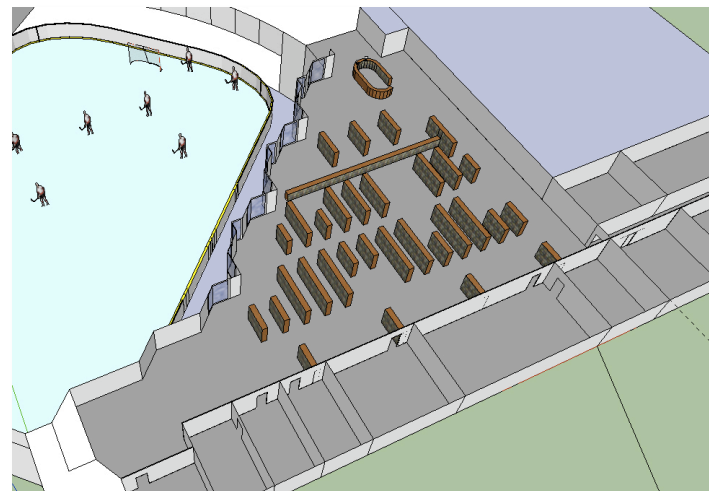
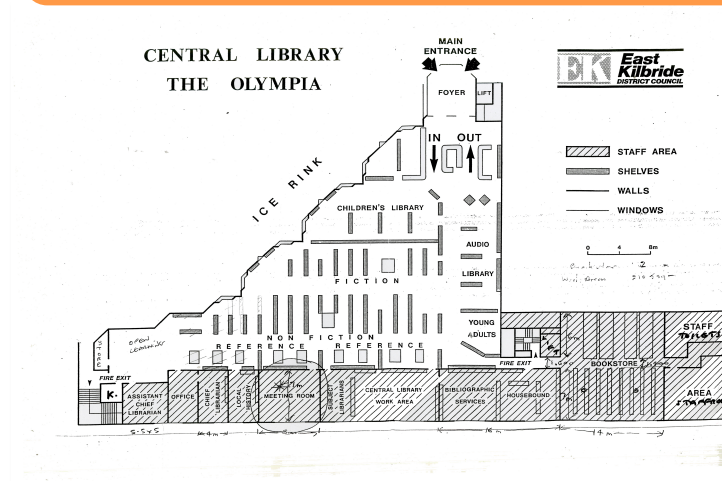


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Questions

- How are people using the area?
- How could the current area be better used?
- How could redesigning the area increase user attendance?
- How could the ideas be carried over to the other libraries?
- What are Libraries Becoming?

Current Setup



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Designing Process

- Using a blueprint of the library I was able to get a better understanding when taking notes to see how people used the library.
- The notes taken from observations then made it possible to make changes based on how people used the space as it currently looks.
- Information was also used that fellow colleges gathered when researching feedback tools.

General Observations

Lots of younger people using the library for work.

Many people walking around looking for seats or tables to work.

Walking paths are long and hard to navigate. I watched many people cut through the shelves thinking it was more direct. The active IT and the seating area are both in the same area making the path even more important.

News paper and Magazine area frequently used by many people but only place in that area with chairs.

Very busy around lunch time.

Can not walk from front to the active it area.

Nice area for kids because it is inclosed but in the way of travel.

Nice window area but not many seats. Great area to sit and read and have something to look at as well.

Hard to notice from outside and could use a better sign.

Could make better use of standing signs outside letting people know what they have to offer.

Nice and big foyer but no idea about the IT area in the back from the front.

Book binding case has no sign of what it is or info about the ways it is done.

Nice open area but not much seating (5 Chairs)

Music area nice for taking music out but not for sitting and listening. Might be nice to have some headphones and seats.

Music and culture. Celebrate the connection. Music education with posters and activities.

Over heard conversation about how there was nothing for young people. Just the golden oldies.

Most used and most high traffic area of the library. This is due to the location of the desks and Active IT area. Many staff come in and out of the back doors which combined with the traffic of people creates extra noise.

