

Barrington Area Library

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The Design for the Barrington Area Library is intended to enhance a patron's experience by bringing the library services closer to the entry. At the First Floor entry patrons will find; face out book displays, an art gallery, digital media, and return/check out services in the Agora. Media has been consolidated into a store within a store for patron convenience. Technology has a wide range of opportunities for user interaction; from office style business center to media labs with the latest content creation programs. Youth Services will be a learning center focusing on changelings the intellect as well as interactive stations. Staff offices have been consolidated into one area to increase collaboration and access.

The Second Floor has enhanced adult services to better serve a wide variety of interests and learning styles. The Reading Commons will be a place for collaborative learning and a presentation area for events, interactive media, and performances. Young Adults as well as the rest of adult services will focus on providing neighborhoods of learning and discovery for both independent and group activates.

The east Multi-Purpose Room will be updated will better mechanical systems focused on comfort and redesigned acoustics for improved presentations, gatherings, and performances. Both the north and south wings of the Multi-Purpose Room will be developed into smart rooms with the latest technology.

When entering the library, a patron will be greeted by smiling librarians, featured collections and a large art display, part of a series of spaces included in the "Gallery in the Library".

The first service point will help direct library patrons, assist with any customer services needs, and be the gateway to library services.

Currently the library is bisected by a large staircase. The new design will remove the main interior stair and update the Zimmerman Room Stair. This concept will add to the street presence, maintain the sophisticated aesthetic of the Barrington Area Library, and open up the interior of the library for better library service.

Youth Services will be providing additional services to encourage learning in all age groups. The focus of the department will be on experience and developing new found intelligences.

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