



JEFFERSON-MADISON REGIONAL LIBRARY

Central Library Study

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INTRODUCTION

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This study is a follow-up to a study completed in March 2000. That study laid out a proposed renovation scope to address the facility and program needs of the JMRL's twenty year old Central Library. Some of the recommended facility improvements have been completed in the past fourteen years: a new roof and new bathrooms on the lower and main levels. And, replacement of the windows is funded and scheduled to begin in the near future. But most of the recommended facility improvements and none of the interior program improvements have been implemented.

This study revisited the facility and program recommendations of fourteen years ago with the intent to update both to reflect completed or planned Central Library facility improvements as noted above, to reflect new dynamics in the library / patron relationship over the past fourteen years; and to evaluate growth opportunities at the Central Library as a result of the bookmobile program being moved to the new Northside Library.

The study team included John Halliday, Bill Lyons, Krista Farrell, and David Plunkett from the JMRL; and Tom Keogh, Kirk Train, and Robin Crumpler from Train Architects. The Library representatives and Tom Keogh met with Mike Mollica and Scoot Hendrix from the City of Charlottesville to brief them on the project and to review previously completed and proposed facility improvement projects for the Central Library – work scope that would not be required as part of a Central Library renovation project because it was already completed.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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I. Analysis of Existing Facility

A survey of the existing building and site was conducted, focusing on the opportunities for expanding to meet the projected program areas and requirements for the Central Library. The areas for expansion are four: the loading dock / bookmobile area, the window well / planting area between the library and the sidewalk along 3rd Street, the area west of the building between the building and the sidewalk along 2nd Street, and on the interior – the existing opening and stair between the main and lower levels.

II. Design Concept

Main Level

- Generally leave the Adult, Young Adult and Children's areas in their present locations in the building.
- Leave the original staircase from the main level to the second floor at the west end of the main level in place as is.
- Remove the existing stair opening and stair and replace with a stair that takes up less floor area.
- Reorganize the main entry and main circulation desk in the center of the space. Orientate the circulation desk to the entry. Provide sliding doors at main entry.
- Provide a discreet space for Young Adult that includes study rooms and a "maker" space.
- Provide for a general reading area and a quiet reading area in the Adult area. Include a fireplace in the quiet reading area as was done in the recently completed Crozet branch library.
- Create a children's program room and an adjacent garden in the area that was formerly the loading dock.
- Install the second elevator.

Lower Level

- Create a sunlit atrium and study rooms on the east end of the lower level by enlarging the existing window well.
- Enlarge the existing window openings on the east wall of the lower level to bring more natural light in to the lower level through the new atrium space. Expand the window well on the east side.
- Provide discreet glass enclosed copy center and public computing space along the south wall of the lower level.
- Provide a Jobs Center space along the south wall of the lower level.
- Library to generally leave the Adult, young adult and children's area in their present location in the building.
- Relocate the main reference desk and enlarge the reference work area.

Mezzanine Level

- Convert the mezzanine level to a staff room including a small kitchen, restroom and store room.
- Provide for additional mechanical space to provide flexibility in the design of the mechanical system for the renovation.

Upper Level

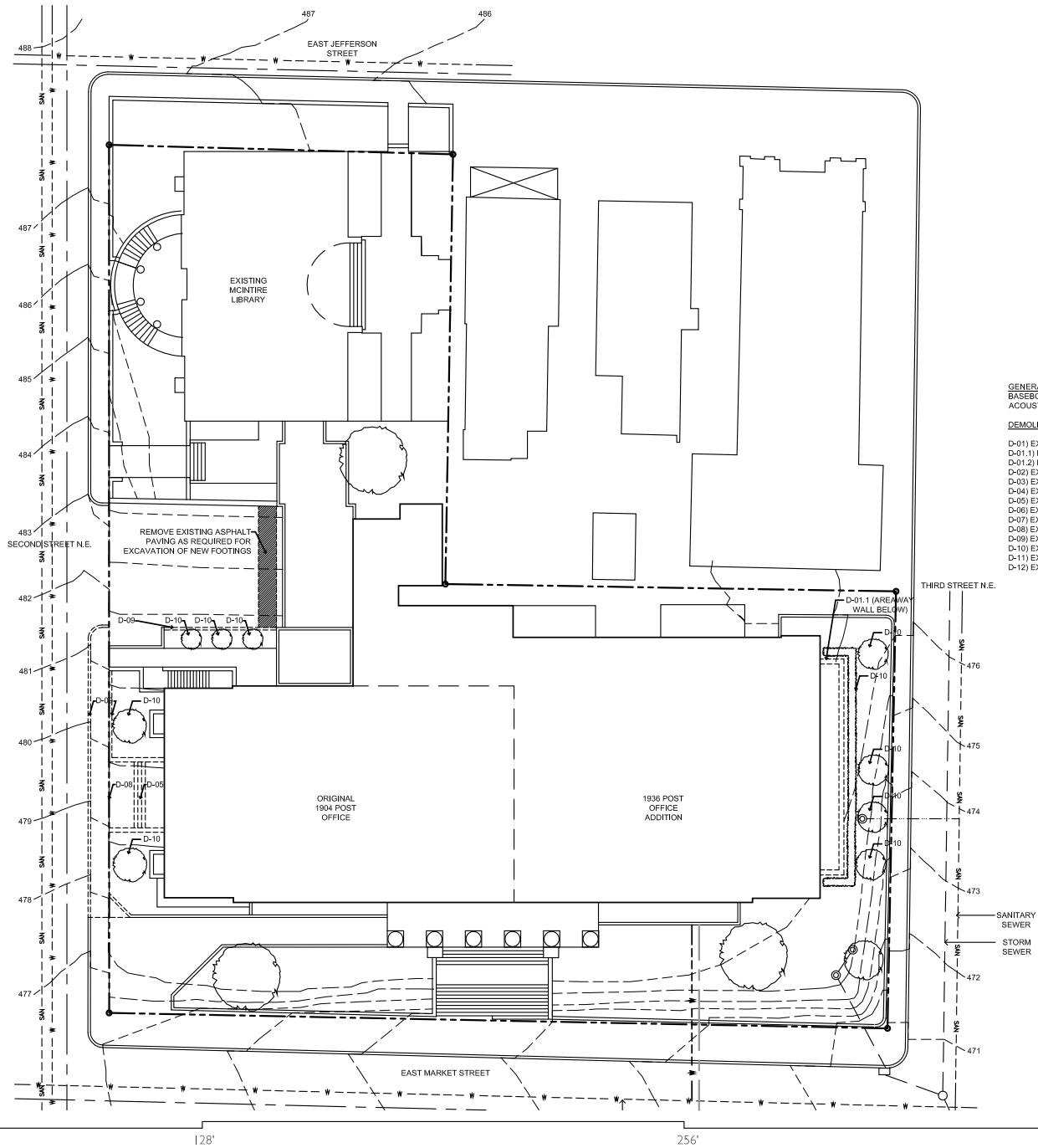
- Rework the technical service space to provide a large open plan.
- Reconfigure the Jefferson, Madison, and Copy room about the existing elevator lobby to allow for public access to those spaces without interrupting the day to day work flow of the library staff. The copy room will be reconfigured to create two public meeting rooms – one to be the Madison room and the other to be a new meeting room that we have named the Monroe room. The Jefferson room and the present day Madison room will be combined to create a larger Jefferson room.
- The JMRL administrative office spaces will remain generally in the same location, but will be reconfigured to provide a better work flow.
- The McIntire room will be left as is in its present day location.
- The four work spaces / office spaces on the west end will be reconfigured to provide six offices.
- The toilet rooms will be renovated and reconfigured.

Site

- Capture the loading dock area for children's program space, see Main Level summary above.
- Enlarge the window well on the east side of the building to provide a sunlit atrium space on the lower level.
- Rework the west side of the building, in concert with the City of Charlottesville, to provide a drive-in book drop-off.

