

# Milliken Mills Library Expansion / Renovation Project

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# Thornhill Community Library



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# East Markham Library



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# South East Library

- Another future Markham landmark
- A source of civic pride
- Building a sense of community and social cohesion.



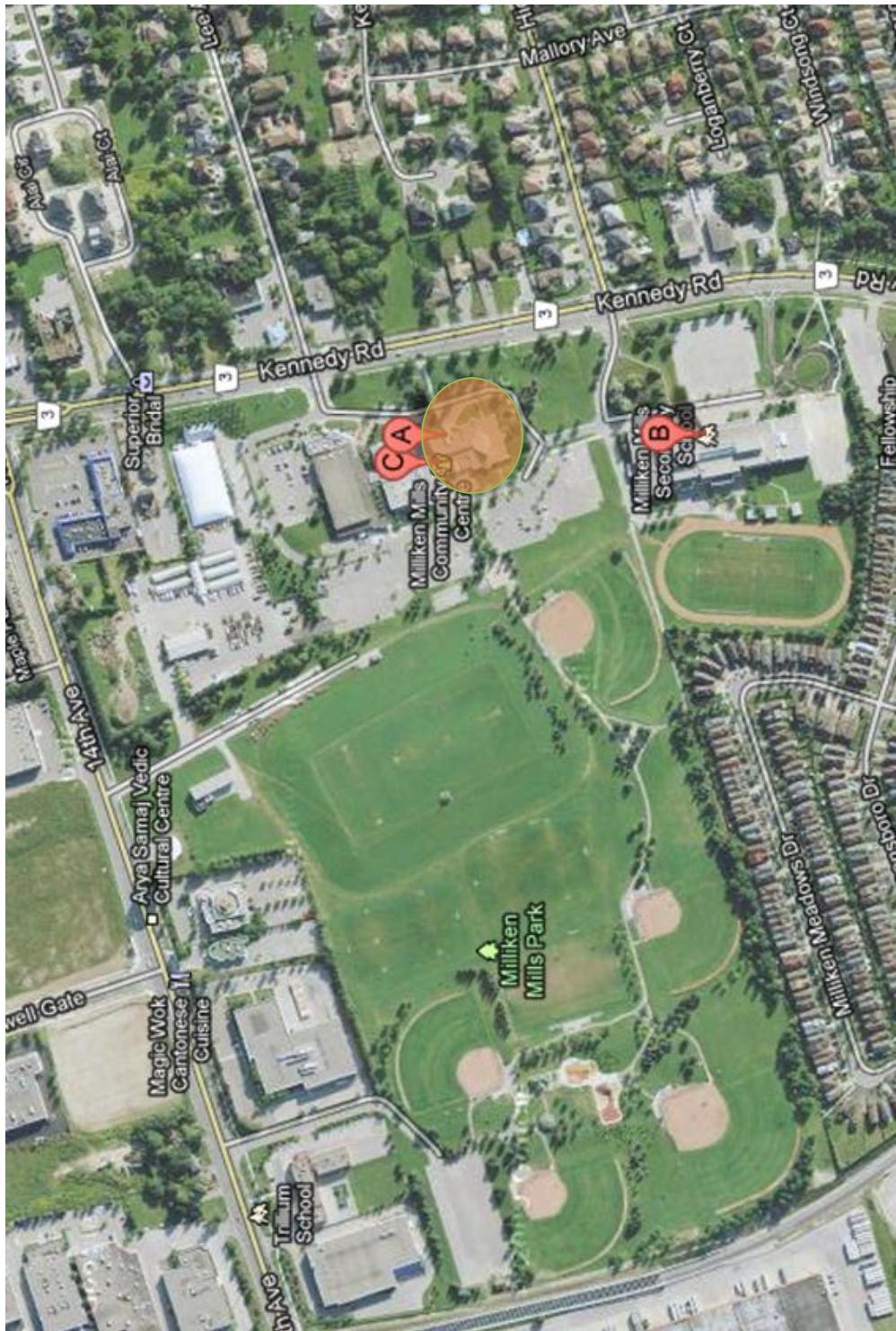
# Milliken Mills Library



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# Future of the Milliken “Campus”



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# Milliken Library Feasibility Study

## 2009 - 2010

- Community Consultation
- Online survey



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# What are you least satisfied with?

