The Night Library



A shared room for reading and writing after dark.

IMAGINED BRIEF

A collector needs space for books, company and a quiet desk. The concept keeps a single room while giving each activity its own light.

From a spare room to a salon

Initial condition



Model view from the south entry. The original desk and storage cabinet share the north wall.

Design proposal



The camera stays fixed. Built-in shelving spans the far wall, and the desk moves toward the east windows.

Why the screen stops short

A full-height partition would make the desk a separate office. The short wing of reeded glass softens the desk lamp from the reading chairs and preserves the long view through the room.

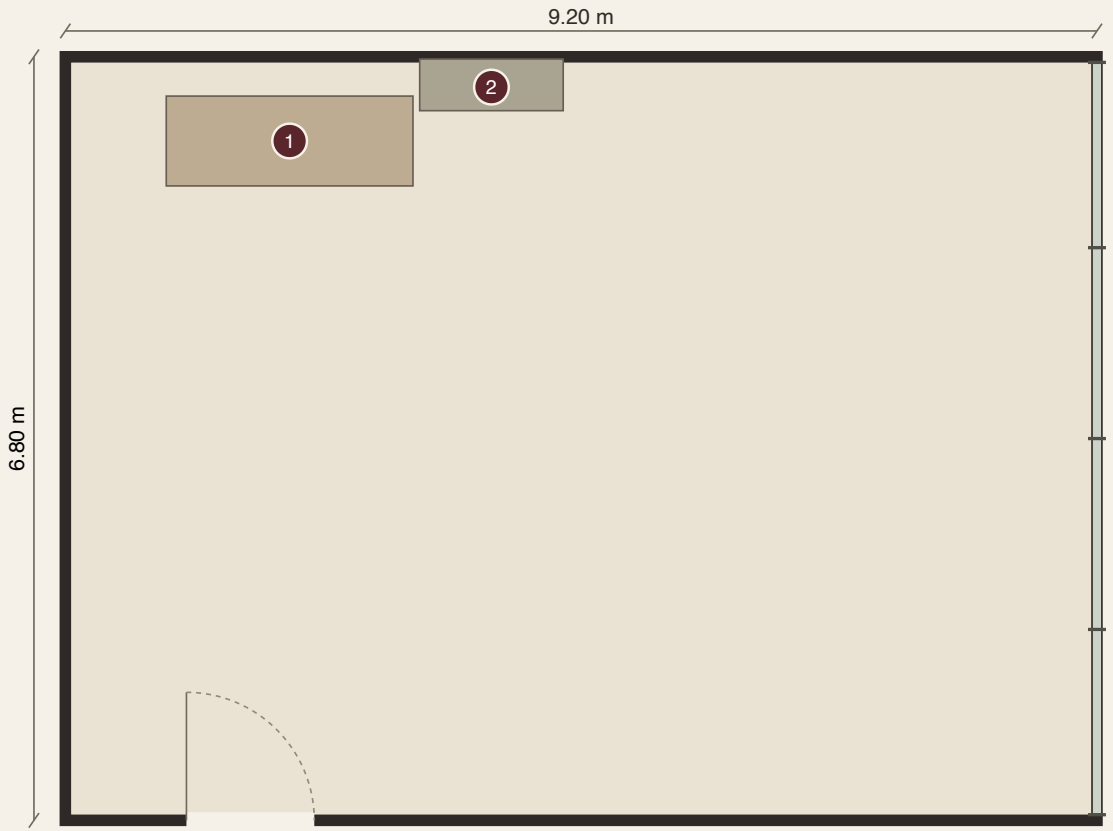
How the light is divided

A stepped pendant centers the salon. Small fittings punctuate the seven book bays, while the writing lamp is placed at the outside corner of the desk.

The initial layout

01 INITIAL PLAN

THE NIGHT LIBRARY



1 Existing desk

2 Freestanding cabinet

Schematic design dimensions for an imagined interior.

