

**Berkeley Central Library Renovation Project
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**Community Meeting #2
April 26th, 2014**

Needs

- Shades/better lighting control
- Spaces for tutoring/group study
- Laptop plugs on table tops
- Armrests (for seniors)
- Tables/chairs at different sizes
- More display/art on walls
- Gallery/exhibition space
- Expert humans!
- Better lighting in Reference
- Easier access to meeting room
- Staff person in Teen Room
- Community bulletin board areas in prominent areas
- Spaces where it is ok for teens to talk
- Signage
- Librarians on 1st floor – welcome & info desk
- Refuge from noise (audible and visual)
- Intimate spaces
- Security person on 2nd floor – noise
- Acoustic control in stairwell
- Acoustic hangings, rugs
- Quiet space for study carrels

What is great already?

- Collection
- History room
- Displays in active part of library
- Art exhibition space
- Funds and interest (support from library)
- Destination library (collection and staff)
- Public information
- Browsing collection – art and music
- Historic lobby as sitting area
- Library as quiet refuge
- Retain 5th floor art

Comments and Ideas

- Art-making space on 5th floor
- Activity room in general

- Textured/audible path of travel
- More activity History Room
- Could staff elevator be open to the public? Could the second door be moved to the other side?
- Need to know more about elevator use
- Staffing and collections very important
- Review incident reports
- Library patrons should vote on improvements
- Patron input could be advisory
- Great to have a Teen Room
- Ok to shrink paper reference if librarians are available to help
- Magazines out of reading room
- Keep staff on 5th floor
- Could 3rd floor mtg. room be used for art exhibits?
- Investigate radiation from machinery and lights
- Increase use of daylighting
- Consider needs of homeless library users