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Furnishing the premises of a public library: the example of the Riga Central Library <sup>23</sup> august 2023









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## Riga Central Library (RCL) and branch libraries are located in buildings that are <u>not</u> designed as public libraries:

- premises of fashion show,
- schools,
- wooden private houses,
- administrative buildings, that were built during soviet times, etc.

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# In order to develop RCL and branch libraries it is important:

- 1. To be critical and to notice the problems of public library building and functional layout!
- 2. To follow changes in society and to be ready to improve the public library functional layout to meet the needs of public library!
- 3. To be attentive and never lose the identity of the public library!

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# To be critical and to notice the problems in public library buildings and functional layout!

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**Problem:** The recognizability of public library building in the urban environment.

**Solution:** Using signs on the building facades!







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Solution: Using RCB logo on the library windows to attract attention.

We are making library windows attractive!







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**Problem:** Poor environment accessibility of the public library.

**Solution:** Building panduses, wider doors, wc for disabled people and baby rooms for young parents, etc.







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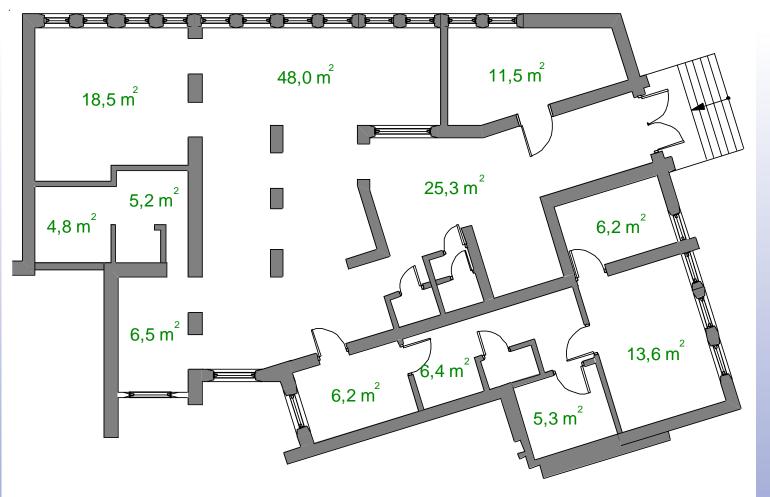
**Problem:** Inadequate room layout – for example, many small size rooms, narrow rooms, rooms with small windows, etc.

**Solution:** Be creative when planning a library functional layout! There is always a good solution for small spaces!

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Plan of RCL branch library «Rēzna»





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**Problem:** Depreciated interior finish – flooring, wall and ceiling decoration.





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# To follow changes in society and to be ready to improve the public library functional layout to meet the needs of public library!

- 1. To be able to change the functional layout depending on needs of library users.
- 2. Provide premises for life long learning, lectures, public discussions, meeting with friends, if necessary.

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across the divide through education and culture 4. Be ready to change the functional layout, in case of total Iockdown, as it was during Covid19, etc.





# To be attentive and never lose the identity of the public library!

- 1. There are temptations to integrate different entertaining functions, such as climbing walls, kitchens for cooking, sauna, etc. in the layout of public library, but it brings a huge pressure on the main identity of a public library.
- 2. The identity of public library is reading, life-long learning, communication with friends, spending free time in a cultural space, education, finding new hobbies, senseful way of spending time EU4Dialogue spare time.

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Raising the level of knowledge of society, library employees and local government, understanding and positive attitude towards the importance of public libraries in the growth of society and individual.





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# Significant impact on improvement of architecture and functional planning of public libraries during the last 20 years!:

- 1. The improvement of building construction legislation in Latvia.
- 2. Societies, library employees and local governments knowledge and understanding of importance of about public libraries has raised.
- 3. Society and local government has positive attitude towards the significance of public libraries in education of society and individual.

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# **How do RCL practice** replanning and refurnishing **public libraries** according to contemporary requirements? Some examples of RCL experience!

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## **Previous public library functional zoning**

#### **Premises for library users:**

- Small amount of collection in free access;
- Reading room;
- Silent reading room.

Librarian meets the reader at the counter.

Collection

#### Library back office:

- Librarian offices;
- Closed collection.

