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FREE LIBRARY
DISCOVER THE PAST, CREATE THE FUTURE

Sawyer Free Library: Discover the Past, Create the Future

The Institution: About Sawyer Free Library

Established in 1854, Sawyer Free Library is a vital place for people to innovate, experience, participate, and be empowered.

An anchor institution in the Downtown Civic Center, the Library provides diverse services to residents and visitors and is a center for literacy, art and culture. It is part of the city's educational infrastructure as the community's learning commons, a center of information and training with a focus on current computer technologies, workforce development, business start-up and support, local history, and self-directed, participatory learning.

Residents describe the library as:

- a treasure
- a centerpiece
- a unique resource
- essential service
- the cultural and educational hub of the community

The Institution: About Sawyer Free Library

Mission

To be a place of learning, innovation, and creativity, to nurture and strengthen the community.

Vision

To foster the values of place, belonging, and connection in the Gloucester community.

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Annual Library Use

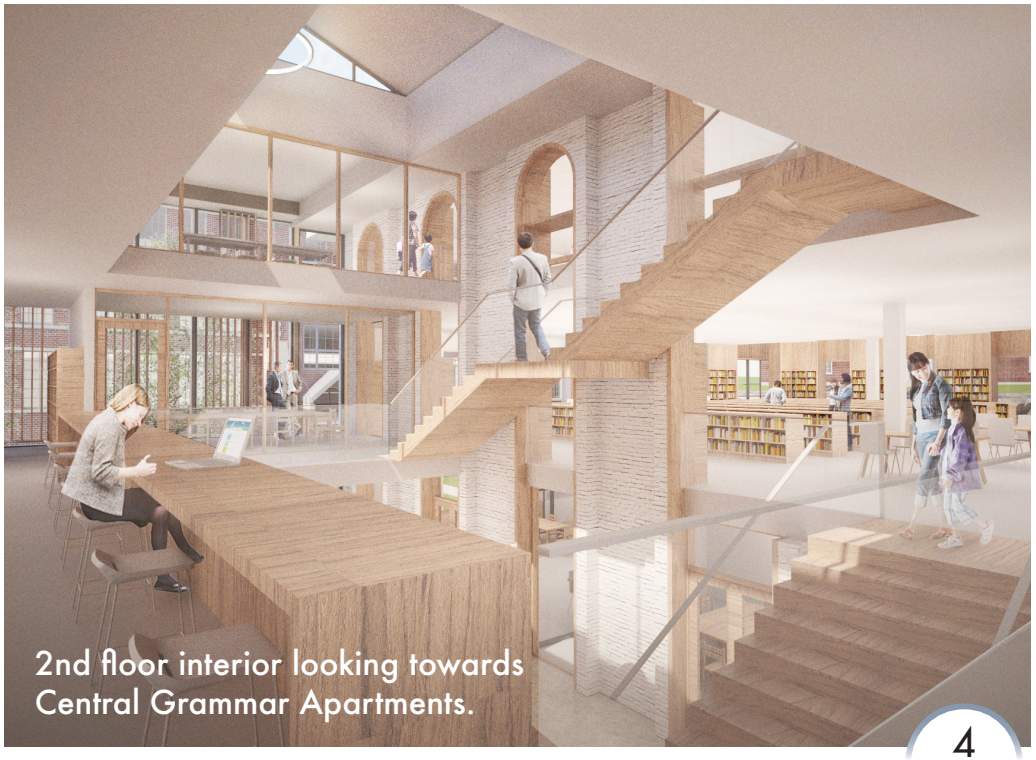
Typically, public libraries see a doubling of use following new/or renovated facilities projects.

- Visitors – 194,500
- Materials circulation – 168,000
- Collections – 112,200
- Electronic content uses – 28,800
- Program attendance – 13,200
- Programs – 675
- Public internet computer uses – 17,700

The Opportunity

Sawyer Free Library will embody the community's aspirations as a hub of innovation, where arts and culture thrive, where its history is preserved and cherished, and where all feel and are welcome.

