

NARI MINNESOTA – 2022 COTY AWARDS

PROJECT: Welcoming Library & Flex Space

CATEGORY: Residential Interior Under \$100,000

The goal for these homeowners was to turn an awkward and unused room into a warm, welcoming, and family-friendly flex space that could serve many purposes. They wanted an area to house their piano, collection of books, beloved LPs, and overflow dining for large gatherings with family and friends. The plan was to maximize the space to be a multi-functional Library/Music/Game room that is as functional as it is beautiful.



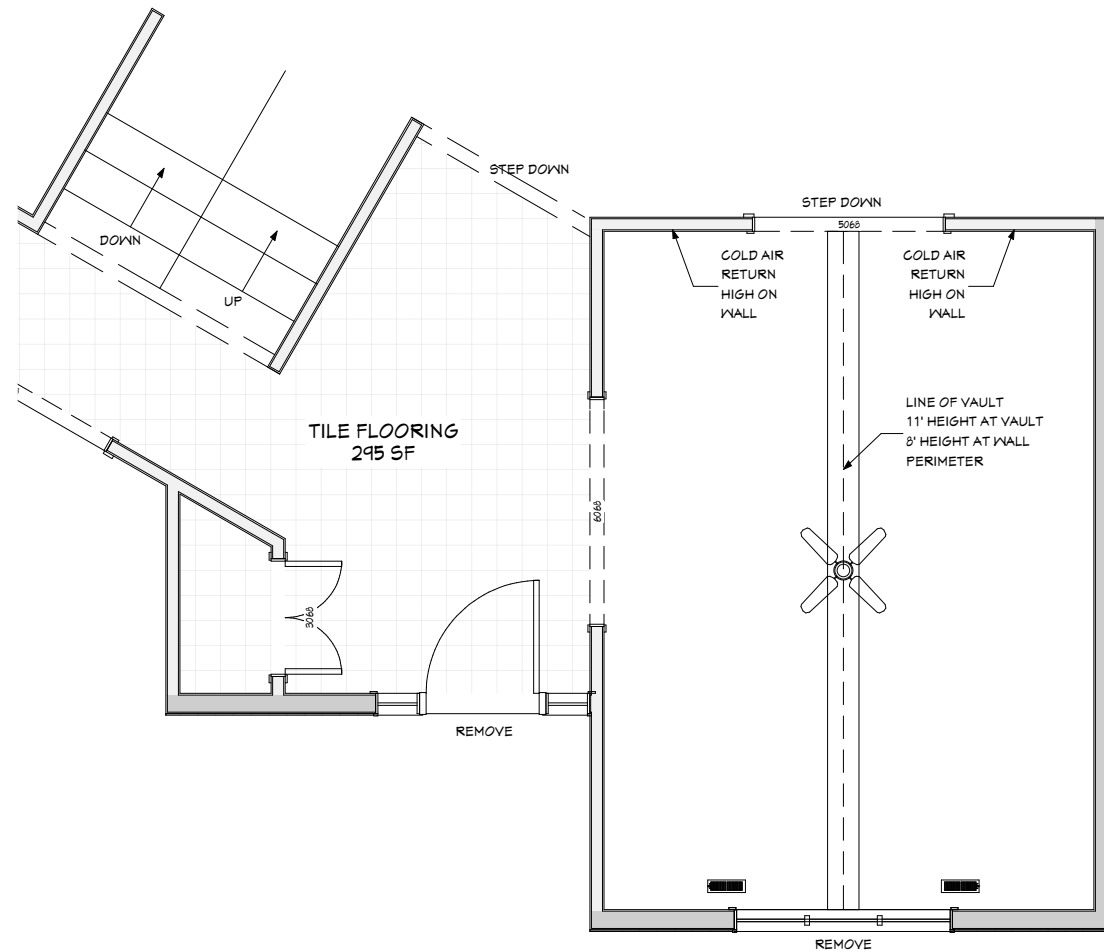
CLIENT REQUESTS:

- Take an awkward, unused room and create a warm and welcoming flex space to serve many purposes
- Piano/music room
- Library/reading room
- Space for games and projects
- LP storage
- Hidden printer
- Spillover dining space when
- Family friendly!

