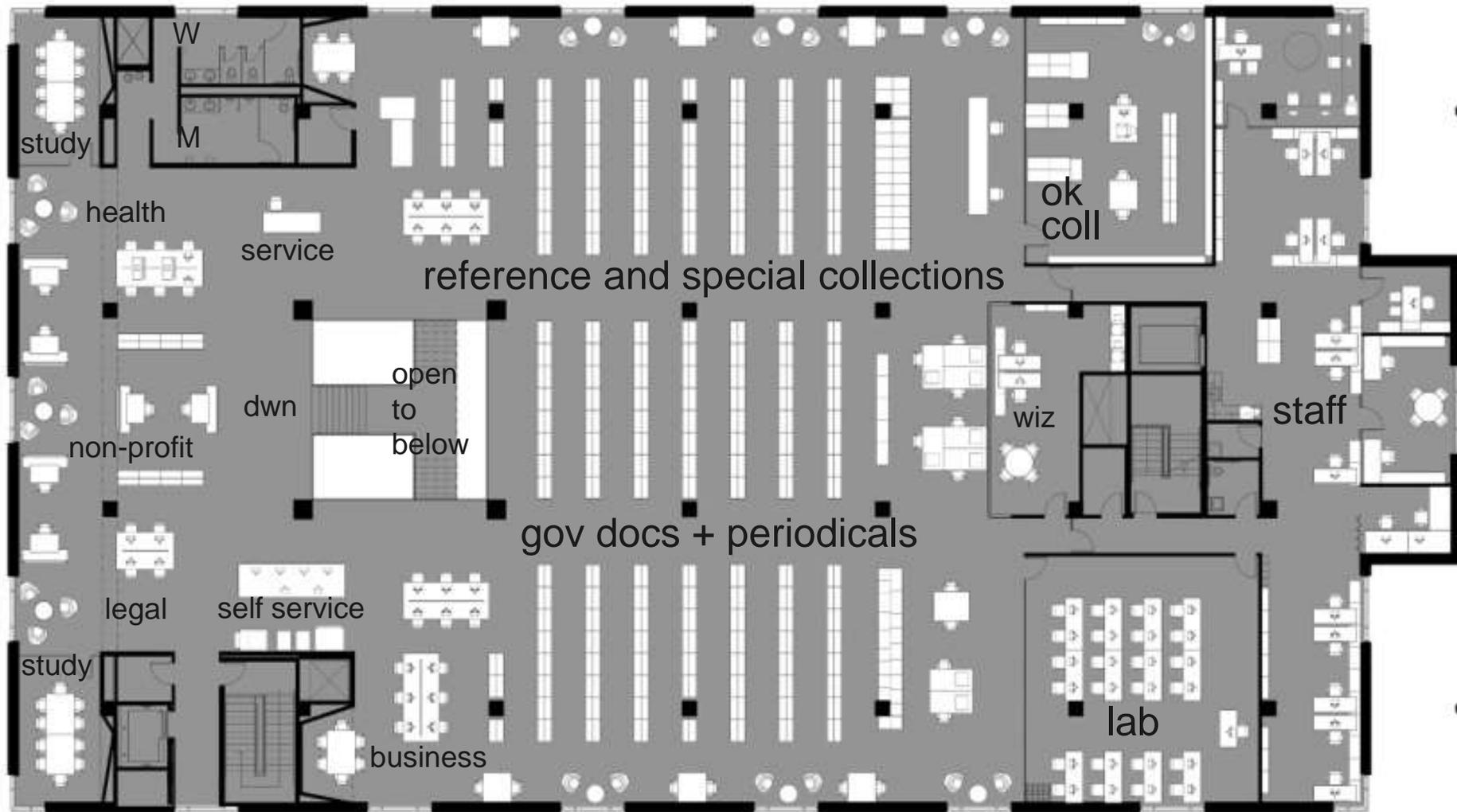


# second floor plan

view towards study room