Coffee area near the entrance area for easy access for people just coming into the library. This could also just be a coffee vending financial reasons.

Audio and young adult area moved towards the window area for a better visual experience. This area would also have seating by the windows as well as audio players. This area could also double as extra seating for the coffee area.

The childrens area could be moved towards the middle area of the library next to the audio area. This would be near the same area as it was before but open up a path to Active IT. Also by putting the children's area near the audio it minimizes the chance of disruption from the table area.

This area labeled as the reference area would be moved away from the active IT area. The reason is do to the foot traffic in that area. This area is mainly used for studying and doing work and needs to be quiet.

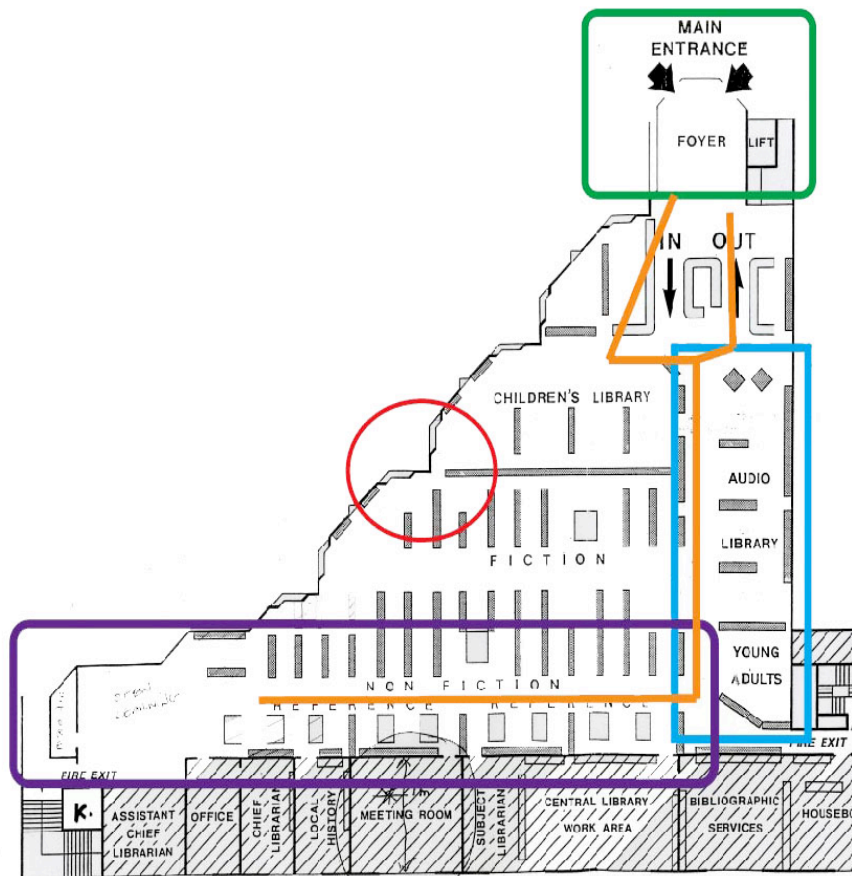
Active IT area would stay the same but would have direct access from the front of the library. It also would have additional waiting area in the music area.

Fiction area would be kept behind the children's area to keep book space as it was before the move. The shelving that is shared with the children's area helps to keep the kids contained to an area for safety.

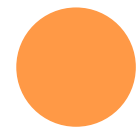
The Non Fiction area would be turned at a 45 degree from where it stands now. The reason for this move is to block sounds that is made from the children's area and main walking area.