CHALLENGES:

- Create a room that serves many purposes and is family-geared yet still aesthetically pleasing as it is the first room off the front entry
- Create flow with the rest of the home but have it feel distinctly different and like a “getaway”

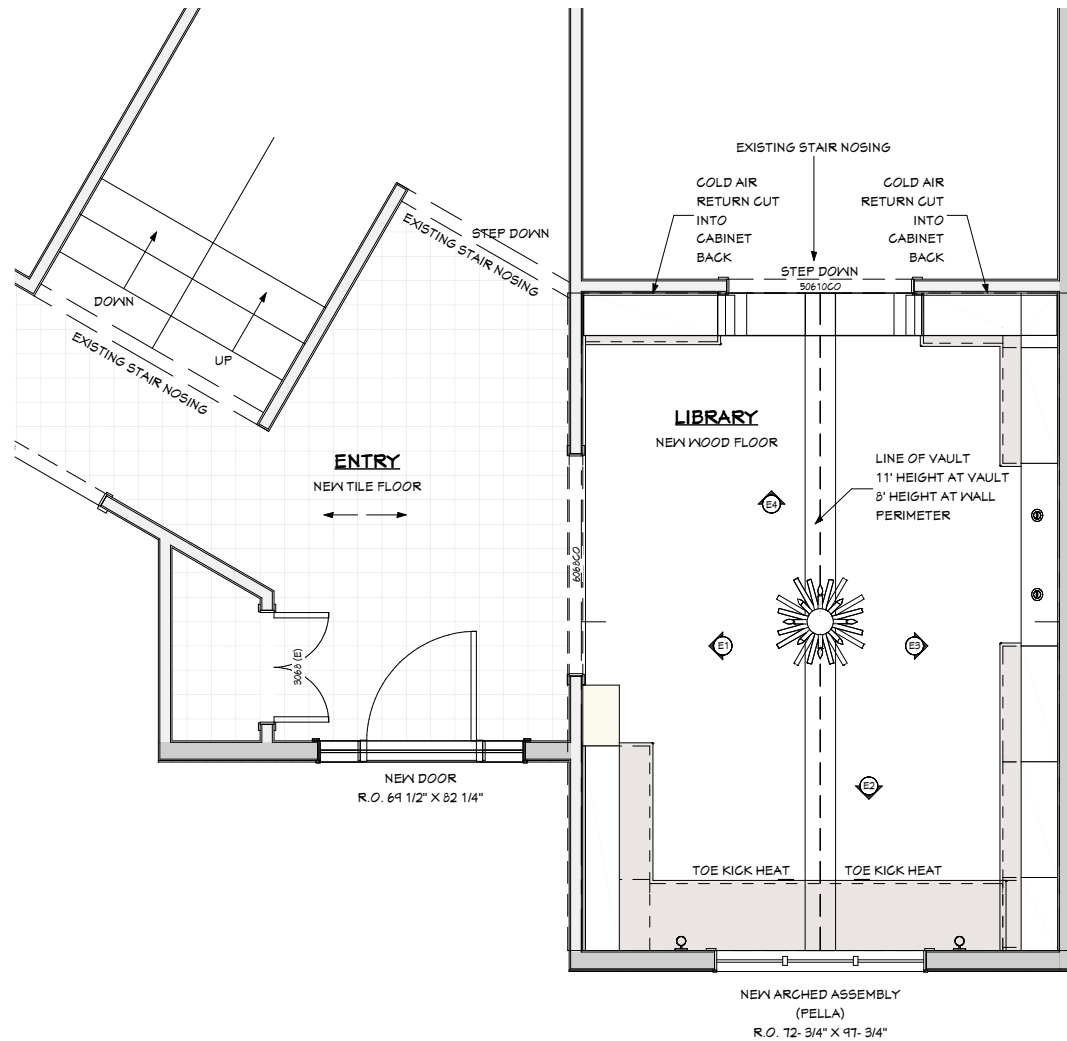
BEFORE FLOOR PLAN



BEFORE LIVING ROOM PLAN

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'- 0"