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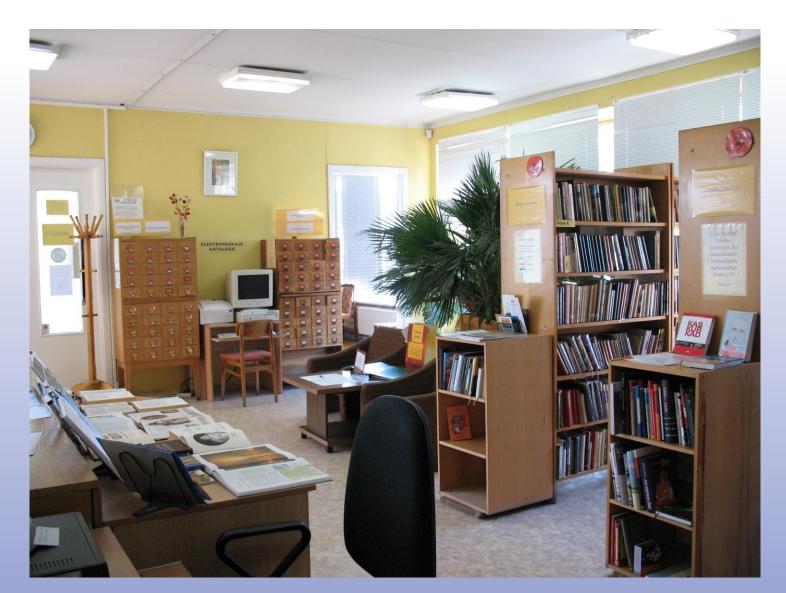
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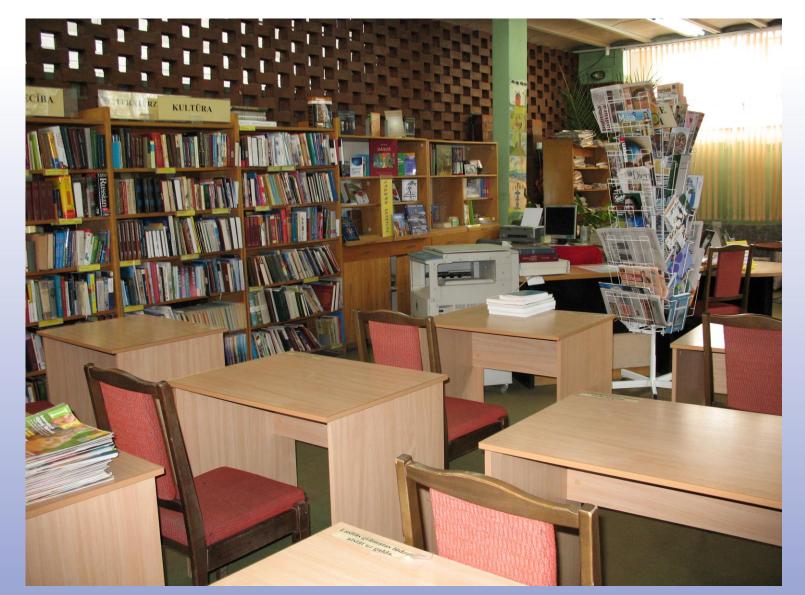
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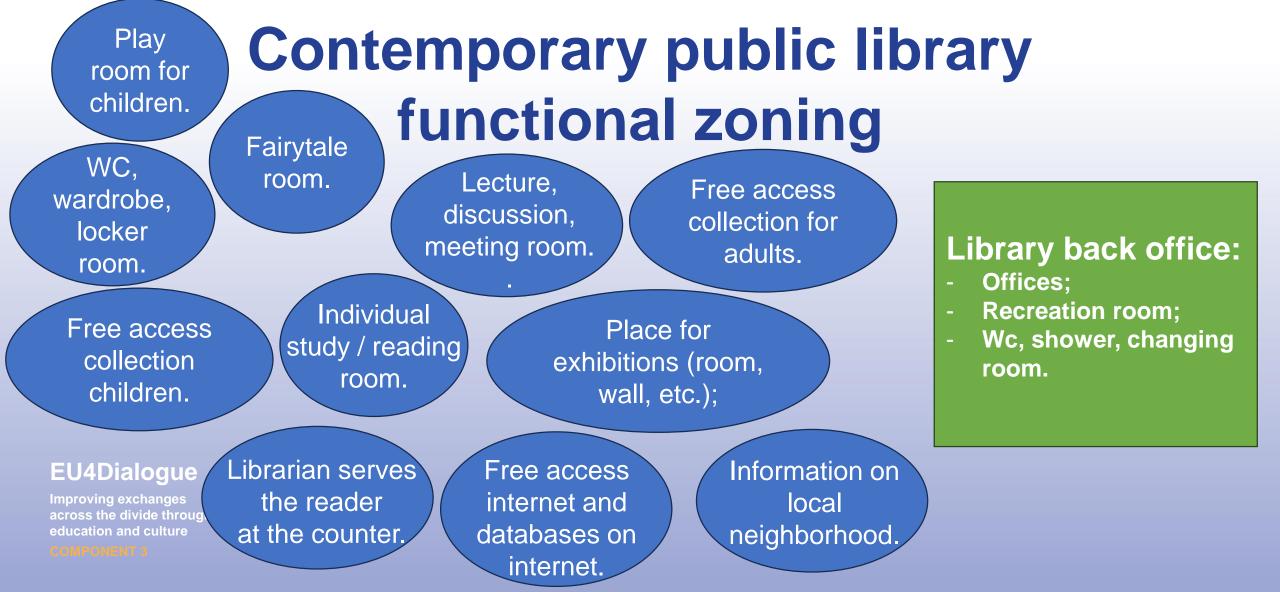
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RCL branch library «Vidzeme», 2005.

