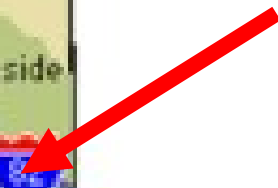


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# Expanding Economic Development in Grandview, Washington Through a Joint City/College Library and Community Education Seminars



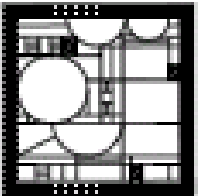
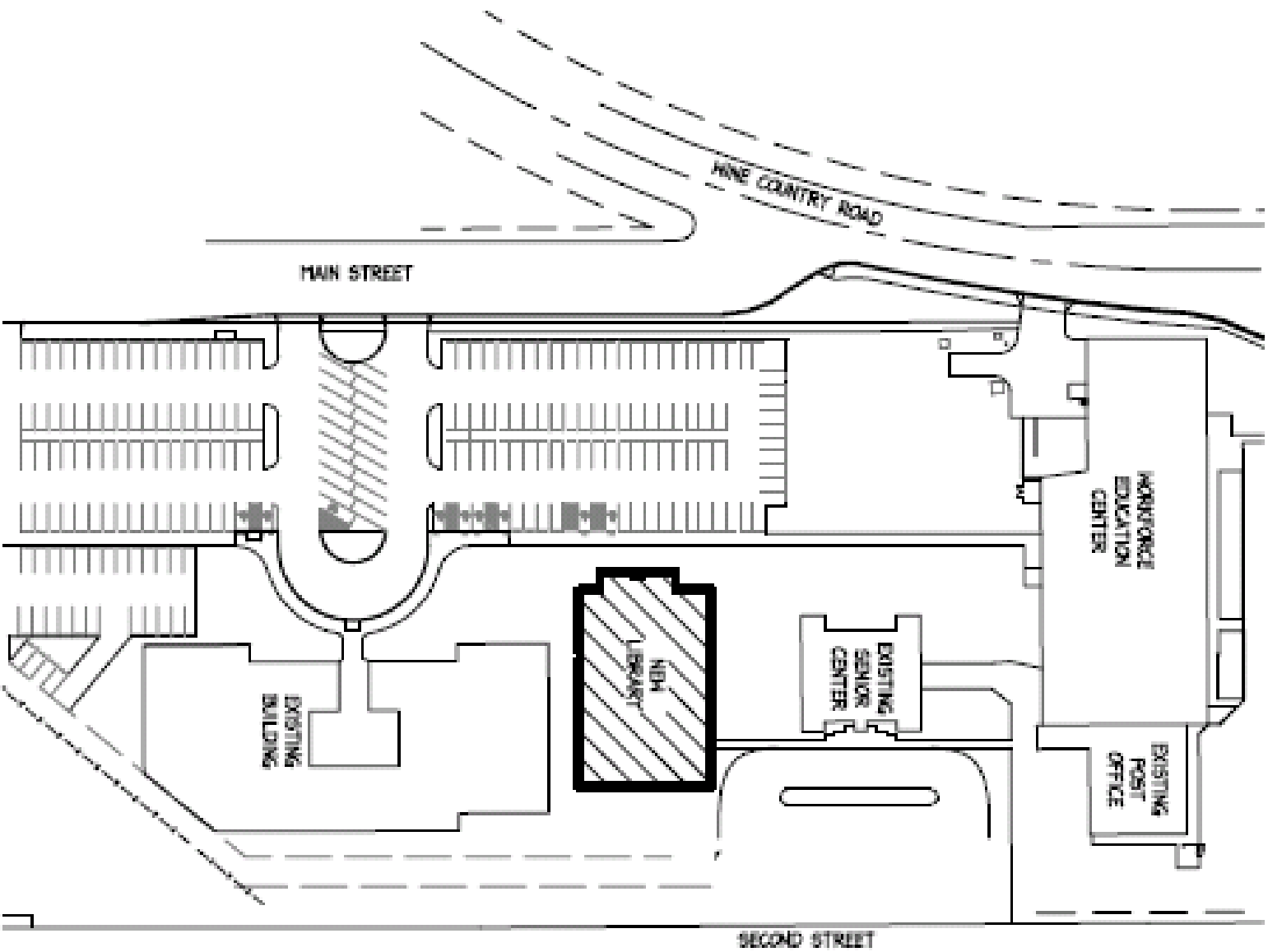
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# Grant Activities

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- Activity I: Construct and Equip a Joint City/College Library
  - Centralized location
  - Accessible
  - Energy efficient
  - Serve the community
  - Support economic development
- Activity II: Conduct Community Training Seminars
  - Partnerships
  - Business development workshops
  - First-time home buying seminars



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1" = 100'  
SITE PLAN

**Yakima  
Valley  
College**

MATCHING PROJECT

# County and Community Profile

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## ■ Yakima County

- High Hispanic Population – 40%
- 125 out of 3,140 U.S. counties with most need for economic and educational reform
- Undereducated – only 68% of adults has a high school education or better
- High unemployment - over 10%
- High poverty - 36.6% of adults over 65 live at or below poverty level
- Low income - per capita income over \$10,000 below national average
- Young – 38.4% of the population under 20 years of age

## ■ Grandview

- High Hispanic Population - nearly 70%
- Undereducated – only 23.2% have a high school diploma, 5.8% have a college degree
- High unemployment - 12.5%
- High poverty – 79% school children receive free or reduced lunch
- Economy reliant upon seasonal employment in agriculture and food processing

