



Patio Project

Los Altos Library

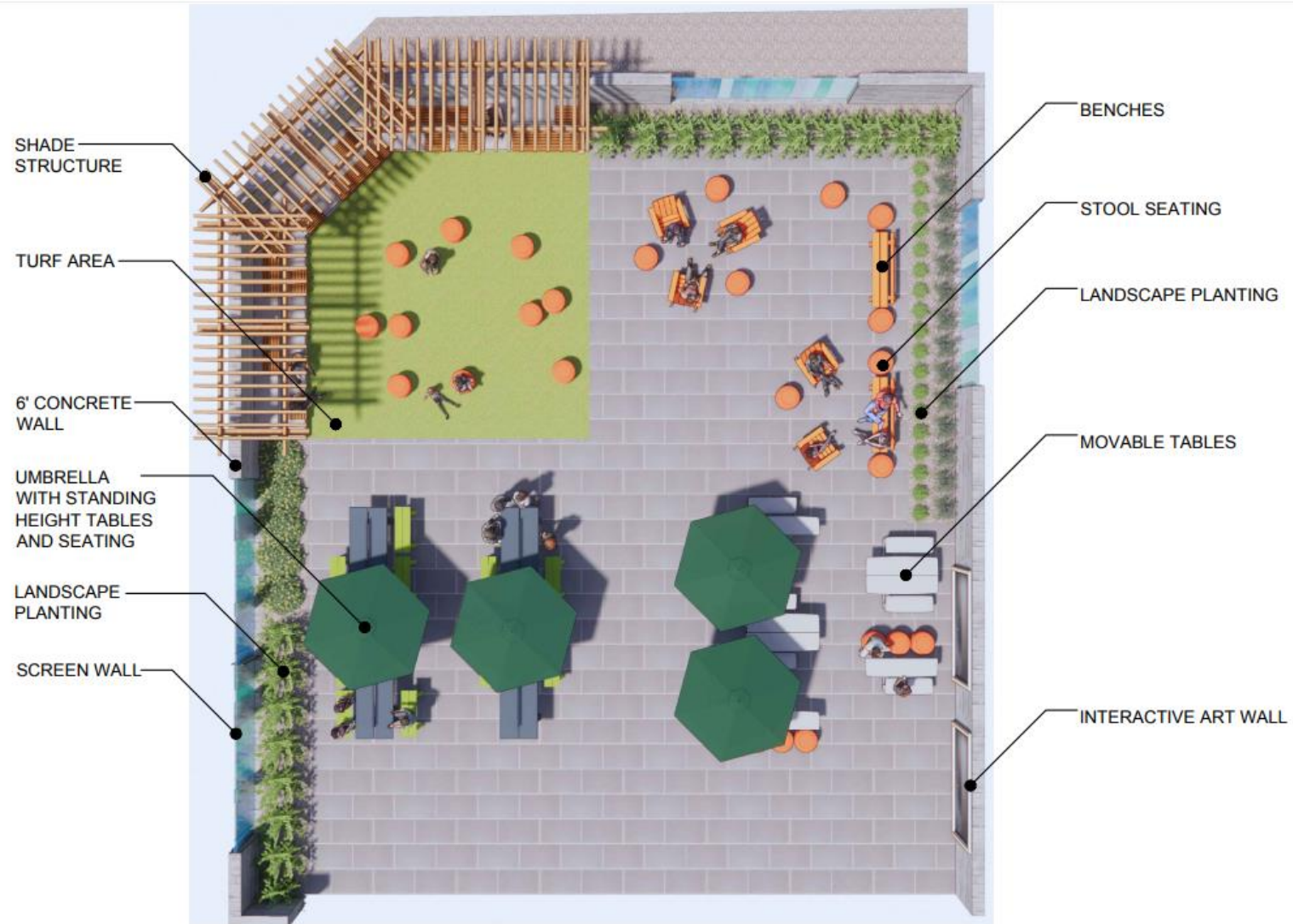


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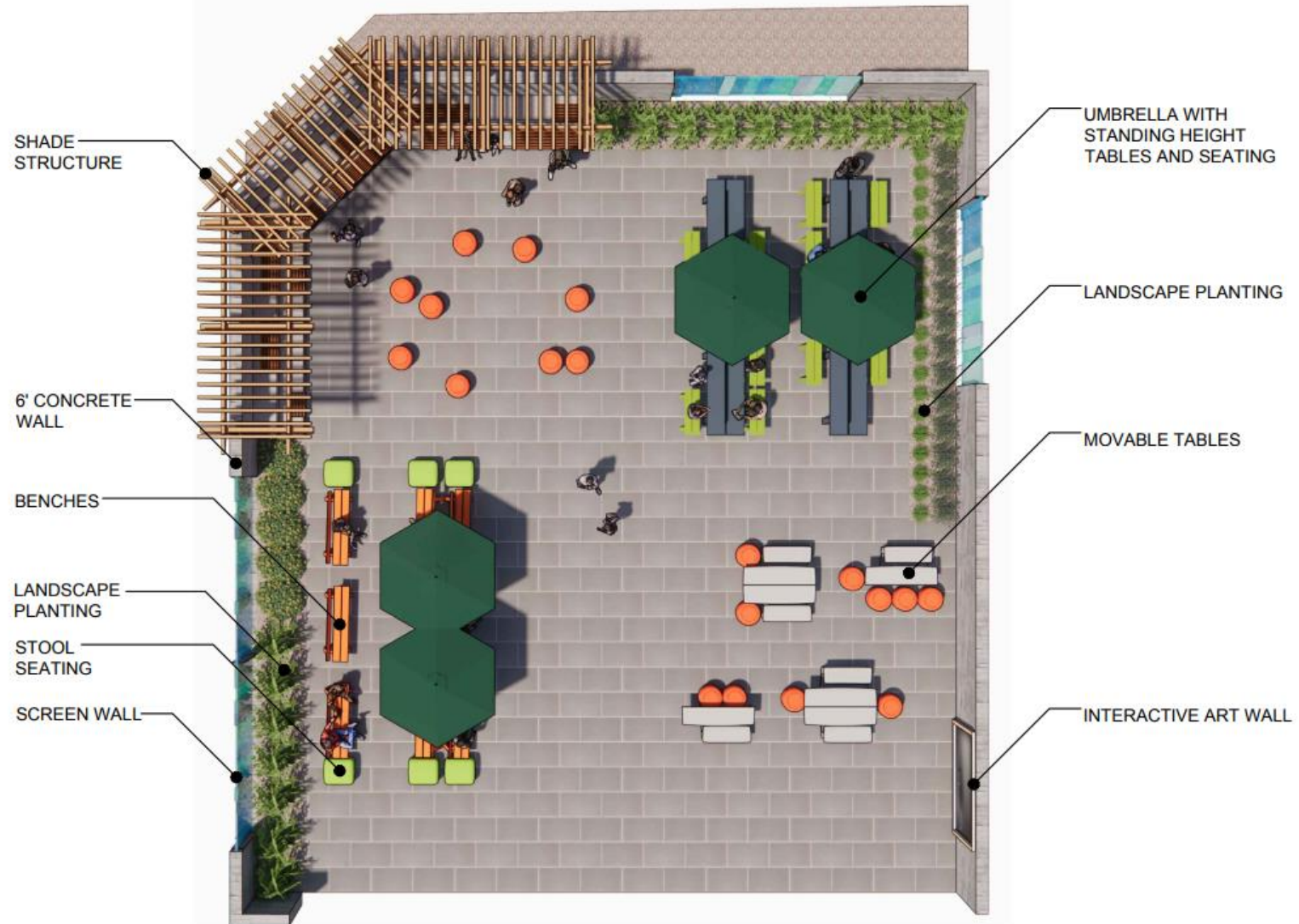
- Meaningful local donation of \$500,000 to the library
- Opportunity for additional space and programs with unique outdoor space at Los Altos Library
- LALE funded the feasibility study to explore the project working with a professional landscape architecture firm
- LALE has also indicated initial financial support to fund this project

About 6,100 sq ft.
(77' x 80')

Patio goes out to the
sidewalk



LAYOUT 1



LAYOUT 2

Vision



PROGRAMMING FOR ALL
AGES



INCORPORATING THE
ORCHARD AND OTHER
LOCATION SPECIFIC PIECES



PARTNERING WITH
ORGANIZATIONS
(GREENTOWN, MASTER
GARDENERS)



ALIGNING WITH THE SCCLD
STRATEGIC PLAN

INNOVATE

We innovate, fostering a culture of curiosity and opportunity.

GOALS:

1. Actively innovate without fear of failure.
2. Design and implement flexible public spaces that encourage library visits and elevate patron experiences.
3. Spark discovery with new technology.

<https://scclld.org/strategic-plan/>

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WELCOME

We welcome all, providing inclusive and compassionate library service throughout the district.

GOALS:

1. Advance equity, diversity, and inclusion efforts to strengthen a sense of belonging at SCCLD.
2. Use innovative service models to connect community members with the library.
3. Build on the service-oriented districtwide philosophy to provide a welcoming and positive library experience.
4. Support local community needs with reflective services throughout the Library District.