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RCL Šampētera branch library, 1st floor, 2011. Area: 176 m<sup>2</sup>

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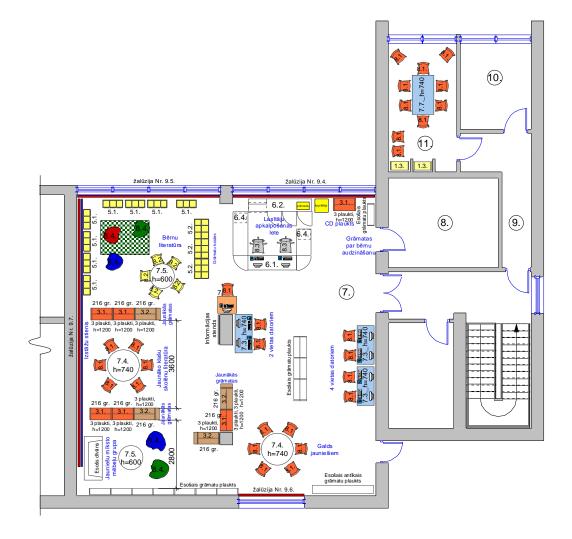
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RCL Šampētera branch library, 2nd floor, 2011. Area: 155 m<sup>2</sup>



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RCL branch library «Avots», 2013. Area: 430 m<sup>2</sup>

