

A RENOVATION FOR **INNOVATION**



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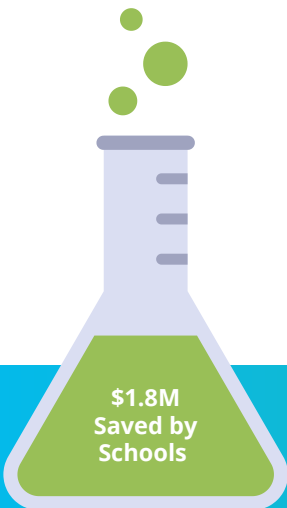
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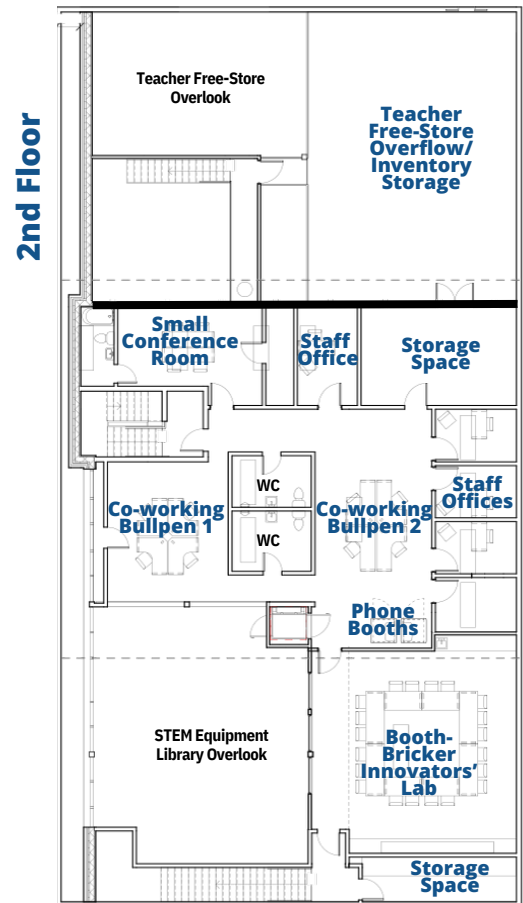
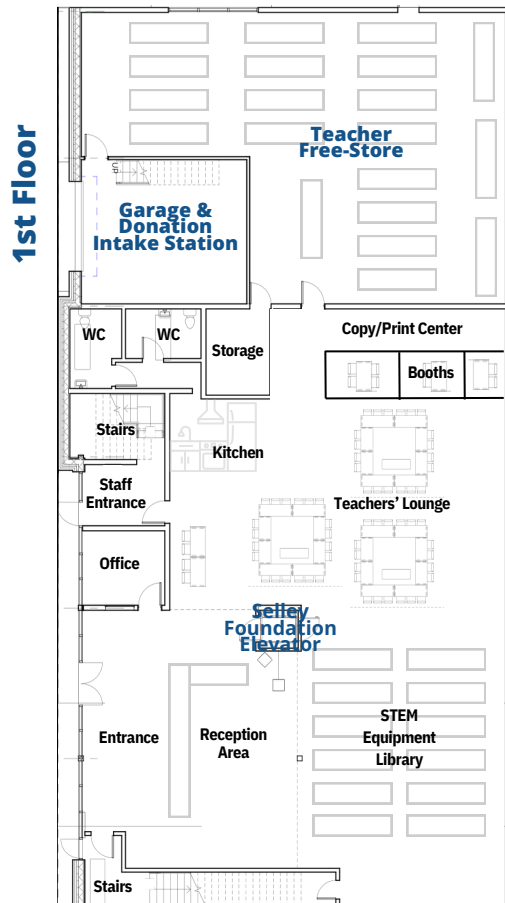
Eight years ago, I left the classroom to launch a nonprofit dedicated to supporting New Orleans educators. Today, we serve over 1,200 teachers annually through programs like the Equipment Lending Co-op, Teacher Free-Store, and Service Learning Program, all helping provide hands-on education to local students in under-resourced schools.

In 2021, we arrived in our forever home - the STEM Ecosystem Hub - a 10,000 sq. ft. facility where we run programs and collaborate with over 200 regional nonprofits. But, our building urgently needs upgrades to meet increasing demand. The Teacher Free-Store lacks climate control, making it uncomfortable for teachers and inefficient for supplies. And to truly support Greater New Orleans classrooms, we must expand workspaces to accommodate our growing team, and add publicly accessible training space for convening local nonprofits and educators.

To address these needs, we've launched a \$450,000 Capital Renovation Campaign, with the goal of completing fundraising by the end of 2025. Funds will create a modern Innovators' Lab for teacher training, improve the Teacher Free-Store, and upgrade our staff facilities including communal spaces such as the Teachers' Lounge, allowing us to double our impact and reach more educators.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to invest in your local teachers and students. Your support ensures that teachers and students have the resources they need. On the back page of this booklet, you will find more information about how to support our *Renovation for Innovation*, and create sustainable change for our highest need students and schools.

