

Creating A Welcoming Space

The Olds Municipal Library Story



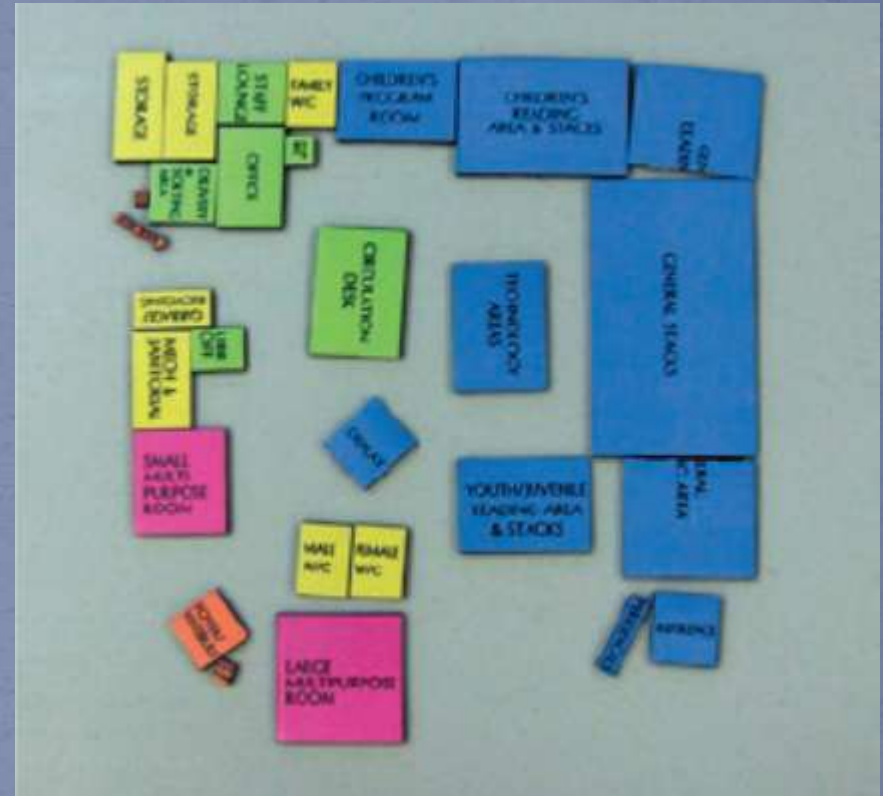
Background and History

- 2004 – Council approves permission for the Olds Municipal Library Board to explore an expanded Space
- 2005 - 2008 – Fundraising efforts
- 2008 – Major Funding secured
- 2008-2009 – Major Planning process for renovated space
- 2009 - 2010 – Building Process
- November 1, 2010 – Opening new space



The Concept

- Hired Architects.
- Consultation with the community
- Parkland Regional Library
- Library Staff and Board.



Key Concepts

- The interior space must create an atmosphere that is open and welcoming
- Technology must be accessible and flexible
- Sustainable design principles should be incorporated where appropriate
- A variety of spaces need to be available to address the needs of all users
- The facility must be designed to be functional and efficient