- The library is too small and always crowded. Not enough seats and tables.
- Accessibility of the workspaces- almost always used
- Not enough single table/seat... people are talking too loud
- Tables, chairs are not enough
- Working tables are exposed to noises. They don't offer any quietness or even reduce the sounds at all.
- Too crowded most of the time.
- Seating/Workspace not enough



# High Rate of Borrowing

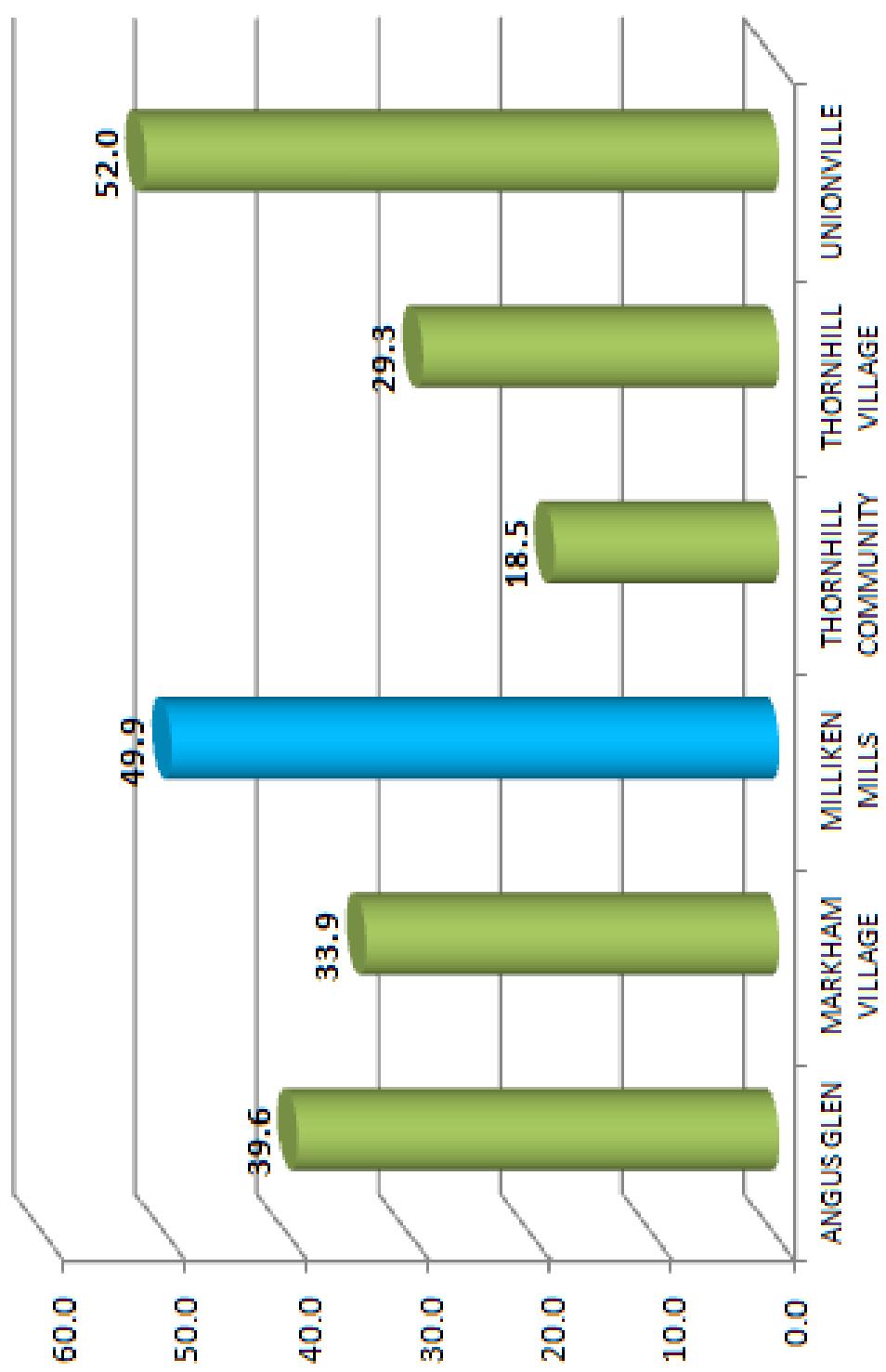
Picture Books

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Children's fiction



# Statistics

## 2011 Circulation per Sq. Ft.



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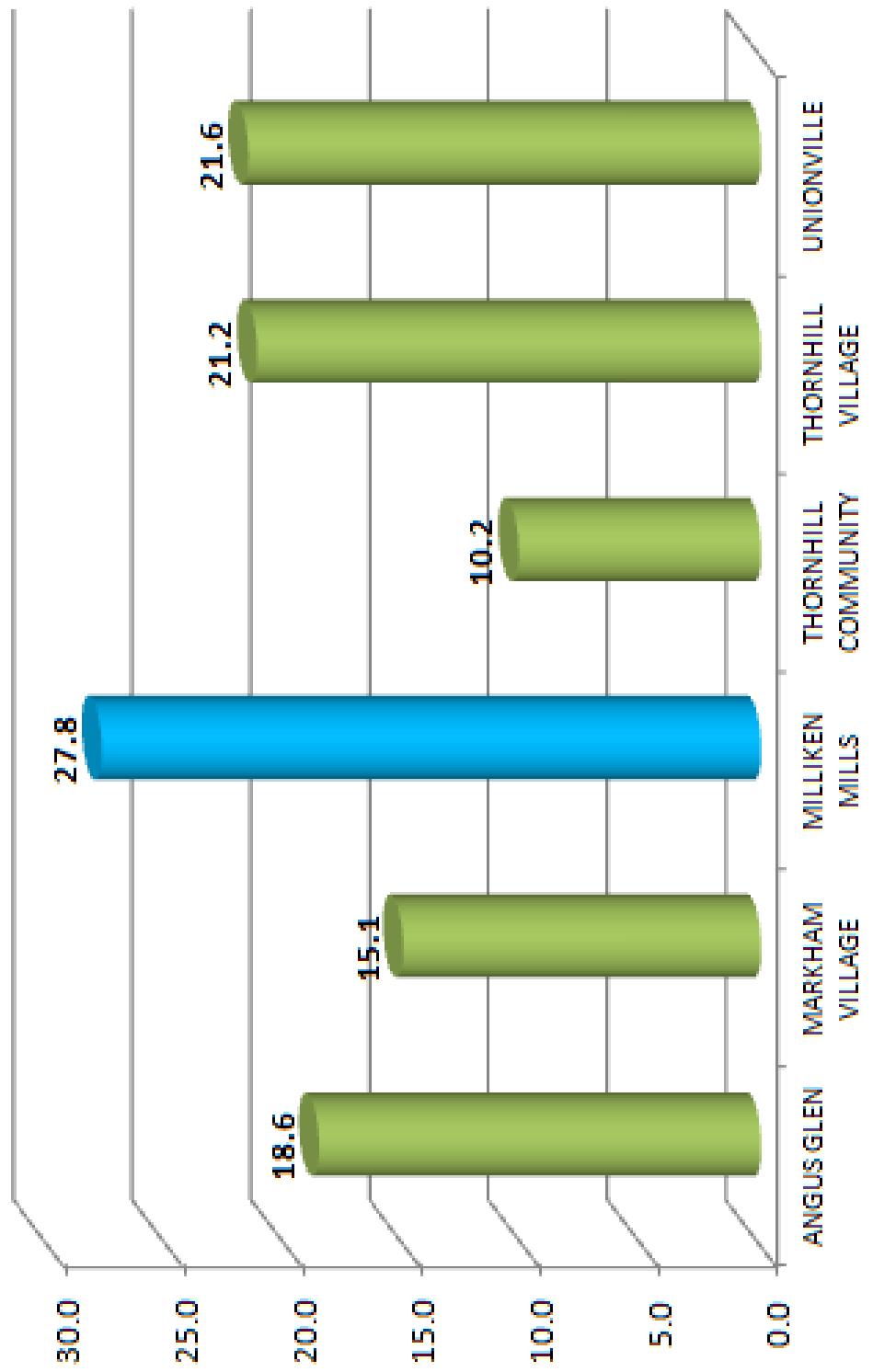
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# High Customer Foot-Traffic



