



Library Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda - Final

- Chair, Lonica Rowley*
- Vice Chair, Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson*
- Boardmember Ellen Bachman*
- Boardmember Christal Cline*
- Boardmember James Martherus*
- Boardmember Mark Powell*
- Boardmember Megan Sterling*
- Boardmember Karina Wilhelm*
- Boardmember Jo Wilson*

Tuesday, November 18th 2025

5:30 PM

THINKspot Dobson Ranch Library

- 1 Call Meeting to Order**
- 2 Approval of the minutes from The September 23rd , 2025, Library Advisory Board Meeting
- 3 Items from citizens present****
- 4 Introductions, Recognitions, and Announcements**
- 5 Discussion items:**
 - 5-a Facilitated Design Charette for the Red Mountain Library Children’s Room**
 - 5-b Hear a presentation on how a grant awarded to the Mesa Room will Enhance the space**
- 6 Library Director’s Updates: Hear an update on Library Staffing and how Mesa Public Library staff salaries compare to others in the valley. Introduce Library Board Member Reports beginning in 2026.**
- 7 Identify Items for Future Agendas***
- 8 Adjournment**

* These items are not for Board discussion and no Board action will be taken on the items.

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RED MOUNTAIN LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S AREA RENOVATION – UPDATE AND CHARRETTE
NOVEMBER 18TH, 2025

MASTER PLAN

Red Mountain Library Interior Upgrades and Opportunities

RM.U.2 (P1) Children's Area Renovation

- A. Renovate and expand the Children's area for improved programming and service.

RM.U.3 (P1) Public and Family Restroom Renovation

- A. Update finishes and fixtures and resolve acoustic issues.

RM.U.4 (P1) Service Desk Renovation *(include in RM.O.2)*

- A. Replace the service desk and consider a new location.
- B. Provide ADA-compliant search stations.

RM.U.5 (P1) Staff Space Renovation *(could include in RM.O.2)*

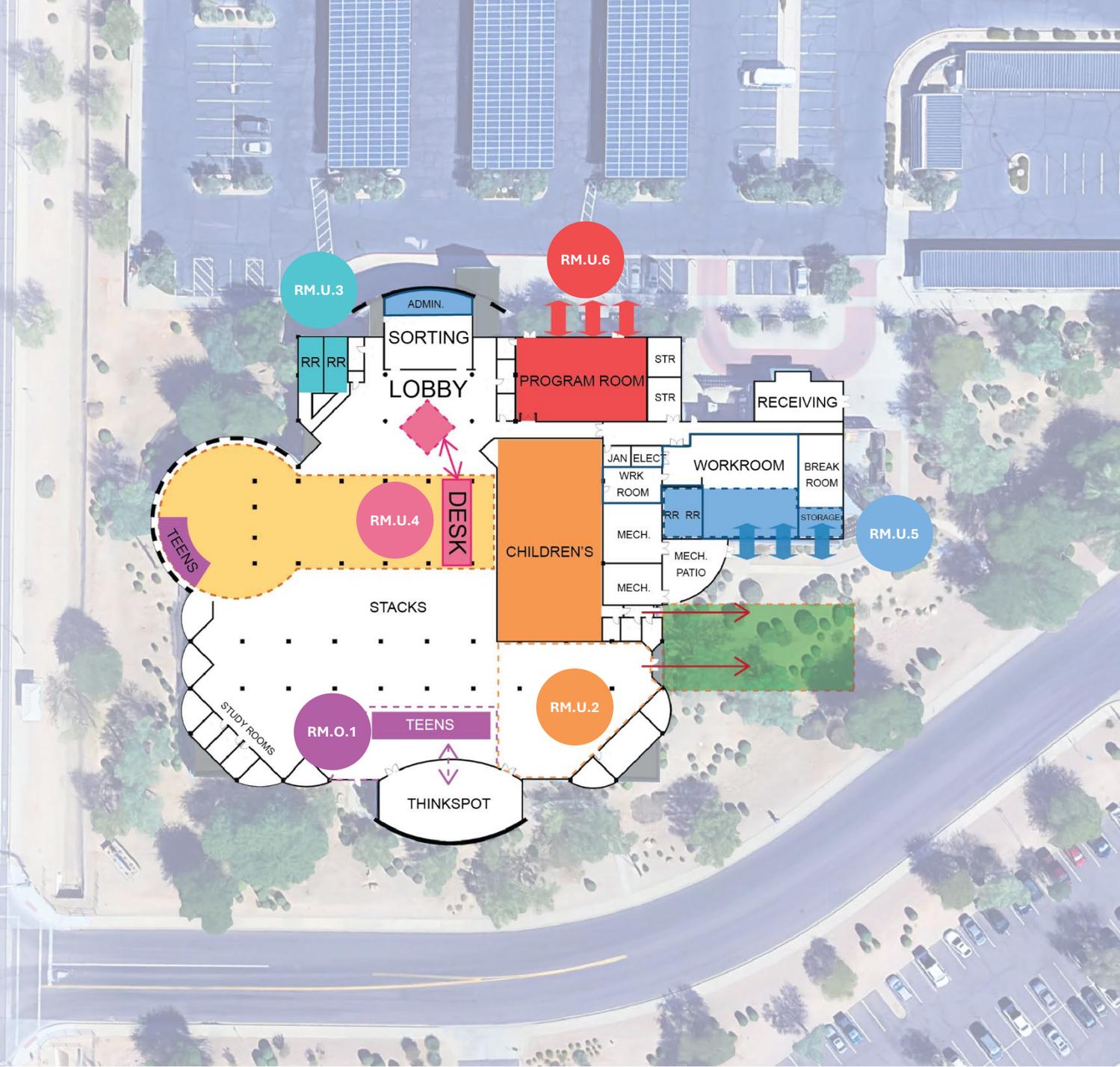
- A. Relocate 3 administrative offices from staff operations (sorting room) to main staff area.
- B. Consider adding windows and/or skylights for natural light.

