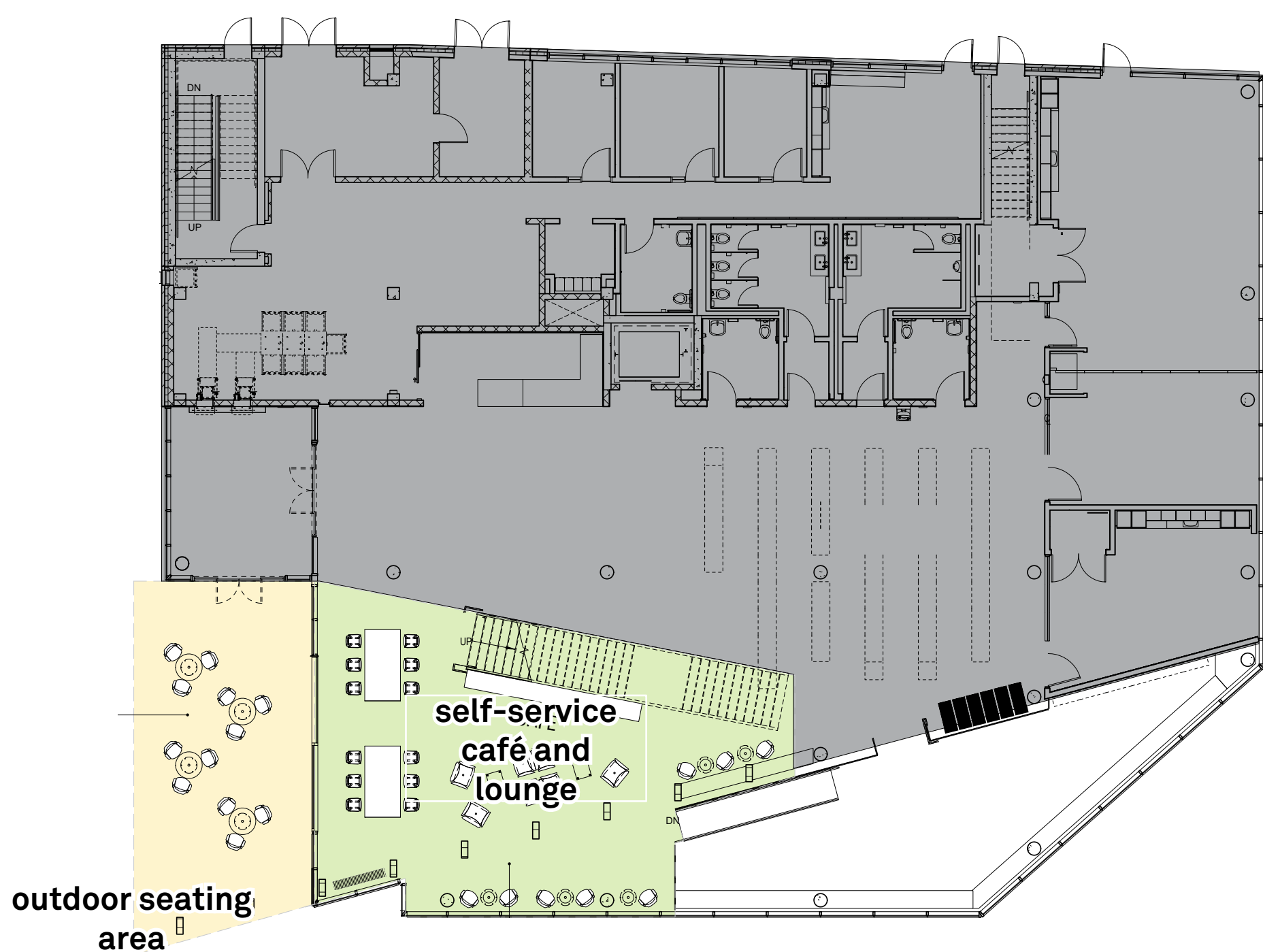


# Proposed Renewal of Oak Ridges Branch

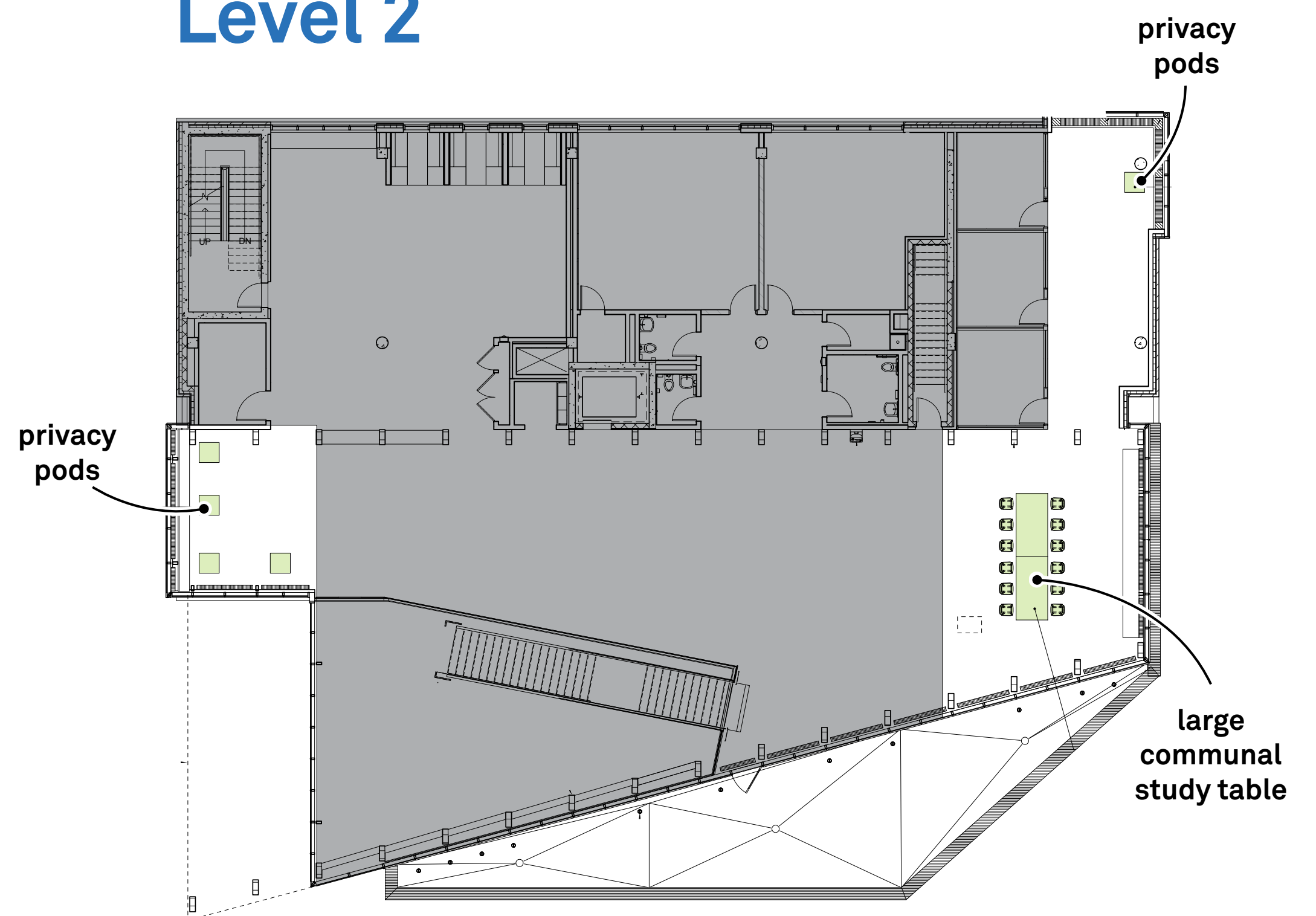
Oak Ridges Branch is a prominent destination in its neighbourhood. Featuring program rooms, a teen section, maker spaces, a computer lab, and a unique children’s play area, this branch serves as a community hub in northern Richmond Hill. Users of the library report that more study and quiet spaces are desired, and with a new high school planned for the site next door, study and work spaces will continue to be in high demand.

Oak Ridges Branch is RHPL’s newest location, constructed in 2019, therefore only minor improvements are proposed. The renewal includes **privacy pods** for individuals or small groups, a **communal study table** on the second floor, a **community living room** with flexible seating at the ground floor, including reworked spaces for a **self-service café**. Creating an **outdoor seating area** will expand ththis branch’s usable space on a seasonal basis.

## Level 1 (Ground Floor)



## Level 2



### Quiet Privacy Pods



Framery Q Office Pods

Users have reported the need for more study space at this branch, and the small bookable rooms on the second floor are in high demand. Central Branch is currently undergoing a pilot project to test out small privacy pods for individuals or groups. If successful, they could be a welcome addition to Oak Ridges Branch.

### Communal Study Tables



Long shared study tables at the Central Library, Richmond Hill

Large, communal study tables will provide new types of study space. New tables could be located on the second floor or in conjunction with the new self-serve café space on the ground floor. Tables should have integrated lighting and plug-ins for laptops and other devices.

### Community Living Room



Lea Bridge Library refurbished entrance and café, London, UK (Studio Weave)

The current informal reading room and self-serve coffee station at the ground floor can be reconfigured into a single space with a variety of seating types. This new space will function as the community living room, with information on library programming and an informal space for community gatherings and library events, such as book readings, language meetups, or writing workshops.

### Outdoor Seating



Hayden Library, Cambridge, USA (Kennedy & Violic Architecture; John Horner)

In the warmer months, the community living room and café space can extend outdoors through the large sliding glass doors. Flexible seating spaces will allow visitors to read, meet, and study, and can be reconfigured to hold special events. An outdoor area will also allow for greater variety of kids programs, with a new place to play, make noise, and get messy.