Introduction

The Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives is the official museum and archives for the District of Columbia Public Education. It contains various exhibits documenting the history of the people, places, and movements that make up the District of Columbia Public School System. The Sumner School, erected in 1872, is one of the earliest public school buildings for African American Children in the nation's capital. The facility also contains a public research library. Self-guided tours of the facility and exhibits are encouraged.

General Facility Rules and Guidelines

- All guests must check in with the Security Officer on duty prior to entry and provide an official government-issued identification.
- Smoking is prohibited in the building or in front of the 17th Street entrance.
- Users are prohibited from taping, tacking or affixing signage to the walls or any other part of the building (interior or exterior) or its furnishings. Easels and chart stands are available for use, displays and/or signage but not chart paper, markers, and erasers.
- Users are prohibited from opening windows, moving furniture, adjusting curtains, window blinds, light fixtures or heating and air conditioning controls. Do not block heating or air conditioning unit grills, place food, beverages or other materials on them, nor sit on them.
- Umbrellas, backpacks and large bags are not permitted above the ground floor. An area on the ground floor is available for wet coats, umbrellas and any other items not permitted above the ground floor.
- In case of fire or other emergency, please exit the building through the nearest exit (exits are located on the first and ground floors).

Parking and Public Transportation

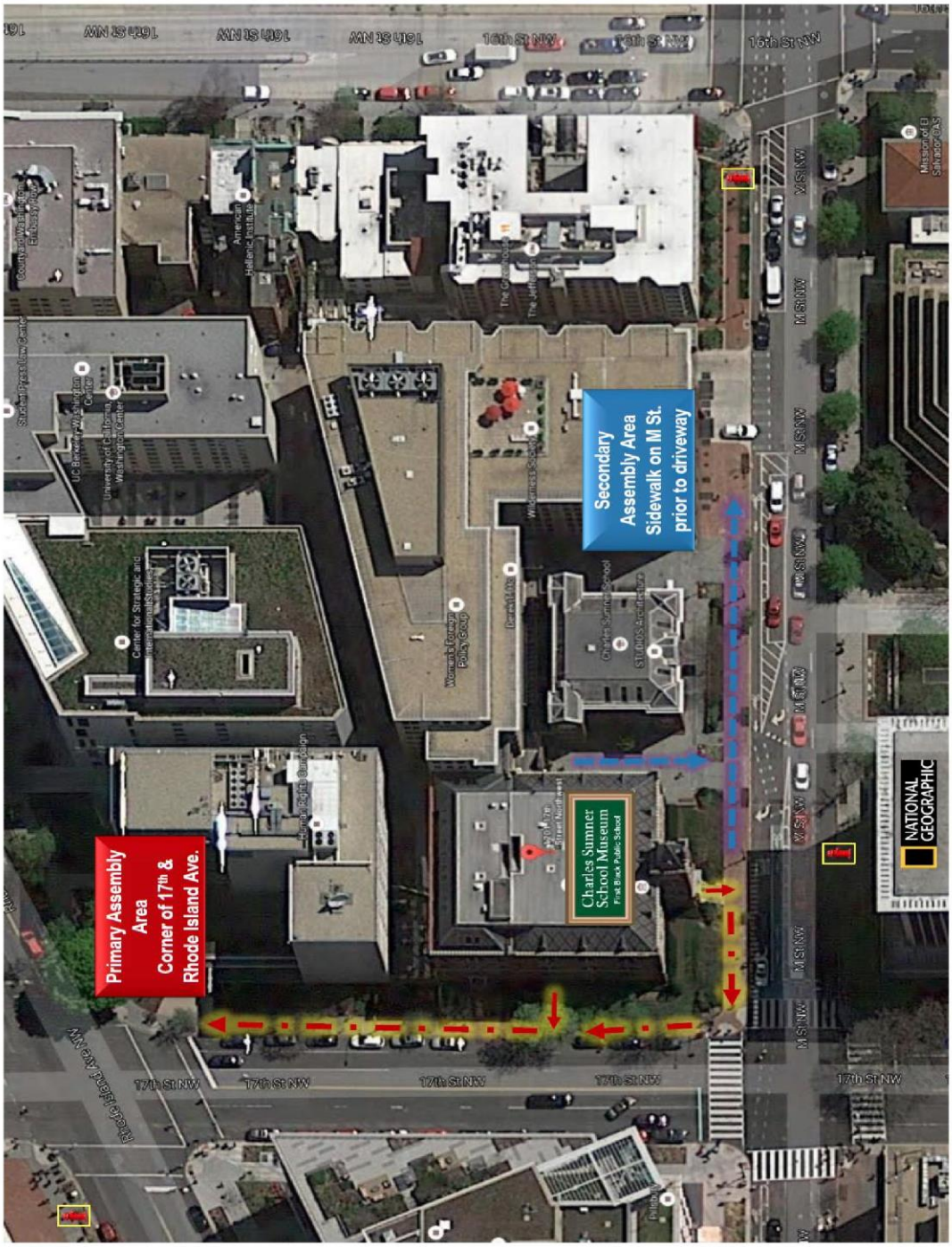
Sumner is located two blocks from the Farragut North Metro station on the Red Line. Exit the station at Connecticut Avenue and L Street; we are three short block from the station. Sumner is also located four blocks from the Farragut West Metro Station on the Blue, Orange, and Silver Lines. Exit the station at 17th Street.