RM.U.6 (P1) Program Room Renovation

- A. Update finishes, lighting and technology.
- B. Consider adding windows and/or skylights for natural light.

RM.O.1 (P1) Teen's space *(could include in RM.O.2)*

- A. Provide dedicated space for teens.
 1. Provide semi-enclosed space with a mix of seating adjacent to Young Adult collection.
 2. Relocate away from service desk.



GOALS

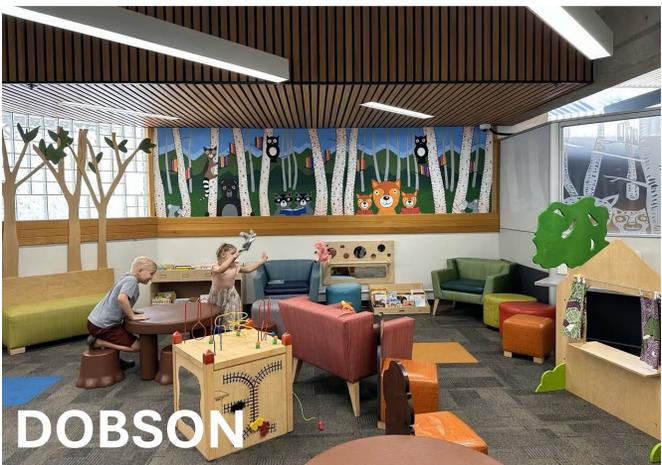
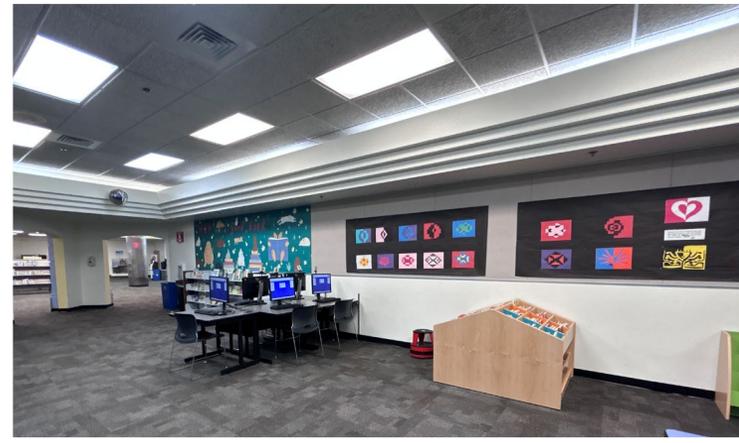
- **What are your goals for the Red Mountain Children's Area renovation?**
 - **Equivalent programs, services, and spaces across all branches**
 - **More playful and vibrant children's area**
 - **More space for play and interactives**
 - **Combine traditional spaces with evolving library services**
 - **Destination spot for kids, families and caregivers in the community**
 - **Experiential learning options**
 - **More room for families to connect, interact and enjoy within the space**
 - **A welcoming environment encouraging you to stay to read, work or play**