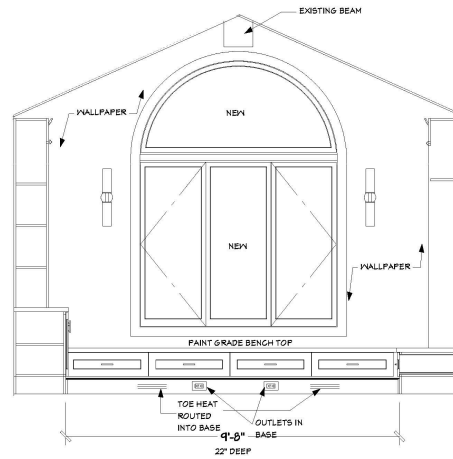
AFTER FLOOR PLAN



AFTER LIBRARY PLAN

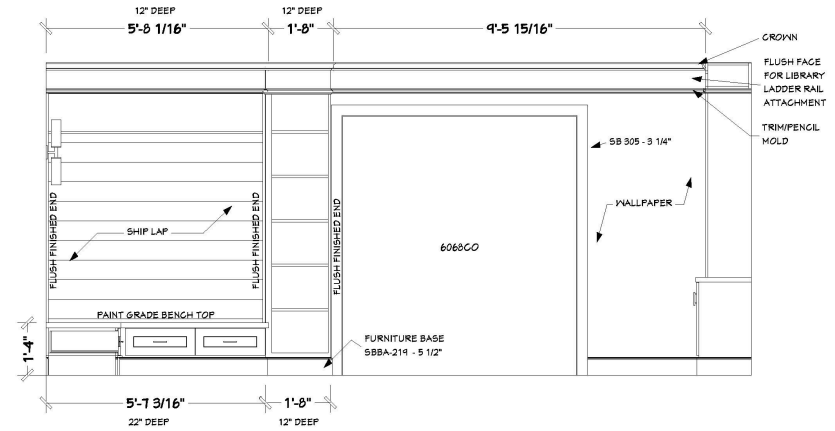
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ELEVATIONS



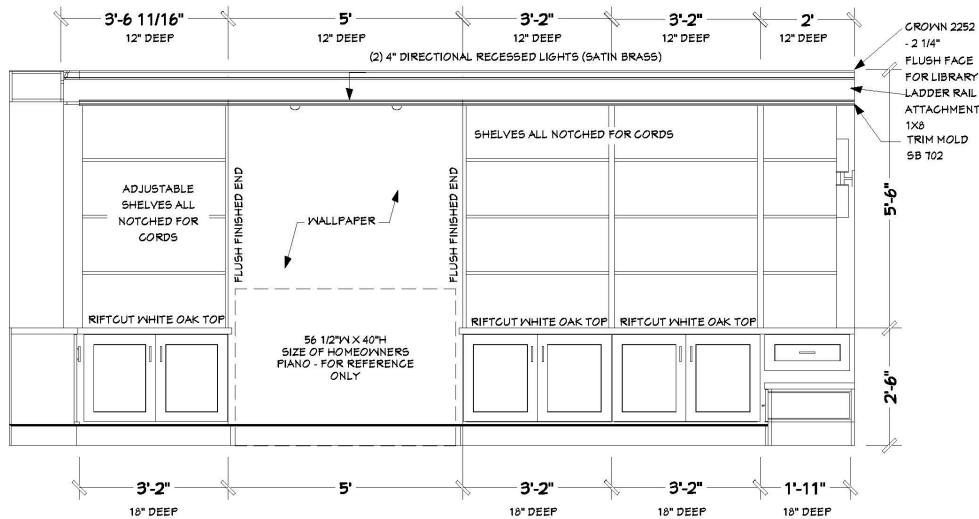
LIBRARY ELEVATION (E2)