# third floor plan (content)

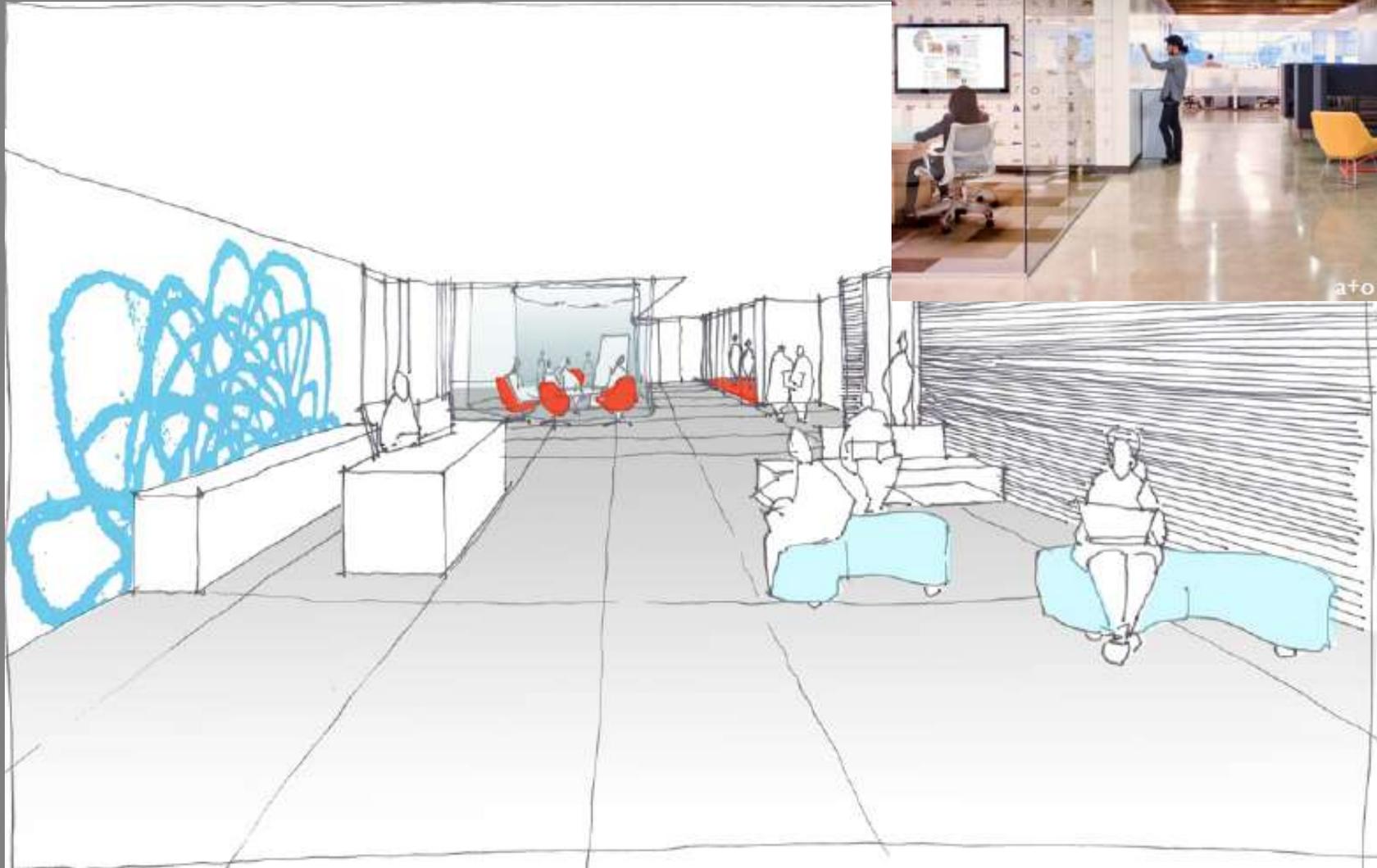