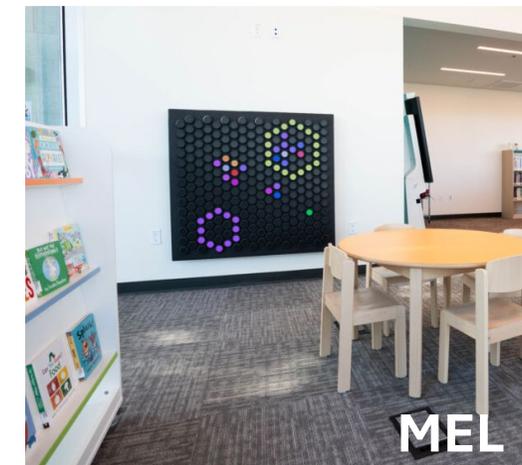
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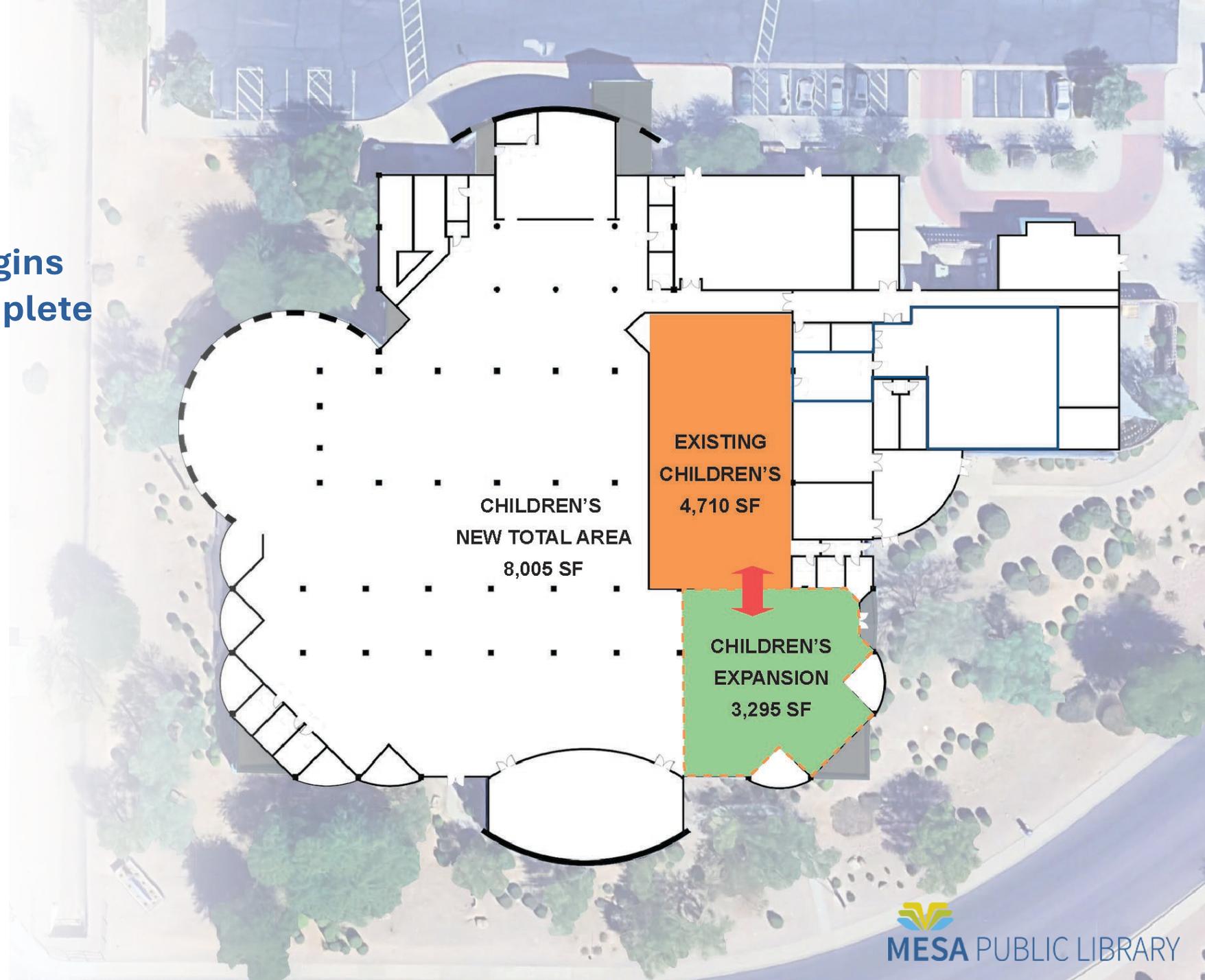
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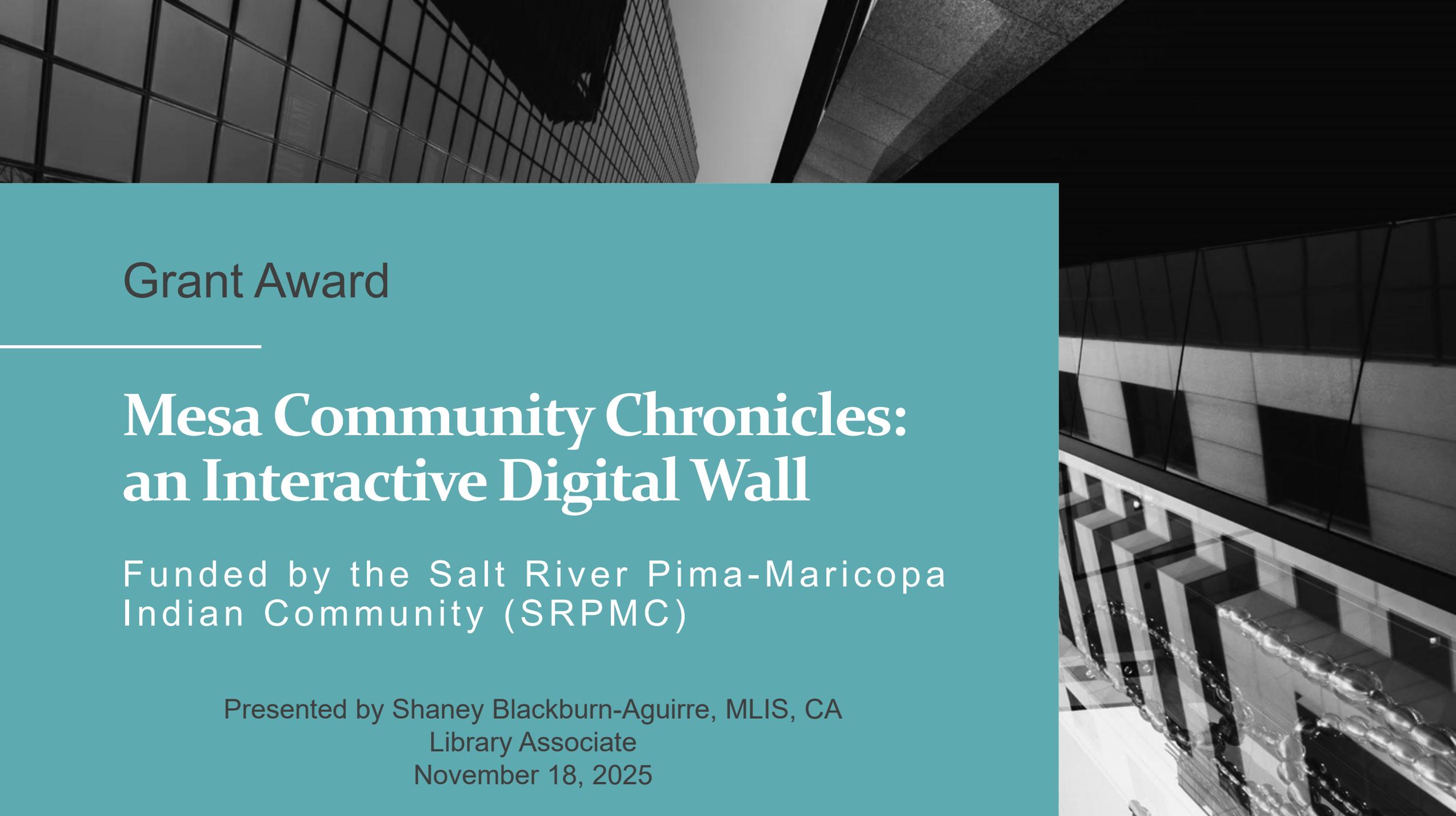
- **SCHEDULE**
 - FY 26-27:
 - July 2026 design begins
 - June 2027 reno complete
- **AREA**
 - 4,710 sf existing
 - 3,295 sf expansion
 - 8,005 sf new total
- **BUDGET**
 - \$1.2M request
- **LIMITATIONS**
 - Lighting
 - Mechanical
 - Electrical
 - Existing structure