EXISTING PLANS

- Existing Site Plan
- Existing Floor Plans



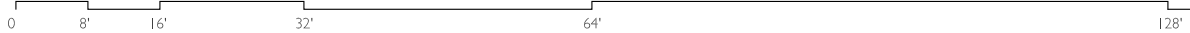
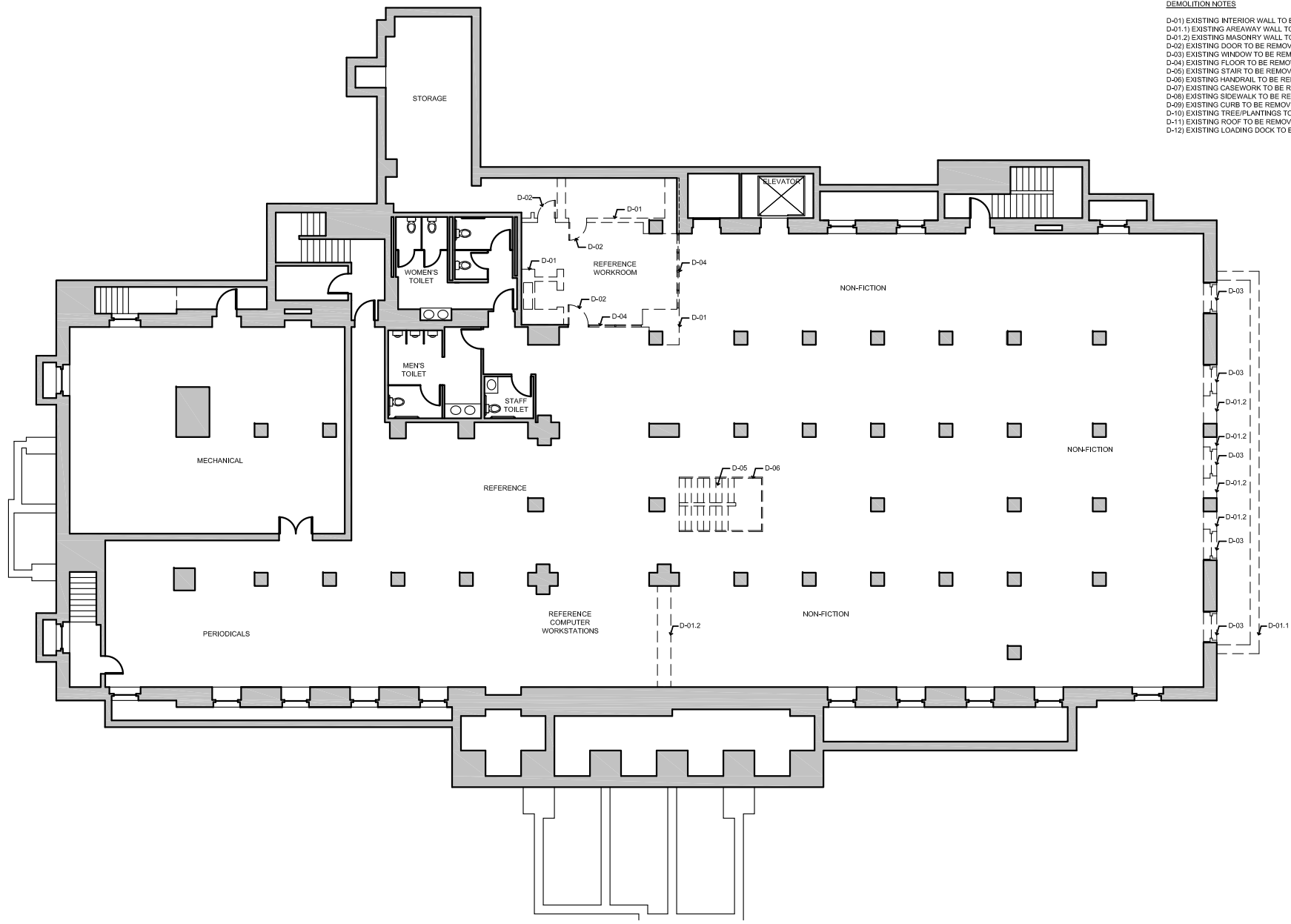
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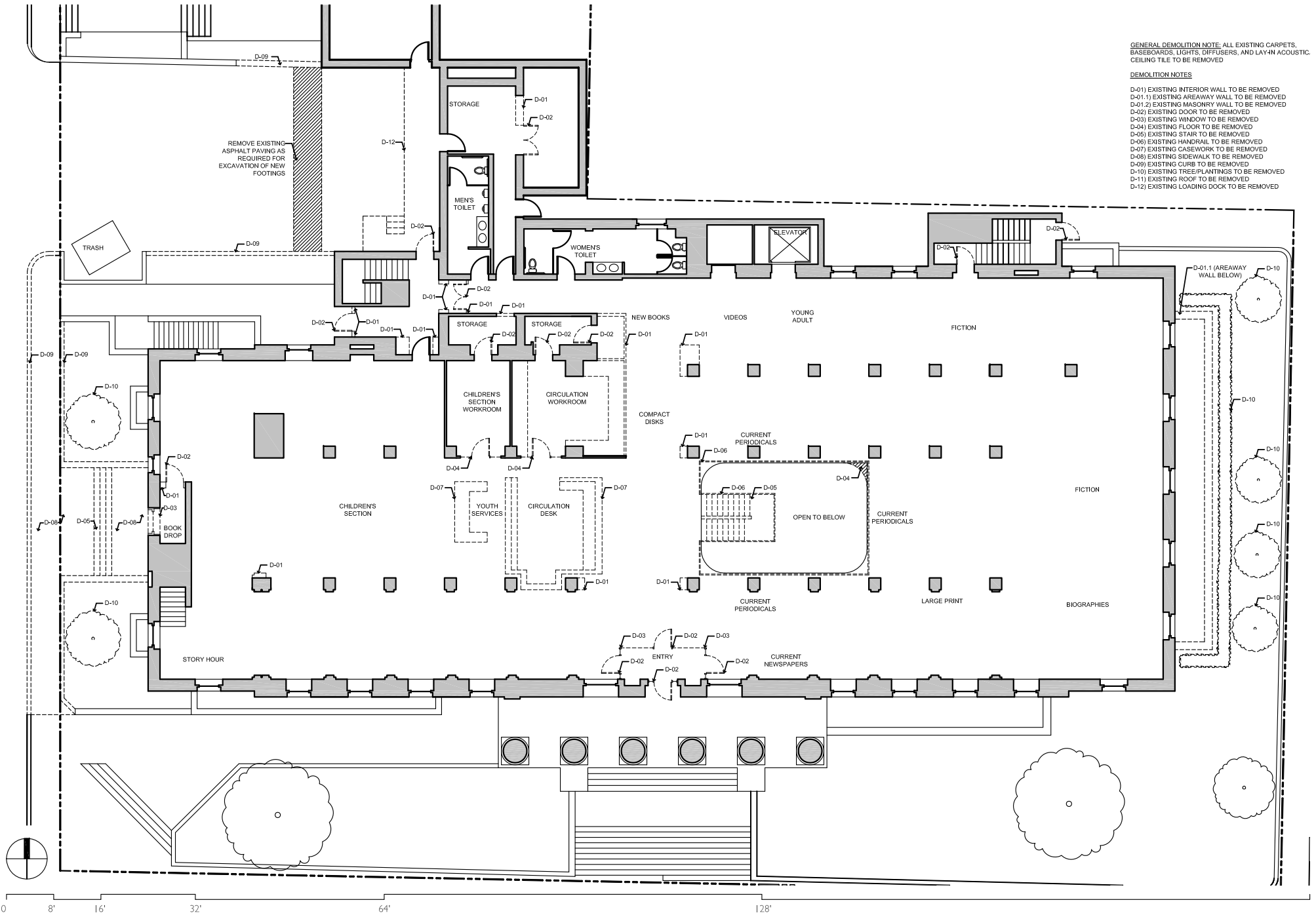
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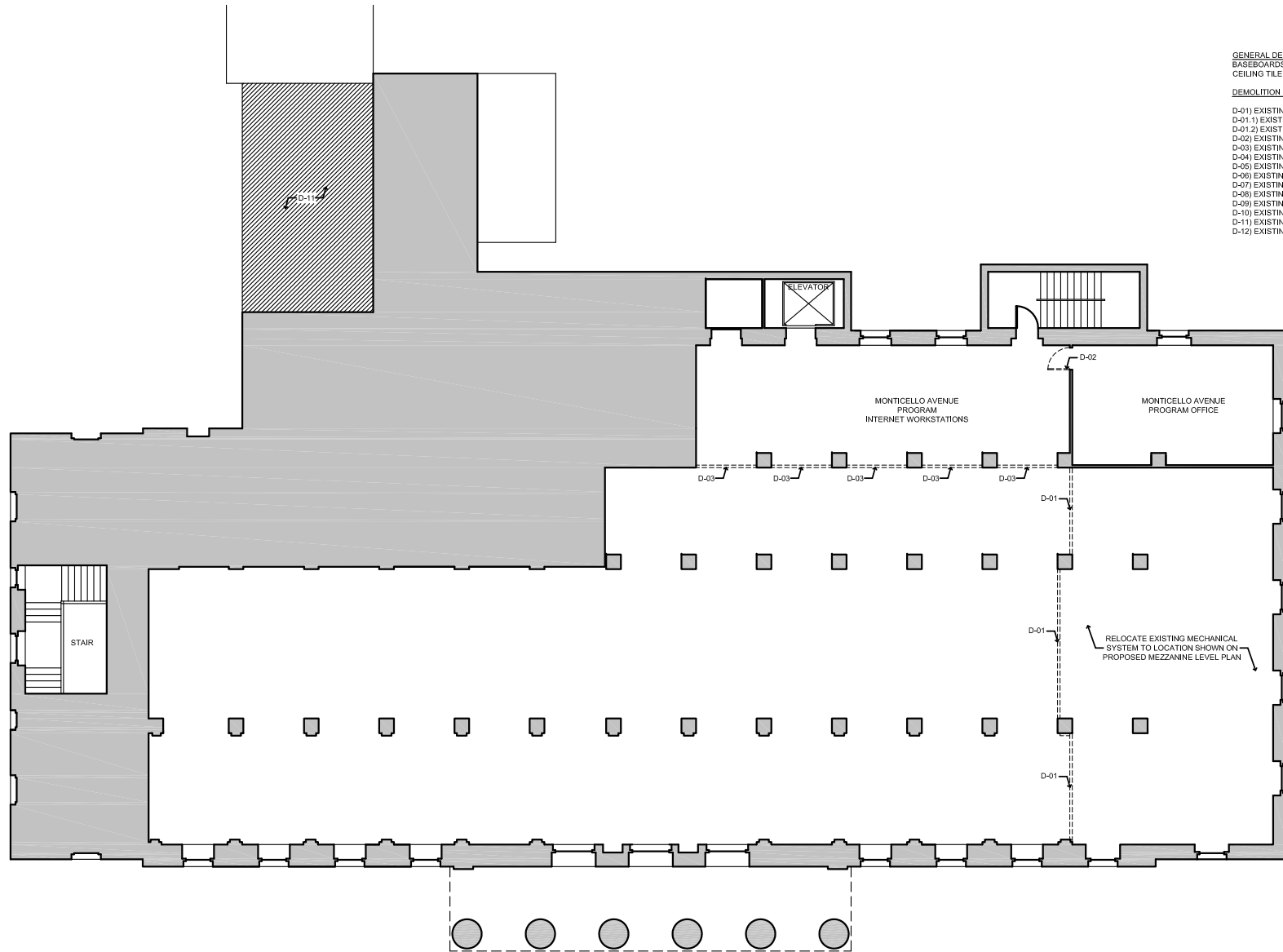