# Education Center

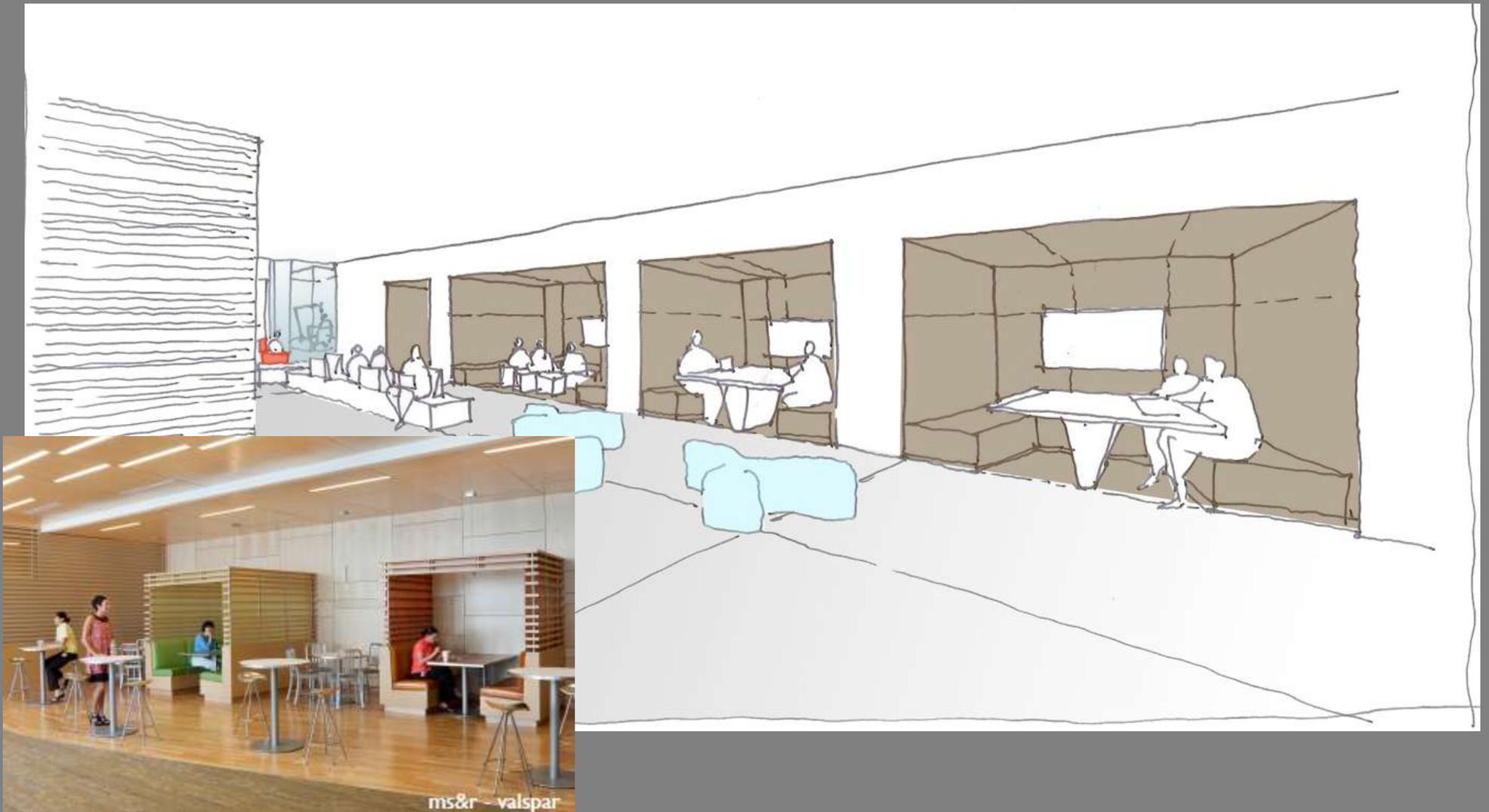


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