



WHY

**EAST PALO ALTO
PUBLIC LIBRARY
(OH YEAH!)**

**PLEASE
INTRODUCE
YOURSELF**

**(YOU'RE GONNA
HAVE TO WRITE
THAT DOWN)**

TO DO LIST

1. HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW
2. LET'S TAKE A LOOK
2. WHAT'S OUR INTENTION
3. WHY BEHIND THE WHAT
4. PLAYING WITH BLOCKS
5. RECONFIRM INTENTIONS
6. WHAT'S NEXT

**HERE'S WHAT
WE (THINK WE)
KNOW:**

WHAT WE KNOW:

High need & demand for library programming

Existing physical constraints limit service

EPA is growing, with related displacement concerns

Strong need for places of sociability, safety, art, outdoor areas, in addition to key functions

Specific library functions have evolved, but core role in society remains unchanged

Opportunity at hand to tailor the building to support existing needs & retain future flexibility

LET'S TAKE A LOOK:

- **places**
- **spaces**
- **attitudes**
- **possibilities**



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A VERSATILE, OPEN SPACE

SESC POMPEIA

LINA BO BARDI

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

wHY

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SUPPORT VARIOUS WAYS OF WORKING



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VERSATILE, COLORFUL, DYNAMIC



VITTRA SCHOOL TELEFONPLAN

ROSANBOSCH
SWEDEN

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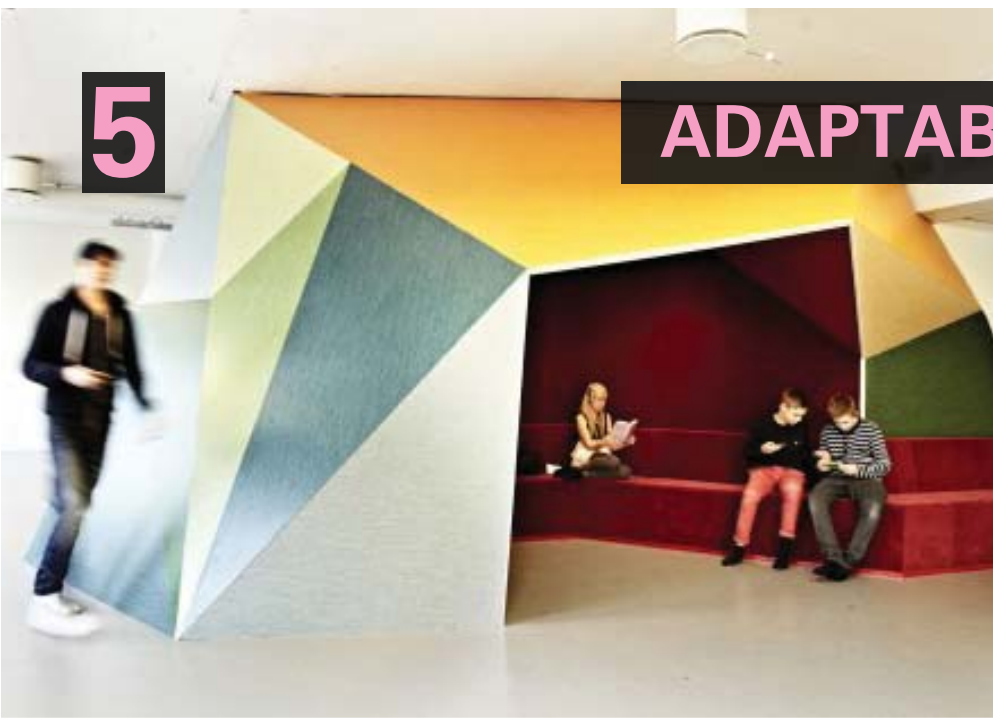
PLAY TO LEARN