Todd Wackerman | Executive Director/Co-Founder
STEM Library Lab



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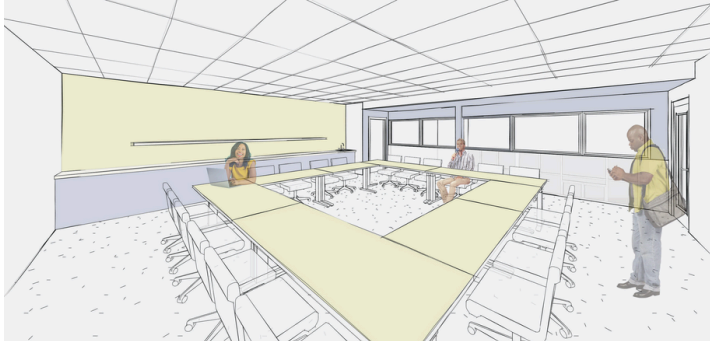
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STEM LIBRARY LAB RENOVATION FOR INNOVATION

STEM Library Lab is actively advancing a transformative three-phase renovation of our STEM Ecosystem Hub, prioritizing the creation of state-of-the-art spaces that inspire innovation and empower educators.

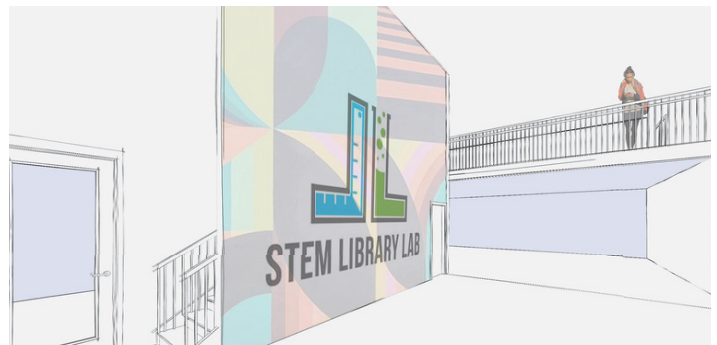


INNOVATORS' LAB

Upstairs, the current office spaces will be restructured to create the **Innovators' Lab**, a flexible space open to nonprofits to use for workshops, training sessions, retreats, and more. This will ensure that downstairs, the Teachers' Lounge remains a dynamic convening and coworking space for educators to collaborate and network.

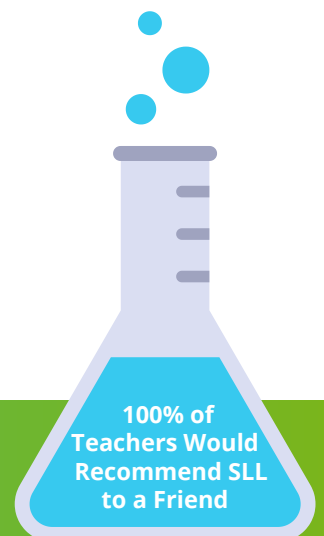
TEACHER FREE-STORE

A major overhaul to the **Teacher Free-Store**, our most utilized program, will create a dedicated **donation intake station** to process more than 20,000 lbs of donations annually program, as well as allow natural light and climate control systems to create a comfortable environment for teachers to engage.

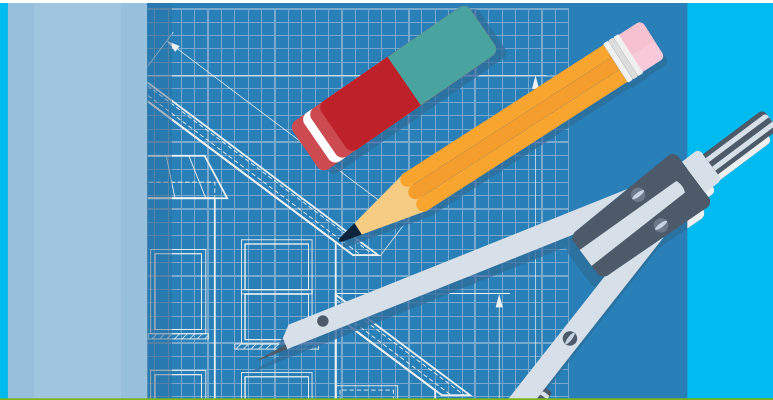


WORKSPACE - FLOOR 2

Two **open co-working bullpens** offer flexibility as well as a collaborative and communal work environment. **Four new offices** and a **small conference room** will accompany new **storage spaces** to accommodate the Library's growing collections. These modernizations will ensure our growing team is able to meet the needs of teachers and schools across Greater New Orleans.



JOIN THE RENOVATION FOR INNOVATION



THIS \$450K CAMPAIGN NEEDS YOUR HELP. CALL OR EMAIL TODAY TO SCHEDULE AN IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL TOUR.

The STEM Ecosystem Hub is more than just a building. With many ways to get involved, joining our *Renovation for Innovation* Campaign means investing in the future of community driven education and collaborative innovation.

Connect with Todd and become a catalyst for change today!

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