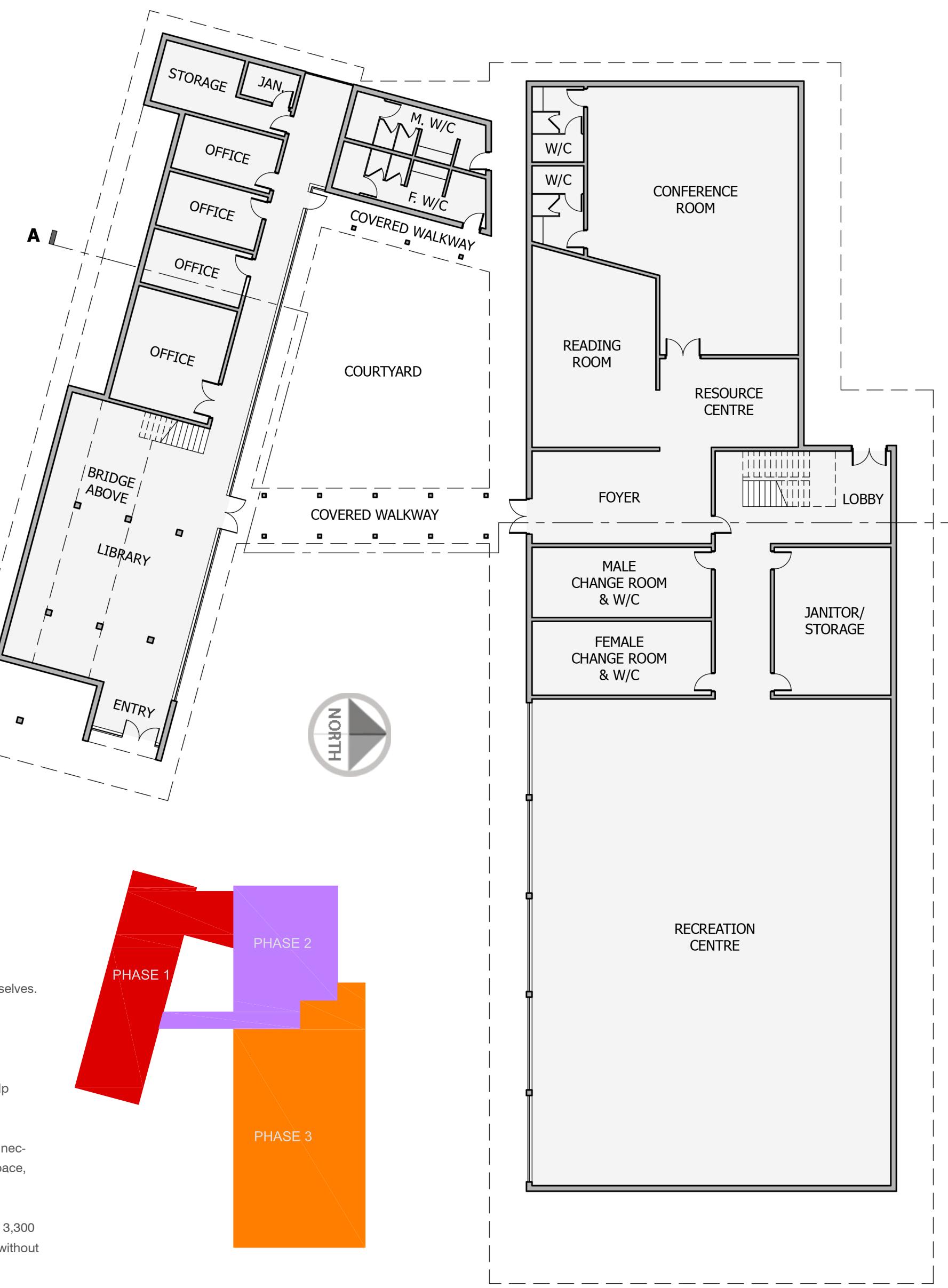
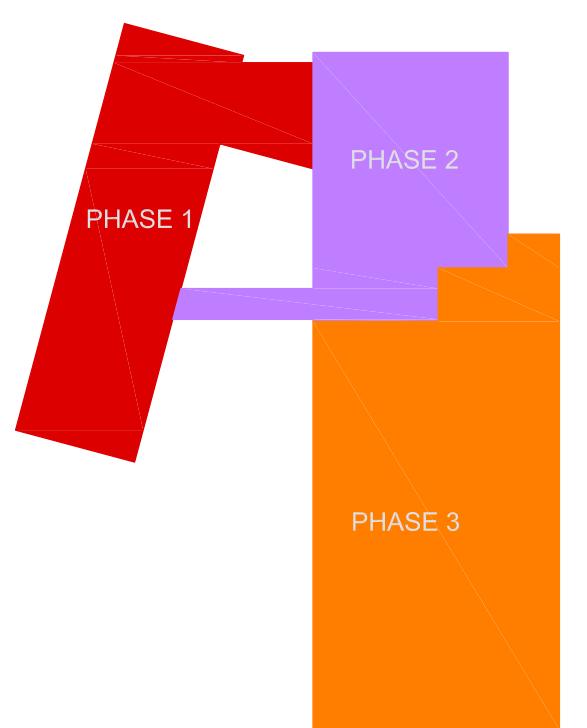




