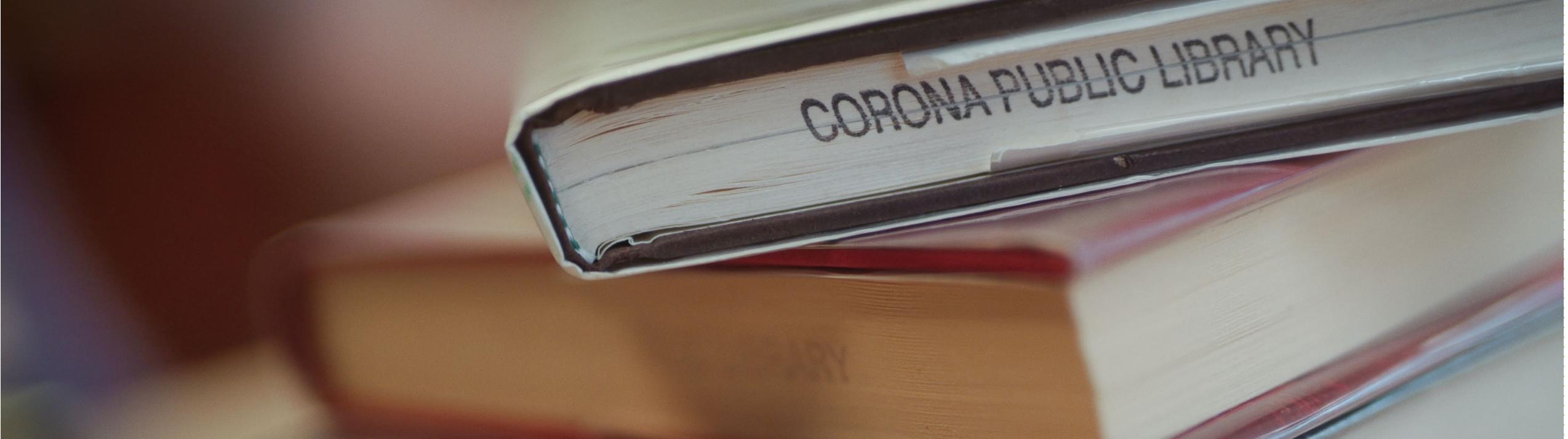




Innovation Center at the Corona Public Library

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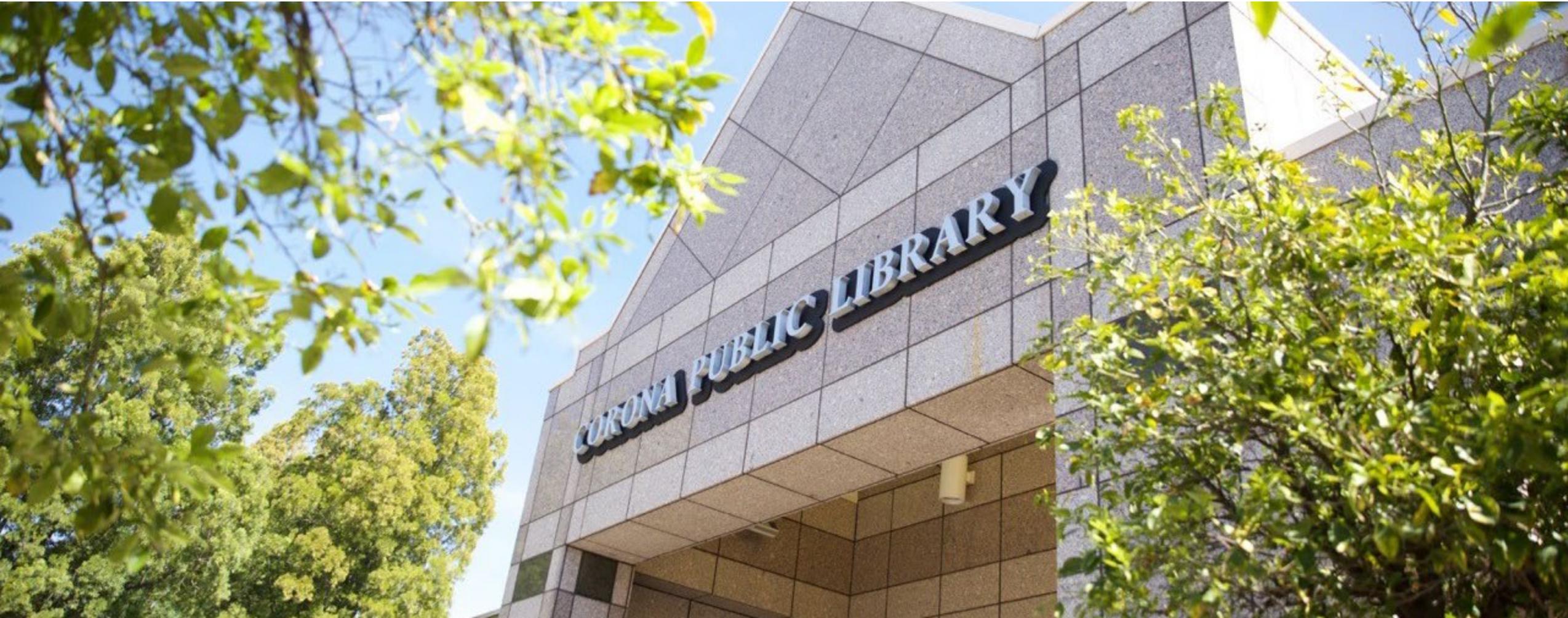


The Ask

That the City Council to provide feedback on the construction of an Innovation Center at the Corona Public Library.

Background

In 2023, the City of Corona was awarded a \$2.5 million grant from the State of California to establish an Innovation Center.





What is an Innovation Center?

- A dedicated space designed to foster creativity, collaboration, and development.
- Provides resources and services to the community, helping businesses, residents, and students to innovate and develop new products or services.

Corona Innovation Center

Corona's Innovation Center will provide space for two primary functions:

- 01** Business services, events, training, and entrepreneurship development opportunities.