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ADAPTABLE SPACES



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INVITING VIBRANT BEACON

**MERIDA FACTORY
OF YOUTH**
SEL GAS CANO
MERIDA, MEXICO

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DISCRETE SPACES



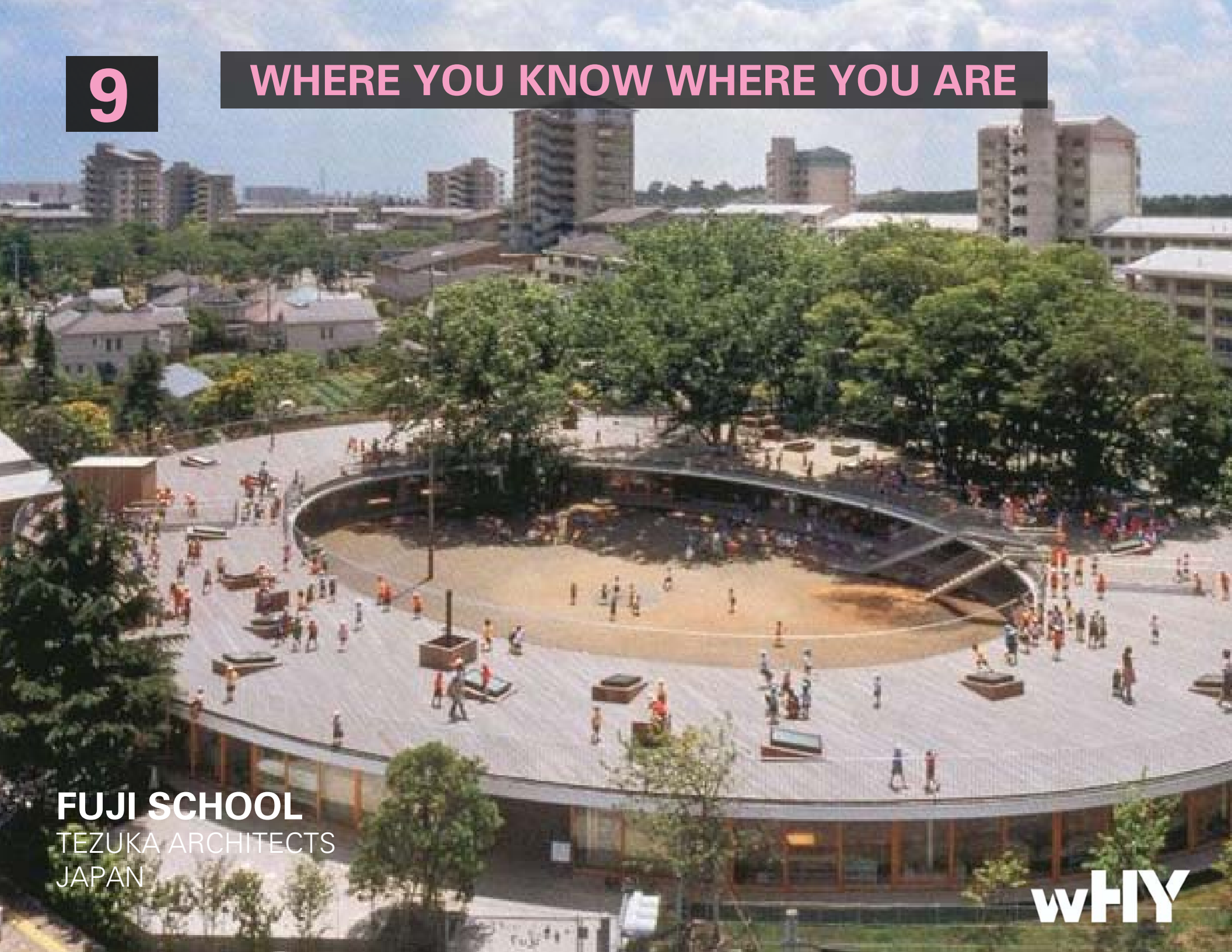
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FLEX AREAS



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WHERE YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE



FUJI SCHOOL
TEZUKA ARCHITECTS
JAPAN

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EXTENDING TO OUTDOORS





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INTEGRATING LANDSCAPE

CAM THANH
COMMUNITY CENTER
HOANG THUC ARCHITECT
VIETNAM

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OUTDOOR ROOMS



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AUTHENTICITY TRUMPS NORM



COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT

INDAGO + CARDIF SAGA
SOUTH AFRICA

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SIMPLE BUT "RICH"



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BUILT FROM WHERE IT'S AT



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A FORM OF COMMUNICATION
AND ADVOCACY

Barack Hussein Obama, 2006

WHAT
WASHINGTON
NEEDS
IS ADULT
SUPERVISION

PROJECT ROW HOUSE

RICK LOWE
HOUSTON, TX

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FOSTERING COMMUNITY



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RECORD AND CONNECT



PORTAL

AMAR BAKSHI

NO PERMANENT LOCATION



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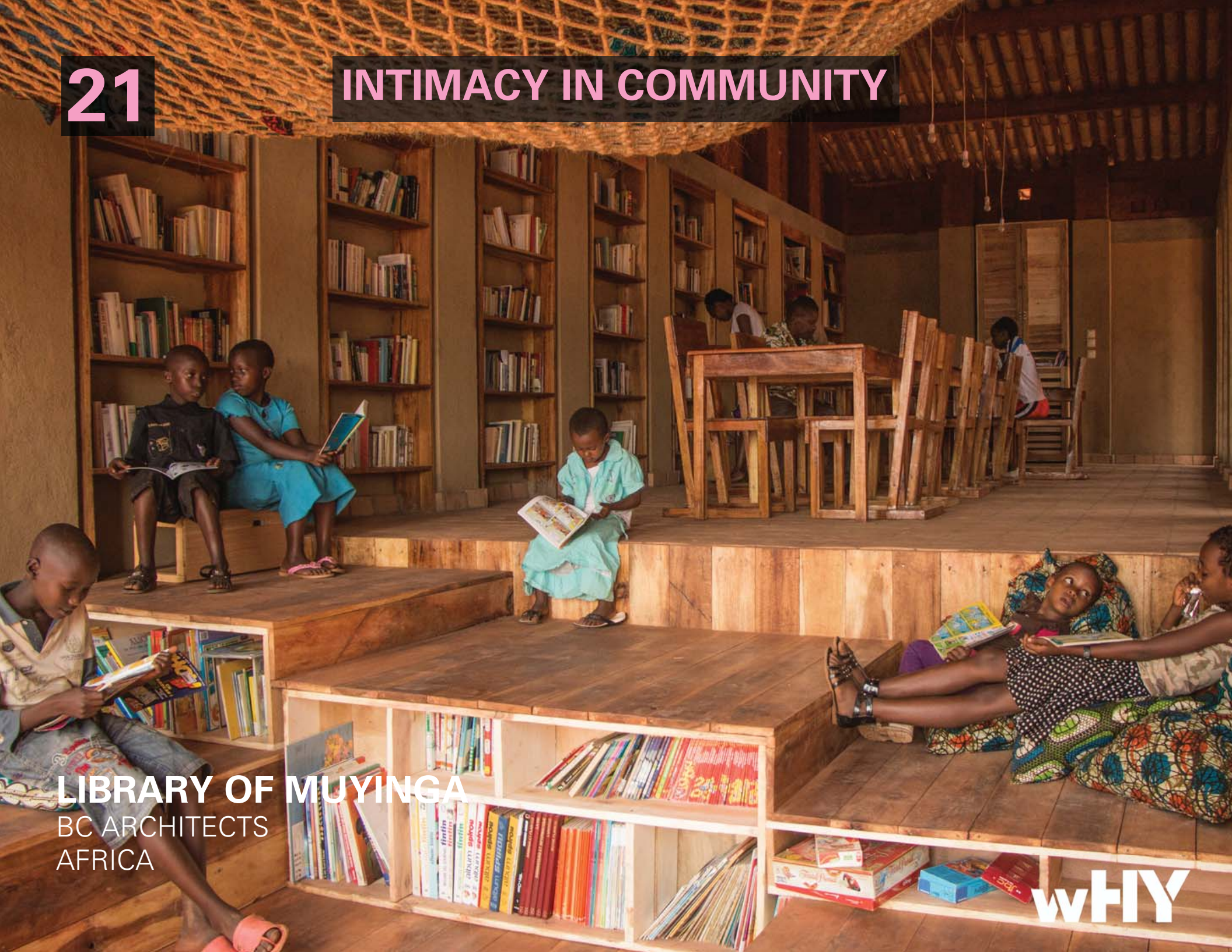
COLORFUL, SIMPLE