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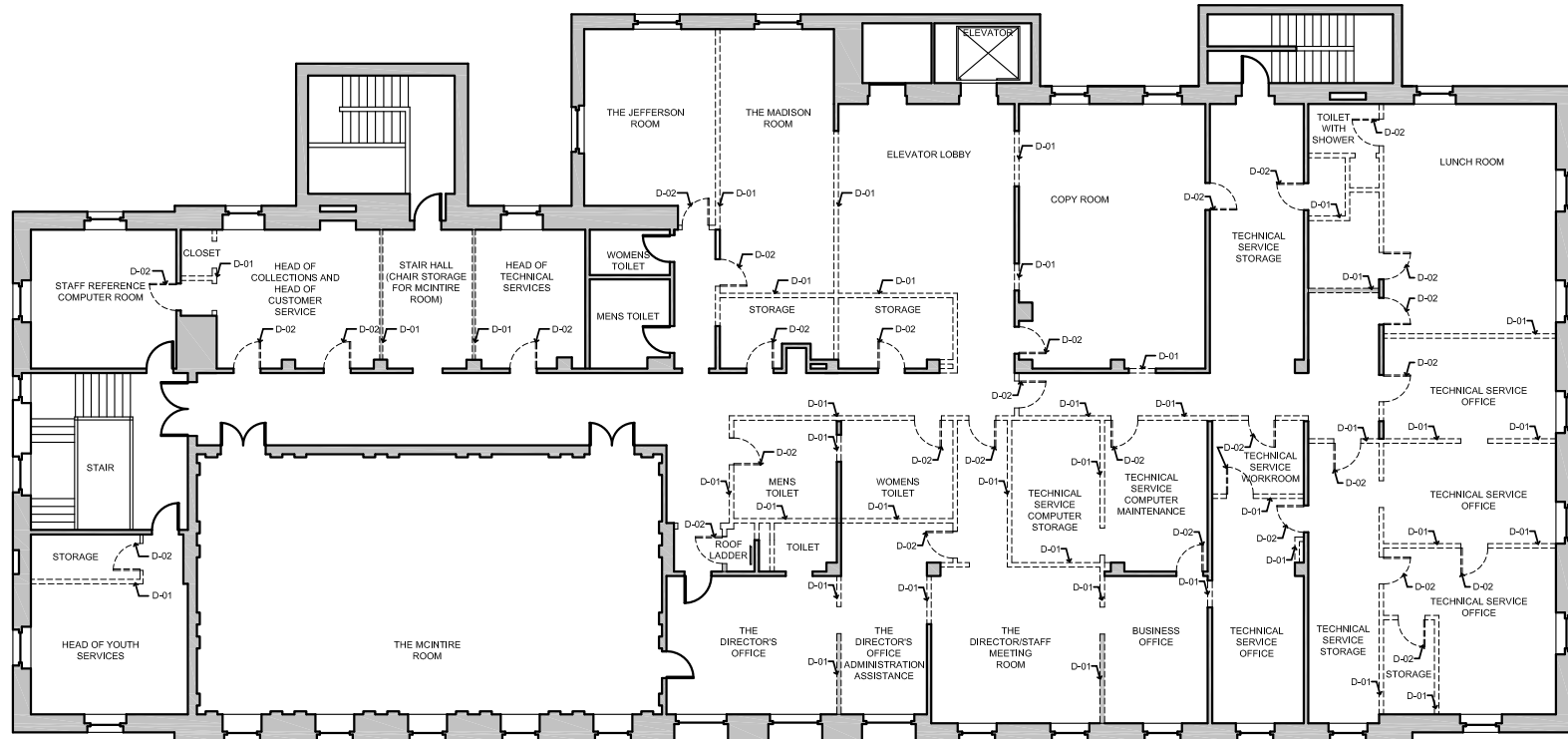
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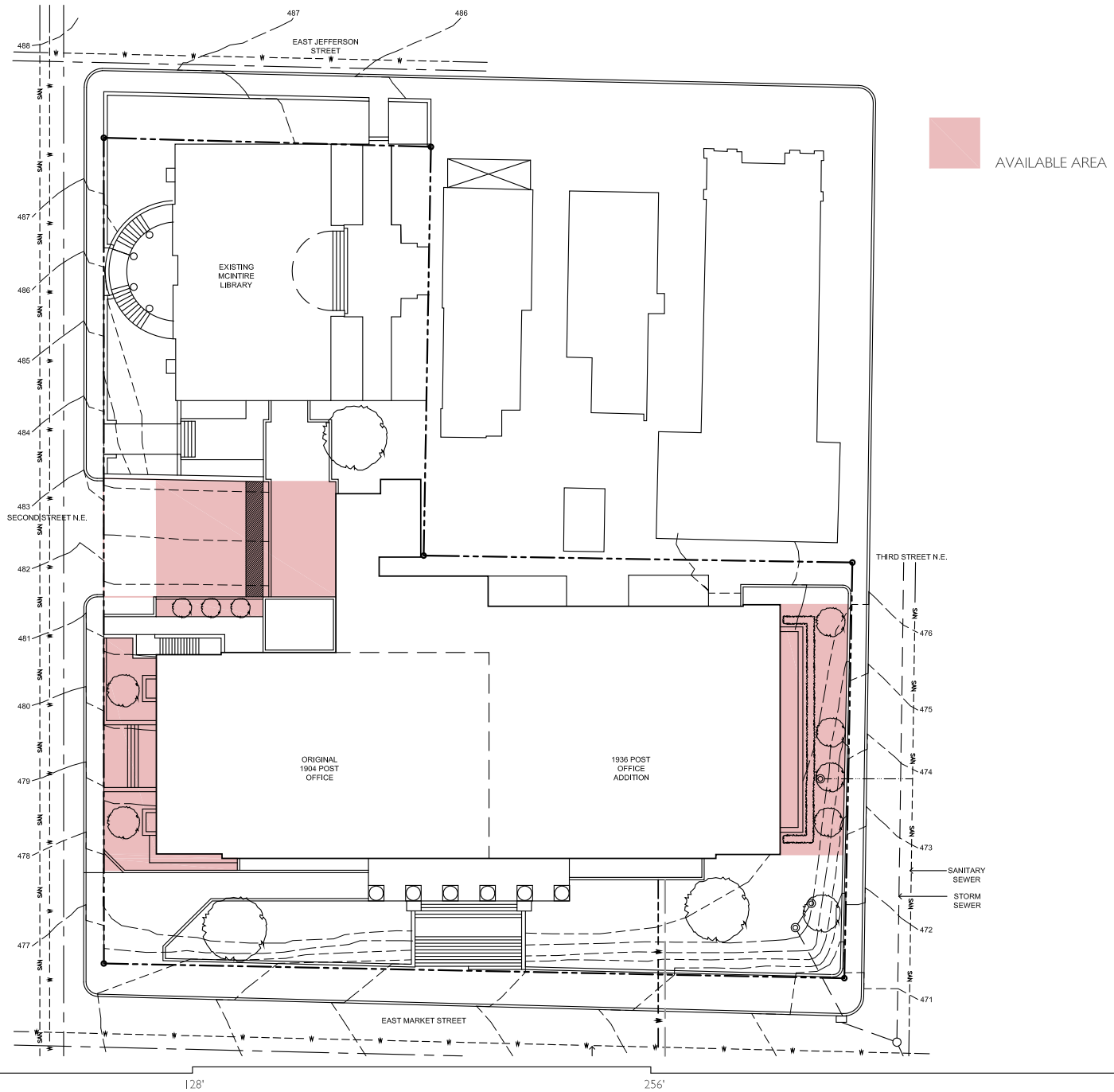
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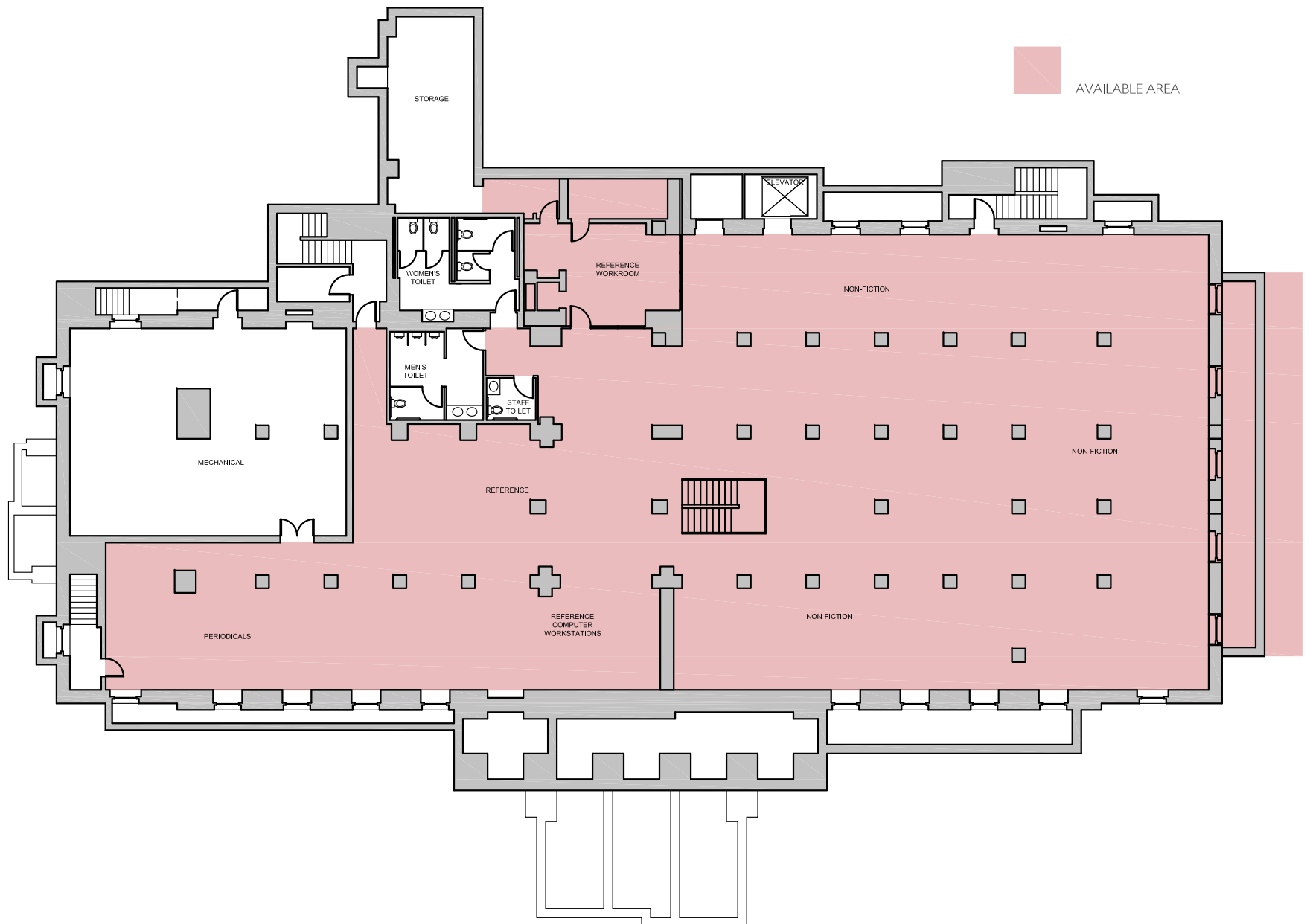