- 02** Programs and seminars to provide youth and adults with career pathway training and STEM industry exposure.



Library Strategic Plan: Engagement Results



Public Input Survey: Key Takeaways

- Instruction in technology such as AI, VR, and STEM activities are top areas of requested focus
- Need for more modern resources, such as makerspaces and improved digital services
- Need for more programs catering to different age groups, particularly teens and older adults



Focus Groups: Technology & Innovation, Partnerships, Community & Spaces

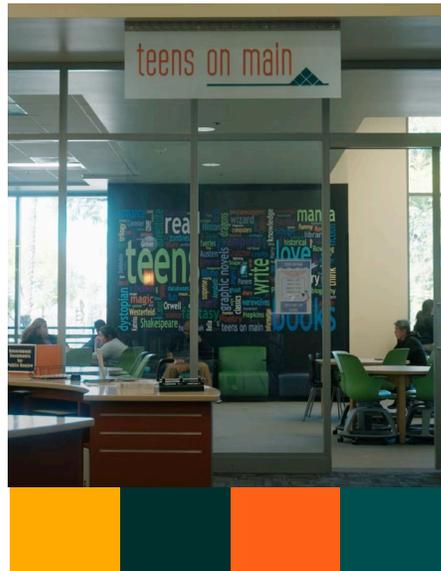
- Interest in advanced resources like 3D printers, makerspaces, and digital tools
- Need for technology workshops and classes for children, adults, and seniors
- Encouragement to embrace innovation and stay current with trends in library services
- More partnerships with schools and businesses to bring in educational and innovative programs
- Library could serve as a hub for entrepreneurial workshops and workforce development