THE CHAPEL

a21 STUDIO
VIETNAM

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INTIMACY IN COMMUNITY



LIBRARY OF MUYINGA
BC ARCHITECTS
AFRICA

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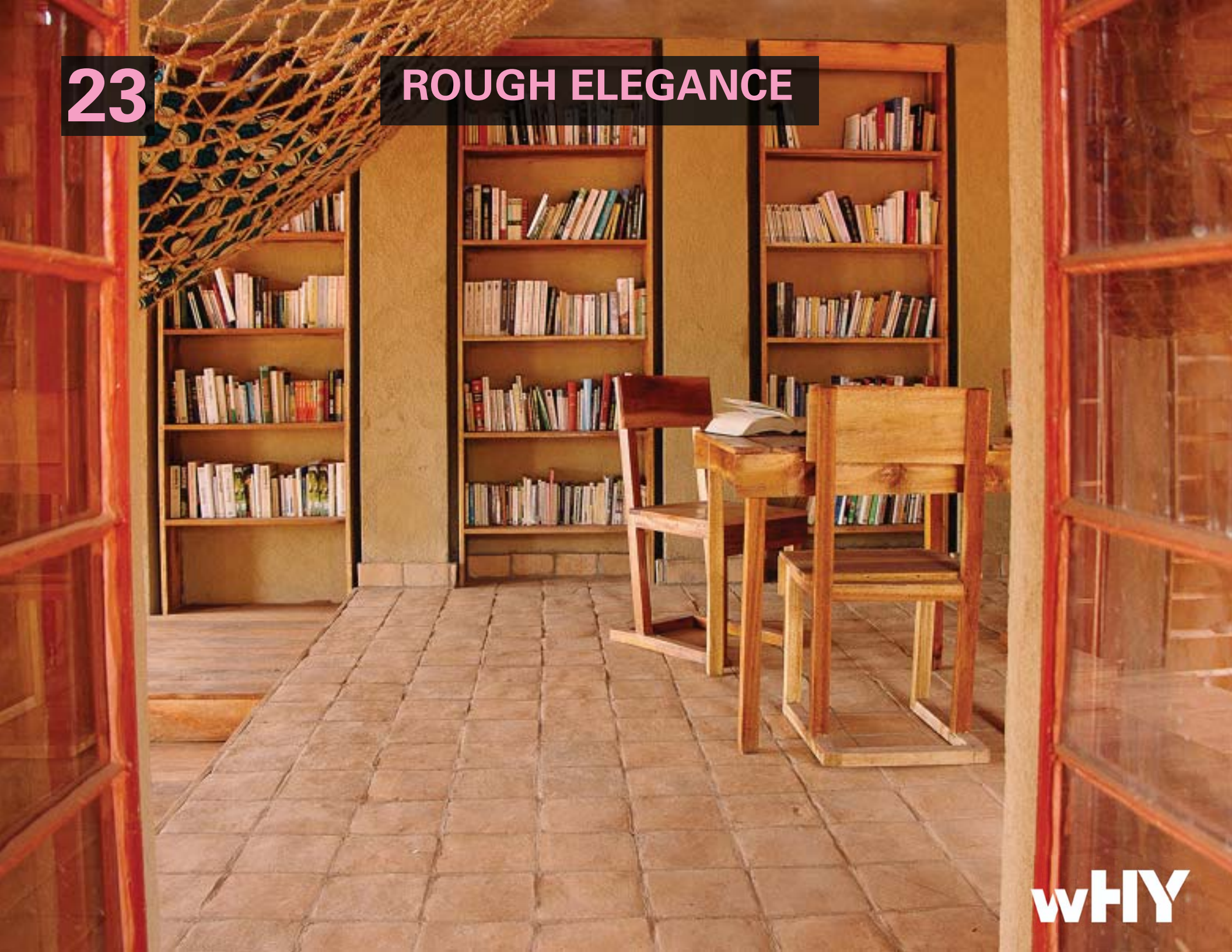
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UNIQUE PERSPECTIVES



