

## Appleton Public Library Renderings



Exterior - Day



Exterior - Evening



**Community Meeting Room** – As the largest gathering space in the library, this large multi-purpose room will accommodate a variety of community and library activities with a total capacity of over 300 people. Two operable walls are incorporated into the design, allowing the room to be separated into three smaller rooms.



**Learning Stairs** – Designed to function as an event, hangout and learning space, the learning stairs also serve as an inspirational transition to the Children’s Services Department fostering wonder and curiosity.



**The Flexbox** – The Flexbox will invite participation and inspire community members of all ages to explore new ideas, approaches, and opportunities to learn together. A mix of traditional demonstration space combines with technology to become a space that can be shared in-person and online.



**The Commons** - The Commons is the central connector and community gathering space designed to facilitate interaction and discovery. This space features views of every level of the library and a flexible layout that can be transformed into a reception area.



**First Floor Gathering Space** – Located directly beneath a skylight, this featured seating area is surrounded by popular fiction genre collections and the information desk - providing an inviting place to sit, reflect, study or meet up with friends.



**Children's Area/Collection** - The Children's Services area invites exploration and play for children of all ages. Placed strategically under the main skylight, the soft play climbing hill will draw families deep into the space and allow them to spend extended time at the library.



**Children's Early Childhood Area** - This cozy area will feature a mix of collection and interactive activities that highlight early literacy skills and practices. Young children and their caregivers will find opportunities to connect with each other and those around them as they read and play together.



**Teen Area** – The teen area fosters a sense of belonging, inclusiveness and synergy, while offering teens the necessary space for schoolwork, reflection, or to simply read and relax. It features a mixed seating concept and adaptive technology, enhanced by its adjacency to the flexbox and creation studios.



**Upper Commons** – As the gathering space at the top of the main staircase, the upper commons functions as a place to hold impromptu meetings and conversations, and an area to nurture spontaneous learning opportunities. It features natural light and views of all levels with sightlines of the second floor. There is space for feature collections inviting community members to stop, browse and discover.



**Coworking Space** - The coworking space offers technology and resources for virtual or in-person interviews, meetings or presentations, and independent and collaborative work. The space serves as a destination for information and opportunities around employment, job skill development, entrepreneurship and small business.