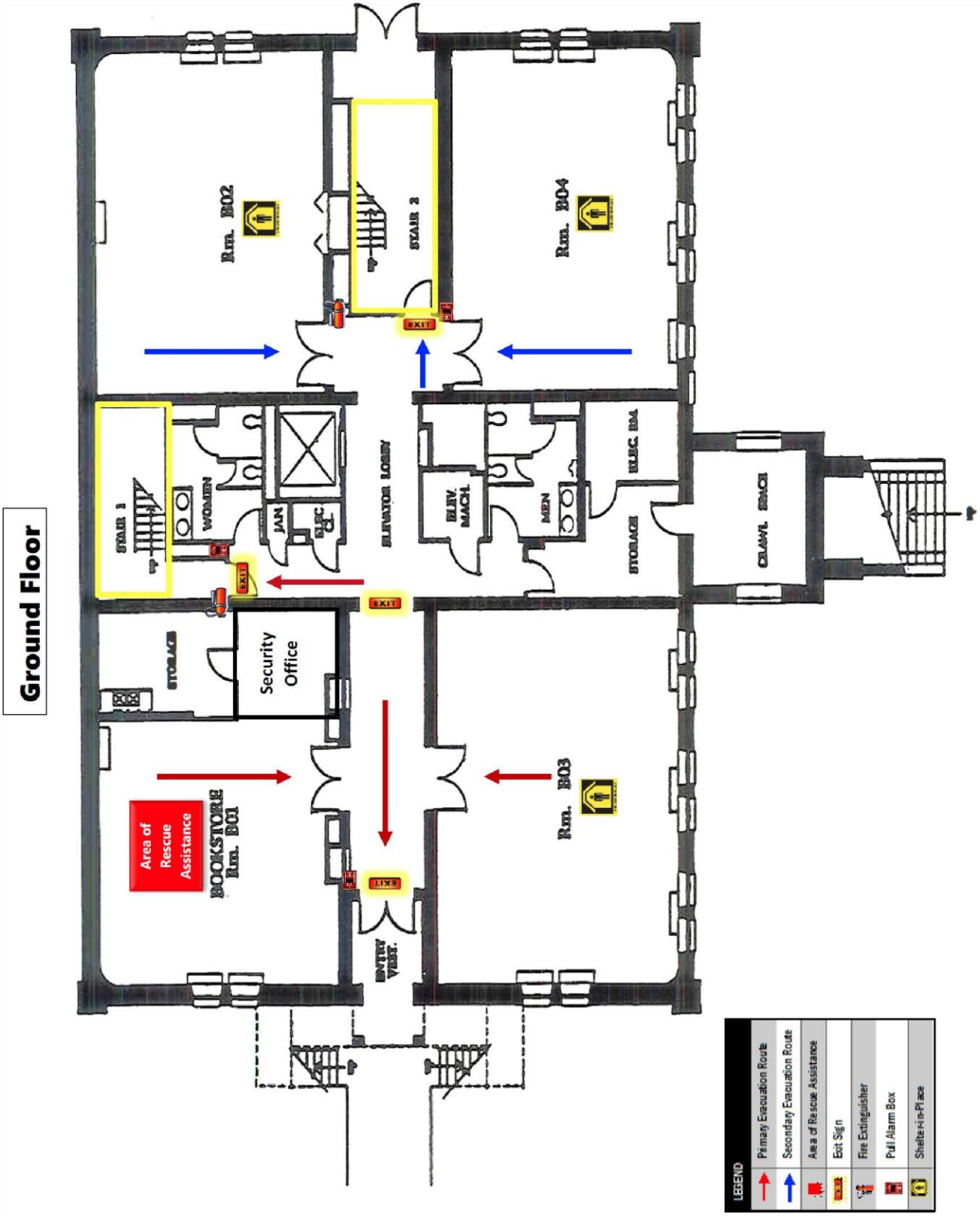
Metered street parking is available from 9:30am until 4:00 pm and after 6:30pm until 7:00 am. Street parking is subject to rules enforced by the District of Columbia Government. Several parking garages are located in close proximity to the Sumner School on 17th and M Streets and Rhode Island Avenue.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION ASSEMBLY AREA ROUTE MAP