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ROUGH ELEGANCE



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OPPORTUNITY SPACE

RESSO

EQUIPO ESTAV-UPC
BARCELONA, SPAIN

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PERMANENT & TEMPORARY



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NOT PRECIOUS



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TRANSPARENCY

**POMONA STUDIO
ART HALL**

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DYNAMIC SPACE



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UNEXPECTED TASTE COMBINATIONS

DOVER STREET MARKET

REI KAWAKUBO
NEW YORK CITY

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INVITING AND ACCESSIBLE



ANNENBERG FOUNDATION
LOS ANGELES

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DOMESTIC FAMILIARITY



FORA, BOROUGH
LONDON

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CASUAL GATHERING SPACES

CONSTELLATION BAR

H. MILLER BRO
ENGLAND

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INVENTIVE APPLICATIONS



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YOU DECIDE WHAT IT IS

SHIPYARD
FLORA GRUBB
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

WHY



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AN URBAN OASIS



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THEIR KITCHEN HAD A WOOD
AND ELECTRIC STOVE AND
SMELLED LIKE OLIVE OIL AND
GARLIC. -R. F. LASCHETTI

**Oral Histories of
North South Portland**
NICOLE LAVELLE

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SPEAKING MY LANGUAGE II

**FASTER FASTER UNTIL THE
THRILL OF SPEED OVERCOMES
THE FEAR OF DEATH
OPEN 4 COFFEE MOTO SURF
PARK OUT BACK**

DEUS EX MACHINA

DANE TWICHELL
VENICE, CA

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DEFINED BY COMMUNITY



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MULTITUDE OF INTERESTS



WHY

PROJECT INTENTIONS

- INSPIRATION & DISCOVERY
- MOBILITY & ACCESS
- FLEXIBILITY & EMPOWERMENT
- PUBLIC & COMMUNAL
- IDENTITY & OWNERSHIP

INSPIRATION & DISCOVERY

Transformative Experiences

Dignity

Empowering

New & Unexpected

Global Awareness

Exploration

MOBILITY & ACCESS

Shared Space

Guidance & Mentorship

Access

Knowledge & Tools

Economic & Social Advancement

FLEXIBILITY & EMPOWERMENT

Multipurpose

Easily Adaptable / Modular

Staff Initiatives

Simultaneous Use

Serendipity

Durable

Nourishing

PUBLIC & COMMUNAL

People-focused

Bonding

Responsive

Gathering Place

Share & Collaborate

Unity Through Diversity

Strengthen Bonds

Resources

IDENTITY & OWNERSHIP

Authentic

3rd Place

Inviting, Fun, Casual, Safe

Empowering

THE WHY BEHIND THE WHAT

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Study and Read

Personal Work Space
Quiet Place to Read
Collaborative Work Space
Group Work / Hang Areas
Co-Working Spaces
Internet Access

Jobs and Skill Building

GED Prep
ESOL Classes
Adult Literacy
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Economic Empowerment
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Job Readiness Classes
Coding
Home Economics
Small Business Classes

Community Use

Programmable Event Space
Neighborhood Gathering
Safe Outdoor Spaces
Youth Play Area
Demonstration Garden
EPA History