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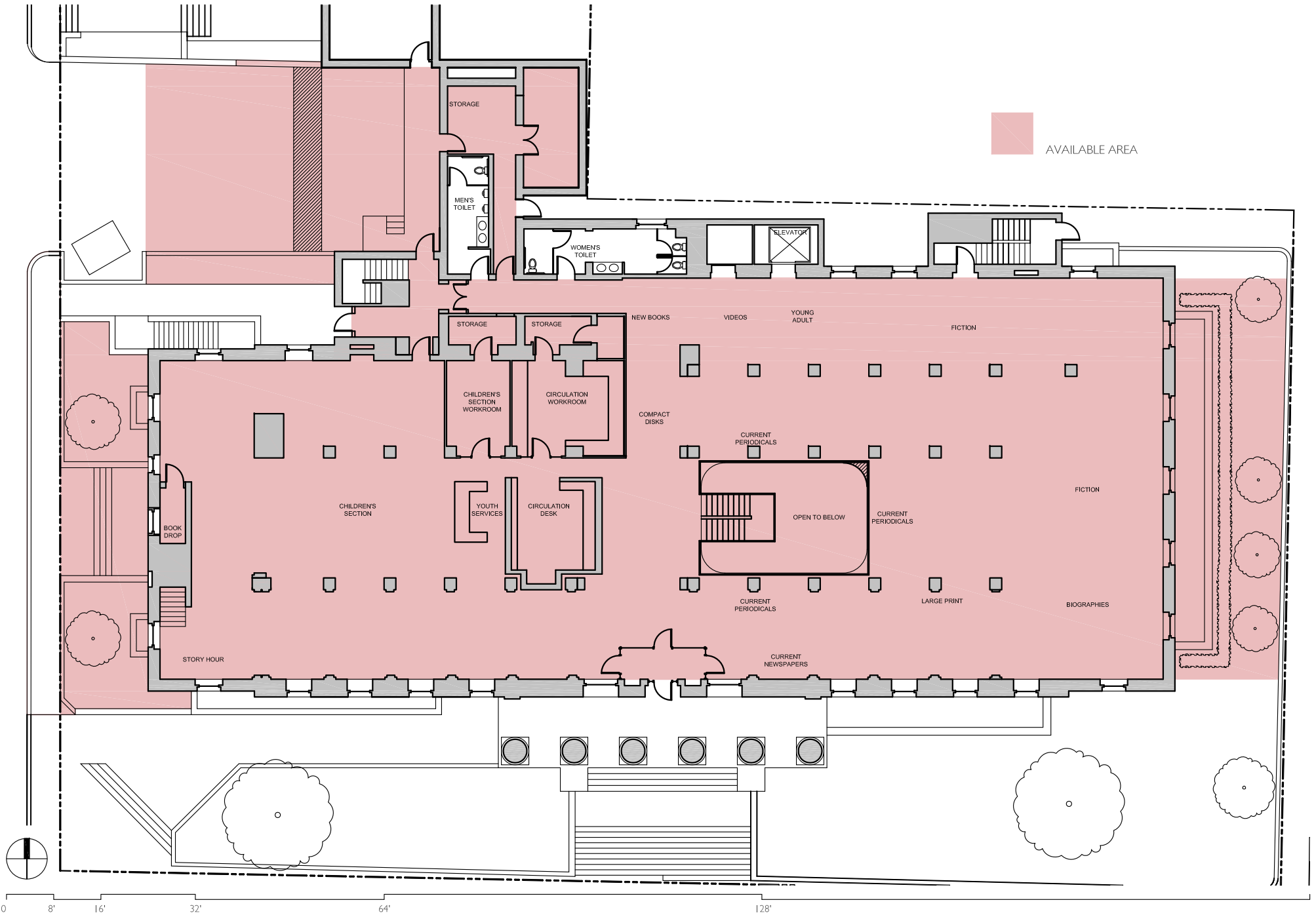


