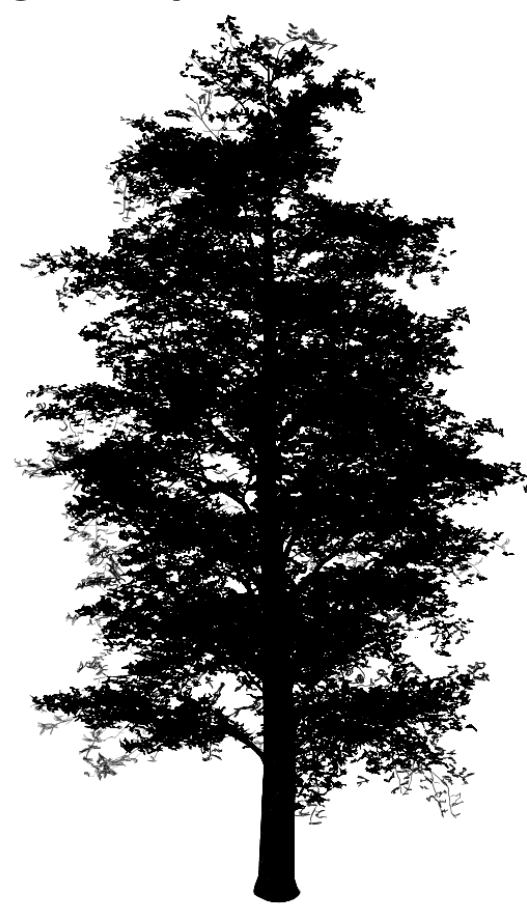




DESIGN INTENT & CONCEPT: EUROPEAN BEECH TREE

Culture houses are a very important part of life in Denmark as a young person, as is cooking. Within the education of most Danes, they are encouraged to learn skills such as cooking by visiting public kitchens. The space within this old tram car barn in Indre By is currently housing a small culture house, but by adding a learning kitchen, it creates another use for the local children. Not only is there two learning kitchens for about 15 students each, there is also a small library and space for children to play or do homework after school.