Site Plan



Phasing Strategy



PROJECT PURPOSE

Samuel Morris Memorial Library and Community Centre Project is designed as a prototype space that will promote a social and literary environment for the disadvantaged young people of Liberia. The purpose for The Samuel Morris Memorial Library and Community Centre Project is:

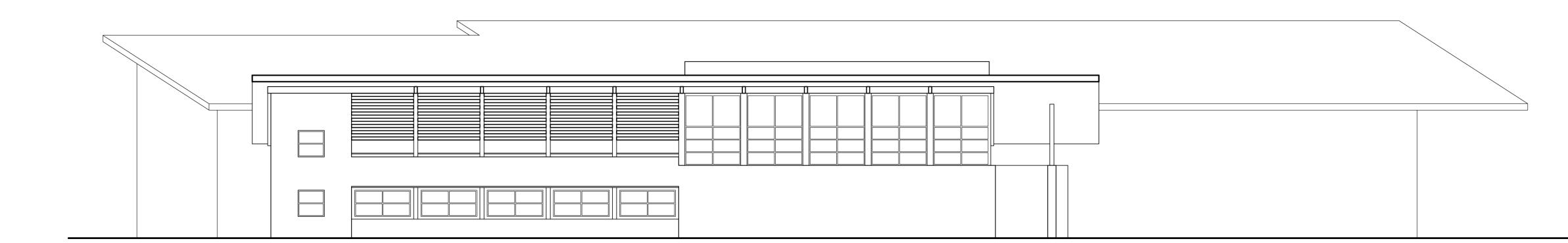
- To gradually establish smaller centres in strategic locations across Liberia where rural schools and underprivileged youth can find safe space and resources to express themselves.
- To promote the importance of literacy in every form in the development of the analytical and personal skills.
- To stimulate the habit of reading and restoration of a future for thousands of frustrated Liberian youth.
- To build a relationship between the youth population and literacy which has been denied from them for too long.

Projected to be built in three phases, the Library and Community centre is designed as a series of built spaces, arranged around a variety of common gathering areas that will help promote positive social interaction and will inspire youth to be involved in such literary pursuits as poetry recitals, story readings, and upholding their strong oral tradition.

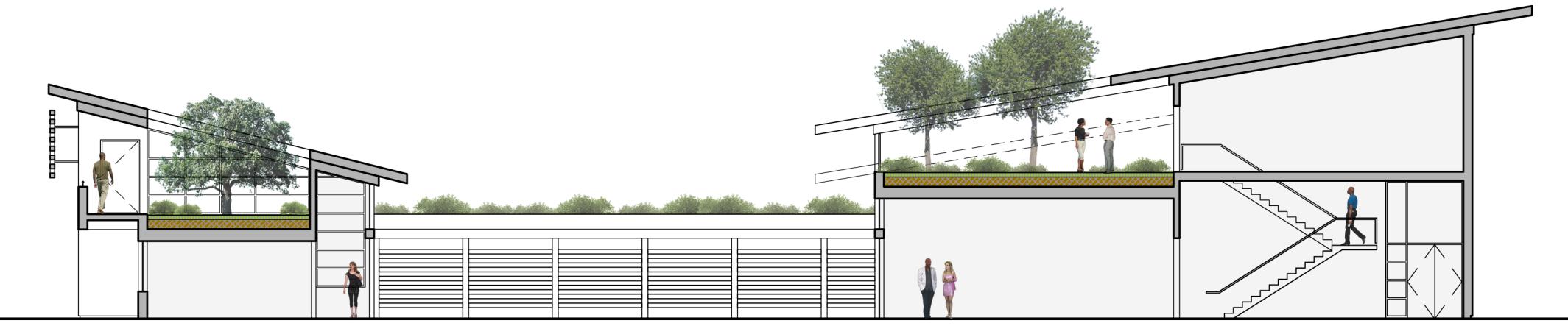
Phase 1 - The Library space will house the book collection and will have layering of spaces with a bridge at the mezzanine level for quiet reading. The bridge will also provide connection to the upper level outdoor green space. The meeting area, offices and service spaces are placed next to the library. Introverted and arranged around an intimate courtyard space, the approximate area for this phase will be 3,600 sqft.