The new space will respect the historic feel of the original building, while serving future generations with an environmentally-friendly design. It will provide an aesthetically pleasing, welcoming, comfortable, and safe environment that is accessible and flexible with state of the art infrastructure for technology, climate control, and sustainability.



2nd floor interior looking towards Central Grammar Apartments.

"The Reading Public Library building project was not about renovating and expanding a structure. It was, and continues to be, about building a community.

Since our renovation/addition the new Reading Public Library has seen double digit increases in almost all areas of service. We continue to reach new patrons with an overall 41% increase in library card applications; teen use and program attendance has tripled; and annual visitors have increased by 25%. The library has become an essential space where the community can collaborate, connect, and engage."

- Amy Fang Lannon, Director of the Reading Public Library

The Opportunity

Gloucester residents want a place for the community to gather for discovery, reflection, and learning.

The existing library building limits the capacity and capability to meet the current and future needs of the city. It is out of date, uncomfortable, and does not meet today's standards for accessibility and fire prevention.

Saunders House is in need of extensive renovation, conservation, restoration, and preservation to allow appropriate community use and continued support and enhancement of the library.

The Opportunity

The new space will welcome everyone.

Children and families will have separate space for socializing, learning, and playing.

Teens and 'tweens will each have their own spaces for collaborating, creating, and learning together.

Adults will have quiet spaces for working, studying, creating, and connecting.

Everyone will have access to digital technology and tools and opportunities to innovate and create.

The community will have a place to gather with free, technology rich spaces both large and small for presenting, performing, meeting, learning, and working.

People of all ages will have spaces to engage in lifelong learning.

Future generations will have a sustainable facility to be proud of, designed to the highest practical environmental standards.

The Opportunity

The new space will welcome, support, and inspire the community by addressing these core design components:

Technological Infrastructure: Secure, robust broadband access, integrated technologies

Safety and Security: Improved lighting, modern fire suppression, built in surveillance and intercom systems, clear sightlines, separate enclosed spaces for teens, family restroom within the children's room.

Accessibility: New restrooms on each floor, larger elevator, easier navigation

Flexibility: Spaces that can be converted to support classes, meetings, presentations, lectures, performances, discussions, gaming, co-working, video conferencing…

Comfort: Less noise, specialized spaces, comfortable furniture

Climate Controls: Improved air systems for heating, cooling, humidification, and filtration as part of an environmentally-conscious design

The Opportunity

Highlighted Features of the New Library

- Enlarged children's room with dedicated 50 seat program room and a separate, enclosed, staffed teen room with adjoining gaming room and shared programming room. (Currently there are no dedicated programming rooms for children or teens, no dedicated teen room, and no appropriate staff work spaces.)
- Increased reading and quiet spaces, tutoring and co-working areas with a total increase in seats of 13% from 139 to 157
- Tutoring and co-working areas
- Full accessibility for visitors
- Two, 25 seat meeting/conference/classrooms with built-in virtual meeting capabilities (Currently there are none)
- Central meeting place for the entire community with 110 seats and after-hours access (Currently 75 seats with limited after-hours access)
- Exhibit space for local artists on each floor
- Updated technology including audio-visual and creative capability on all floors (currently none available)
- Improved furnishings, shelving, and lighting
- Light-filled, inviting and environmentally-friendly throughout
- Restored, accessible Saunders House to complement the renovated library with a variety of potential uses, including meeting rooms, art gallery, and reading room.

