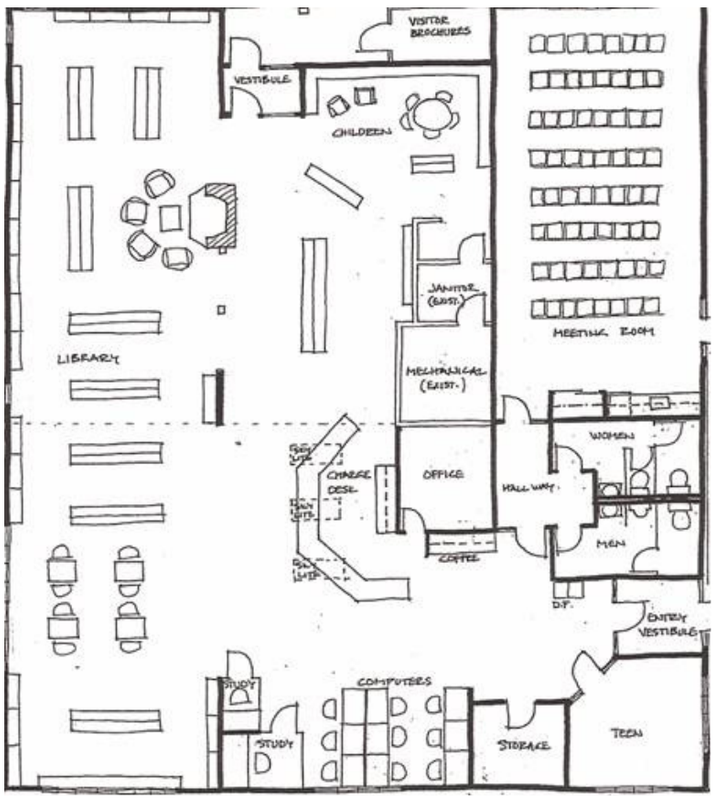
# Valier Public Library Addition

*"The library focuses residents on one place for information and civic activity. It attracts many who may be unaware of other civic services and creates a positive image in its services, as opposed to some other services which may be regulatory in their nature and may create, though unintentionally, a negative image."* -- Barbra L. Anderson, *Library Trends*

The Valier Public Library board believes that a community is held together by the people's ability to look to the future for development, sustainability, and most importantly the education and entertainment of citizens today and beyond.

The Valier Public Library envisions a future addition that accommodates the needs of all the citizens of our region. Here is what expanding our building offers to teens, children, and everyone in our community.

- The addition of a community meeting room will offer a larger area for gatherings of civic, cultural, recreational and educational opportunities at no cost to users. The meeting room will also be used to hold adult education classes, community information forums, and children's activities.
- The addition of a distance learning center that allows students to maintain families and careers while attending college. One person's comment in support of the distance learning center:
    - *While living in rural Montana has its many advantages, it does not offer the advantage of being physically close to a higher education center. For the last 5 years I have been an on-line college student; first working towards a bachelor's degree, and now working towards a master's degree. Fulfilling my dream of obtaining a master's degree would not have been possible without the classes being entirely on-line. This approach to education requires the ability to access many features found only at the local public library.*
- The addition of a semi private place for teens to call their own. We would like to encourage positive growth and interaction on a journey to lifelong learning. Teens would be able to socialize, do homework, or prep for college tests. By offering gaming, computers, television, and snacks we give our young adults a safe place to be with friends.

## We would love to hear from you!!