NEEDS

- **New dividing wall to define expanded area**
- **New opening in wall between existing and new areas**
- **New service desk**
- **Additional shelving**
- **Additional furniture**
- **New mural**
- **Update family restroom finishes and fixtures**
- **Additional wayfinding signage**
- **Interactive projector display**
- **Additional manipulatives / interactives**
- **Paint / carpet touch-up repairs**





Grant Award

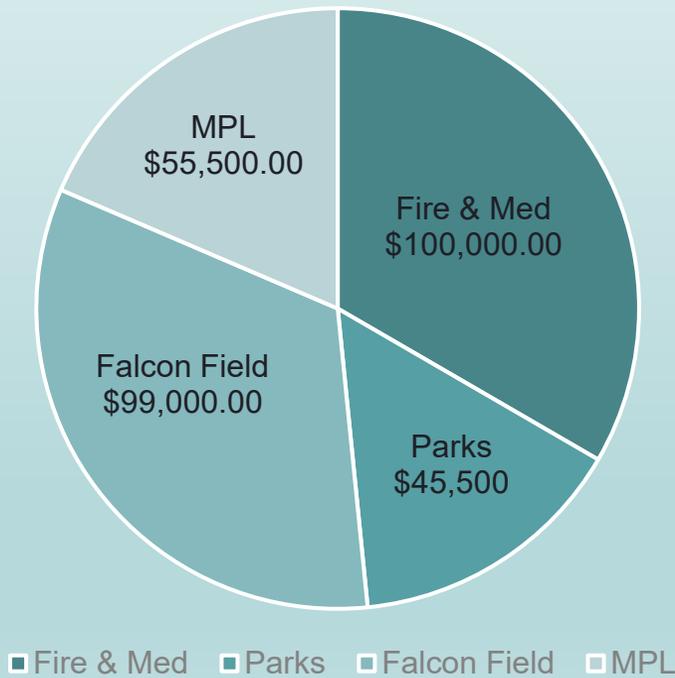
Mesa Community Chronicles: an Interactive Digital Wall

