Berkeley Central Library Renovation Project
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Community Meeting #2
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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