Libraries around the world have embraced outdoor experiences

- Musical gardens
- Play spaces
- Meetings spaces connected to the outside
- Seating and gathering areas

Local community benefits of an outdoor patio

- ❖ Partnering with the history museum and incorporating the orchard into educational programming for all ages
- ❖ Increasing opportunities for STEAM programming with the library and supporting LALE's mission to provide science and technology programs to the community
- ❖ Increasing attendance and capacity at library programs
- ❖ Opportunity to provide more inclusive programming to the community. Sensory garden opportunity for patrons of all ages: (<https://cpl.org/aboutthelibrary/ohio-library-for-the-blind-print-disabled/sensory-garden/>)
- ❖ Possibility for a demonstration garden with Master Gardeners (successful in Georgia) (<https://www.ims.gov/grant-spotlights/how-library-gardens-are-growing-communities-georgia>)



Patio opens to community room

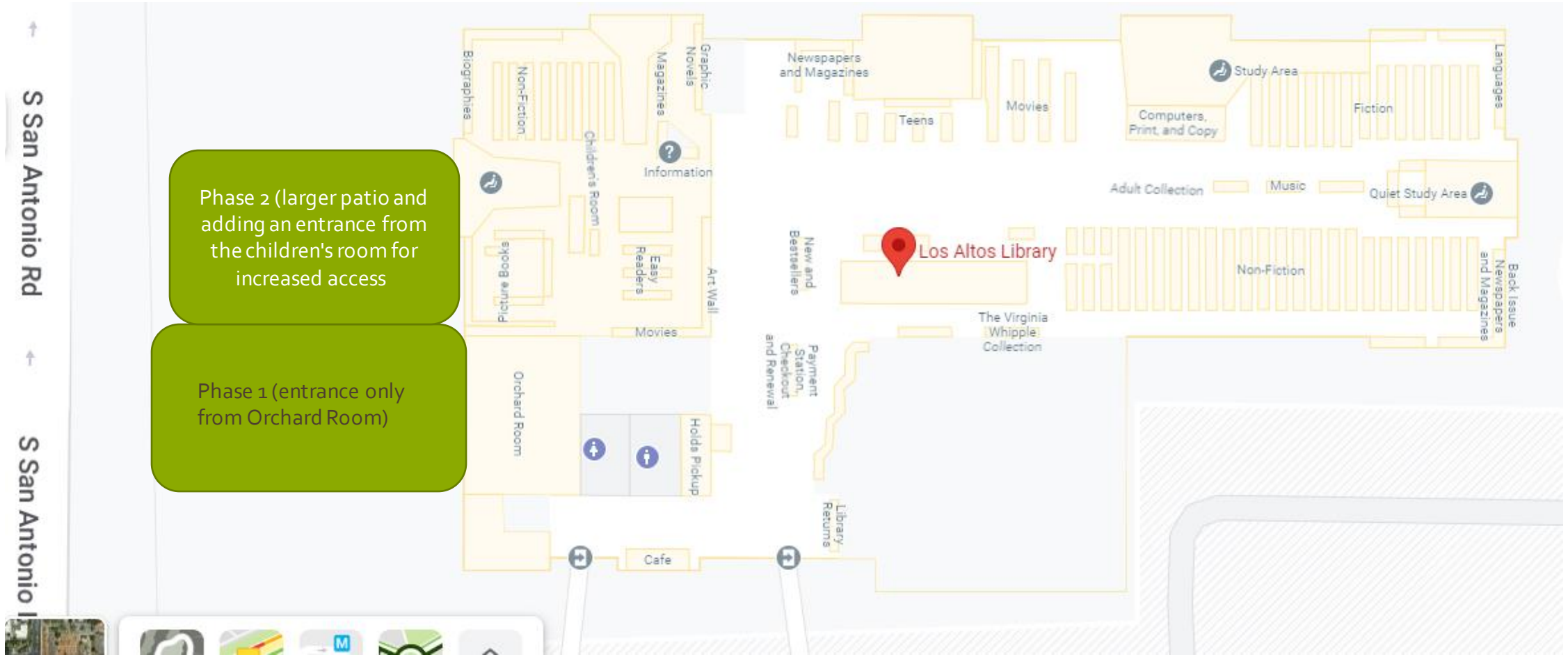
Creates a dual space



Gilroy Library







PHASE 1

Patio connected to community room

-Opens up only from community room

-6400 sq. ft. outside the community room

-\$1.28M - cost escalation likely

- Removes fountain, plantings and all hardscape up until the sidewalk
- Program use
- Apricot trees to be included in design as well as relocated nearby

PHASE 2

Patio connected to BOTH community room and children's area

-Opens up from community room and Children's Room

-13,440 sq. ft. outside community room and children's room

- \$1.5M

- Removes fountain, plantings and all hardscape up until the sidewalk
- Multiple access points
- Program use and public seating
- Apricot trees to be included in design as well as relocated nearby

Outdoor spaces allow for libraries and their partners to invest in the health and wellness of communities, connect residents to library resources, and enhance literacies. Great outdoor spaces provide opportunities for libraries to showcase their capacity to strengthen communities and be true placemakers—inside and out.

► [Library Journal](#)