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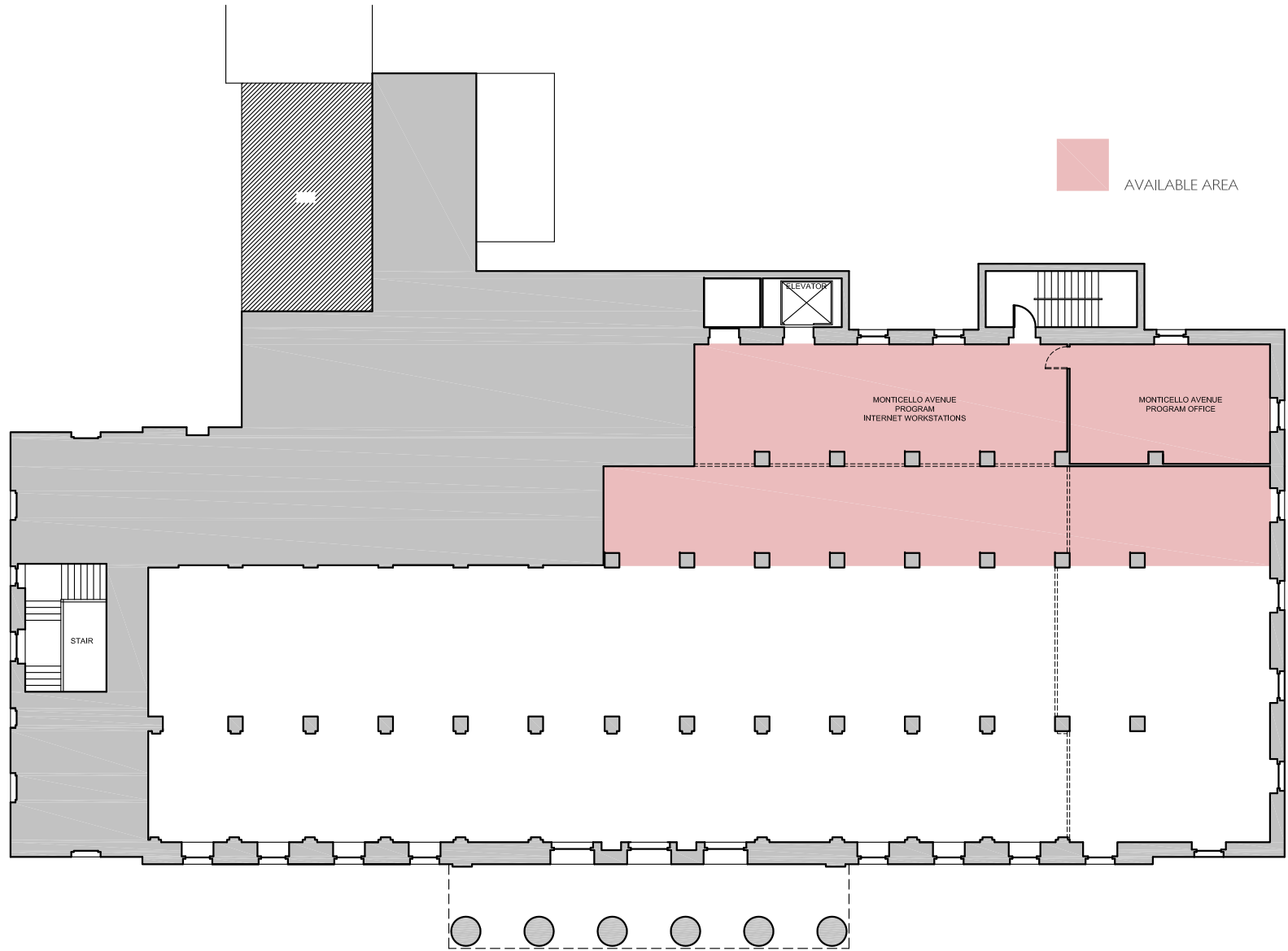
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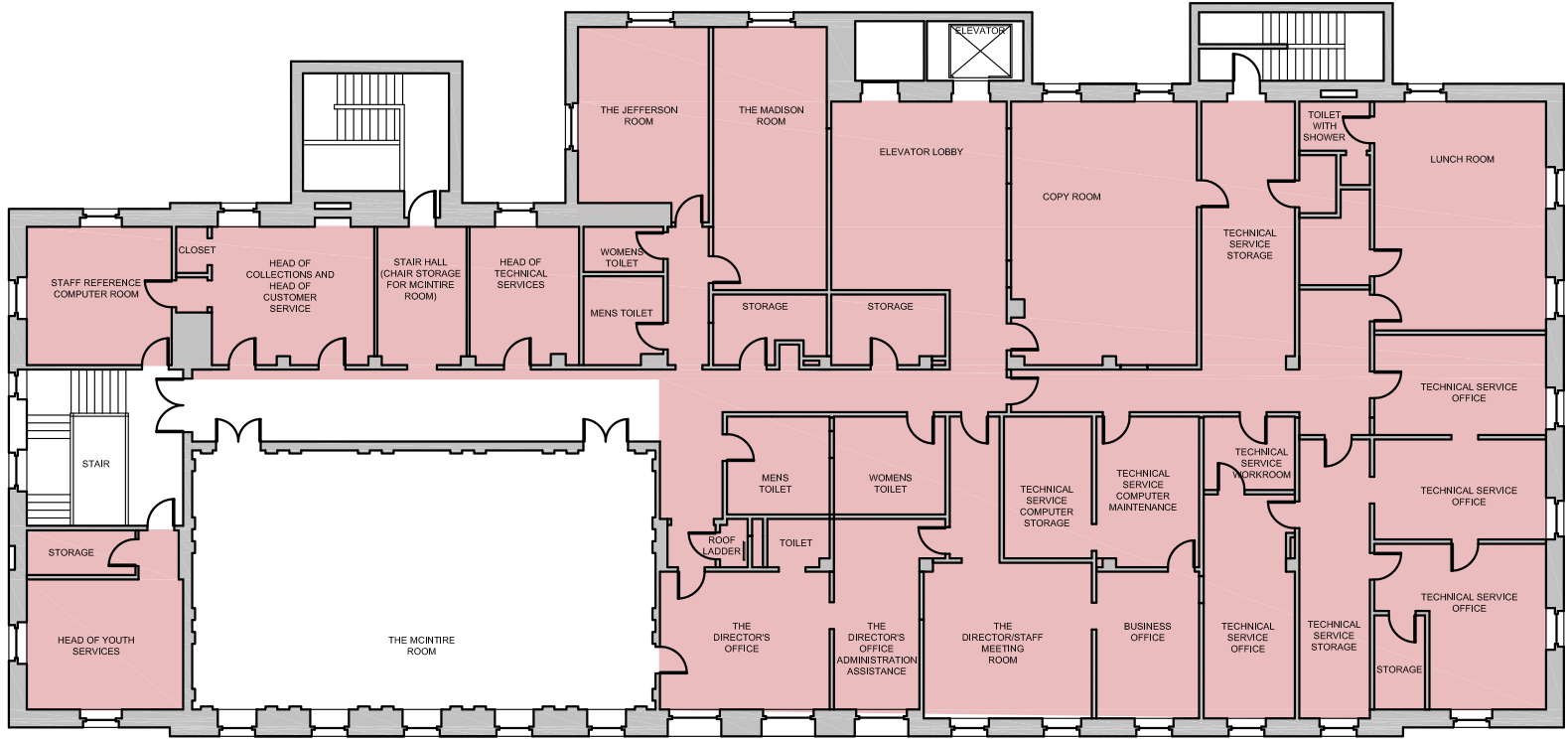