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Observational Research

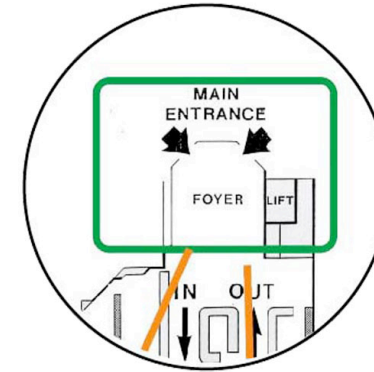


- Signage and entrance way are hard to notice from within the mall.
- Music & Culture area need some additions such as seating and audio equipment.
- Children's area blocks path to active IT area.
- Path that is taken to get to the most active part of the library.
- High traffic area not suitable for a quiet studying or reading.

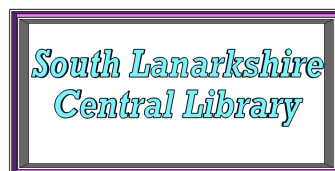


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Signage & Entrance



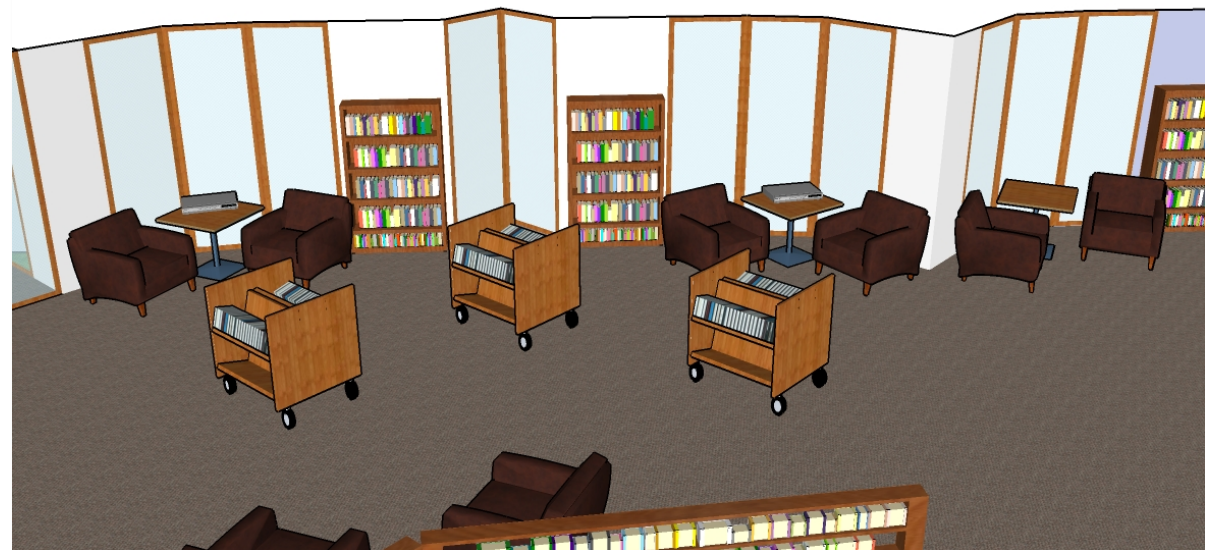
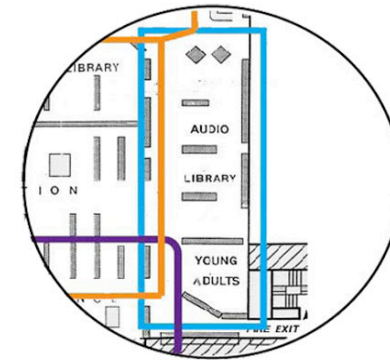
- Additional standing signage can bring more attention to the library and promote events.
- Placement of café tables could bring more attention to the library and provide reading areas.



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Music & Culture

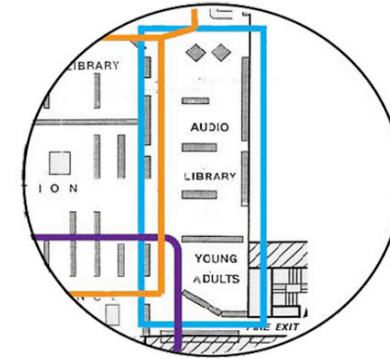
- Music and culture fit together nicely and this could be what reaches younger generations.
- The music area could have additional seating and audio devices to listen to the music.
- This area could also be better used by displaying information on musicians and types of music so people take notice it is available.