Teen and Youth Social

Teen Center
Welcome Area
AV/New Media
Safe Refuge

Food

Cafe
Snack Time
Food Storage
Cooking Classes
Eating Areas
Food Disposal

Afterschool & Learning

Storytime
Quest Program
Homework Help
Afterschool play space
Afterschool classes

Staff Experience

Collection Processing
One-on-one engagement
Staff Break
Storage
Staff Facilities

Browsing and Lending

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GROUPING: COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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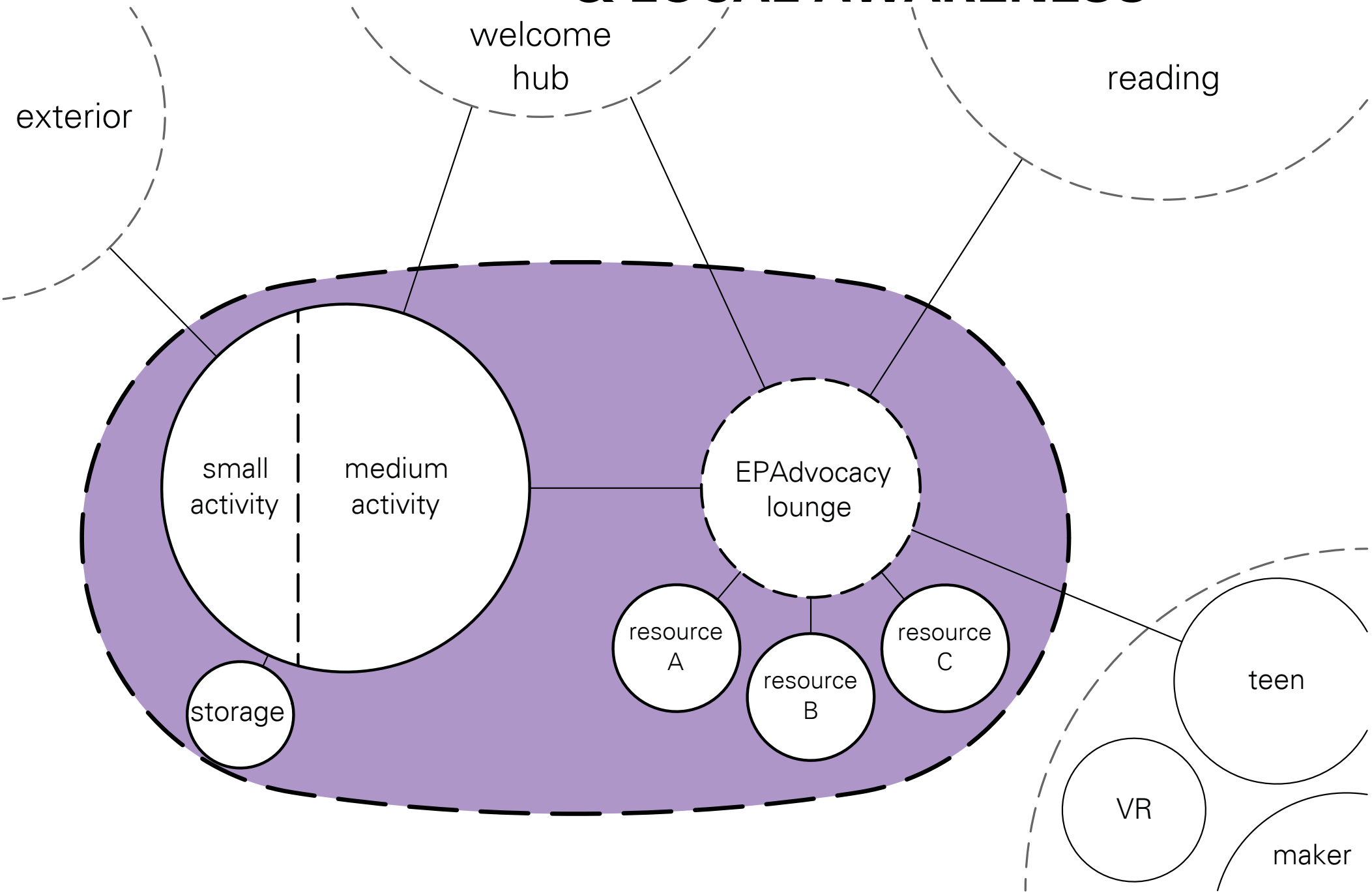
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GROUPING: LOCAL AWARENESS