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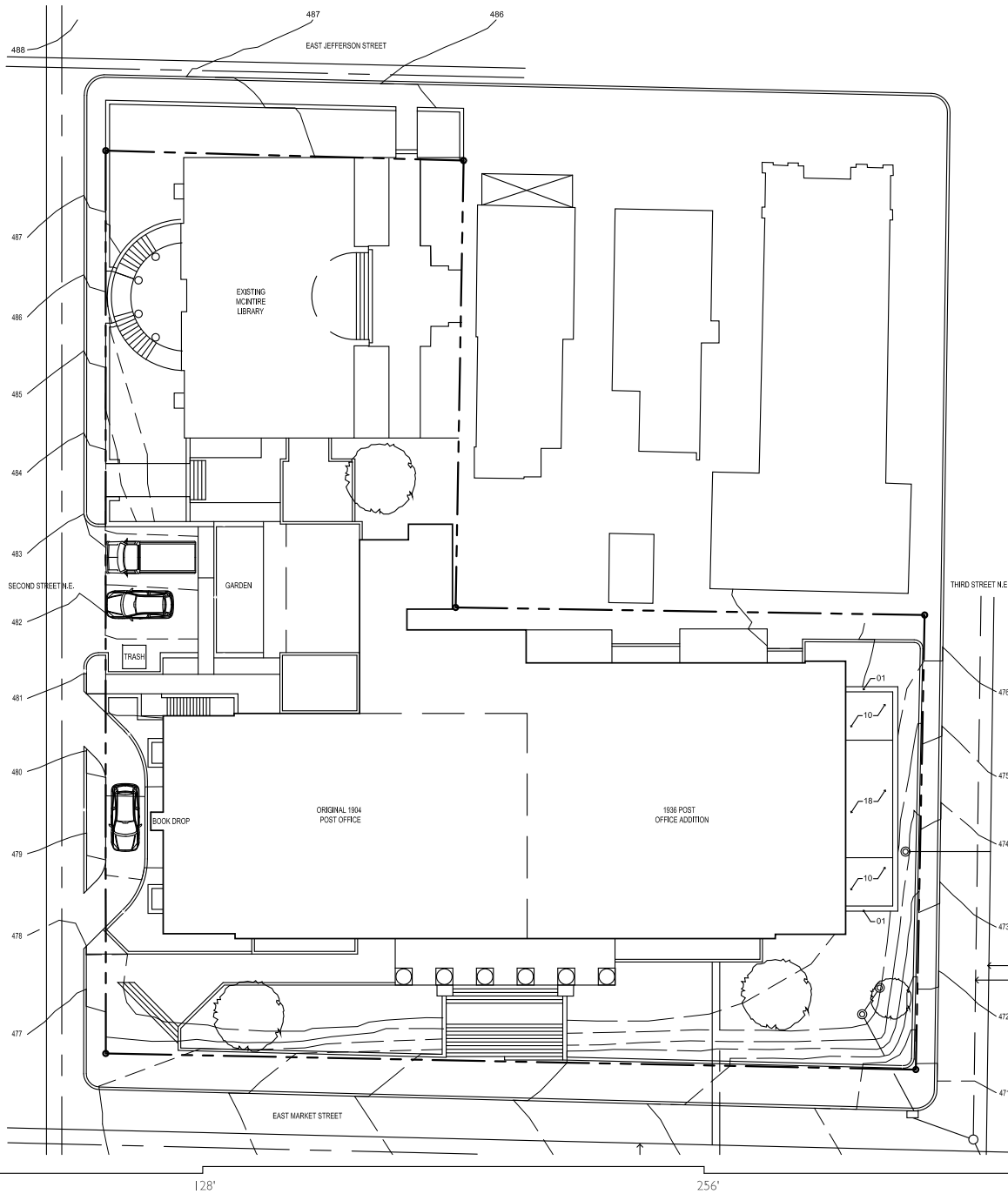
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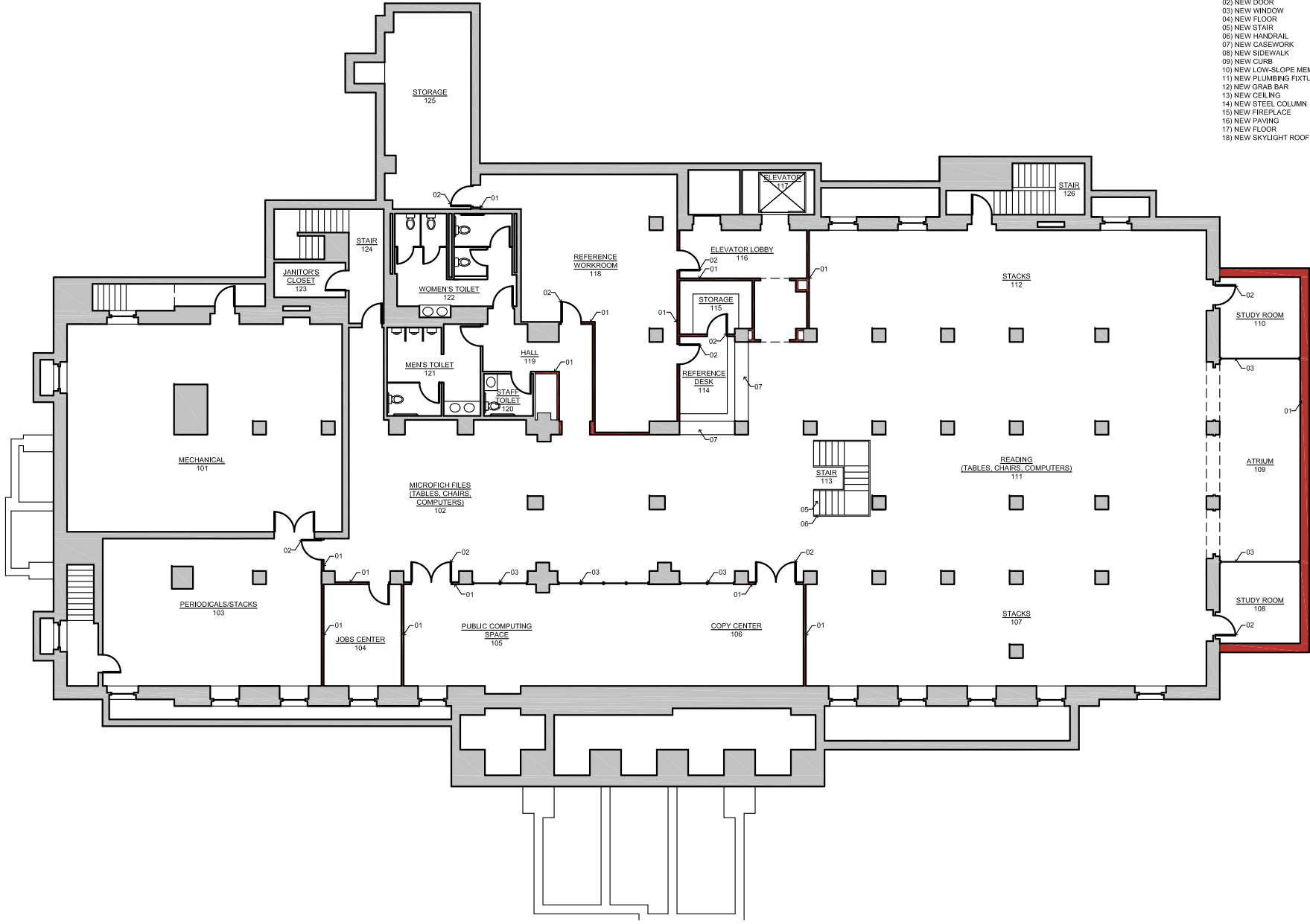