# Statistics

## 2011 Customer Visits per Sq. Ft.



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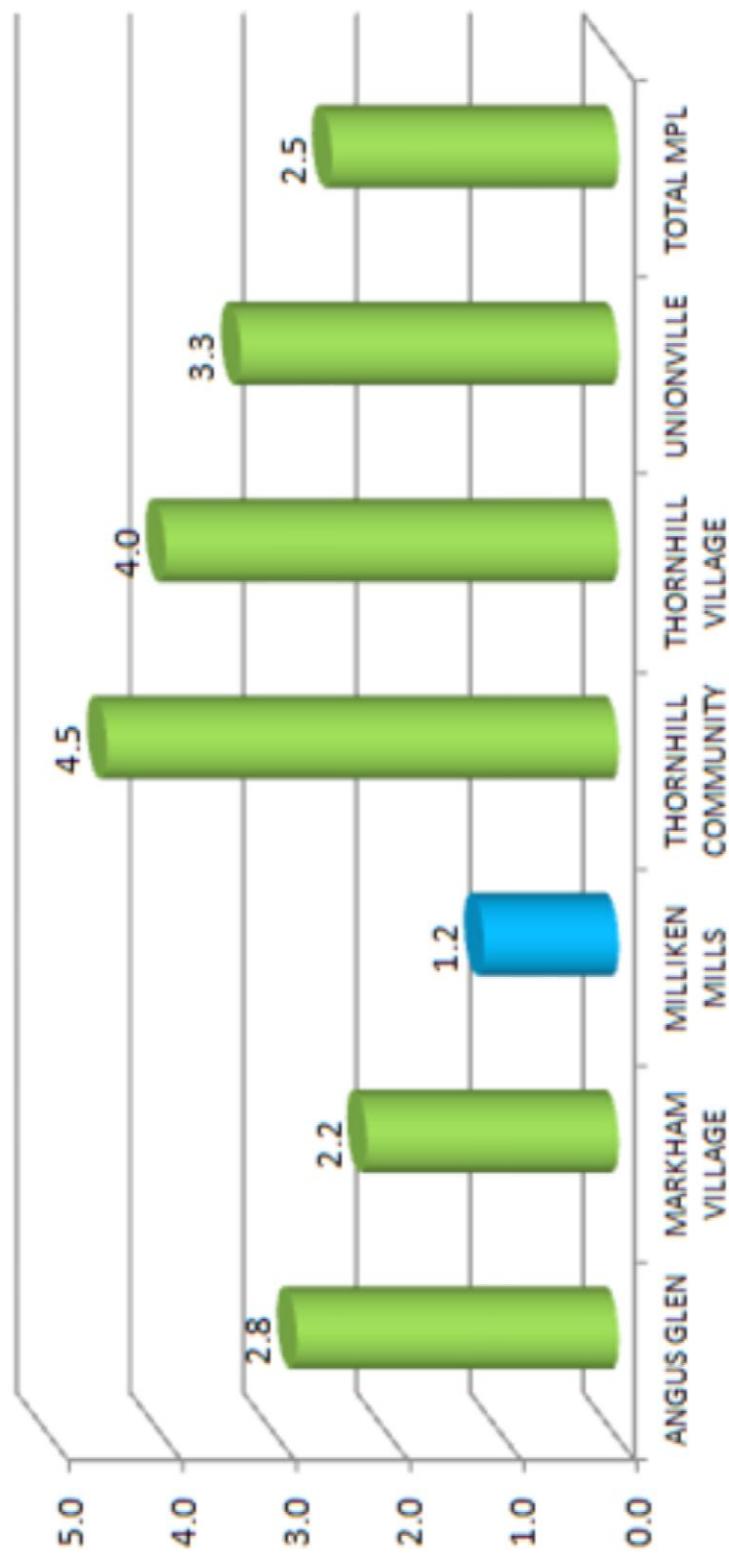
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# Lowest Seating Provision