The Plan

Sawyer Free Library: Preferred Plan, First Floor

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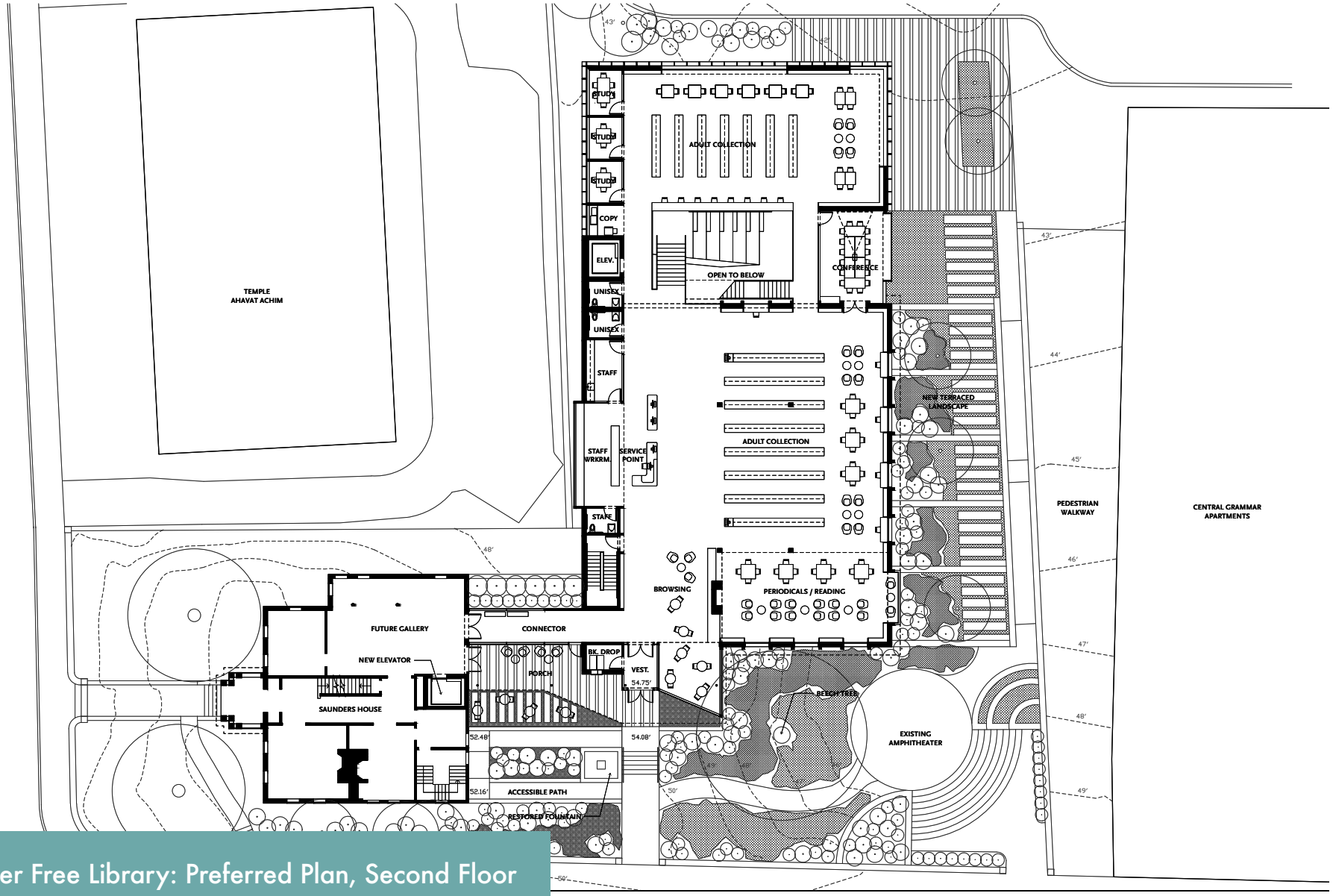
April 17, 2019

The Plan

Cut away view of 1st Floor.