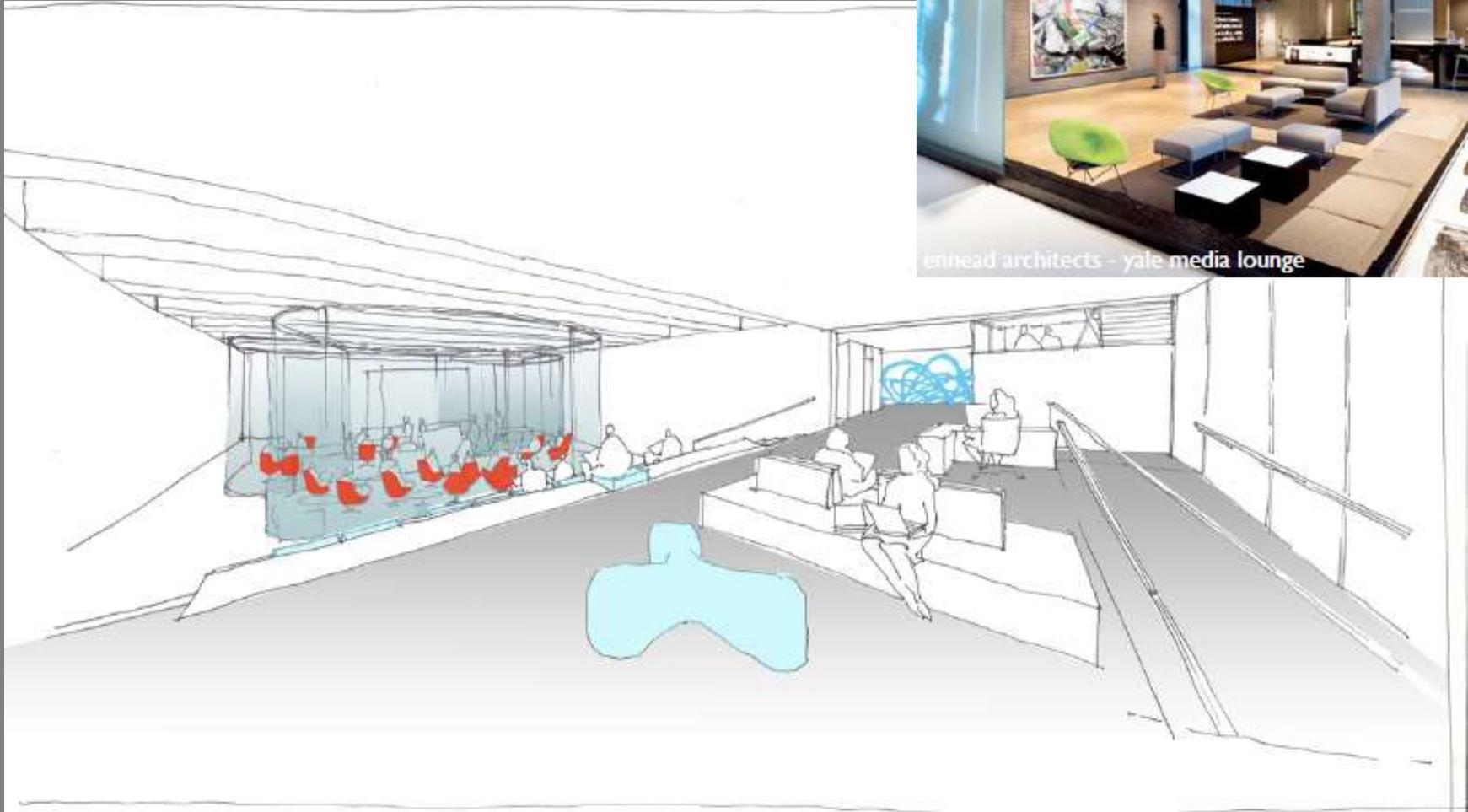
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