

# THE NEW SUNSET PARK LIBRARY

## Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) is redeveloping the old Sunset Park Library to better meet neighborhood needs!

The redevelopment – which includes a bigger, brand new library in addition to 49 units of affordable housing - will be completed in late 2020, with the library opening in 2021. In order to ensure that the new Library reflects the needs of the community, BPL partnered with Hester Street and Grain Collective on an eight-month engagement process from January to August 2017. We gathered ideas and feedback from hundreds of residents and stakeholders on design elements, programming, and features for the new space.



## ENGAGEMENT PROCESS



The overarching goal for the process was to ensure meaningful, inclusive and expansive engagement that resulted in a community-driven design for the new Sunset Park Library. The team partnered with dozens of local stakeholders to reach residents of different ages and backgrounds through events at the Library and the neighborhood. We held many stakeholder meetings, talked to library staff, collected surveys, hosted large workshops, displayed materials in partner organization offices and held events in Arabic, Chinese, English and Spanish.

## MAP OF ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND TYPES



## PRIORITY AREAS

The following priority areas were identified by stakeholders:

**FEATURES**

**PROGRAMS**

**SPACE**

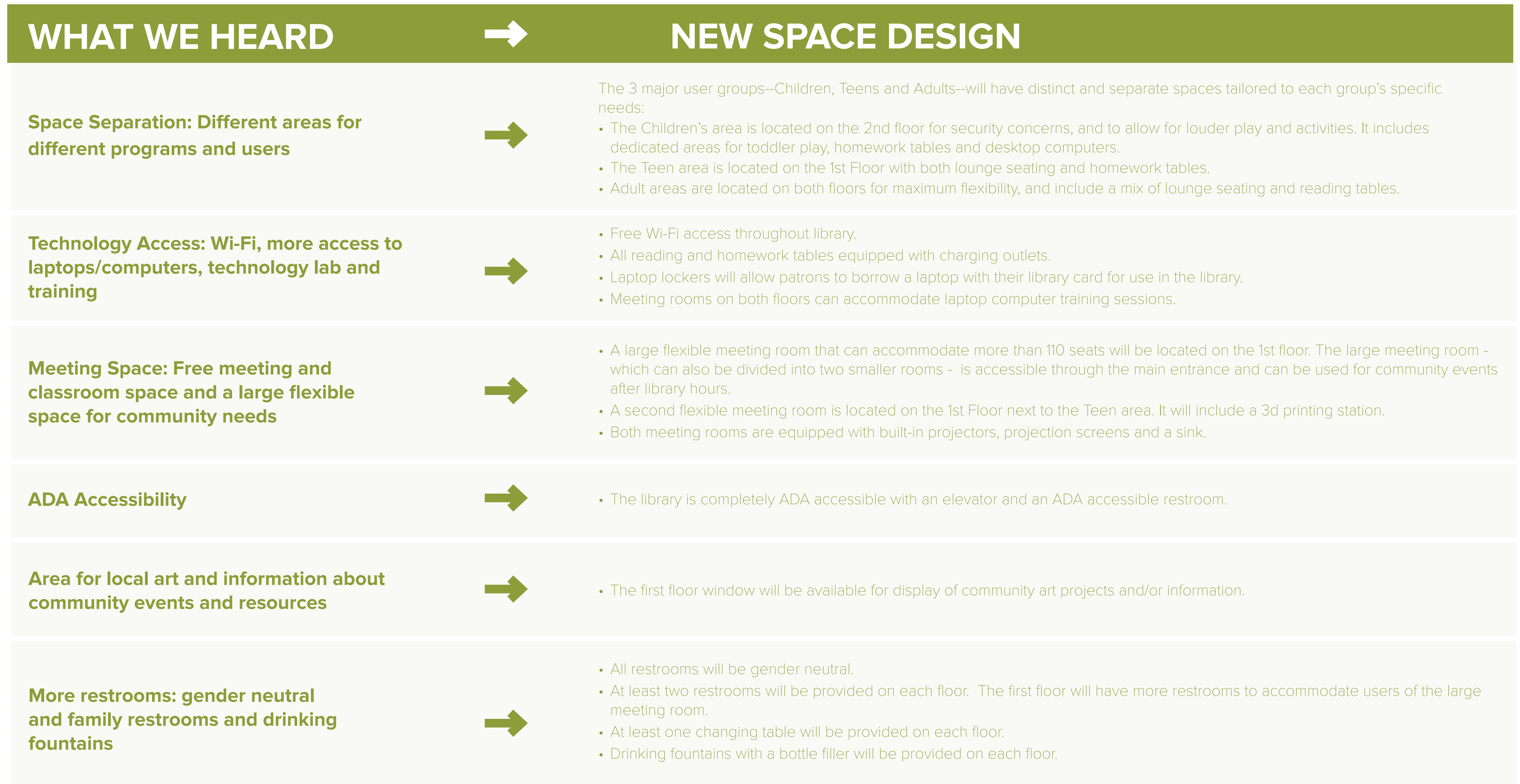
## LOCAL PARTNERS

- Fifth Avenue Committee
- Center for Family Life/SCO
- Chinese American Planning Council-NYC
- Council Member Carlos Menchaca's Office
- Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez's Office
- Center Against Domestic Violence
- NYU Lutheran Family Health Centers
- Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation
- Community Board 7
- Assemblyman Felix Ortiz
- Arab American Association - NY



## Your input directly impacted the new Library's design!

BPL shared your ideas and visions for the new Library with the architects. Here is how community feedback and needs from the engagement process has been incorporated into the new space!



## TIMELINE

The process began in 2016 with ULURP. Construction of the building began in early 2019 and will be complete by late 2020. The new library is slated to open in 2021. In the meantime, your local library is being housed in the same building as Community Board 7 on 4201 4th Avenue (at 43rd Street) and will remain open until the permanent branch opens.