The Plan



Sawyer Free Library: Preferred Plan, Second Floor

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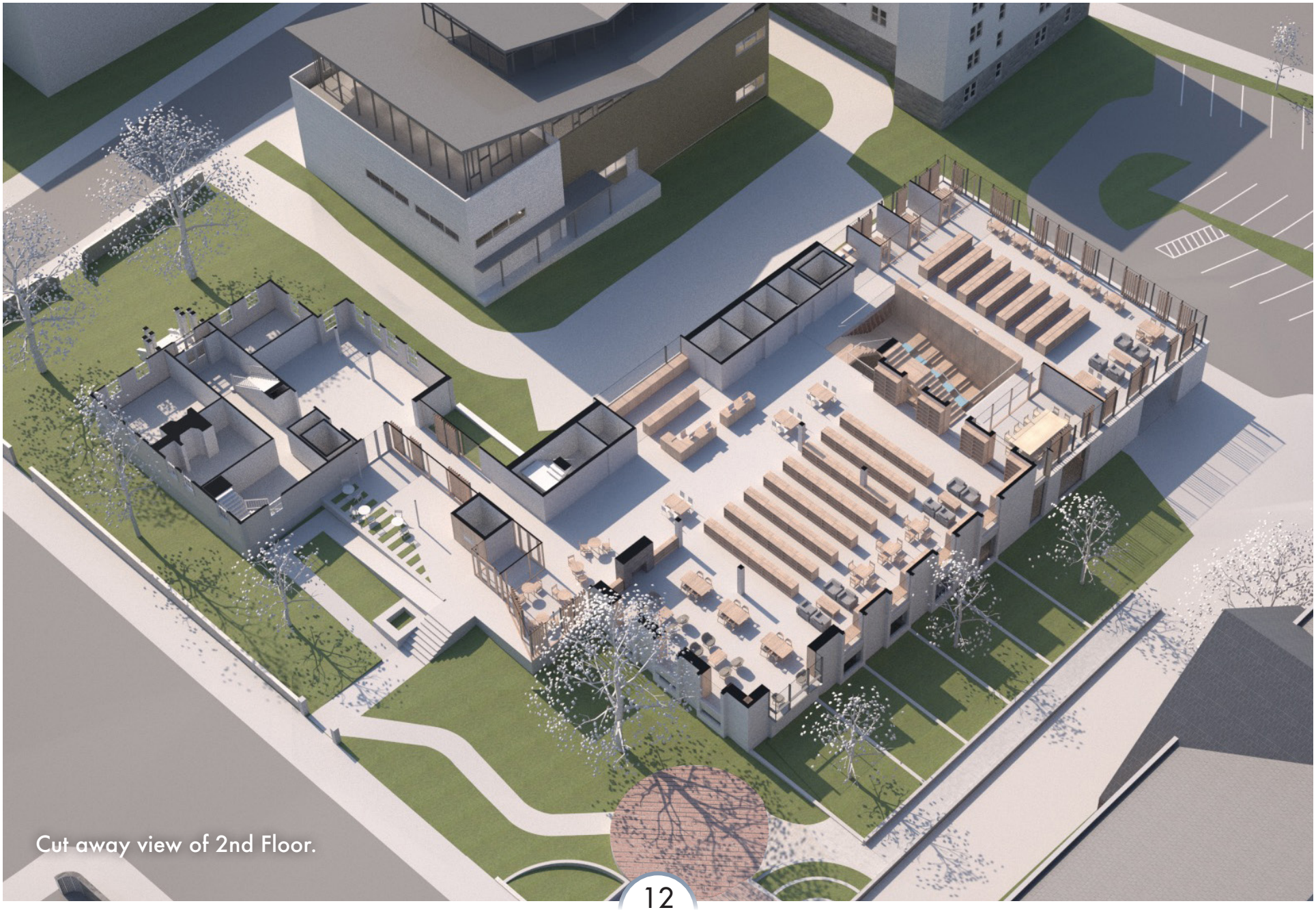
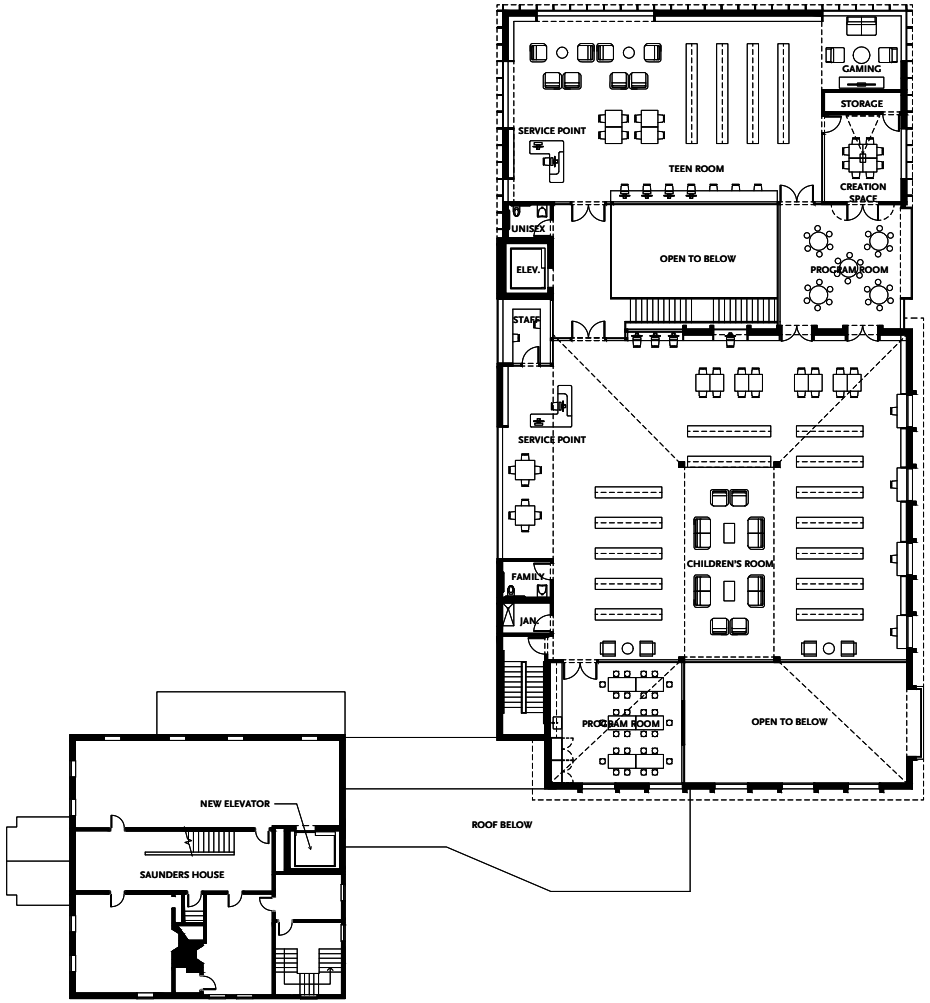