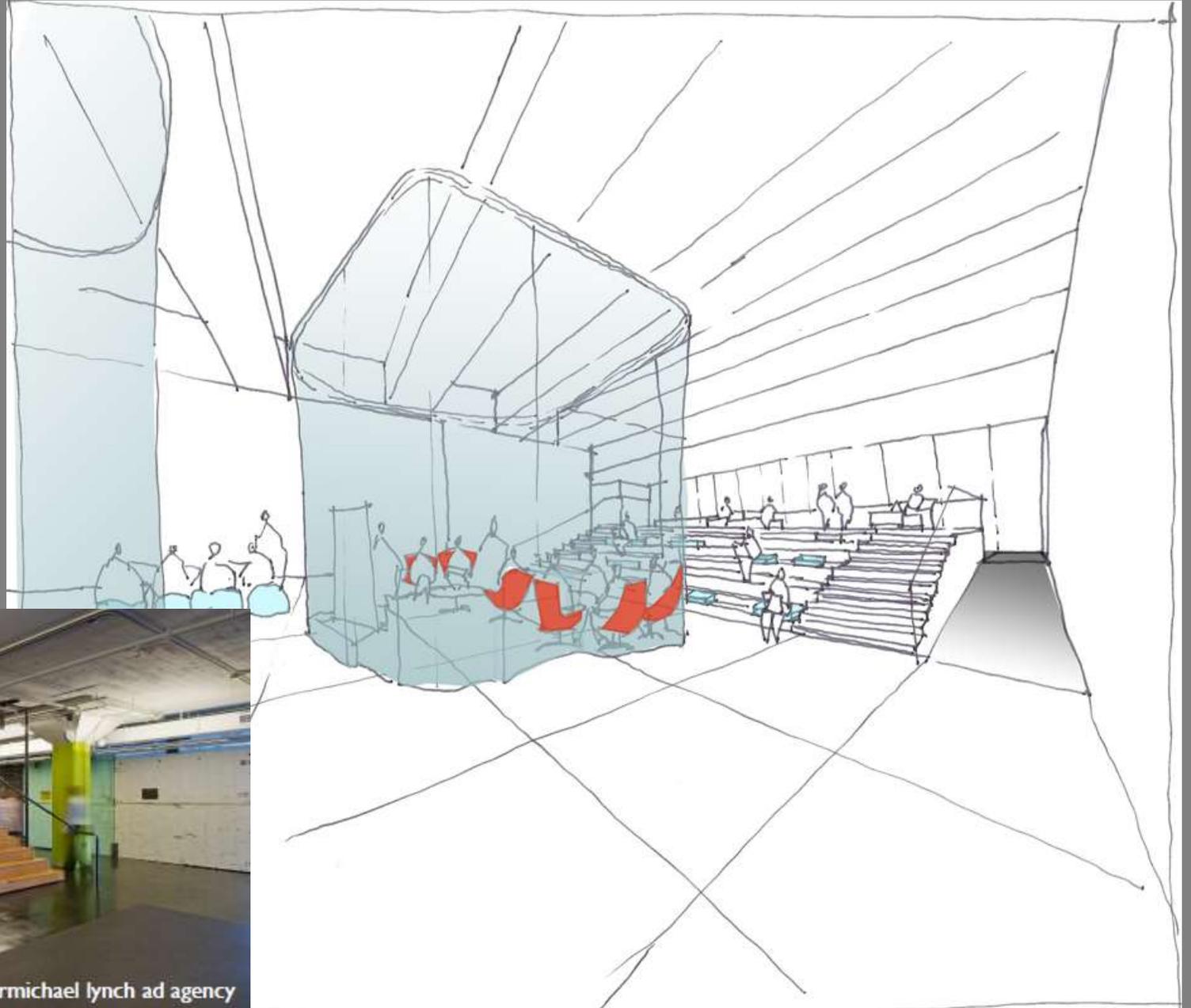
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