Funded by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Indian Community (SRPMC)

Presented by Shaney Blackburn-Aguirre, MLIS, CA
Library Associate
November 18, 2025

Grant Award

City of Mesa Total Award \$300,000.00



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) 12% Gaming Grant Program

Library request: \$60,000.00

Library Award: \$55,500.00

Budget Summary

Component	Description	Cost
Digital Wall hardware & Installation	3 interactive displays, mounts, wiring, setup	\$42,467
Digitization & Content Development	Scanning, metadata, educational programming	\$17,533
TOTAL		----- \$60,000 (Awarded: \$55,500)

Project Overview

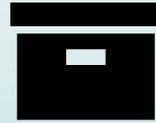


The *Mesa Community Chronicles* project will create a digital interactive wall that:

- Preserves and shares Mesa's collective memory
- Digitizes historical photos and documents
- Encourages community storytelling and education

Project Goals

Preserve & Share Local History

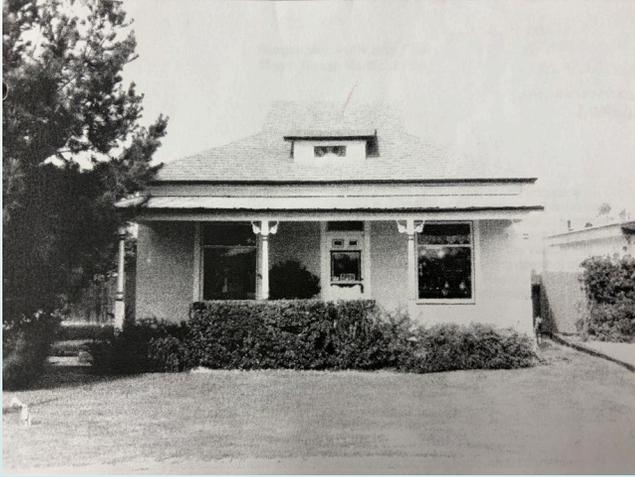


Enhance Education



Improve Accessibility





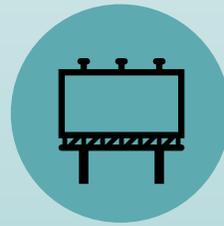
Timeline

2026



January-March 2026:

Receive grant award and finalize vendor contracts



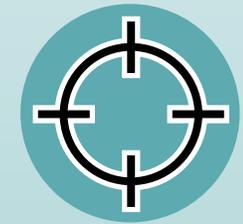
April-June 2026:

Install equipment; begin digitization of materials



July-September:

Develop and upload digital exhibits



October-December 2026:

Public launch and community showcase event



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Total Length
18.6 ft x 3.5 ft



Digital Possibilities

Explorations of a Very-large-screen Digital Library Interface

(<https://dlib.org/dlib/july17/dolski/07dolski.html>)

Brand Gallery



Random Object Gallery



Tag Gallery



Giant Image Gallery



Exhibit Gallery



Map Gallery



Business & Community Partners

BUSINESS PARTNERS

- ASU : University Archives, Black Archives, Labriola American Indian Data Center; Mix Center
- Downtown Mesa Association
- Mesa legacy businesses

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Arizona Museum of Natural History
- Mesa Community College Archives
- Mesa Historical Museum
- Mesa Preservation Foundation
- Mesa Public Schools
- Mesa Clubs and Associations
- Patrons



Expected Community Impact



Photo by Lance Murray, Aug 22, 2016 Dallas Public Library
<https://dallasinnovates.com/dallas-library-archive-adds-high-tech-digital-wall/>