# Community Need

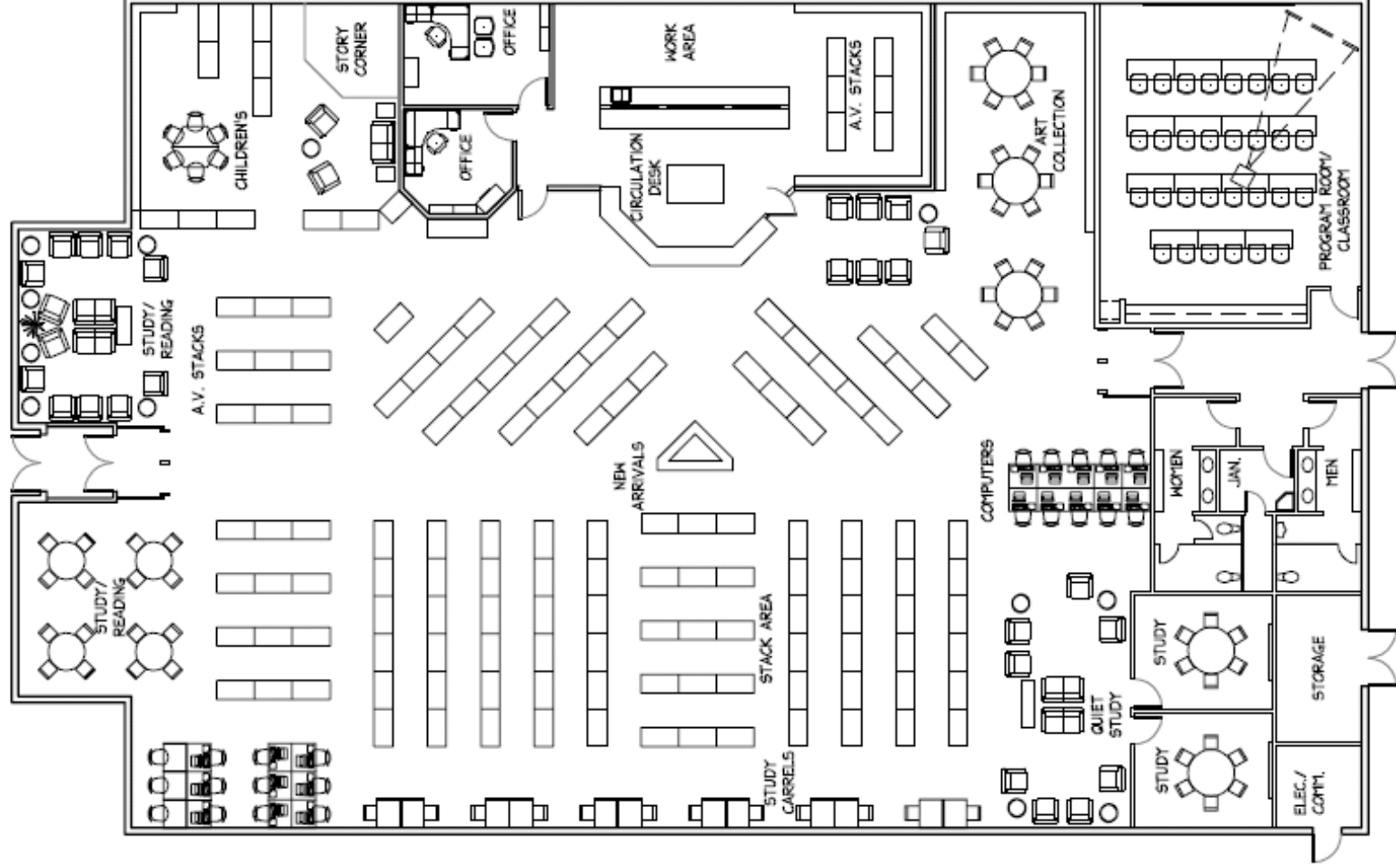
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- Need educational opportunities that support economic development and a facility to house them
- Access to networked computers
- Access to reference materials, books, and electronic databases
- Professionally trained staff to assist with accessing resources
- Access to short-term training classes
- Resources accessible at no charge or for a nominal fee
- Resources available in English and Spanish
- Resources available day and night throughout the week
- Resources available locally

# Goals and Objectives for Activity I

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- Year 1 and 2 of the grant
- 12,000 square-foot facility
- Accessible Design features
- Universal Design standards
- Energy efficient - meet or exceed a LEED Silver Certification
- Equipped with accessible technology
- Space for library book stacks, audio-visual materials, reading areas, study rooms, computer carrels, a circulation desk, offices, staff workroom, and a multipurpose classroom



FLOOR PLAN  
1" = 20'



# Goals and Objectives for Activity II

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- Year 3 of the grant
- Leverage partnerships to offer and financially support the workshops
- Target residents of Grandview, Sunnyside, Prosser, Mabton, and Granger Communities
- Seminars and support materials in English and Spanish
- Two types of seminars
  - Five focusing on business development topics
  - Four focusing on first-time home buying
  - Both will cover cost savings from Energy Star appliances and products

# Status

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- Working jointly with city to raise \$2 million for a Washington State matching grant
  - HSIAC grant funds part of the \$2 million match
  - Raised over half of funds needed
  - Well on track to complete fundraising by June 2009
- Expanding network of partners for training efforts

# Challenges Encountered

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- Raising capital funds, especially for a rural area
- Fundraising in a poor economy

# Projected Outcomes

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- Activity I: Construct and Equip a Joint City/College Library
  - Construction of a joint city/college library
  - Incorporate Accessible Design features, Universal Design standards, and energy efficiency measures
- Activity II: Conduct Community Training Seminars
  - Complete of at least nine training seminars within a year after the new joint city/college library is completed
  - Business seminars will be train at least 50 participants representing at least 20 businesses
  - First-time home buying workshops will be train 60 participants