GROUPING: COMMUNITY RESOURCES & LOCAL AWARENESS



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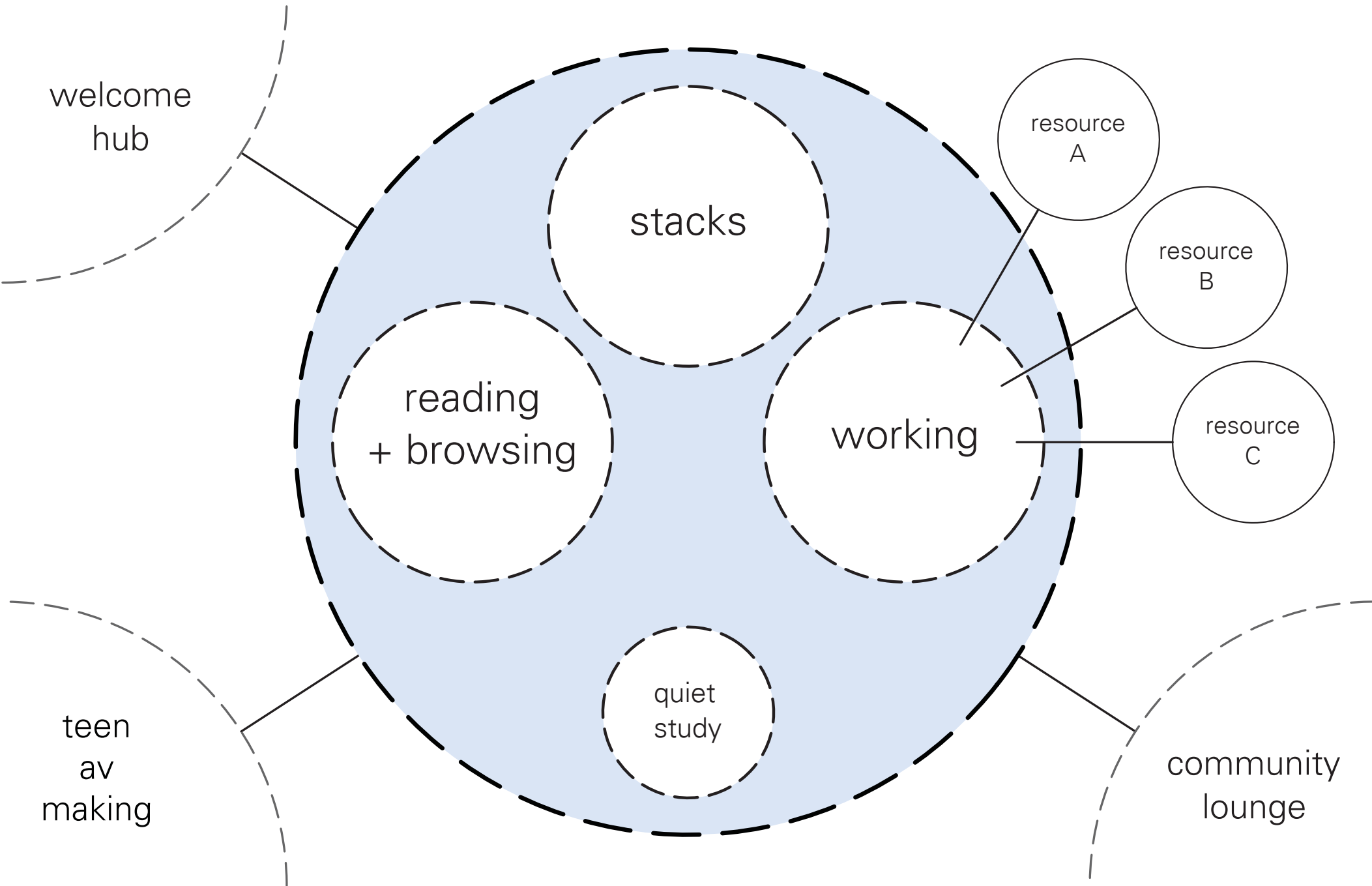
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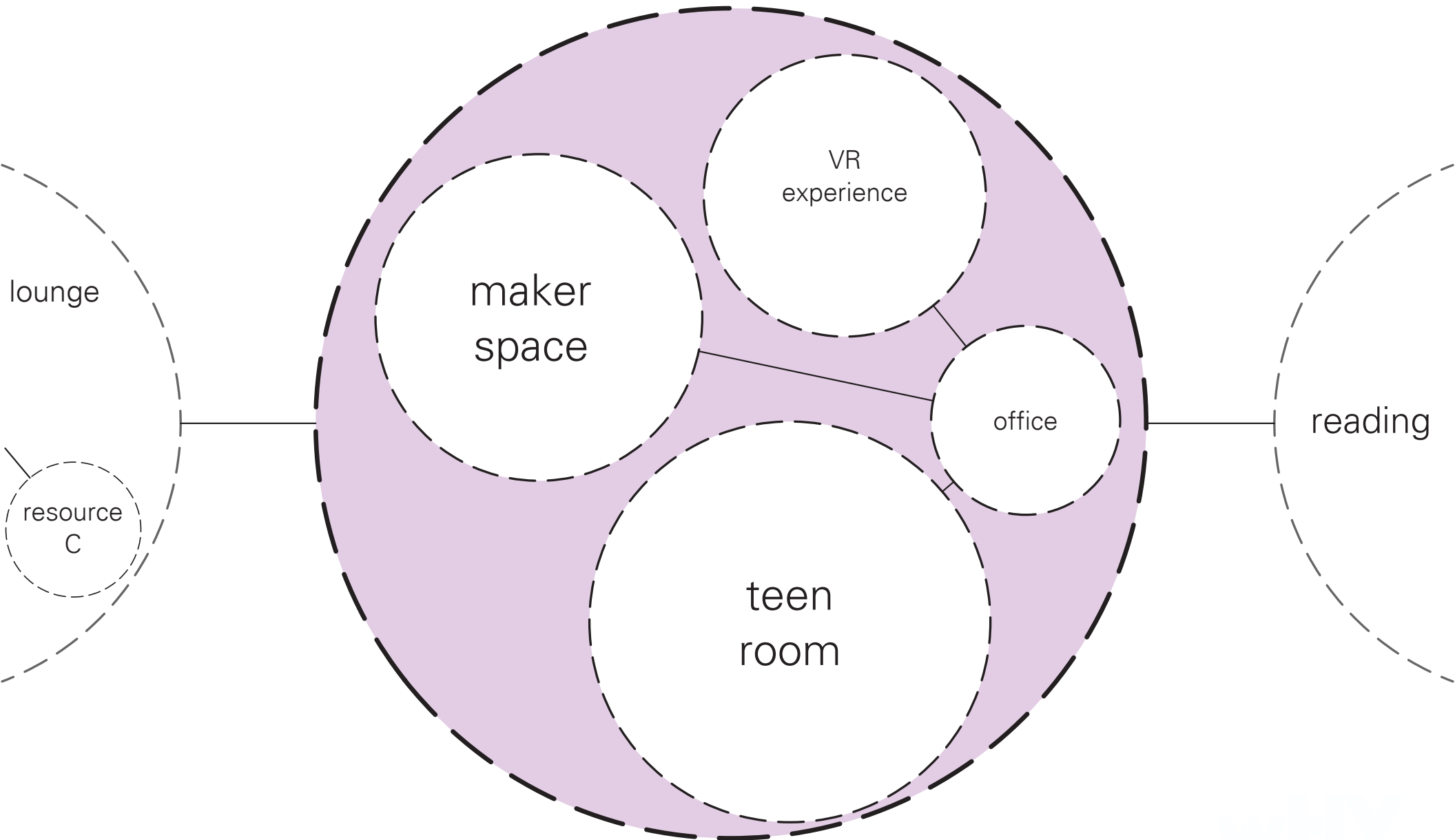
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GROUPING: FOOD