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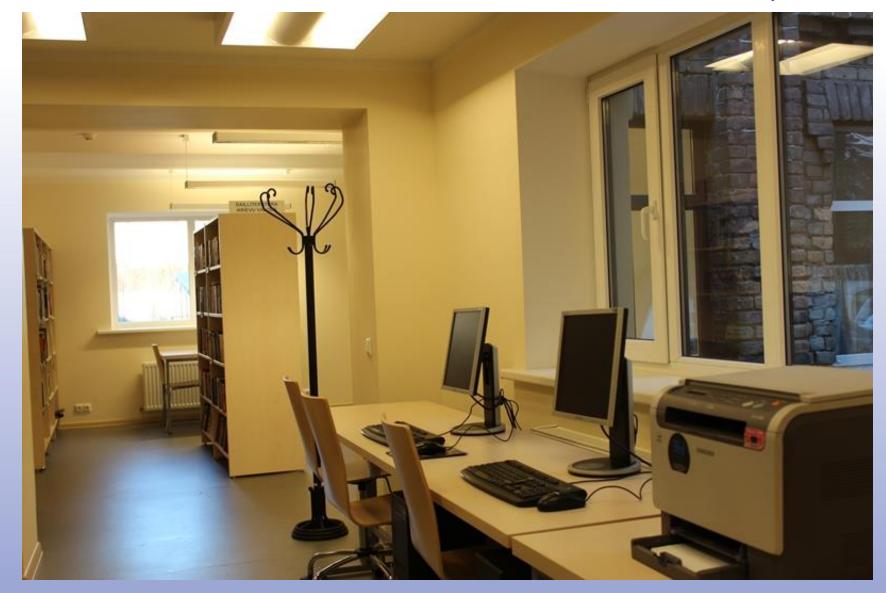
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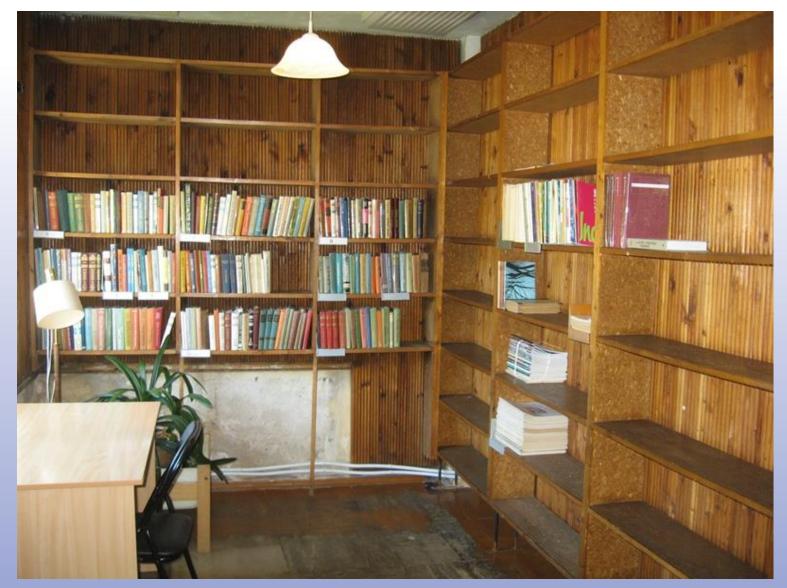
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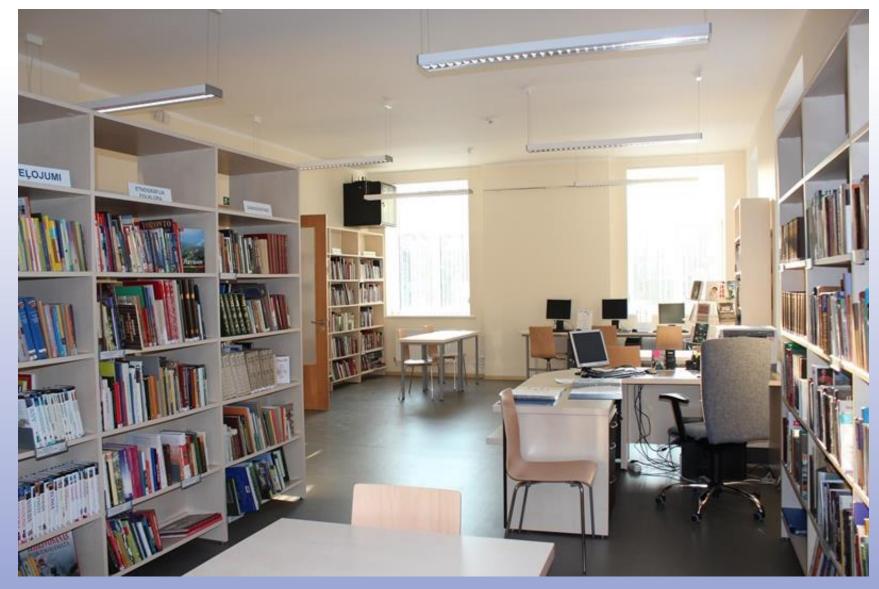
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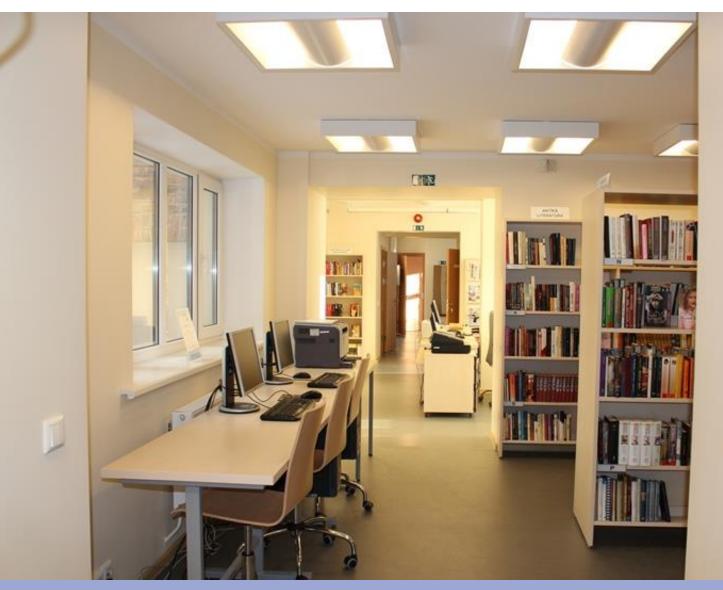
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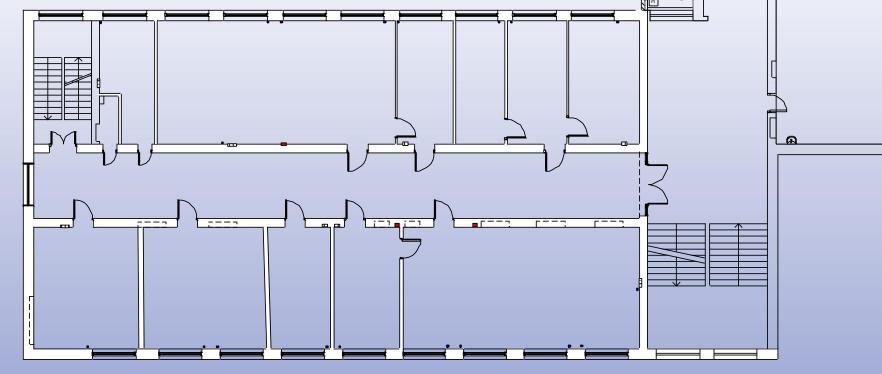
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# Replanning two school floors for RCL branch library «Daugava», 2016.