Cut away view of 2nd Floor.

The Plan



Sawyer Free Library: Preferred Plan, Third Floor

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The Plan

Cut away view of 3rd Floor.

The Plan

Looking out to Dale Ave. towards City Hall.

The Plan

View from Dale Ave. showing the side facing Central Grammar.

The Plan

Interior of 1st floor lobby and stairway.

The Plan

Interior of reading room on 2nd floor.
Looking out to Dale Ave.

The Plan

2nd Floor interior looking towards
Central Grammar Apartments.

Gloucester Campaign Budget

Based on a May 2023 construction start

Total Project Budget = $28.6 million
State Grant Received = $9 million
Campaign Goal = $19.6 million

Project Costs

New addition	8,500,000
Renovations	4,500,000
Saunders House Renovation	3,000,000
Professional Services	2,600,000
General Conditions/Bonds/Insurance	2,200,000
Site Work	1,800,000
Design/Contingencies	1,500,000
Furnishings and Equipment	1,200,000
Construction Fees	800,000
Transition and Support Costs	900,000
TOTAL	$28,600,000

Note: The above figures include current costs plus escalation for construction beginning in 2023.

Gloucester Campaign Objective: $19.6 Million

# of Gifts Required	Gift Level	Subtotal	Cumulative Total	Cumulative %
1	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	23%
2	$2,000,000	$4,000,000	$8,500,000	43%
3	$1,000,000	$3,000,000	$11,500,000	58%
6	$500,000	$3,000,000	$14,500,000	73%
8	$250,000	$2,000,000	$16,500,000	85%
9	$100,000	$900,000	$17,400,000	89%
18	$50,000	$900,000	$18,300,000	93%
22	$25,000	$550,000	$18,850,000	96%
28	$10,000	$280,000	$19,130,000	98%
34	$5,000	$170,000	$19,300,000	98%
40	$2,500	$100,000	$19,400,000	99%
50	$1,000	$50,000	$19,450,000	99%
Numerous	$500 and below	$150,000	$19,600,000	100%

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