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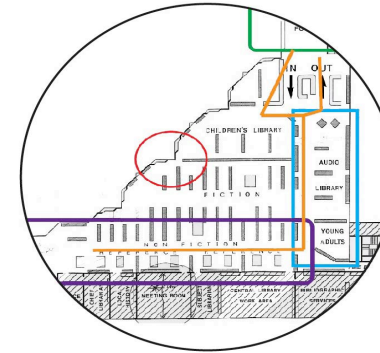
- Art is a big part of culture and a great addition to a library. Designating an area just for small exhibitions could increase library attendance.
- Bringing in more contemporary art could also get younger generations interested in art and the exhibitions at the library.



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Path to Active IT

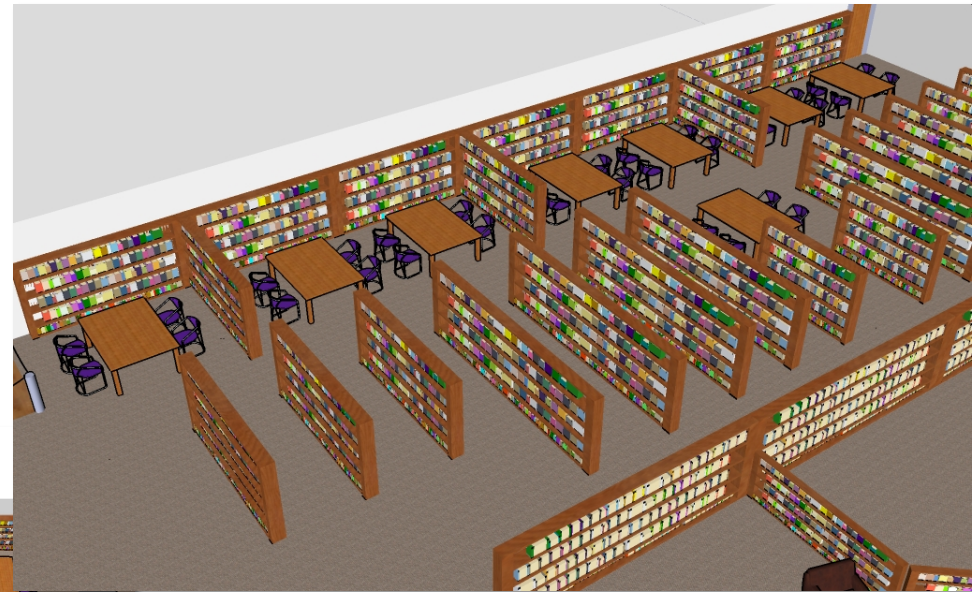
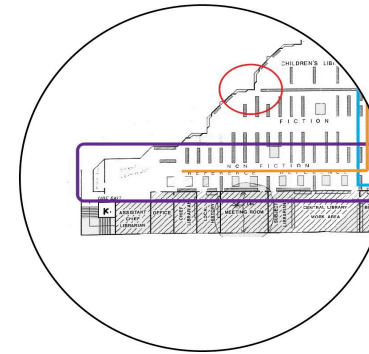
- By moving the children's area it opens up a clear path to the Active IT area.
- The newly made path could bring more attention to the Active IT area by opening up a clear view from the front of the library.
- Increased popularity of Active IT could open up possibilities for better technology.



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Study & Tables

- Tables used for studying and reading should be placed in a very quiet area away from high traffic locations.
- Moving this area to a location away from the Active IT area could cut down on noise and distraction.



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Café Connection

- An additional idea to increase attendance is to make coffee and tea available inside the library.
- In some libraries around the area coffee is available. This library has the advantage of being in a mall and could give a feel much like Borders Bookstore.



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Future of Libraries

- I believe libraries are turning into cultural hotspots. A place where you can go and read, write, listen, see, and search.