Further Conversations: Phase 2

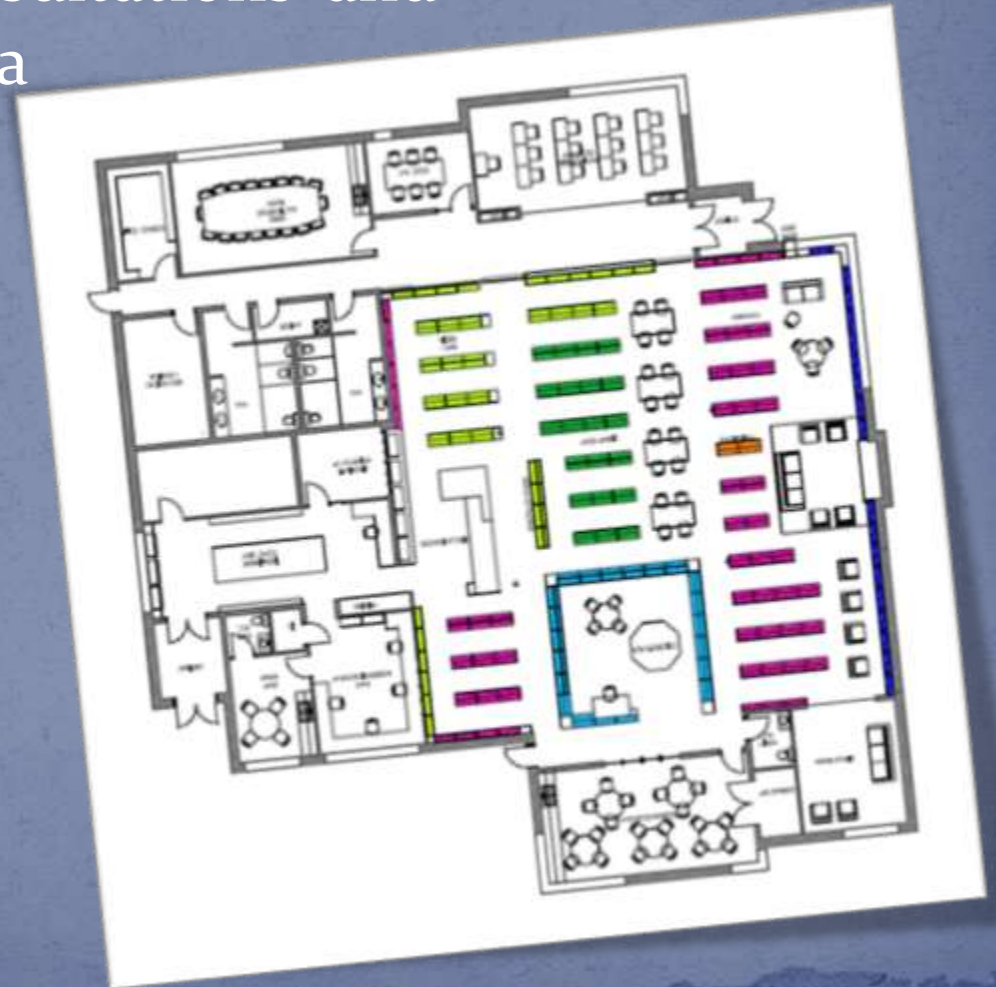
- Olds Welcoming and Inclusive Communities Committee
- Mountain View Community Literacy (Local CALC)
- Olds College and Chinooks Edge School Division
- Olds Connected Communities Committee