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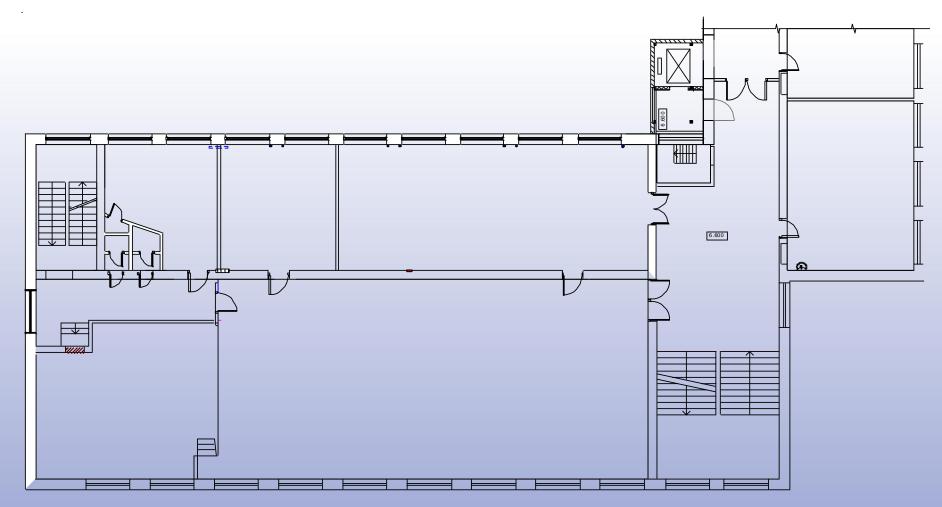
Second floor layout before renovation