All Charles Sumner School Museum & Archives staff and visitors are required to exit the building when the alarm sounds.

Using the stairs only, proceed to the primary assembly area indicated below (unless directed otherwise). Locate the assembly monitor and check-in. Remain in the assembly area until given the "all clear" to re-enter the building.

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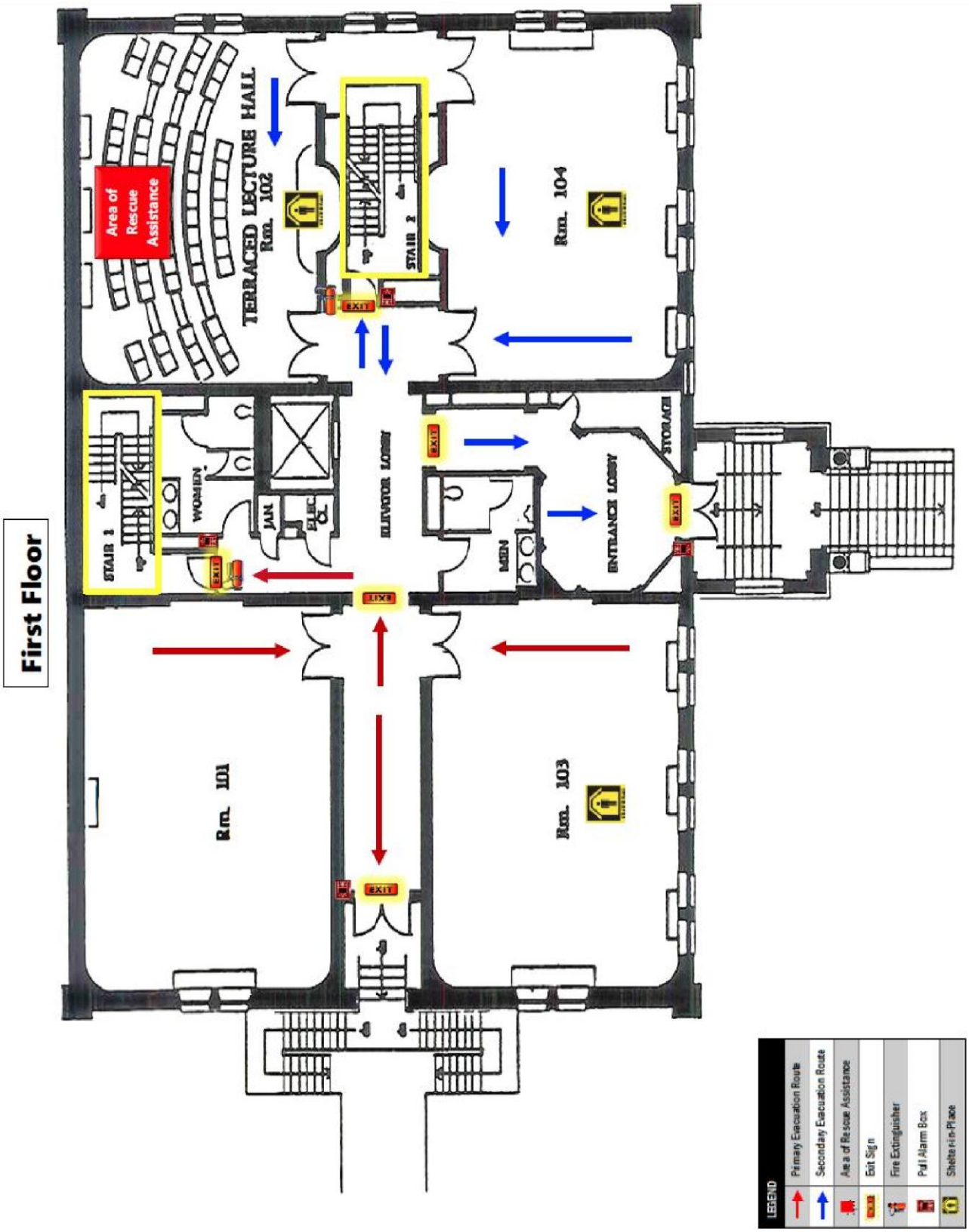