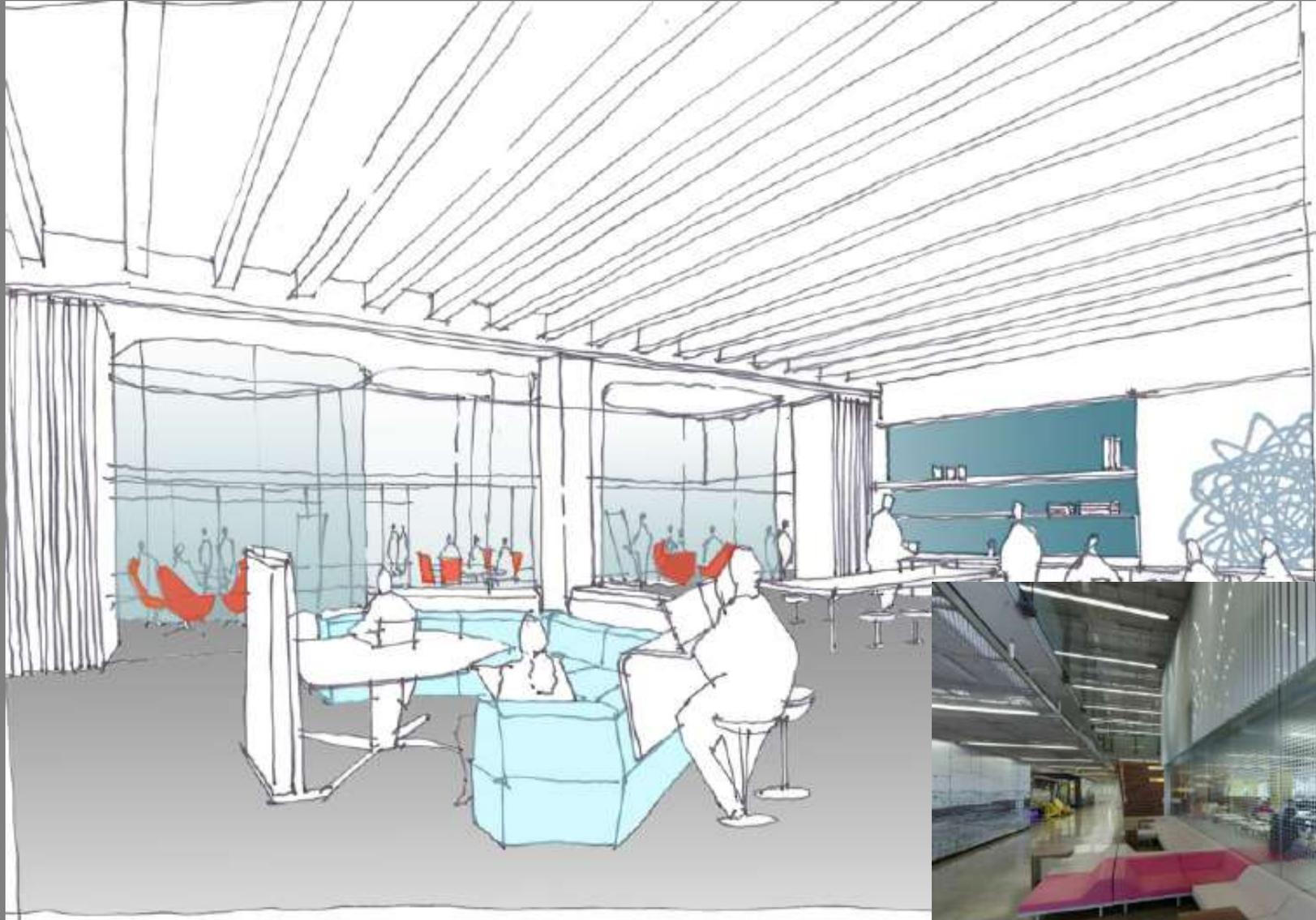
# Education Center