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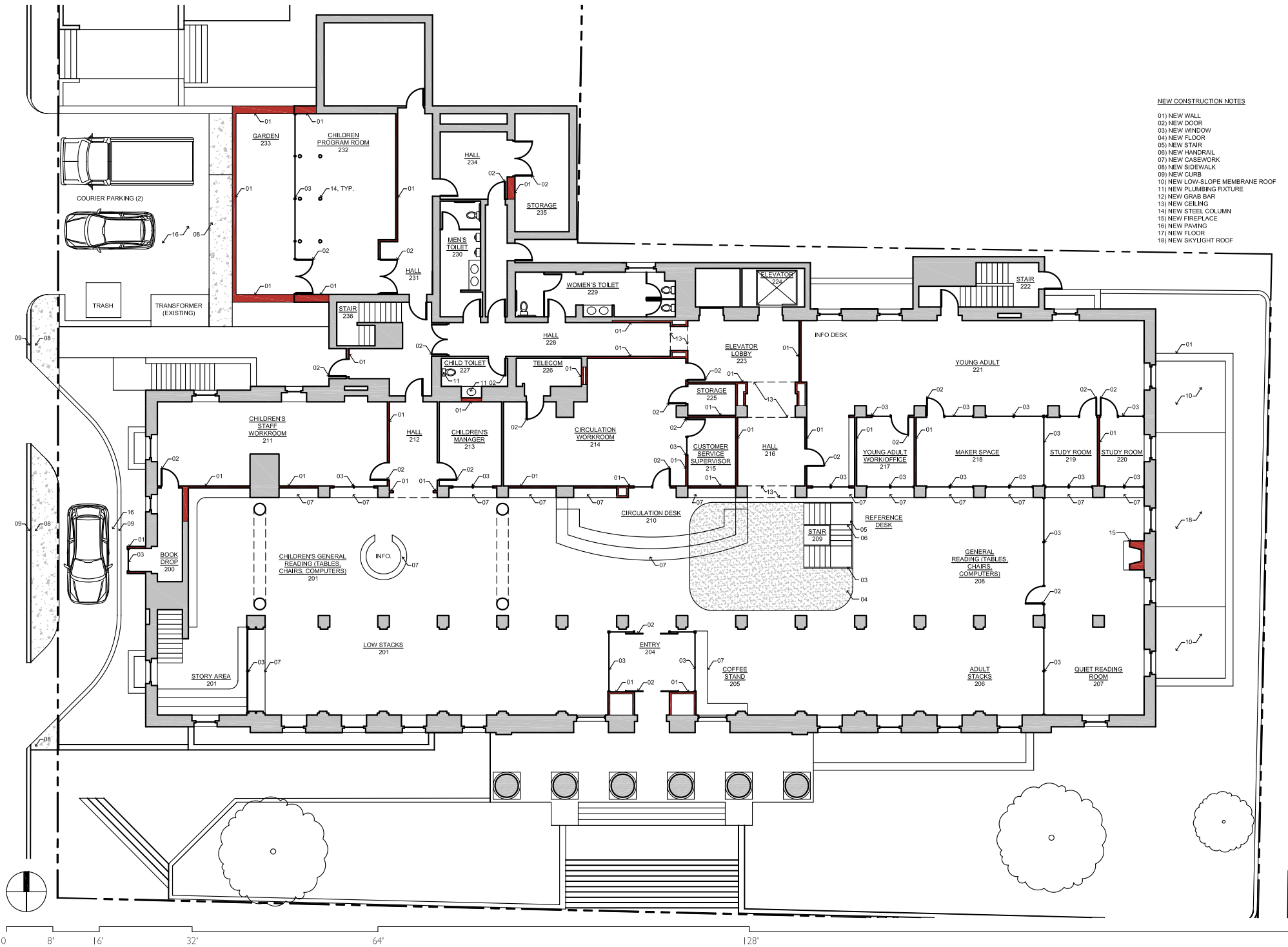
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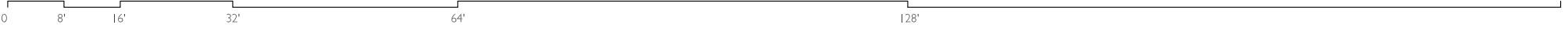
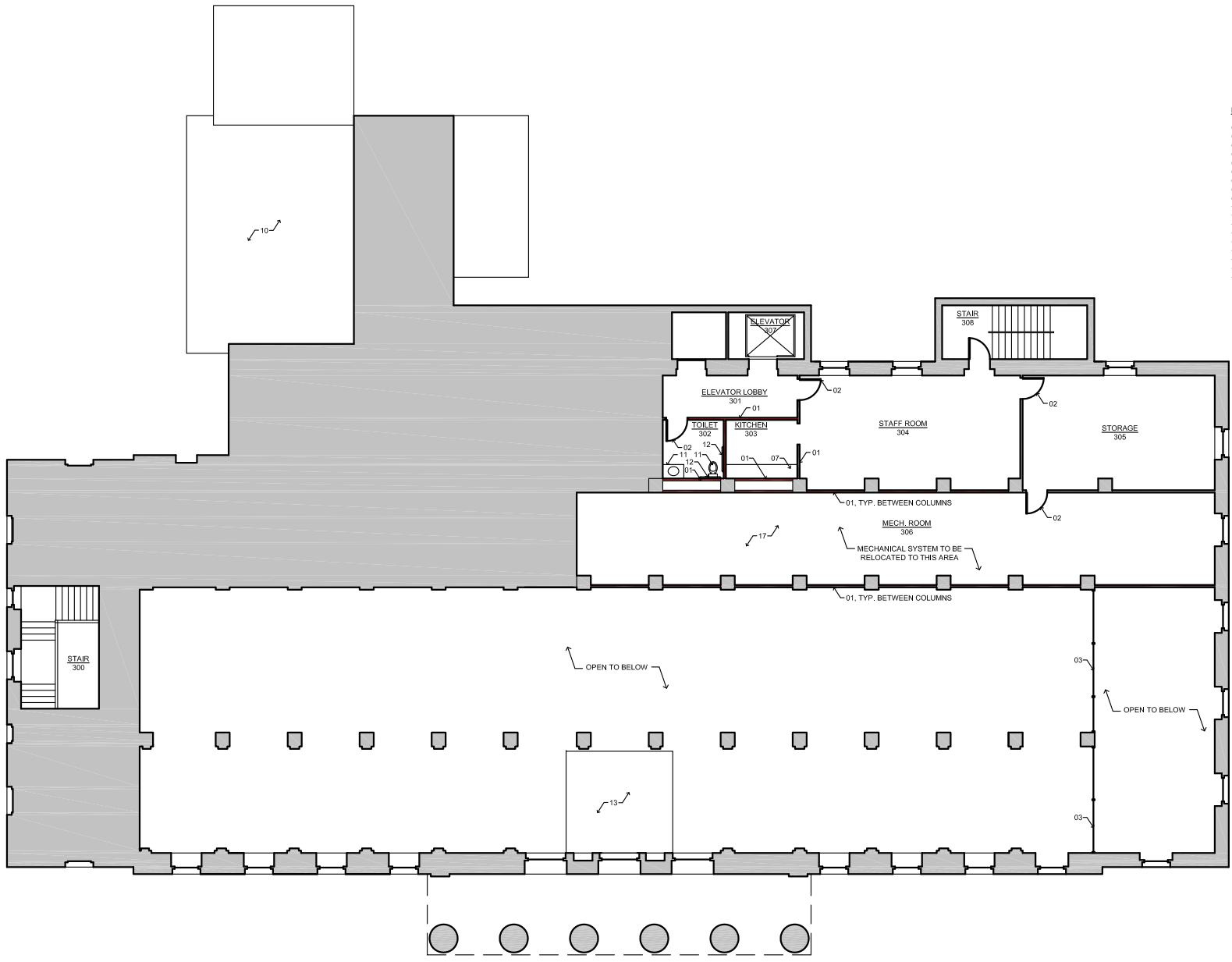
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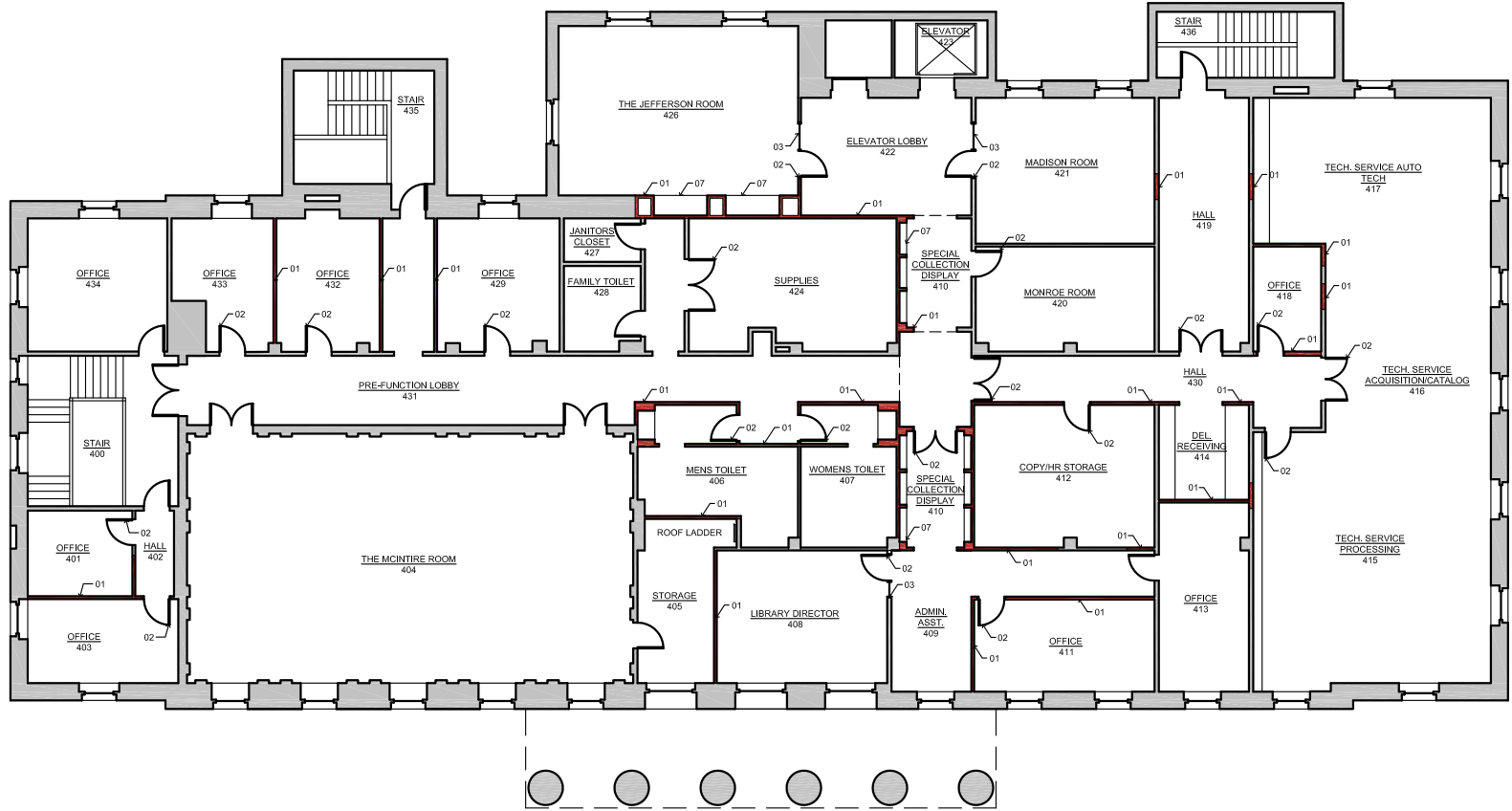
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COST ESTIMATE