MEN
MUSC. RM.
STORAGE
CRAWL SPACE
EXIT
STORAGE
Security Office
Area of Rescue Assistance
BOOKSTORE Rm. B01
Rm. B03
ENTRY VEST.
LEGEND
Primary Evacuation Route
Secondary Evacuation Route
Area of Rescue Assistance
Exit Sign
Fire Extinguisher
Pull Alarm Box
Shelter-in-Place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MEN
ENTRANCE LOBBY
STORAGE
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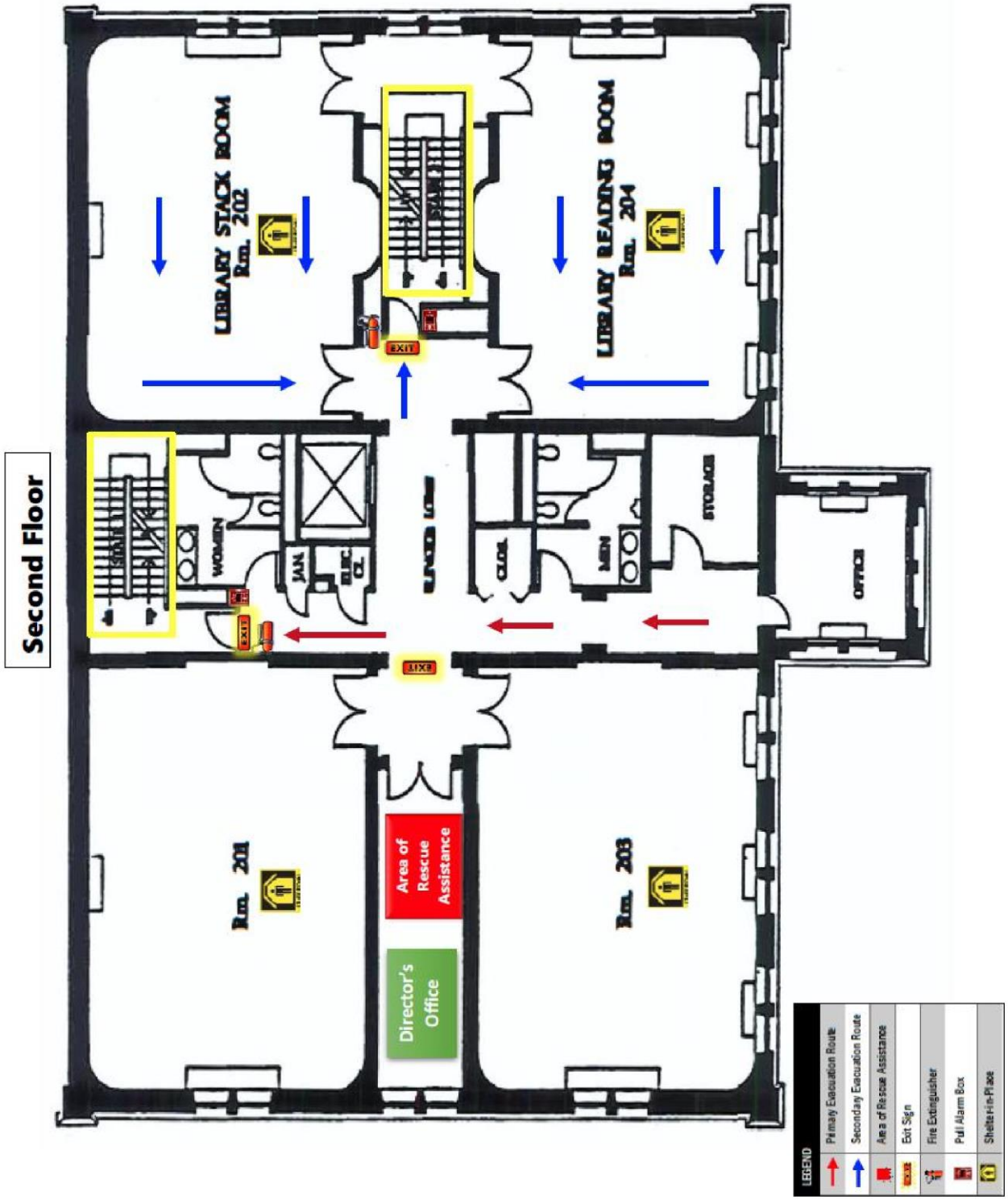
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STAIRS
EXIT
WOMEN
JAN.
ELEC.
CLOS.
MEN
STORAGE
OFFICE
Rm. 201
Rm. 203
Area of Rescue Assistance
Director's Office
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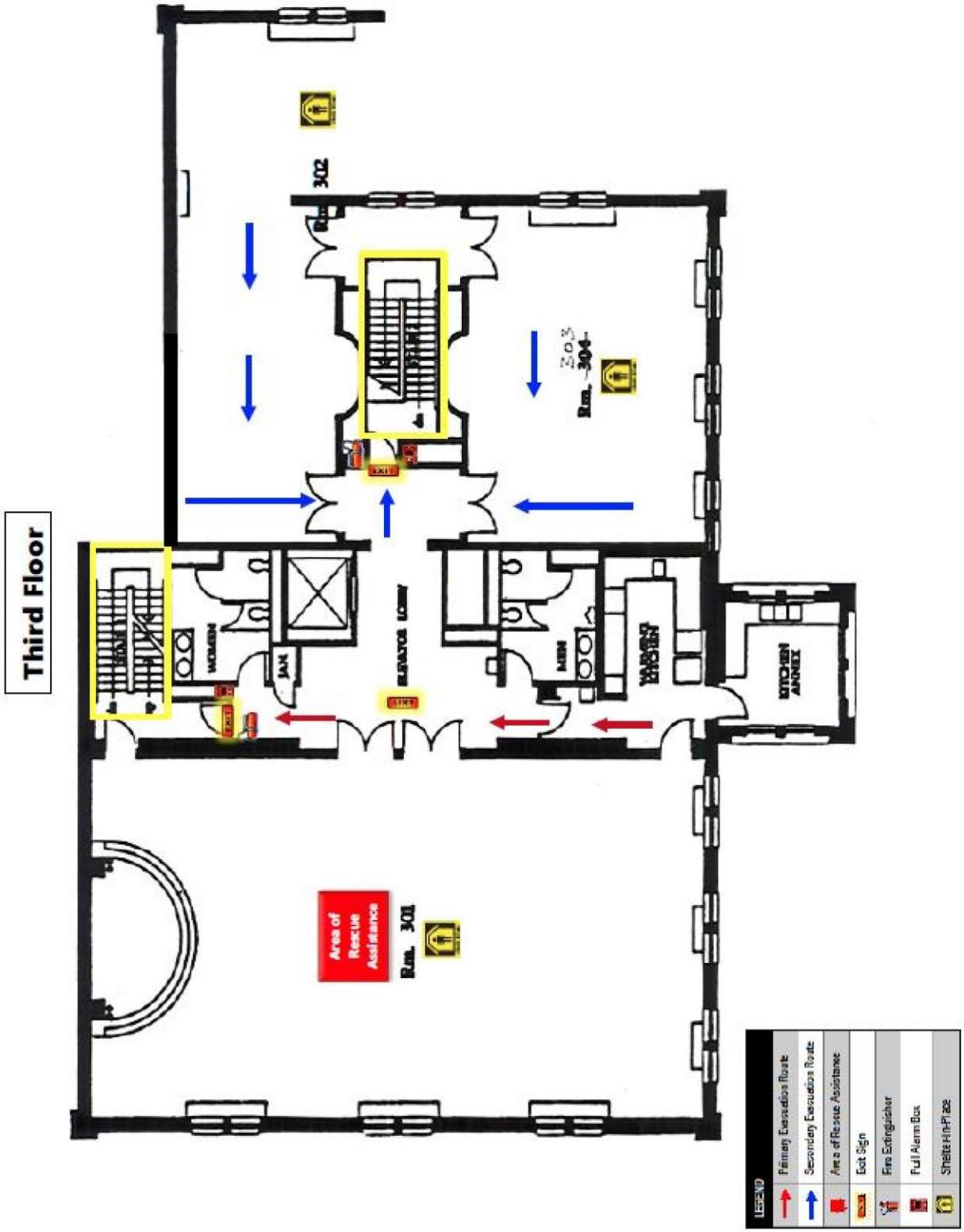
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