



Southwest Regional Library

Past, Present, and Future

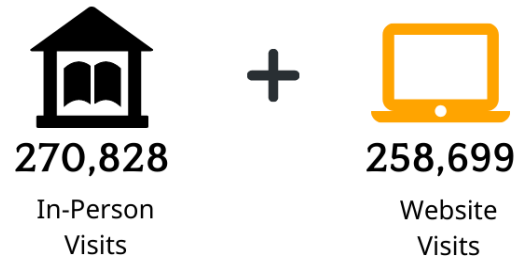
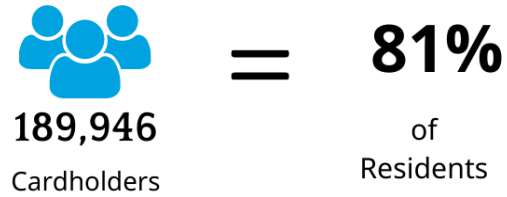
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Library Overview

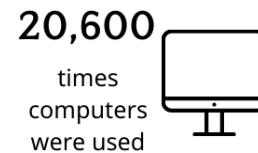
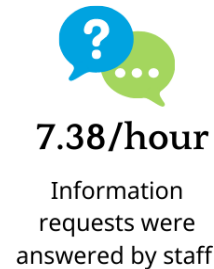
FY 22 vs. FY 21

- Information requests ↑ by 25%
- In person visits ↑ by 26%
- WiFi access ↑ by 41%
- Children's materials increased circulation by 43,661 more items

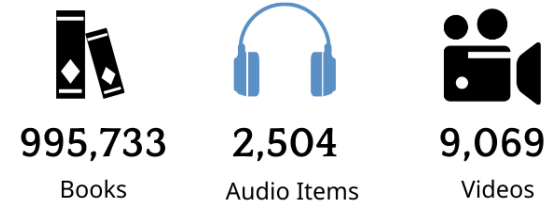
Library Users & Visits



Services



Collection & Usage



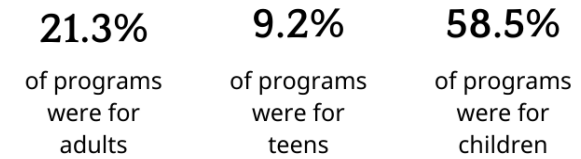
...and thousands more via online databases!



1,098,943 items were borrowed from the library!



Programming





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Early Library Plans

Regional Libraries

- In 1999, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) adopted a policy to foster regional libraries with Union County being responsible for library operating costs and either owning or leasing all public library facilities.
- Originally, two new 20,000 sq. ft. libraries were being proposed.
 - Weddington Region
 - Waxhaw Region
- In FY 2006, the BOCC included a new library facility for the Weddington Region in its Capital Improvement Plan with a commitment to fund \$1,776,000 of the total cost.

Super Regional Libraries

- In March of 2008, the BOCC adopted the Library Board's recommendation to build one 35,000 sq. ft. Super Regional Library to serve both the Weddington and Waxhaw Regions.

Community Feedback Sessions



Town Hall Meetings

- Wesley Chapel
- Weddington
- Waxhaw



Staff Feedback Fair & Key Stakeholders Workshop



Community Feedback Summary

How would you describe your ideal community?

- Inclusive and inviting
- Accessible
- Place for civil discourse
- Events to bring people together
- Innovative
- Supports upward mobility of citizens
- Feels safe
- Connectivity with others
- Family friendly

What do you need to make this happen?

- Places to meet and socialize
- Technology events to keep current
- Collaboration with community partners or businesses
- Open communication
- Open, large, flexible spaces
- Abundant natural light
- Connection to outdoors
- Ample parking
- Expanded selection of books and technology

What should the library offer to best serve your community?