Government Leaders: Interviews

- Expand workforce development opportunities at the Library
- Partner with schools and community colleges for programming

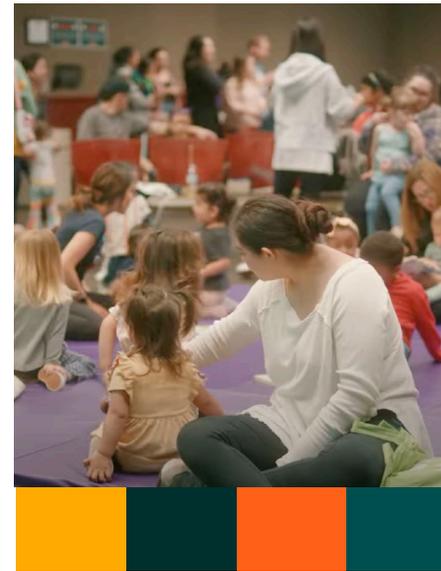
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Enhance the library by providing \$2.5 million in renovations and equipment, furthering continued investment by the City.



Places the Innovation Center at the City's hub for knowledge and learning.



Provides new programable space for innovation programs and activities for youth, teens & adults.



Potential to introduce the library to a new demographic.

Library Enhancements

Placing the Innovation Center at the Library will offer several enhancements to the facility.

01 Optimizing library space into programmable areas.

02 Reconfigure the Library floor plan to optimize space and use.

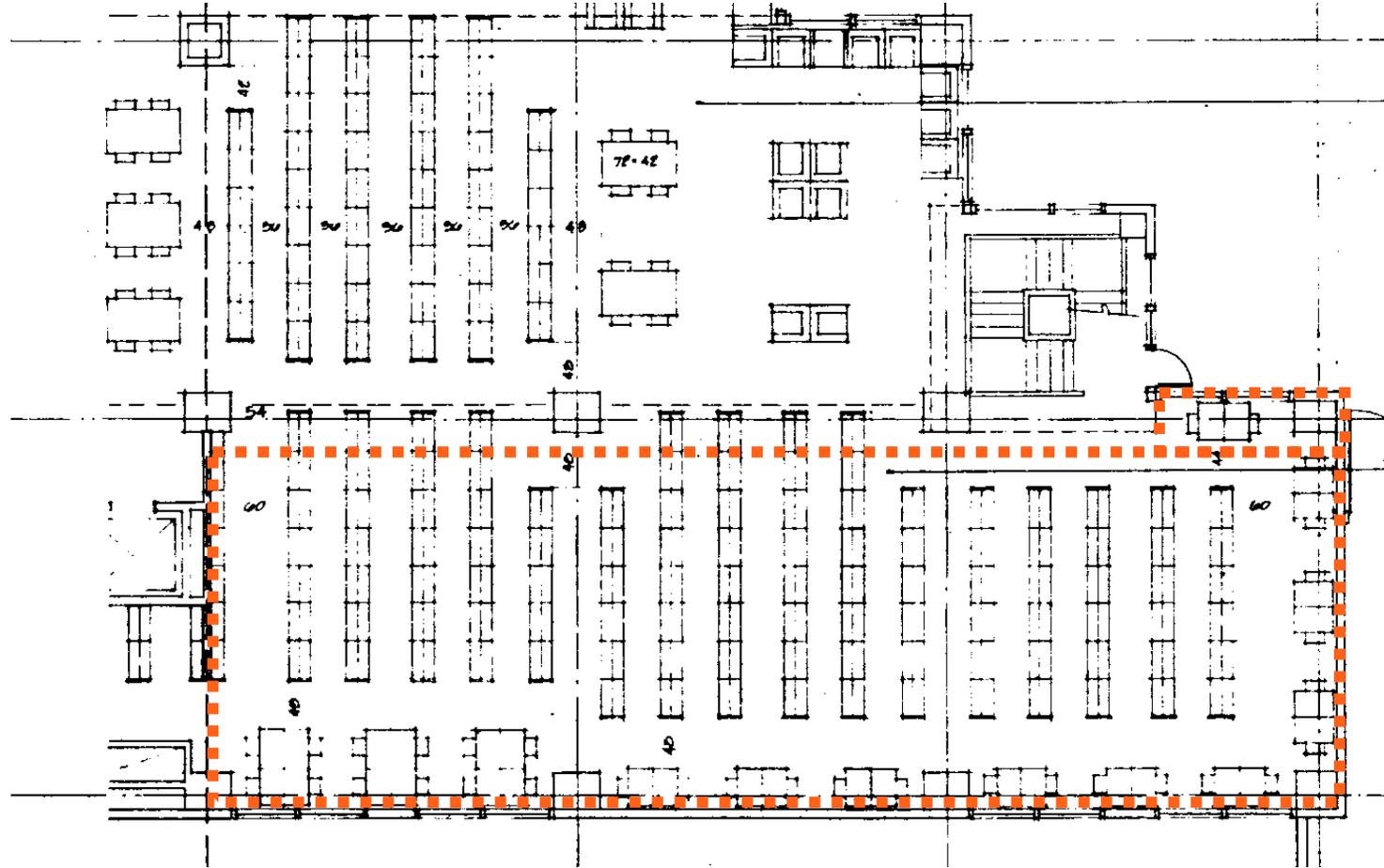
03 Enhance Library program offerings through strategic partnerships with schools and local businesses.