SCALE: 1/2" = 1' - 0"



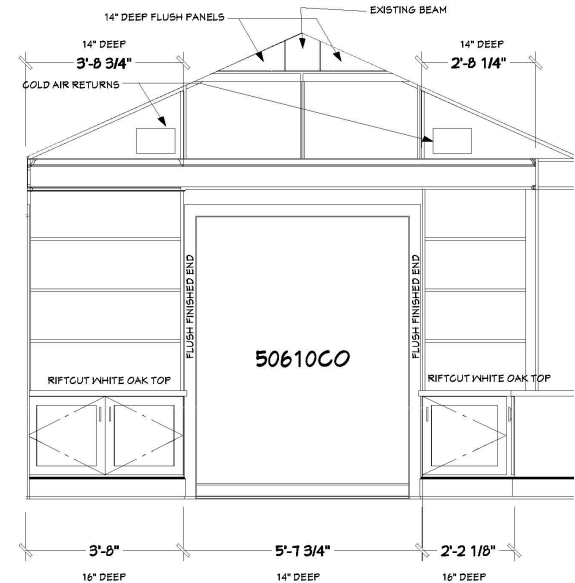
LIBRARY ELEVATION (E1)

SCALE: 1/2" = 1' - 0"



LIBRARY ELEVATION (E3)

SCALE: 1/2" = 1' - 0"



LIBRARY ELEVATION (E4)

SCALE: 1/2" = 1' - 0"



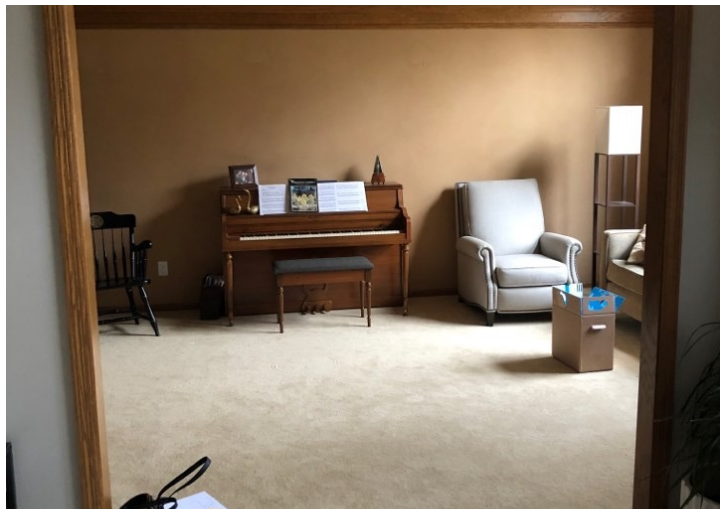
BEFORE AND AFTER

SOLUTION:

The window bench is the perfect seat height to comfortably pull up a table or foot stool when needed. The “L” shape of the bench provides a conversational arrangement around a dining table for enjoying a family game or meal.

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BEFORE AND AFTER

SOLUTION:

LED lighting at the cabinet crown, wall sconces, art lights, and chandelier all on dimmer switches to offer a customizable level of ambiance no matter the time of day. A Library ladder accentuates the vaulted ceiling.



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BEFORE AND AFTER

SOLUTION:

Mixed finishes with woods and metals to give it a comfortable, relaxed feel. Textural wall covering offsets the smooth email finish to add to the coziness.





BEFORE AND AFTER

SOLUTION:

Carrying the oak floor through as found in other areas of the home to offered consistency. We added a large window seat deep enough to lounge and equipped with USB ports/outlets for an iPad or laptop. One cabinet is deeper for LP storage and there are hidden outlets and rollouts for components (i.e. printer).





SUCCESS!

These homeowners now have a welcoming, warm, and multi-functional space for their whole family to enjoy for years to come!

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