The proposed layout

02 PROPOSED PLAN

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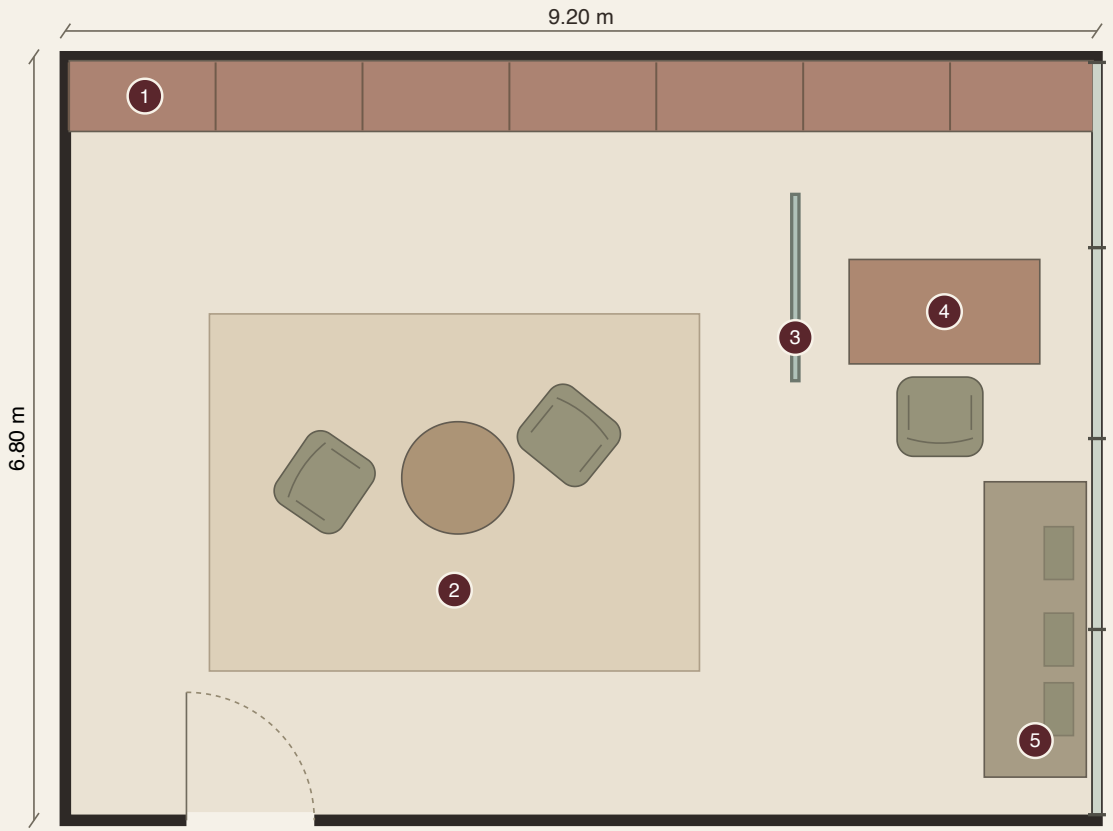


1 Book wall and closed storage

2 Paired reading chairs

3 Reeded-glass wing

4 Writing desk

5 Window seat

Schematic design dimensions for an imagined interior.

The writing bay

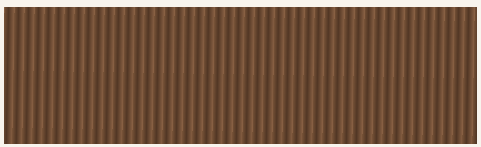


The fluted desk ends repeat the rhythm of the screen. The window bench provides a third reading position.



Oxblood lacquer

Bookcase fronts



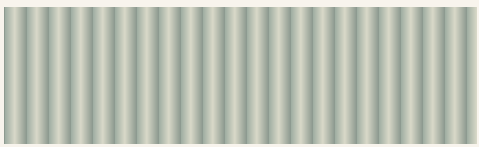
Walnut

Parquet and desk



Aged brass

Shelf details and lamps



Reeded glass

Writing bay screen