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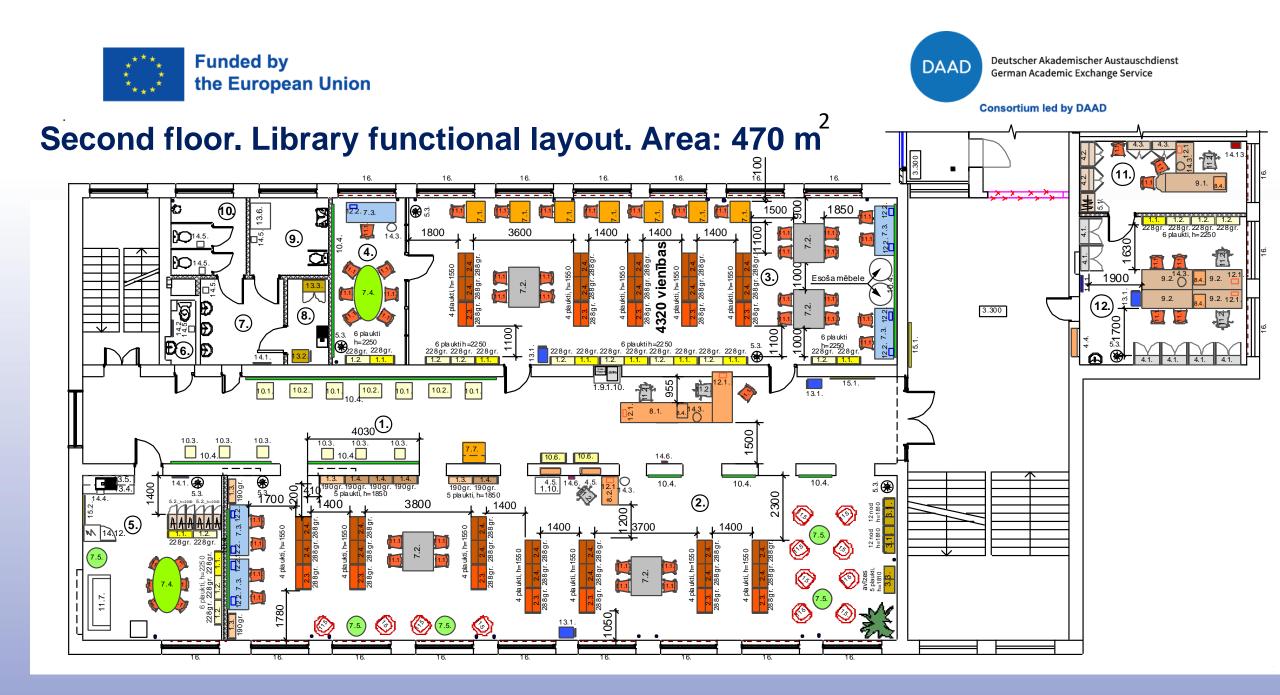
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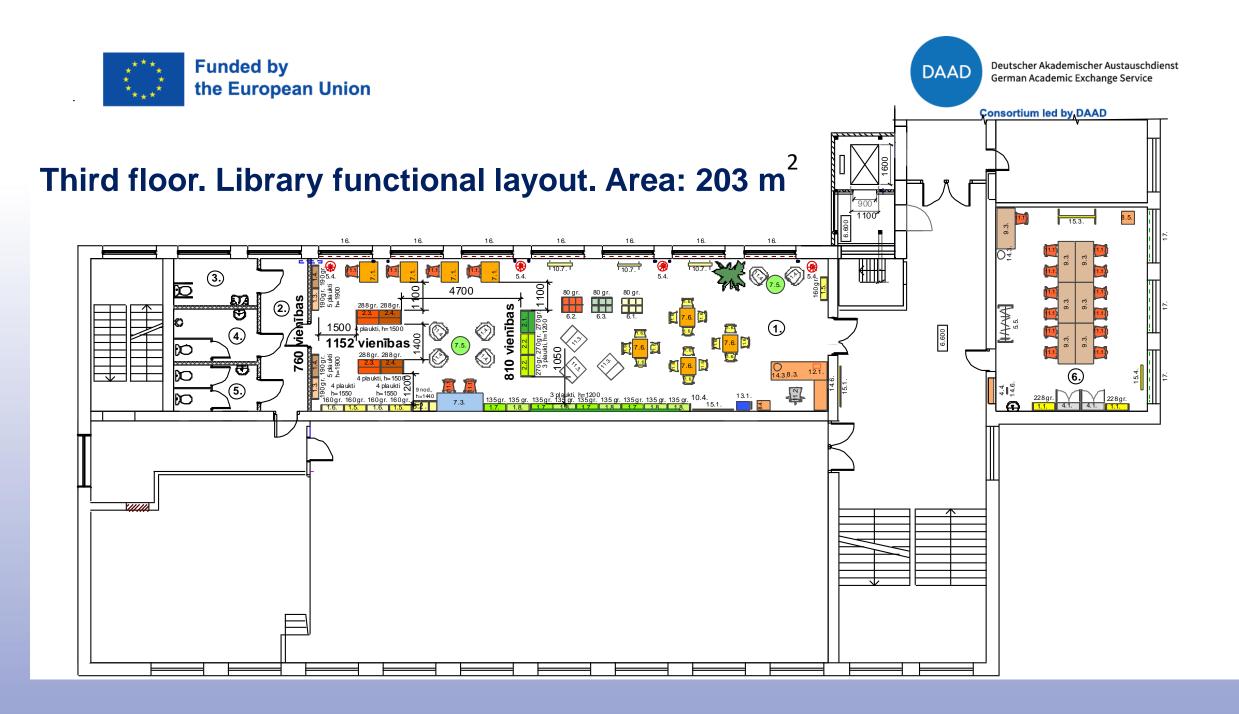