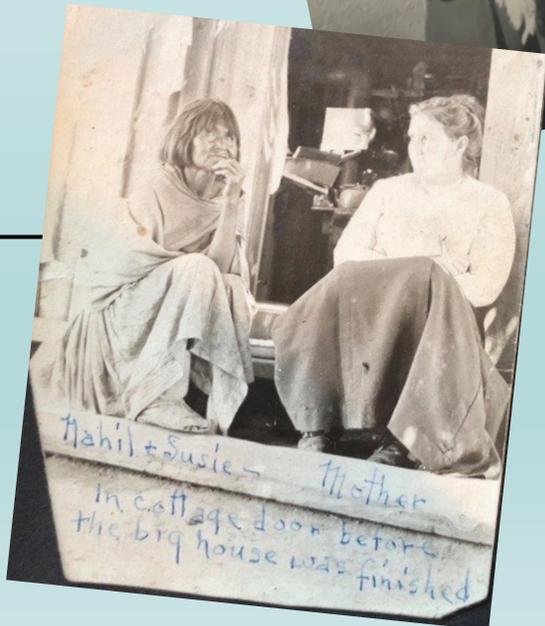
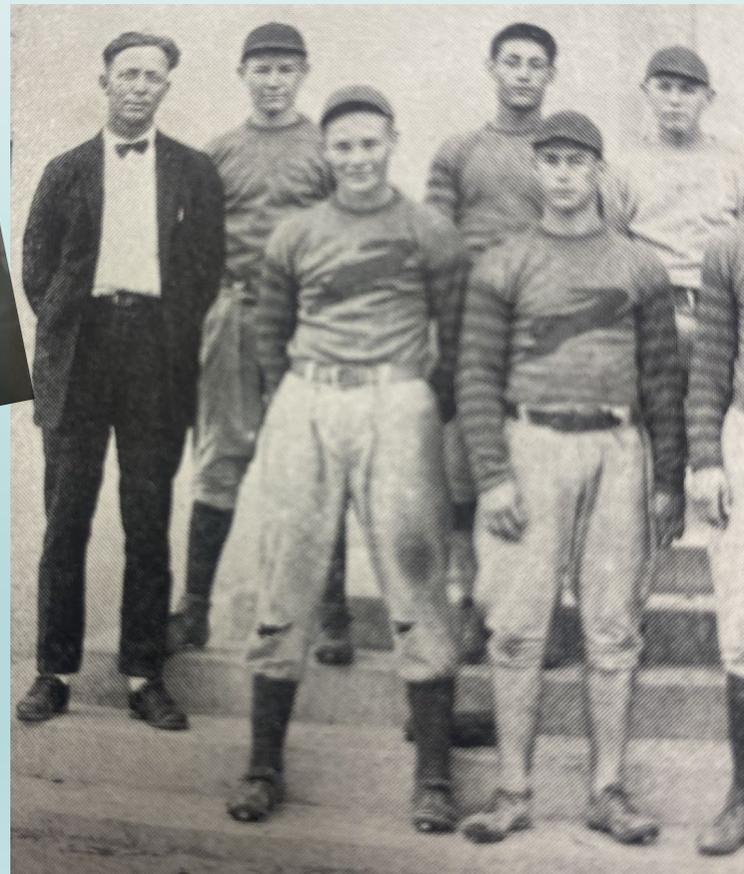


Photo: Sep 5, 2025 View of the Hillman Digital Research Wall and information beacons
<https://pitt.libguides.com/hillman-digital-research-wall>
<https://pitt.libguides.com/hillman-digital-research-wall>

- Increases visibility of Mesa's cultural heritage
- Encourages lifelong learning and civic pride
- Provides a platform for local stories and oral histories
- Demonstrates partnership between city of Mesa and SRPMIC

Next Steps

- ✓ Await official grant fund release
- ✓ Finalize installation vendor
- ✓ Develop community content partnerships
- ✓ Prepare communications plan with MPL marketing and SRPMIC
- ✓ Identify and prioritize Mesa Room collections to be digitized



Moving Forward Together



- Grant funds will be fully utilized by December 2026
- Community and business partnerships will strengthen project sustainability
- Continued collaboration will ensure the library's resources reflect and serve everyone in our community