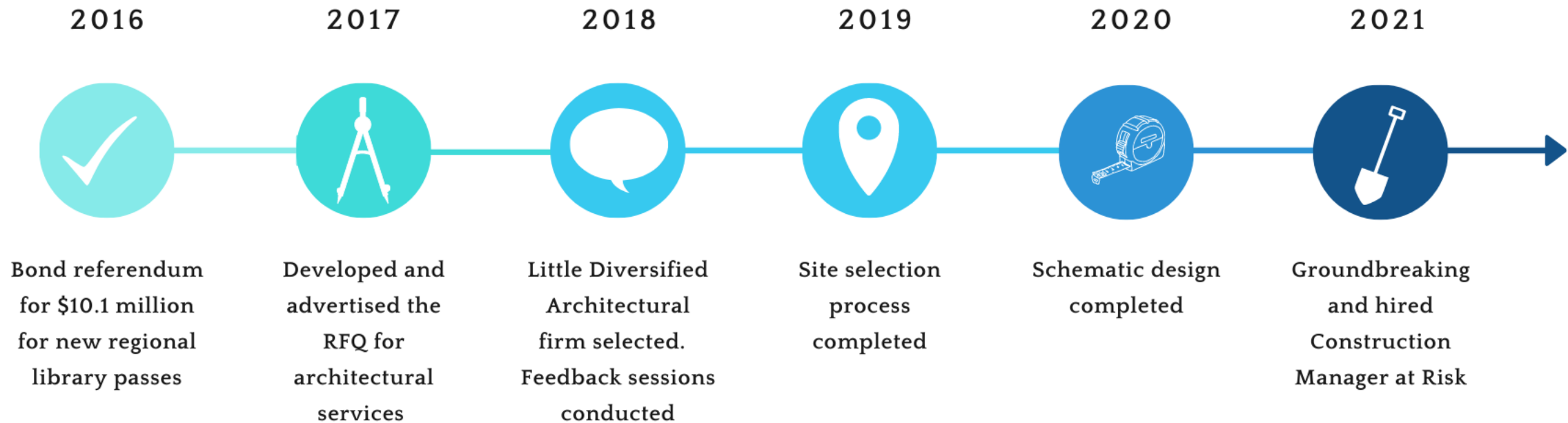
- Kids story time area
- Multipurpose event space
- Multi-generational space
- Quiet study spaces
- Teen Spaces and Programming
- Maker/crafting spaces
- Art gallery
- Technology sharing
- Community Garden
- Outdoor events amphitheater

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Bond Referendum

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Brief history of the building process