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Third floor layout before renovation









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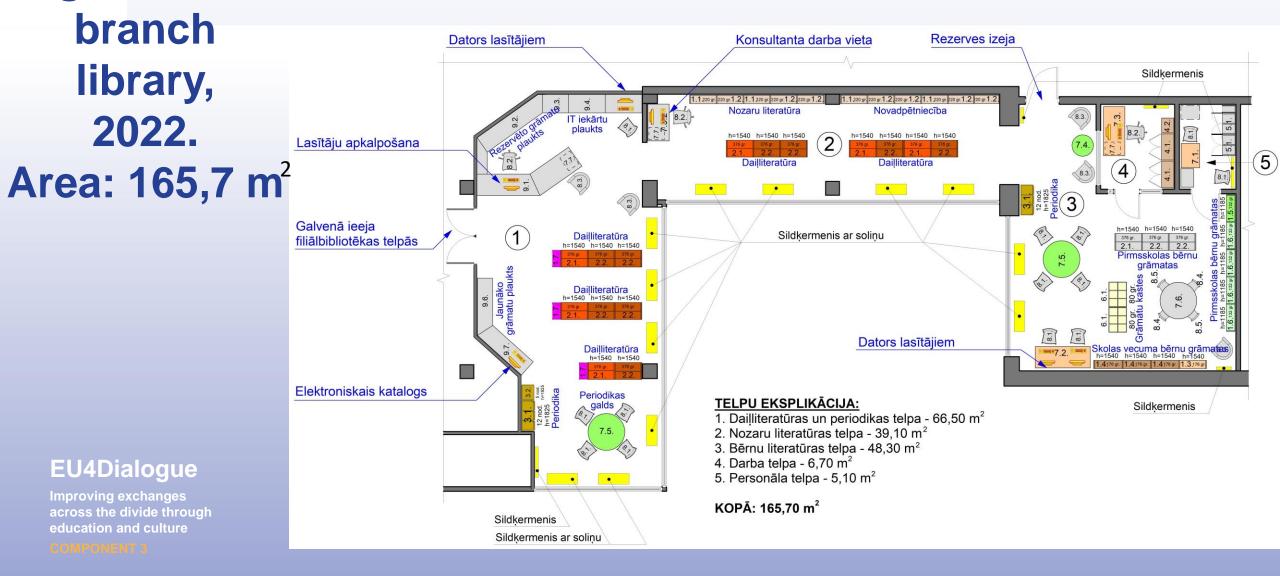
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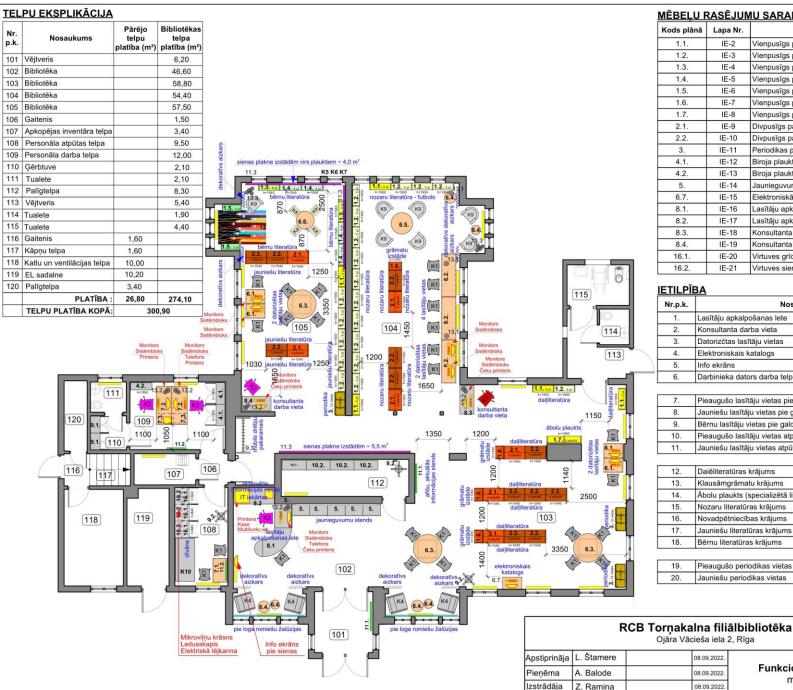
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RCL Toņakalns branch library, 2023. Area: 274 m<sup>2</sup>