Phase 2 - The Reading Room and the Conference Centre will close the courtyard on the South edge with a covered walkway flanking the East edge, an addition of approximately 3,300 sqft. The indoor outdoor spaces such as a covered walkway with open wood slats between columns are designed to promote the much needed air circulation in tropical climate without disturbing the intimacy of the space.

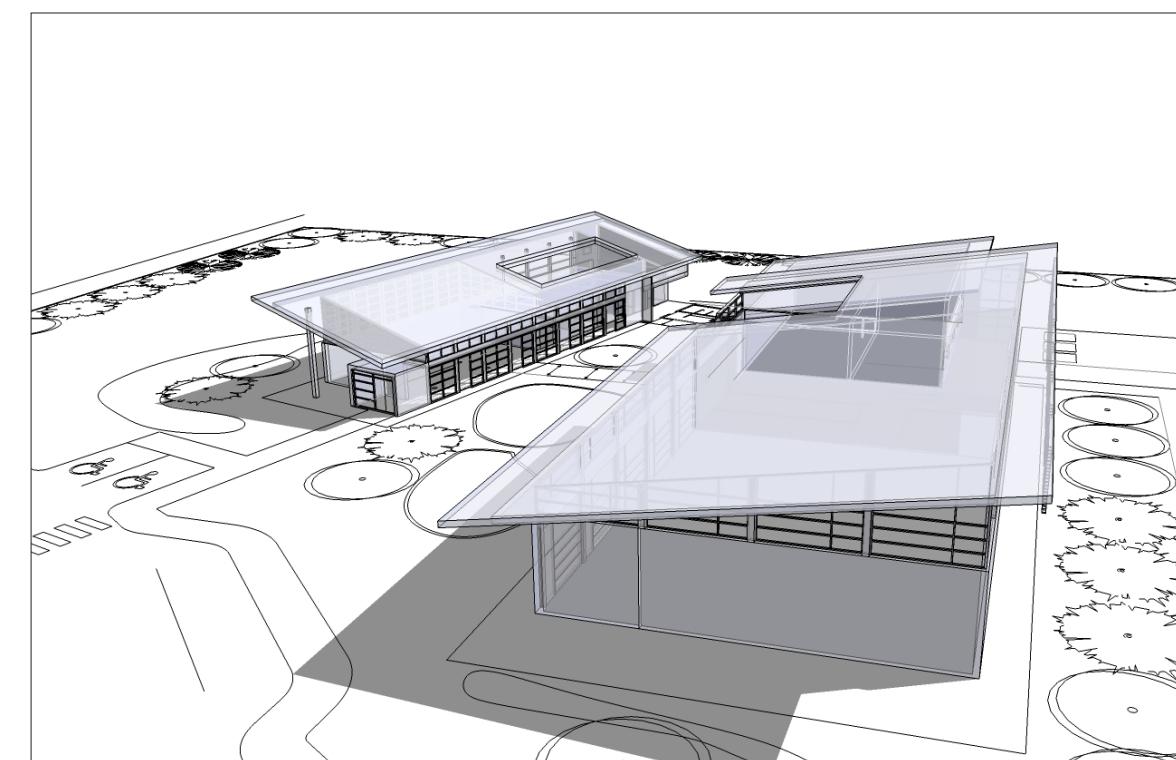
Phase 3 - The Recreation Centre will complete the community centre development with an addition of 8,700 sqft of space. This space is designed to facilitate more public outdoor gatherings through openings on the South façade accessing the front outdoor space.



South Elevation



Section AA



3d Massing – West View



3d Massing – East View



East Elevation Rendering – Looking towards Library entrance and Recreation Centre



North Elevation Rendering – Recreation Centre