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Building Plans







North Entrance



Parking Lot Entrance



Cuthbertson Road View

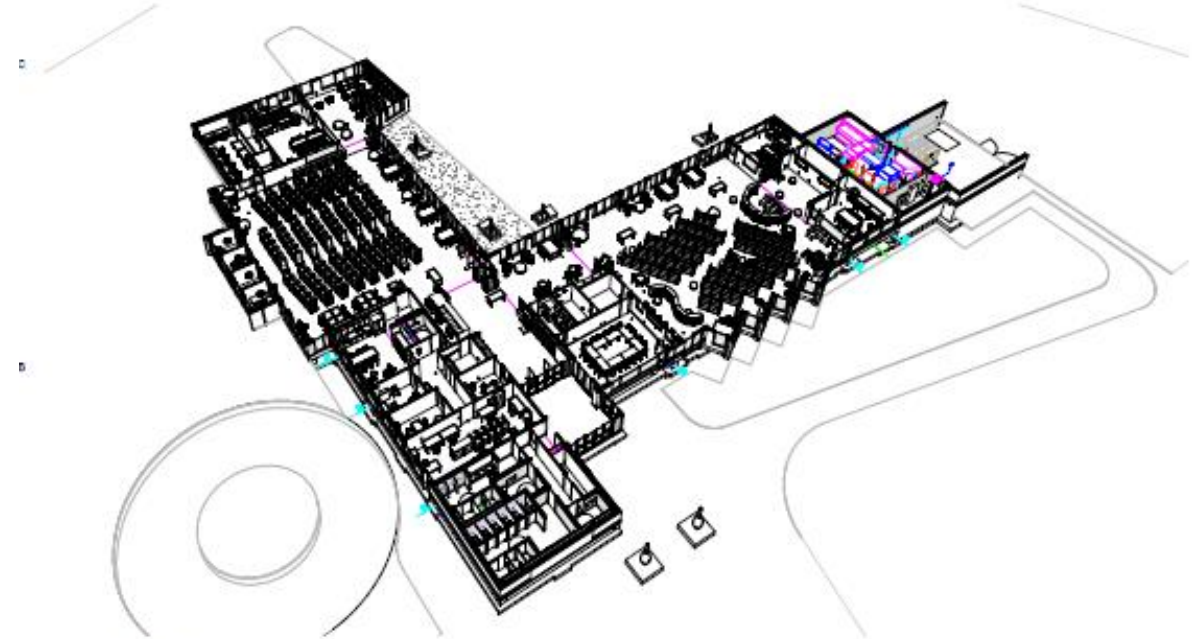


Courtyard View

Northeast Views



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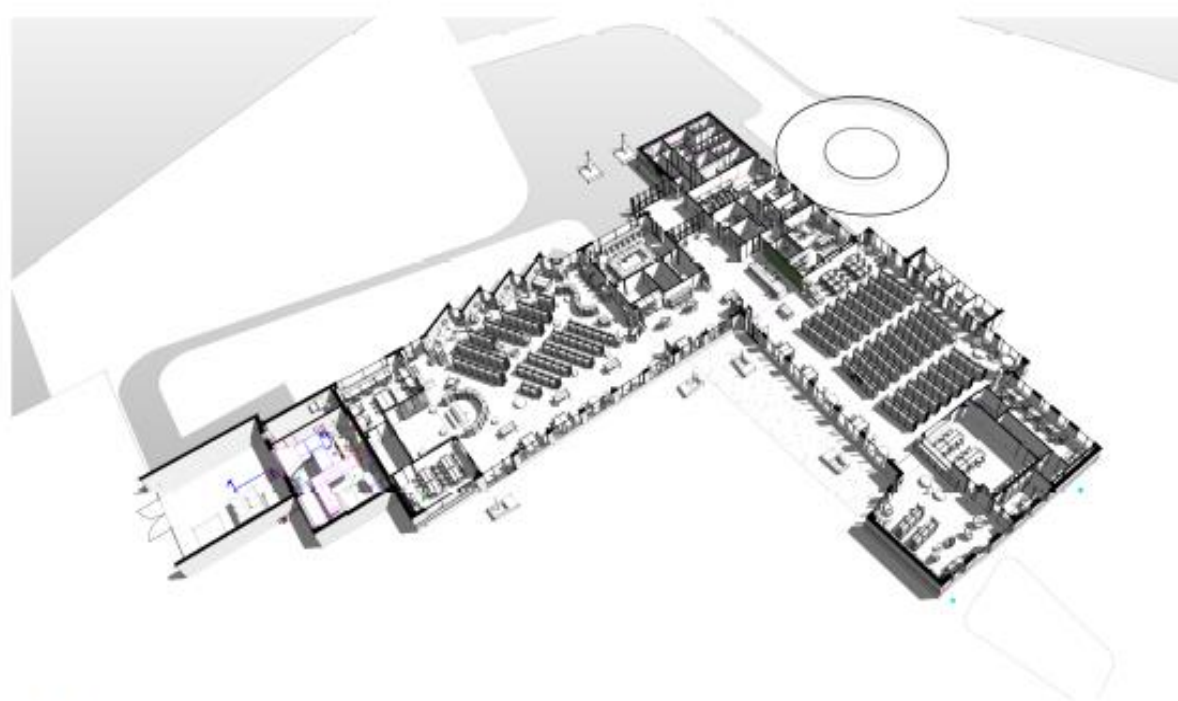