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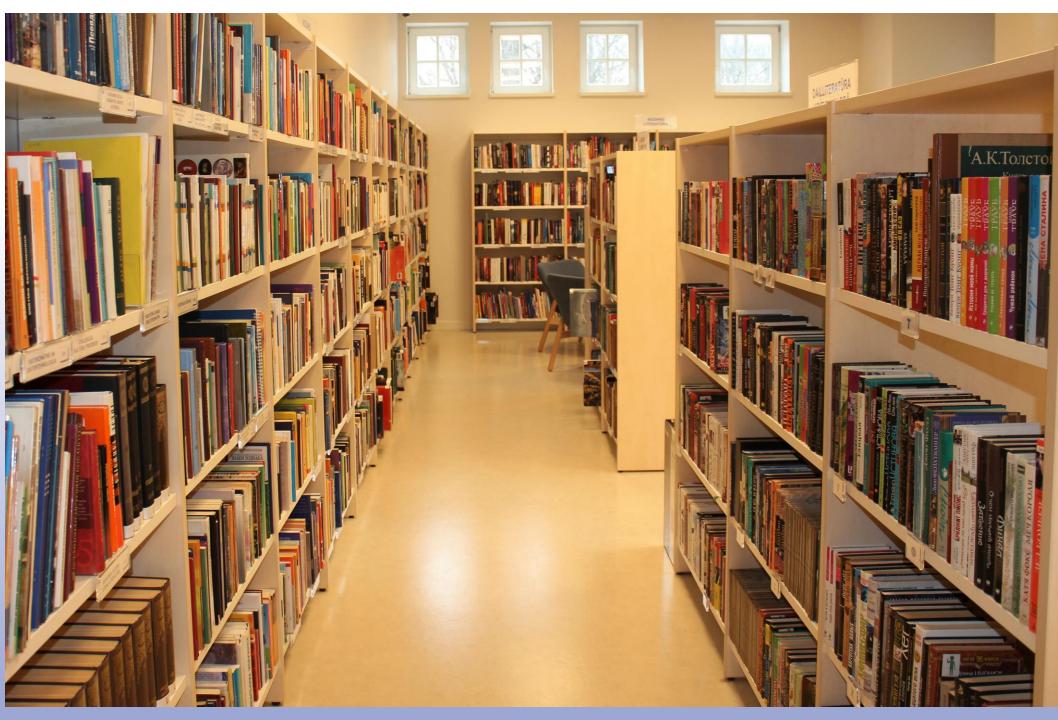
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# In conclusion:

- 1. RCB has done considerable work to renovate, improve and reorganize branch libraries to meet the requirements of contemporary public libraries.
- 2. We still have a lot of work to do to improve our libraries.
- 3. We continue to monitor library usage habits of library users / readers. We have concluded, that the functional planning of every public library must be reviewed at least every 5 years in order to adapt the functional zoning, furniture layout and functionality to the current library situation.

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