RENDERINGS

- Circulation Desk
- Main Entry
- Reading Room
- Adult Stacks
- Quiet Reading Room
- Quiet Reading Room - Looking Out
- Children's Area - Information Desk
- Children's Area - Seating
- Children's Area - Books
- Children's Area - Story Time
- Garden Room
- Young Adult
- Reference Area - Atrium
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- Reference Area - Information Desk
- Reference Area - Reading Room
- Reference Area - Reading Room & Stacks
- Reference Area - Reading Room & Stacks
- Reference Area - Bird's Eye View
- Main Level - Bird's Eye View



Circulation Desk

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Main Entry

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Reading Room

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Adult Stacks



Quiet Reading Room

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Quiet Reading Room - Looking Out

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Children's Area - Information Desk



Children's Area - Seating



Children's Area - Books



Children's Area - Story Time



Garden Room

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Reference Area - Atrium

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Reference Area - Reading Room

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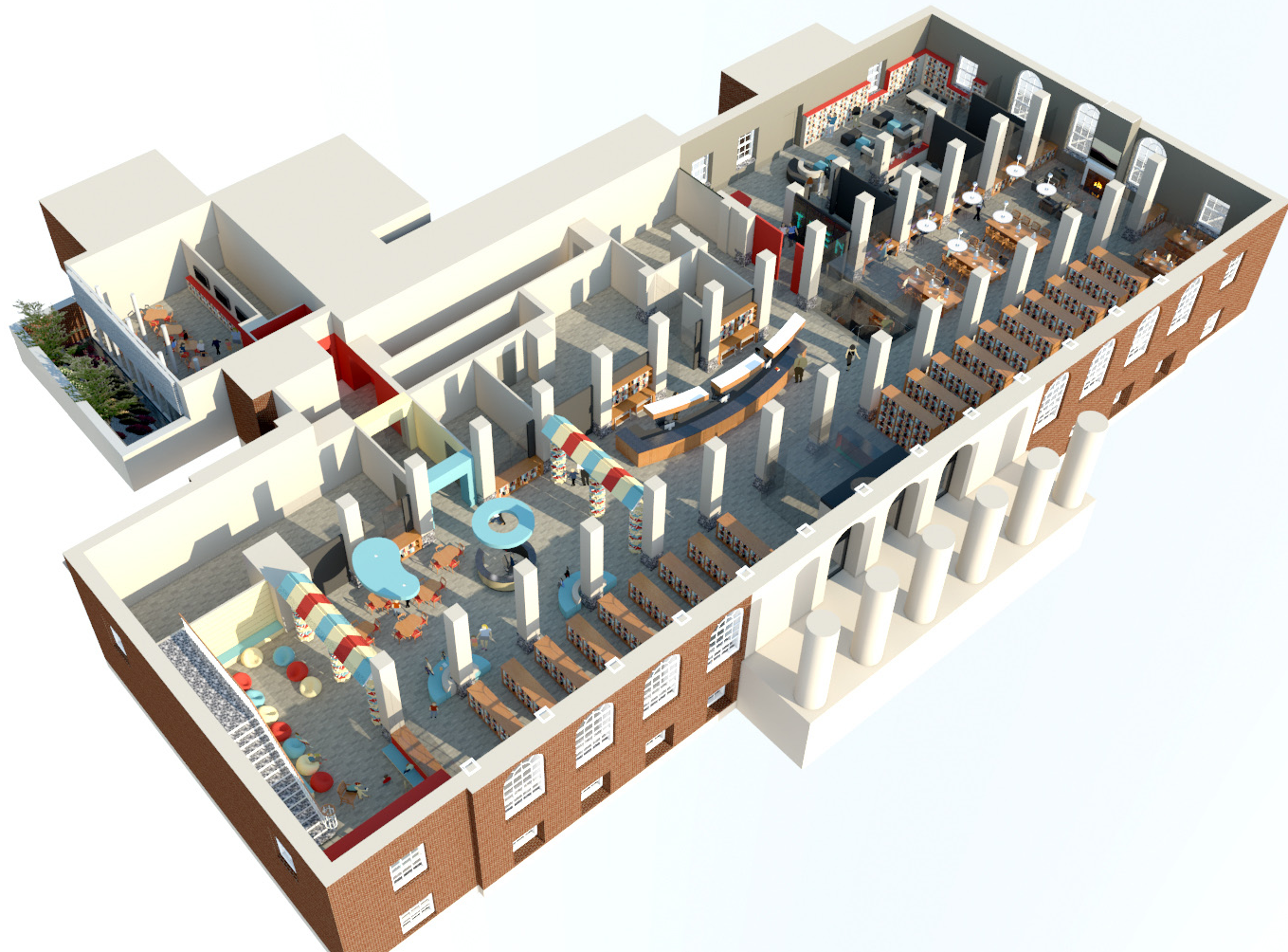
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Reference Area - Bird's Eye View

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Main Level - Bird's Eye View

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