

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library

Central Library Space Utilization Study

Public Comment Draft Executive Summary



The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is engaged in a Space Utilization Study of the Central Library to explore how future improvements can better meet the needs of Erie County residents.

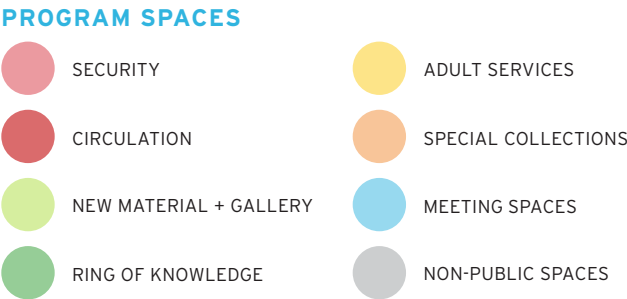
On the First Floor our goal is to better welcome visitors by improving the entrance experience, enhancing access to the staff and services available at the circulation desk, and easing navigation to a wide variety of services and collections for children, teens, and adults.

The Second Floor will become a new hub for technology and creation spaces, including all reservable computers, the Launch Pad Makerspace, Recording Studio, 3D printers and other new technologies.

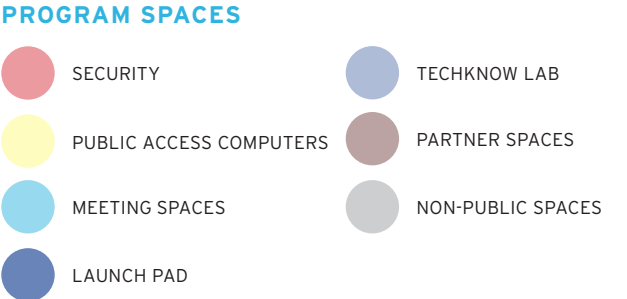
Throughout the Central Library we will improve access to public meeting rooms, with a goal to increase the quantity and variety of those spaces including technology to support presentations and engagement.

This study is prepared as a draft for public review and feedback. Please share your thoughts, as you are helping us define the future of the Central Library!

PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN | FIRST FLOOR



PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN | SECOND FLOOR



Although incremental improvements are proposed throughout, the plans use color to highlight areas where a change in function is suggested.