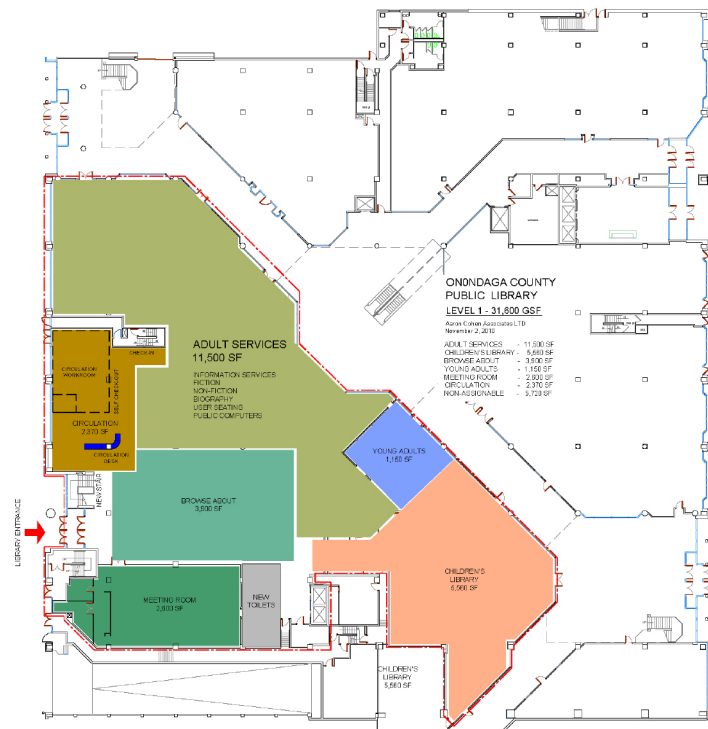


Projects by Aaron Cohen Associates, Library Consultants

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The Onondaga County Public Library (OCPL), consisting of the Central Library and the Library System Operations Center (the System), occupy 111,820 gross square feet (GSF) in the Galleries of Syracuse Mall. In 2010, Aaron Cohen Associates (ACA) was retained to develop a library space planning study to determine the most effective ways to improve library services at this location. The Galleries of Syracuse was analyzed to determine long- and short-term space planning options.



The eight specific recommendations for facility enhancements and additions outlined by ACA's planning study are as follows:

1. The OCPL should reside at The Galleries of Syracuse for the next 10-20 years. To support this endeavor the library should:
 - Provide more space on the Ground Level and improve access to the street.
 - Invest in new technology to reduce operational costs over the long-term.
2. The OCPL should adopt a comprehensive funding strategy to reorganize the Central Library and the System. This should be accomplished with financing in the near-term.
3. The OCPL should improve access to library services on the 1st Level. The plan should create a new entrance on Salina Street.
4. In the next 1-3 years, the OCPL should undertake a remodel of the Central Library. The reorganization should consolidate, improve and enhance the children's library, adult reading area, program/meeting space, materials handling and system operations.
5. The System's Headquarters offices should remain on the 5th Level to reduce renovation/reorganization costs.
6. The OCPL should improve space on the 2nd Level to provide Local History/Genealogy services, meeting rooms/collaborative space and literacy/STAR offices.
7. The OCPL should retain library collection space/repository on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Levels.
8. The OCPL should perform an operational analysis that results in the integration of RFID technology and the acquisition of an automated sorting system. The technology would enable patrons to check in and check out books without staff intervention.