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Southwest Views



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Interior Views



Lobby Entry



Café/Children's Entry

Interior Views



Children's Area Entry



Children's Area

Interior Views

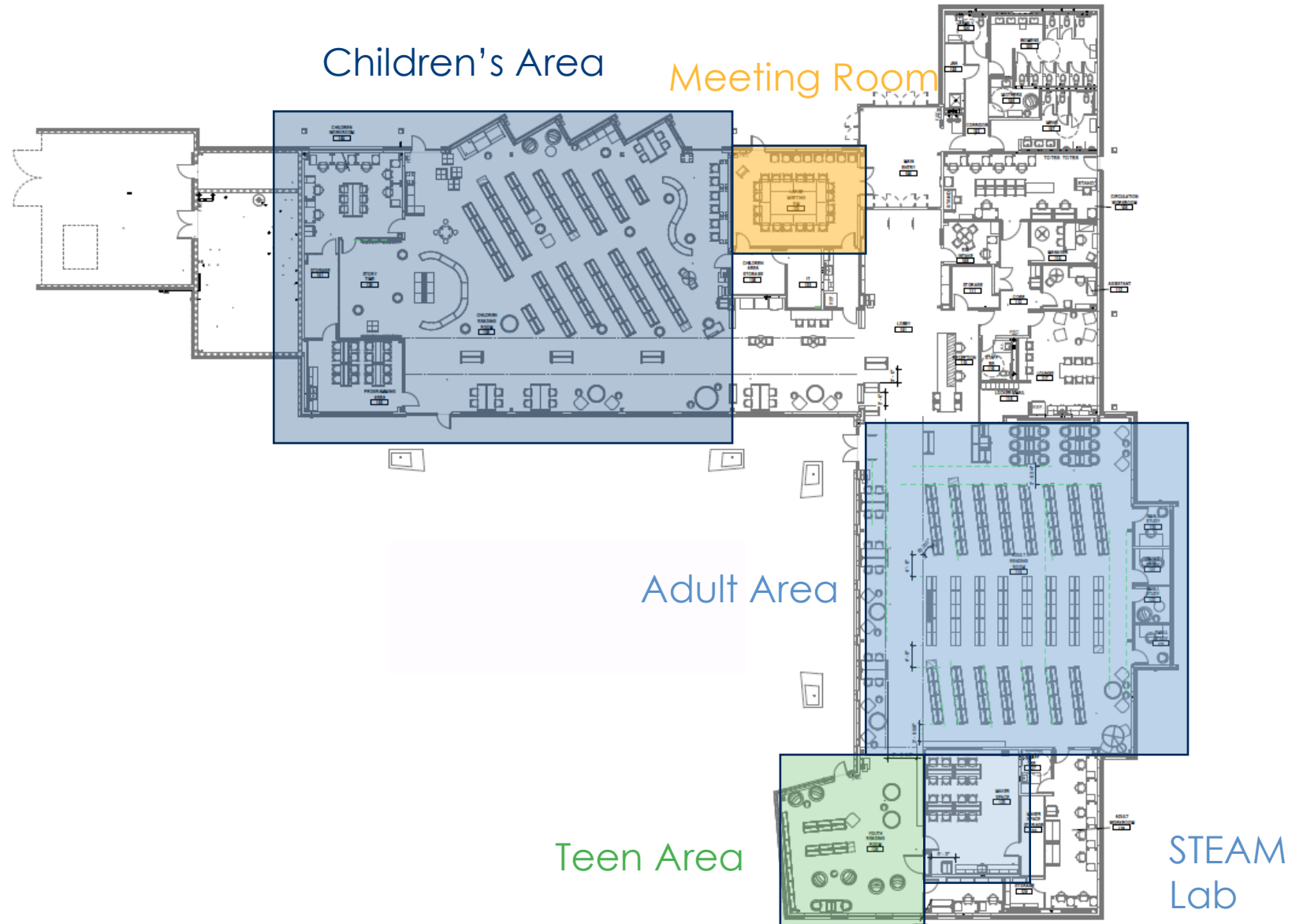


Adult Area

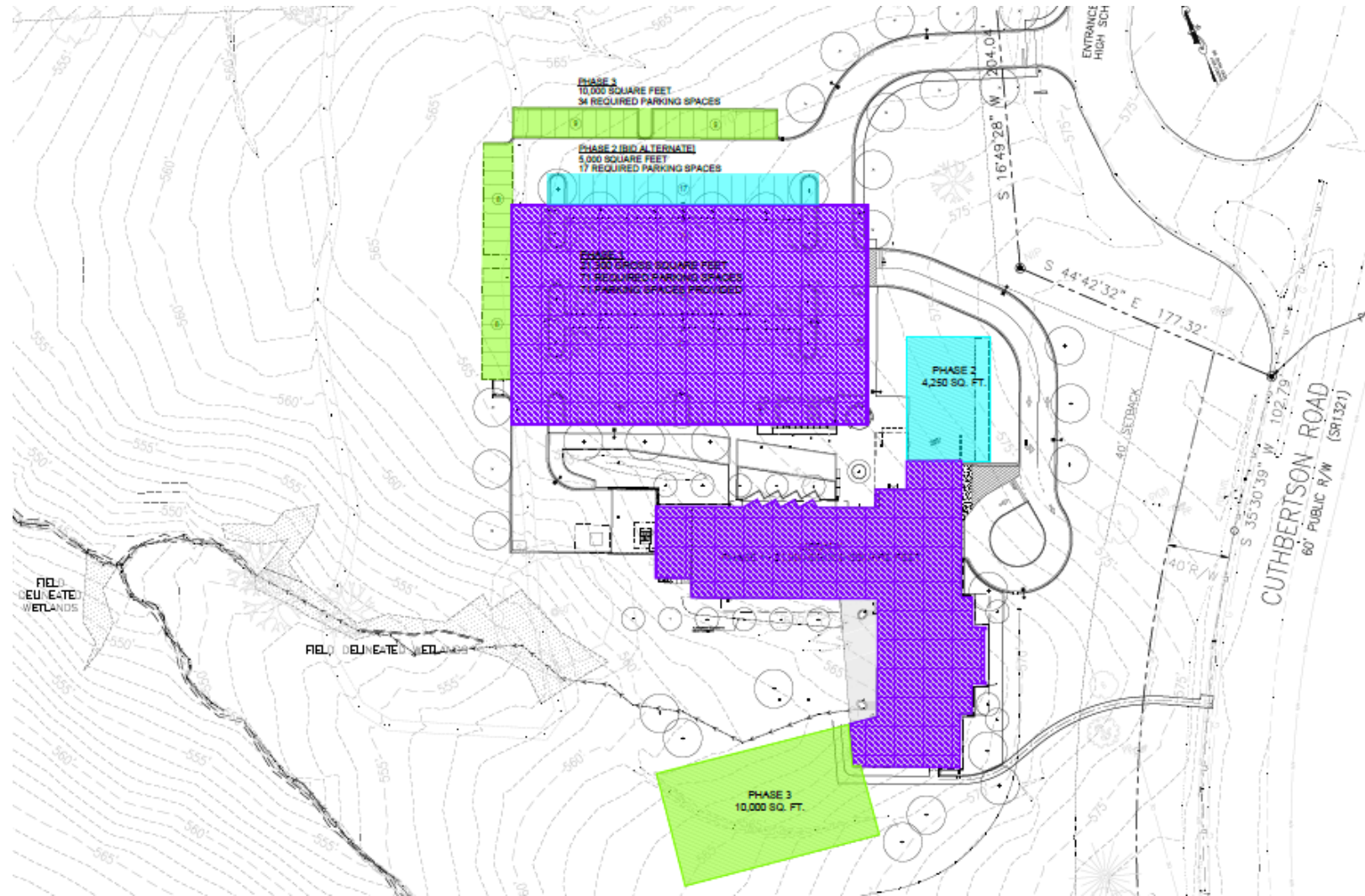


Adult Area/Study Rooms

Floor Plan



Additional Phases



Construction Schedule

- Site Demo and Clearing.....December 2022
- Foundations.....January 2023
- Structural Steel Erected.....April 2023
- Roofing and Masonry.....June 2023
- Exterior Paving/Parking..... September 2023
- Interior Finishes.....October 2023
- Substantial Completion.....February 2024
- Final Completion.....March 2024