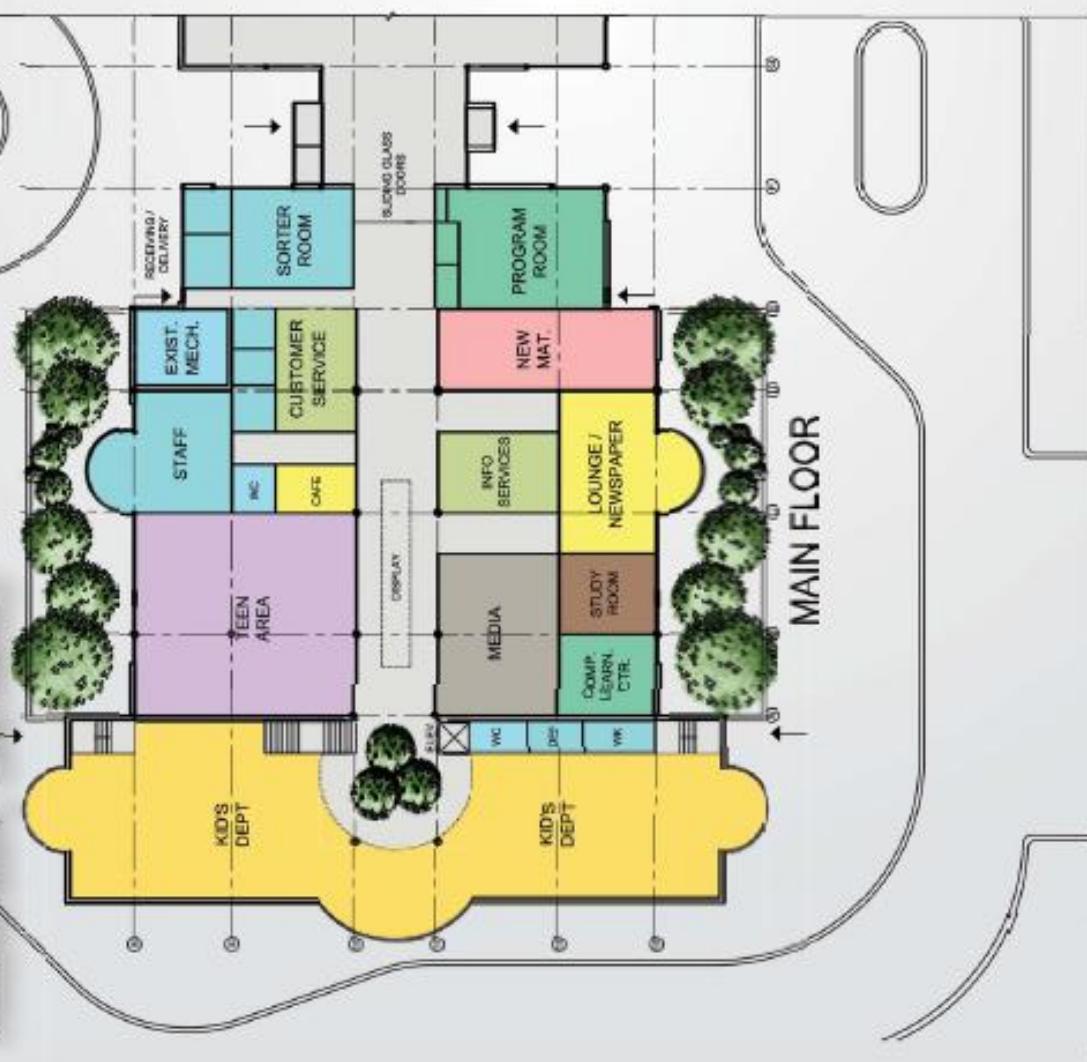
# Statistics

## Seating per 1,000 Population



MILLIKEN MILLS LIBRARY FEASIBILITY STUDY

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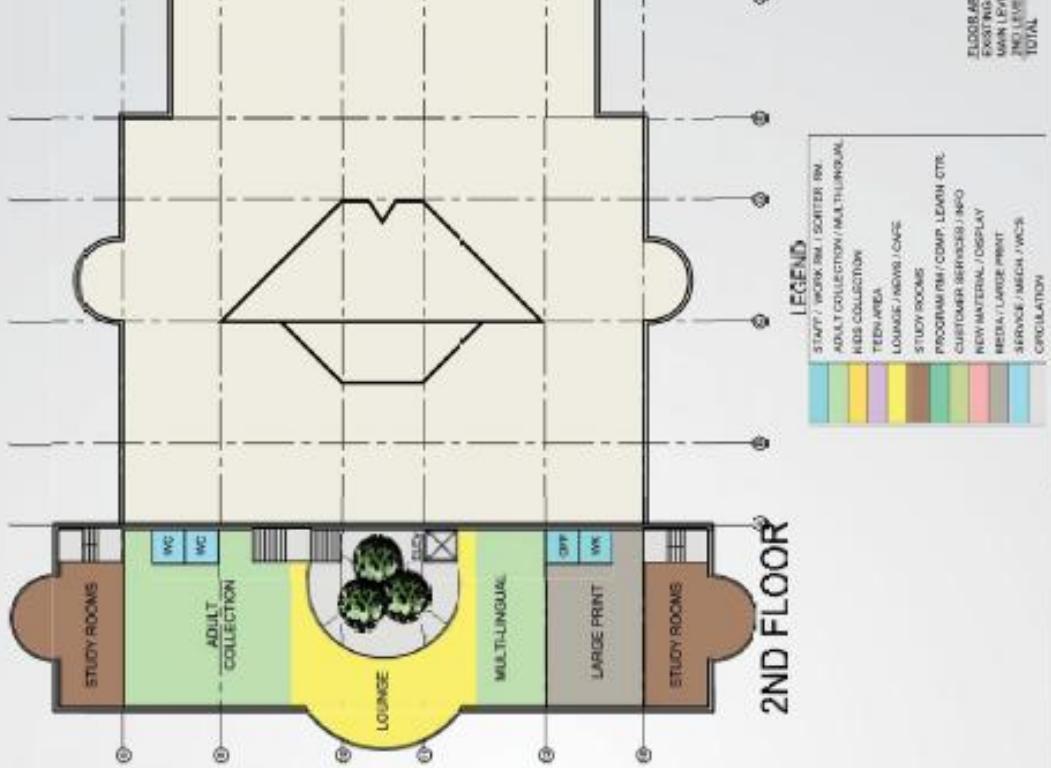
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## OPTION 3 - PARTIAL TWO LEVEL CONCEPT

SCALE = 1/2"

NEW MATERIAL DISPLAY  
MEDIA / LAUREN PARENT  
SERVICE / MACH / WICS  
CIRCULATION



# Key Advantages of Option 3

- Shortest period of construction-related closure
- Improved visibility from Kennedy Road



# Recommended Timing

Phase	Date
Milliken Library Design & Community Consultation	2013

- Ready for Infrastructure opportunities

Start Construction of Milliken Expansion	2014 - 2015
Southeast Library opens	Q2 2015
Milliken Library Renovation and Integration of Old with New	2015 - 2016

- Continuous library services to the South Markham Service Area



# Library Board February 27, 2012

- Resolved that: the Board make a representation to the General Committee of Council to present the Board's preferred position (Option 3) for the expansion of Milliken Mills Library;
- And that the Board recommends the inclusion of the Milliken Mills expansion project in the 2013 budget.



**THANK YOU!**