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# library campus



# view from plaza (new 5th street)

existing view



view from 5th street



# building efficiency

sustainable strategies - LEED SILVER minimum

Daylight harvesting - sensors



Increased pervious area



Existing building reuse



Parking for fuel efficient cars



Green roof



Stormwater collection



Lighting  
Energy efficient  
Occupancy sensors



Bicycle parking



Pervious pavers



Materials  
Recyclable Content  
Rapidly Renewable  
Local



Healthy Environment  
Low VOC & Fresh Air Monitor



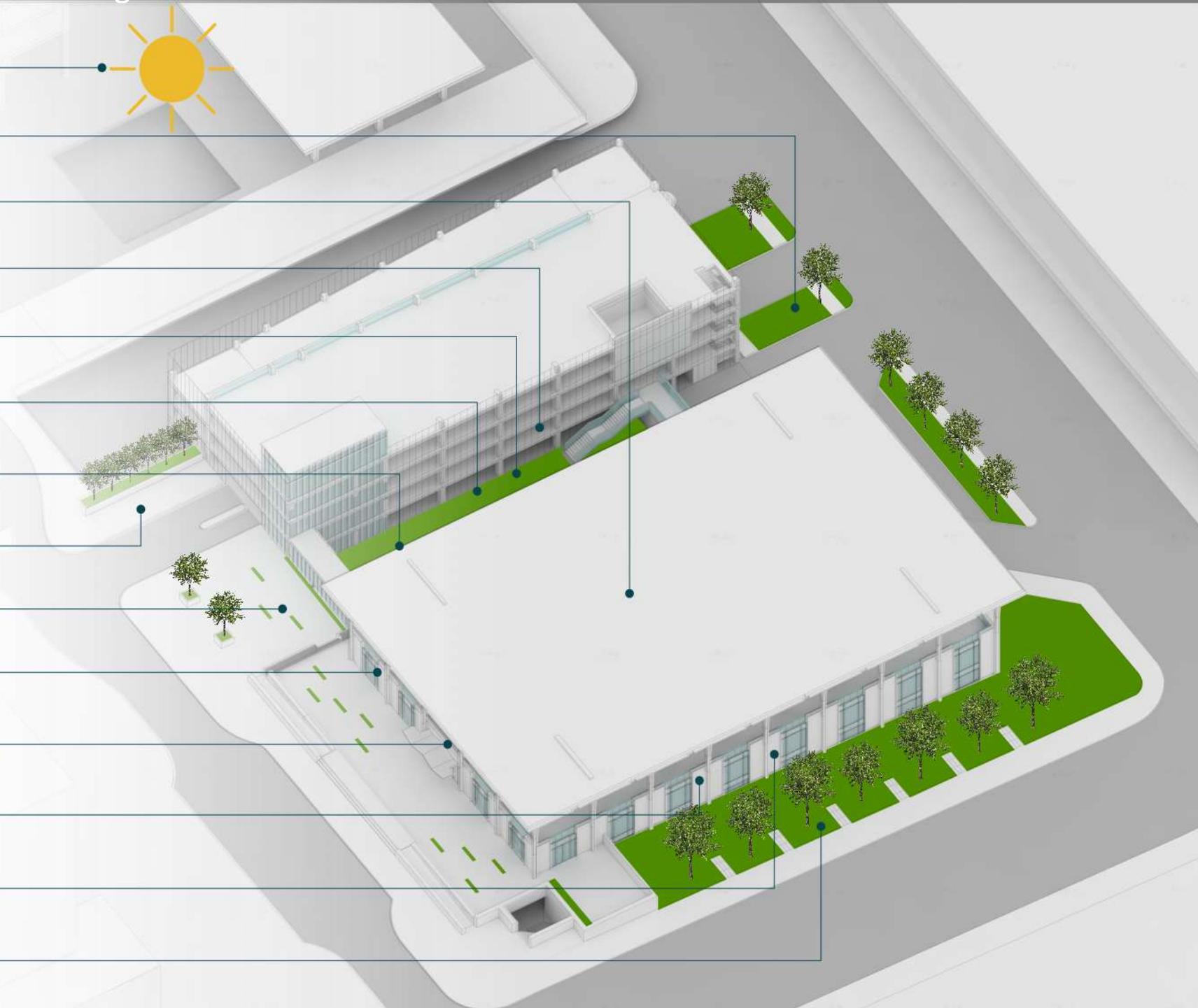
Water efficient fixtures



Chilled beam  
Energy efficient air distribution system

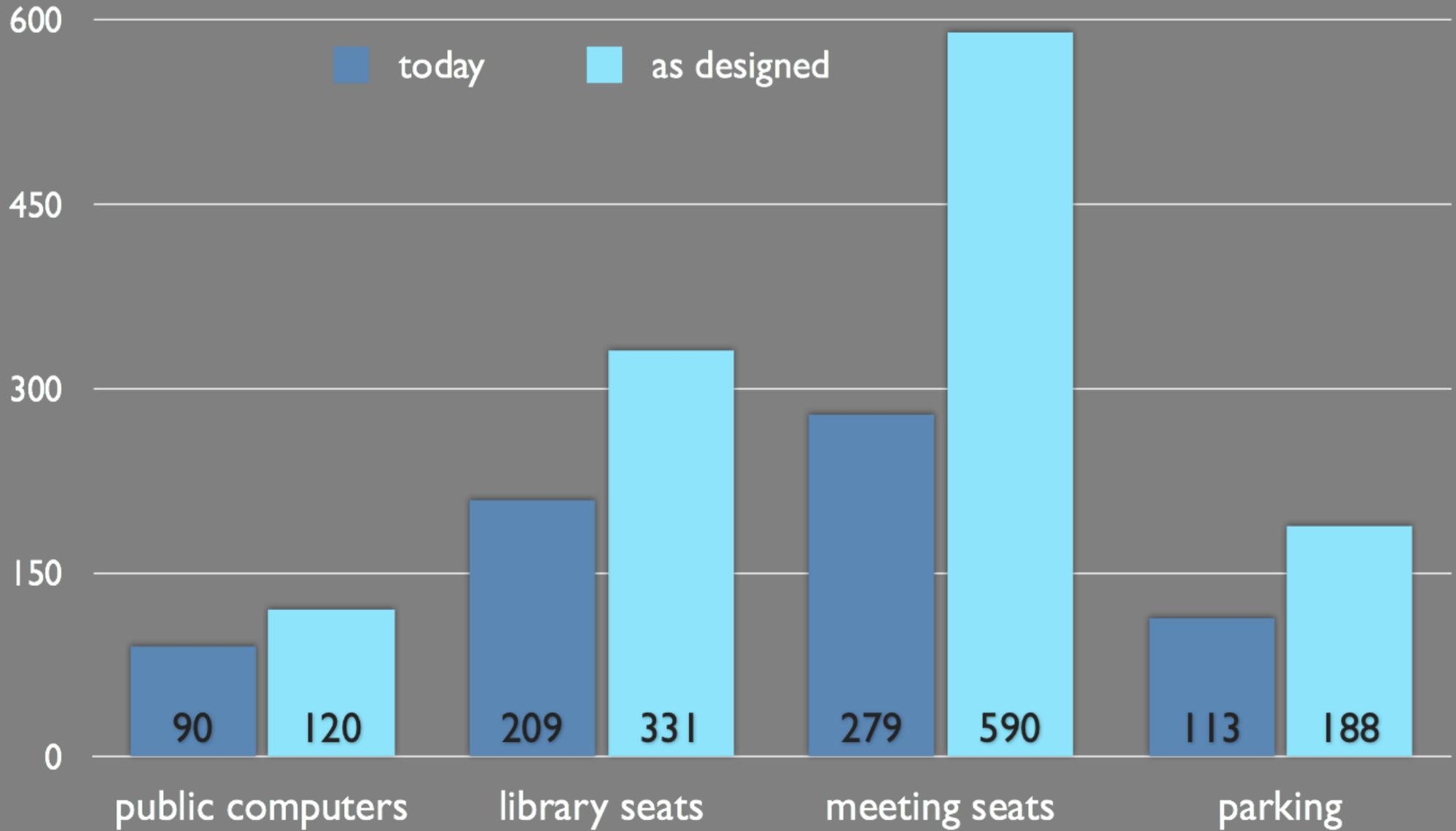


Water efficient landscaping



# central library

program comparison



# The Tulsa Central Library Project Requires a Public/Private Partnership

Overall project cost **\$49.8 million**

*Includes library building transformation, parking garage, education center, and garden.*

Library funds set aside: **\$15 million**

Planned capital campaign goal: **\$24.8 million**

**\$10 million** in Fix Our Streets monies will create a 50/50 public/private partnership and allow this project to become reality.

As a local foundation has offered to provide a bridge loan, construction can begin in early 2014, even though City funds are not quite yet available.

**\$1 in City of Tulsa investment = \$5 in value  
(\$4 matching funds)**

**small investment = iconic asset**

thank you