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Construction Site

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*A capital campaign to support
our newest Union County Library.*

Angela Bennett
Union County Library Foundation Board Chair



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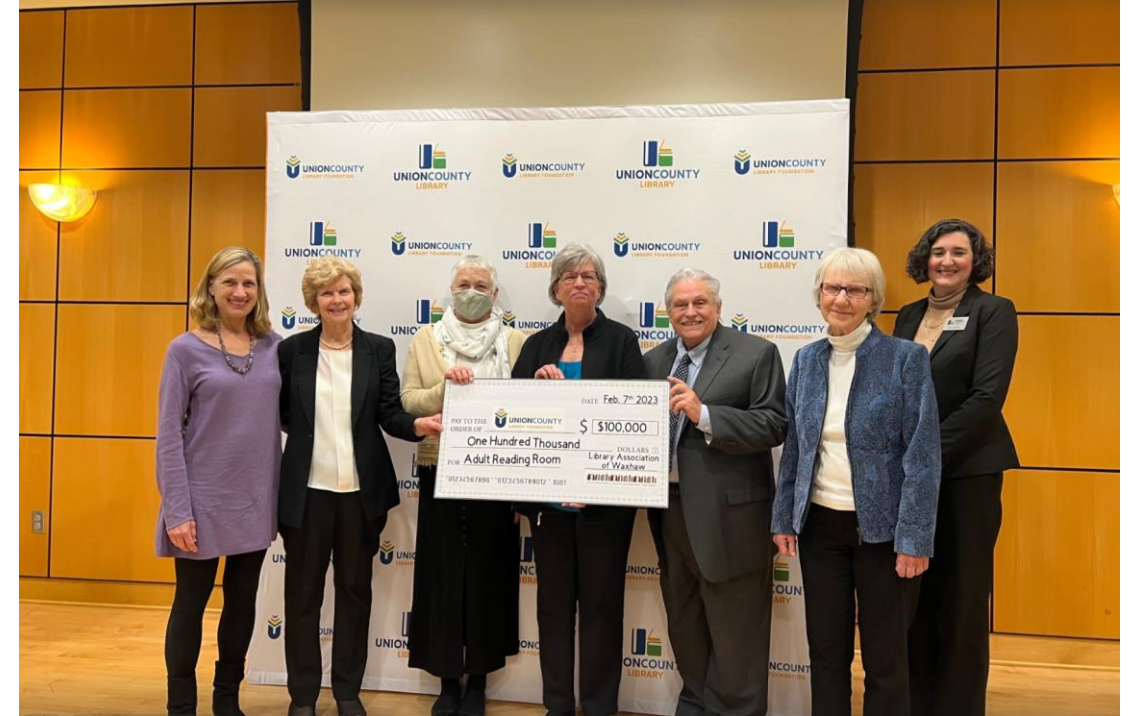
Harris Teeter Early Literacy Center



Library Association of Waxhaw Adult Reading Room



Adult Area



LAW Check Presentation

STEAM Lab Ideas



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Advocate



Host



Participate



Contribute

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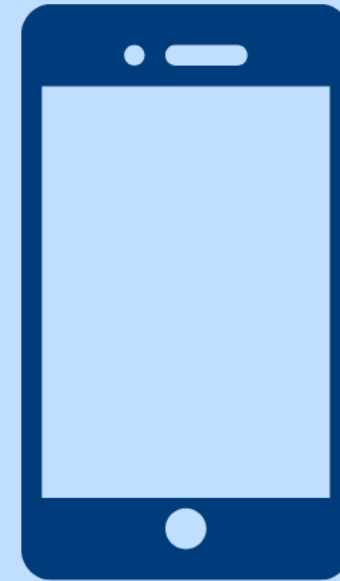
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