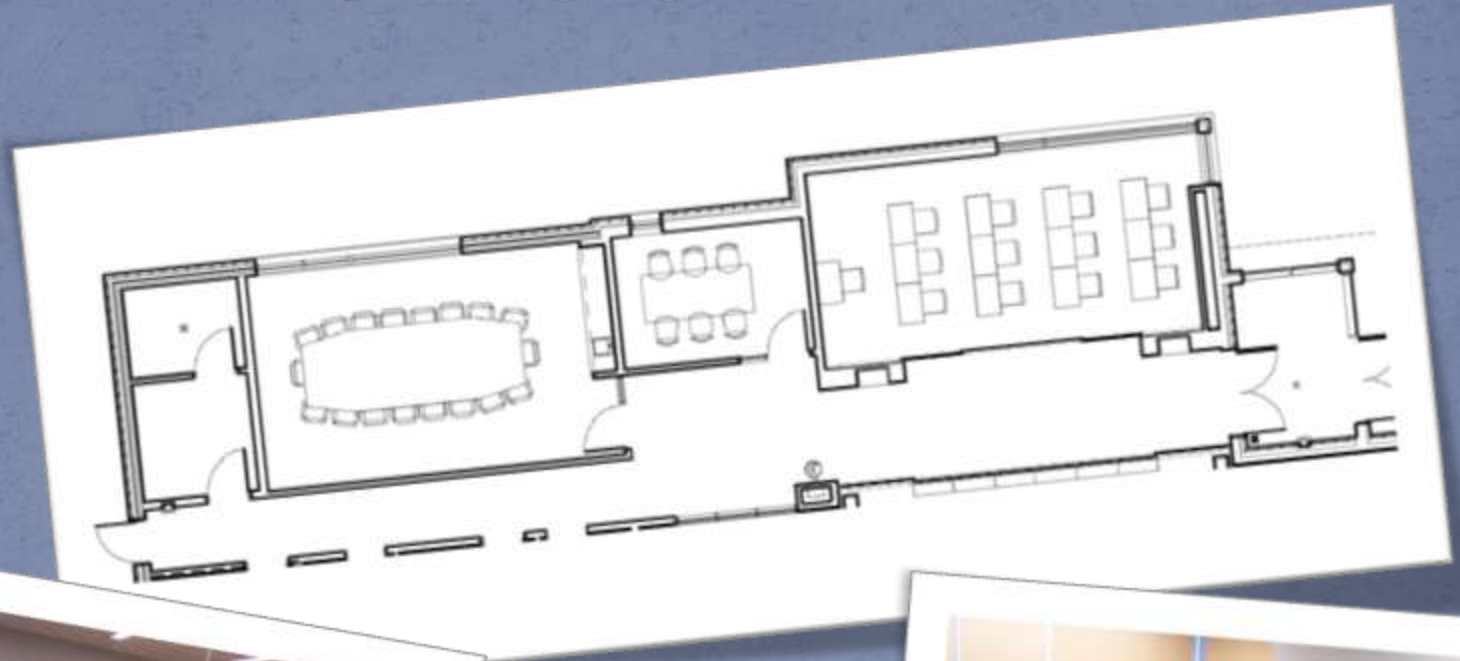
Facilitated conversations by the Town of Olds as well as the Library Board.

The Results

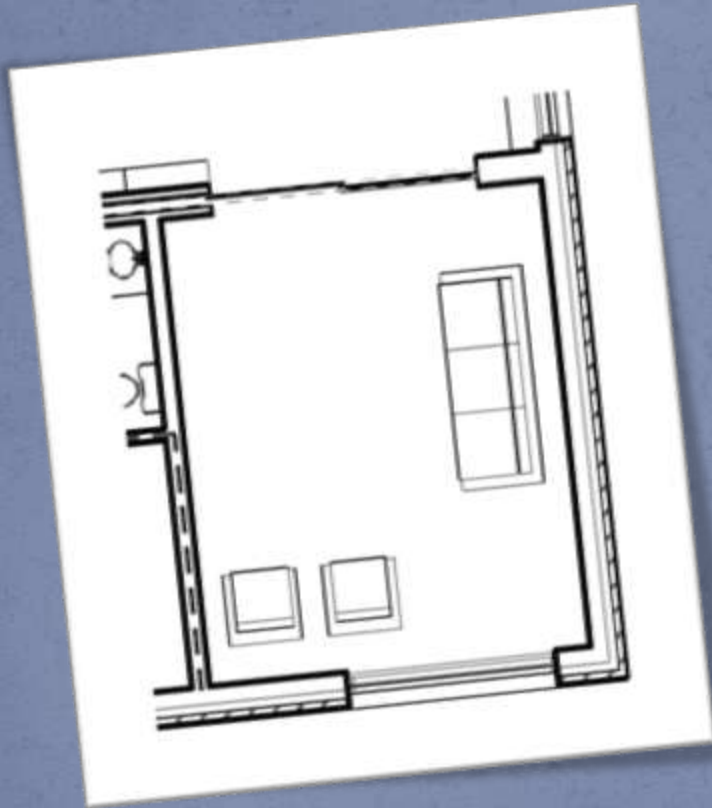
The results of all our consultations and planning phases gave us a beautiful welcoming space ready for construction.



Community Engagement Site



DNA room – Digital Networking Area



Comfortable Spaces



Signage



People are as important as space!



Why I love my library... Because the staff are always so friendly. They know you wherever they see you. You are the best!

Why I love my library...
Great atmosphere! Staff!

Why I love my library... Always
Welcoming!



Helping your Staff be Welcoming

- Safe Harbour Training
- Center for Race and Culture Training
- Program Planning Teams



Questions?

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