04 Enhance the Library's technological offerings.



Cuyahoga County Public Library's Innovation Center

Current Library Floor Plan



Area Strengths

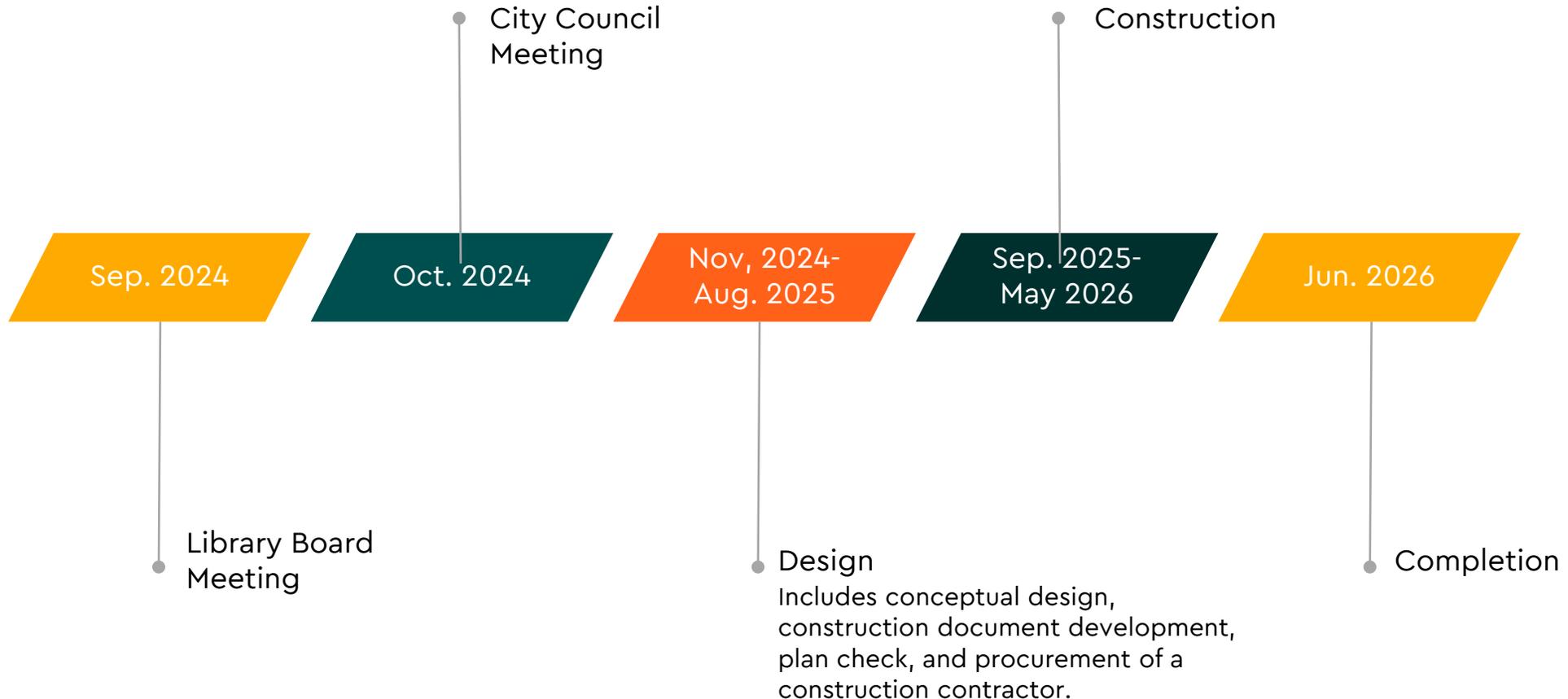
- Natural light
- Signage facing Main & new establishments across the street
- ~2500+sq ft