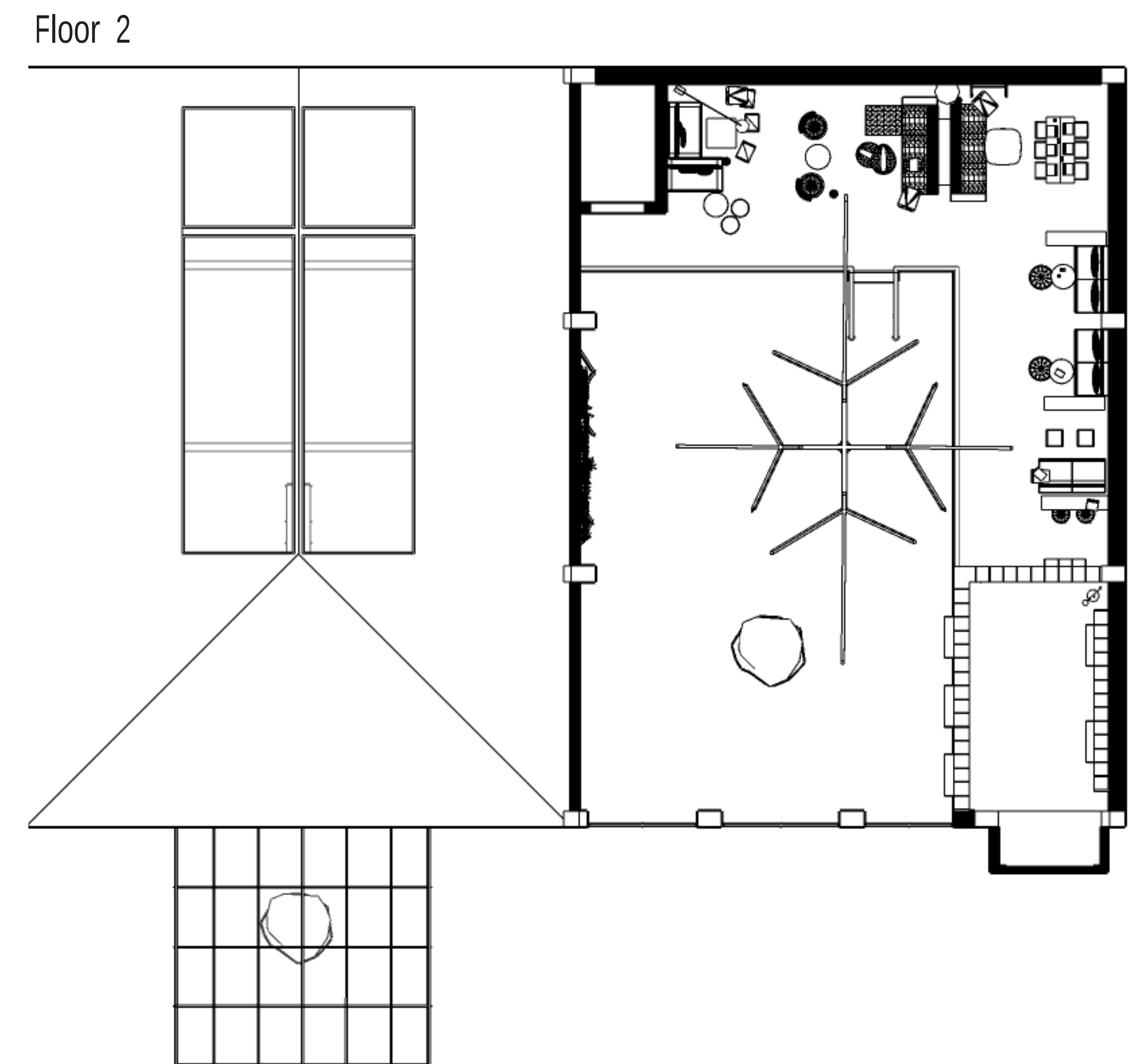
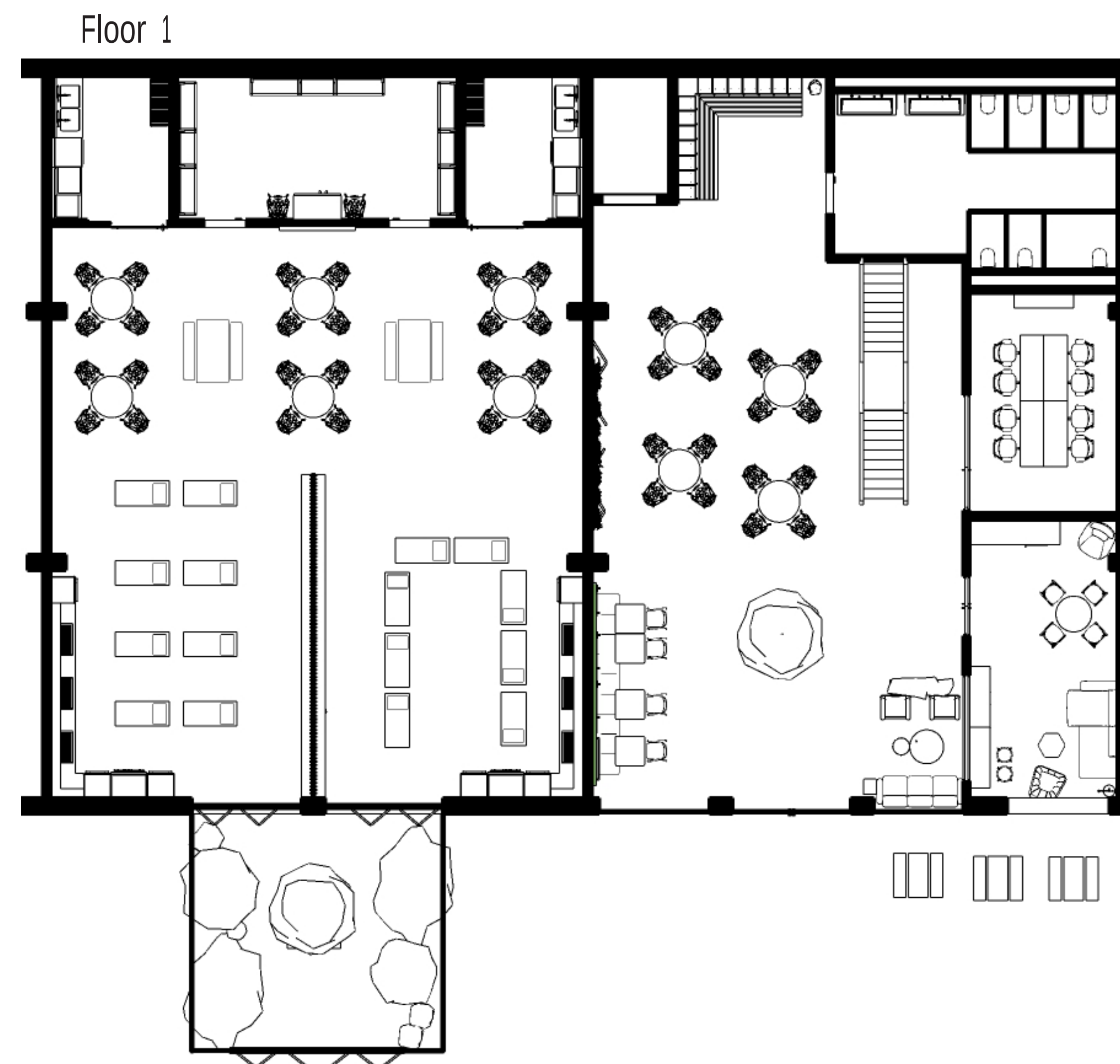
Another very important part of Danish culture is nature. By bringing nature into the interior, it connects the kids to their culture. The European Beech Tree originally wasn't native to Denmark, but was brought here and is now the national tree of Denmark. Not only do trees invoke a sort of curiosity and playfulness in children, but for some, the idea that this tree went from non-existent in the country to now the national tree. This may make them feel more connected to their country. This is incorporated by the use of light wood and inclusion of plants throughout the interior, along with the large tree sculptural column in the main entrance and the greenhouse. The greenhouse is used by the children so they can be taught how to grow and use their own produce in cooking.



MATERIALITY



PLANS



INSPIRATION



SITE



VIEW OF GREENHOUSE INTERIOR



VIEW OF LIBRARY ON SECOND FLOOR



VIEW OF ENTRY AND LIBRARY