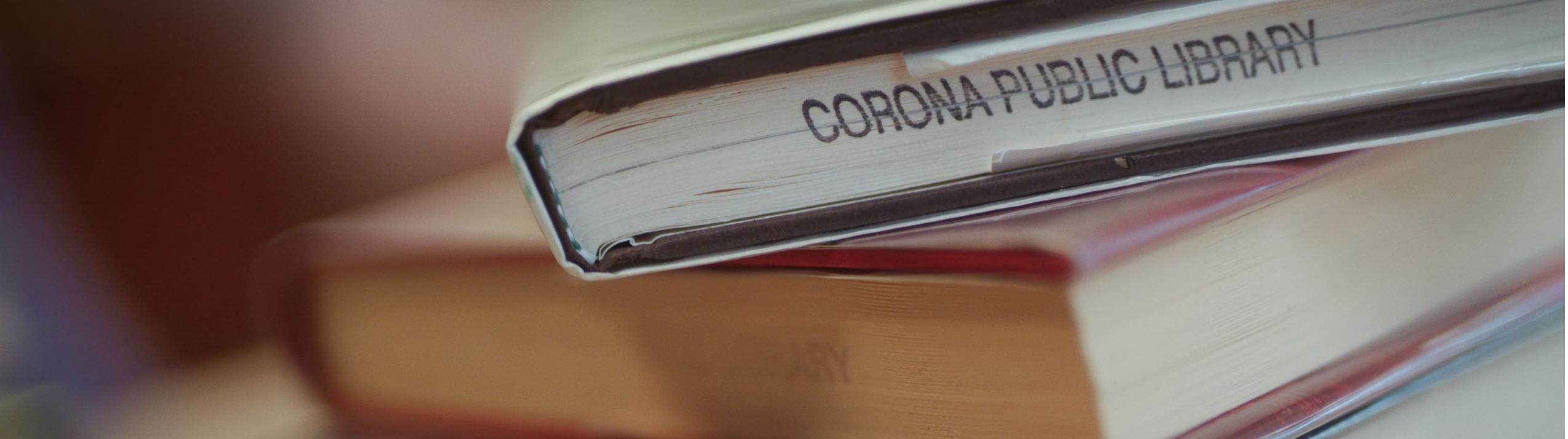


Proposed Conceptual Floor Plan

Innovation Center – Southeast corner of the library (2,500 SF)
Refreshed Adult Section – Re-locate adult stacks closer to library entrance

Estimated Project Timeline





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Questions?



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