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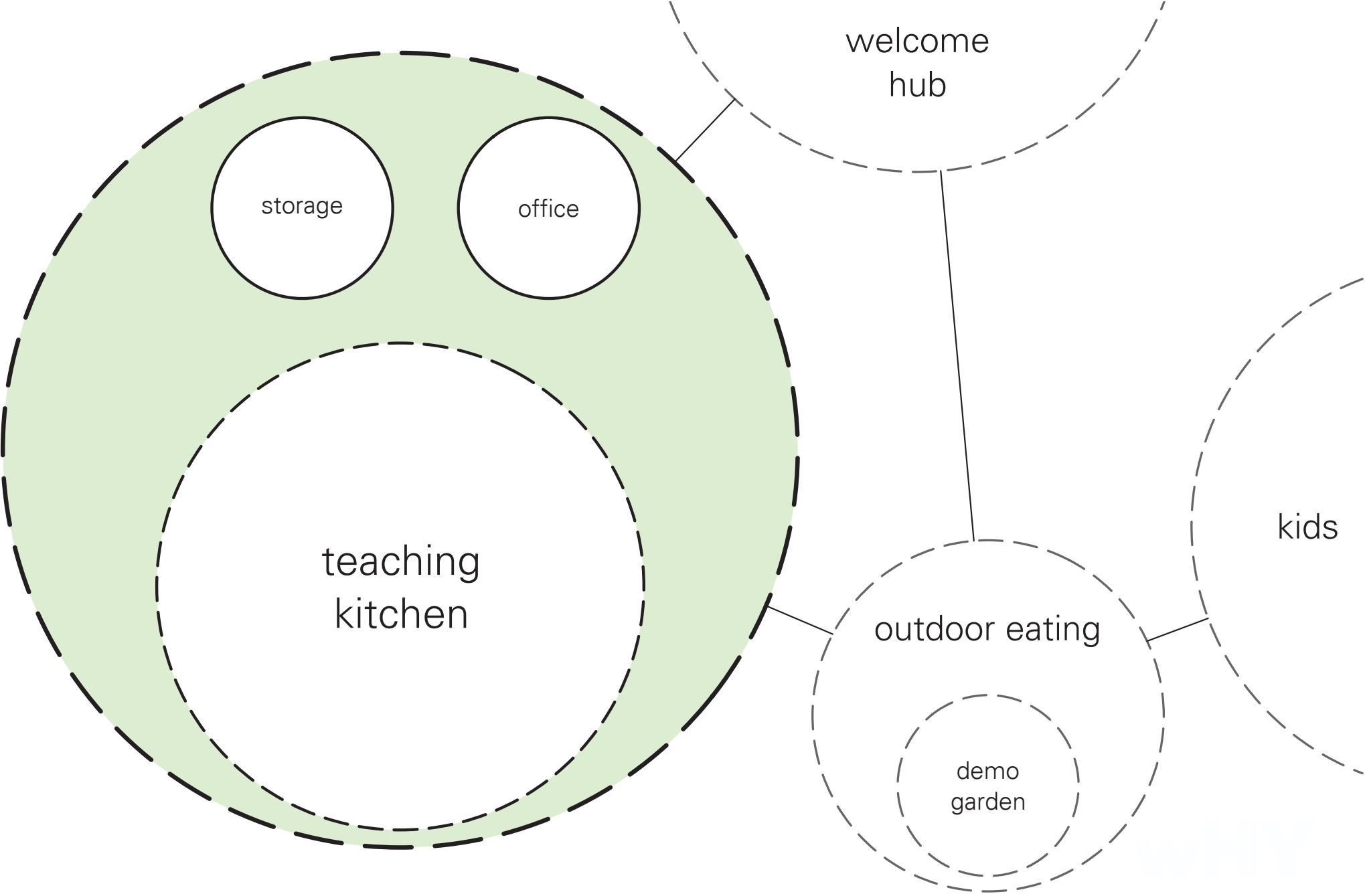
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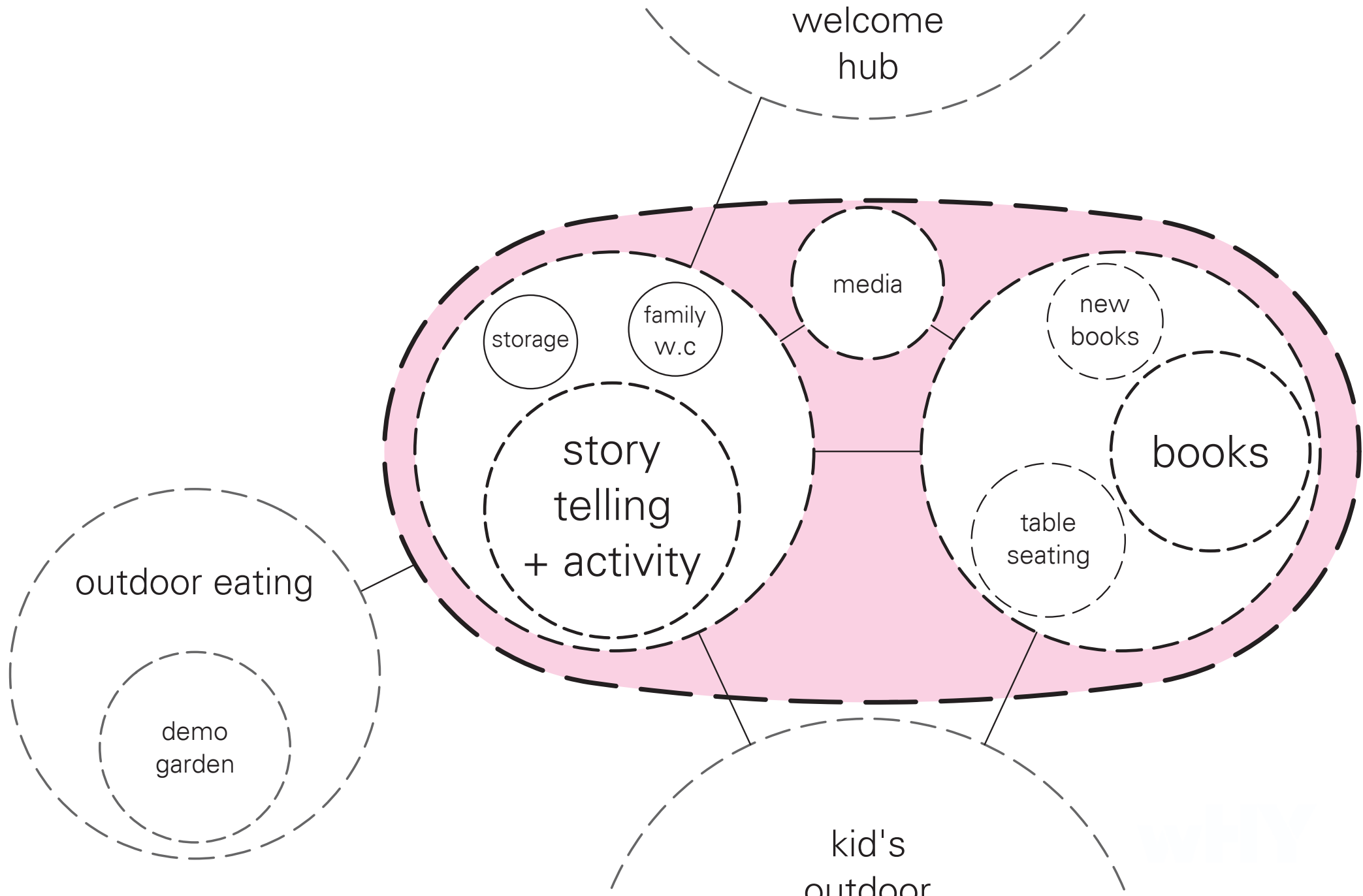
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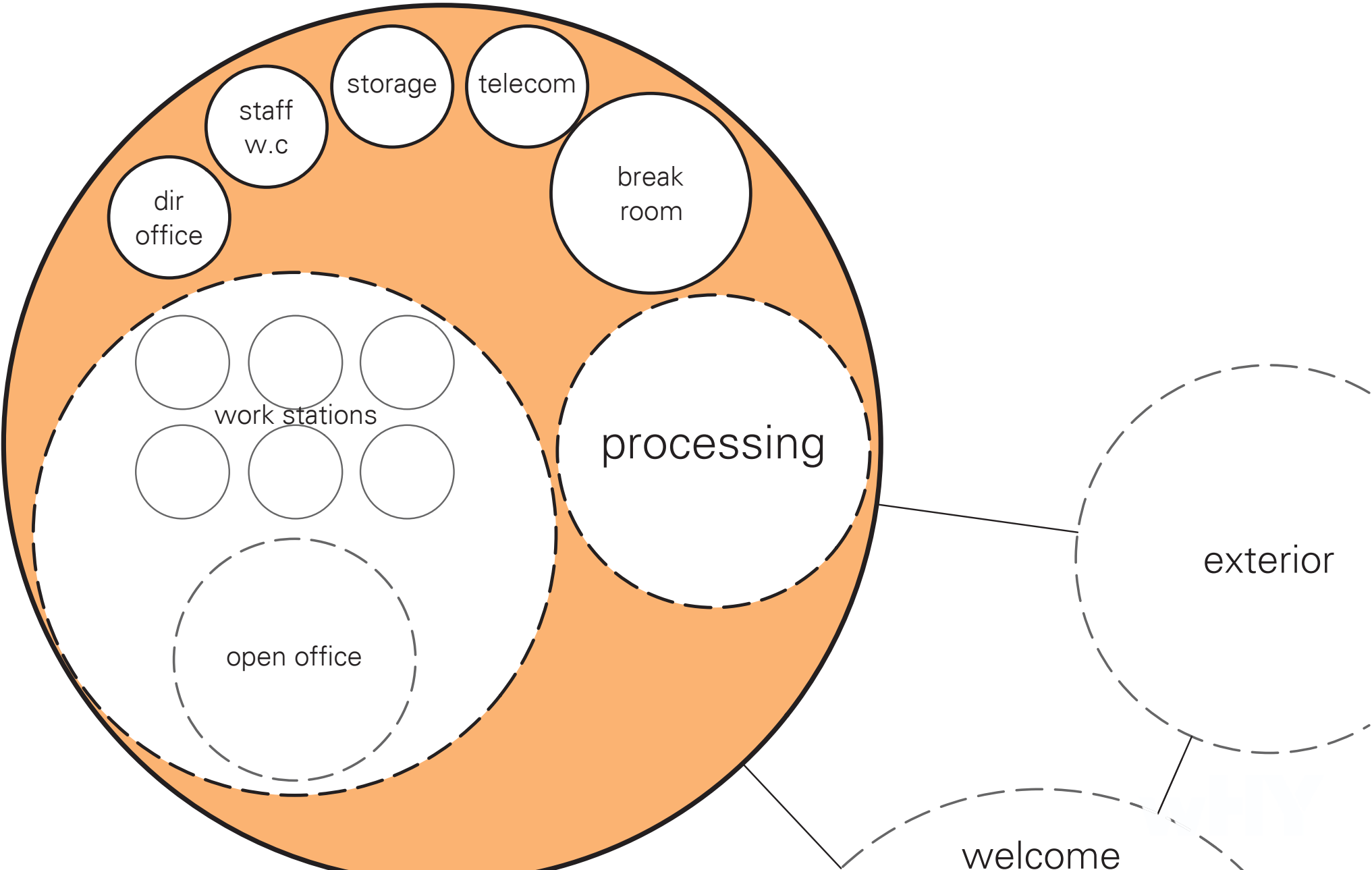
GROUPING: FOOD



GROUPING: YOUTH



GROUPING: STAFF



SITE AERIAL



SITE PLAN

Parking occupies 50% site

Site dictates 2 stories

**Maximize connection w/
EPACenter**

**Capture visibility from Bay/
Pulgas**

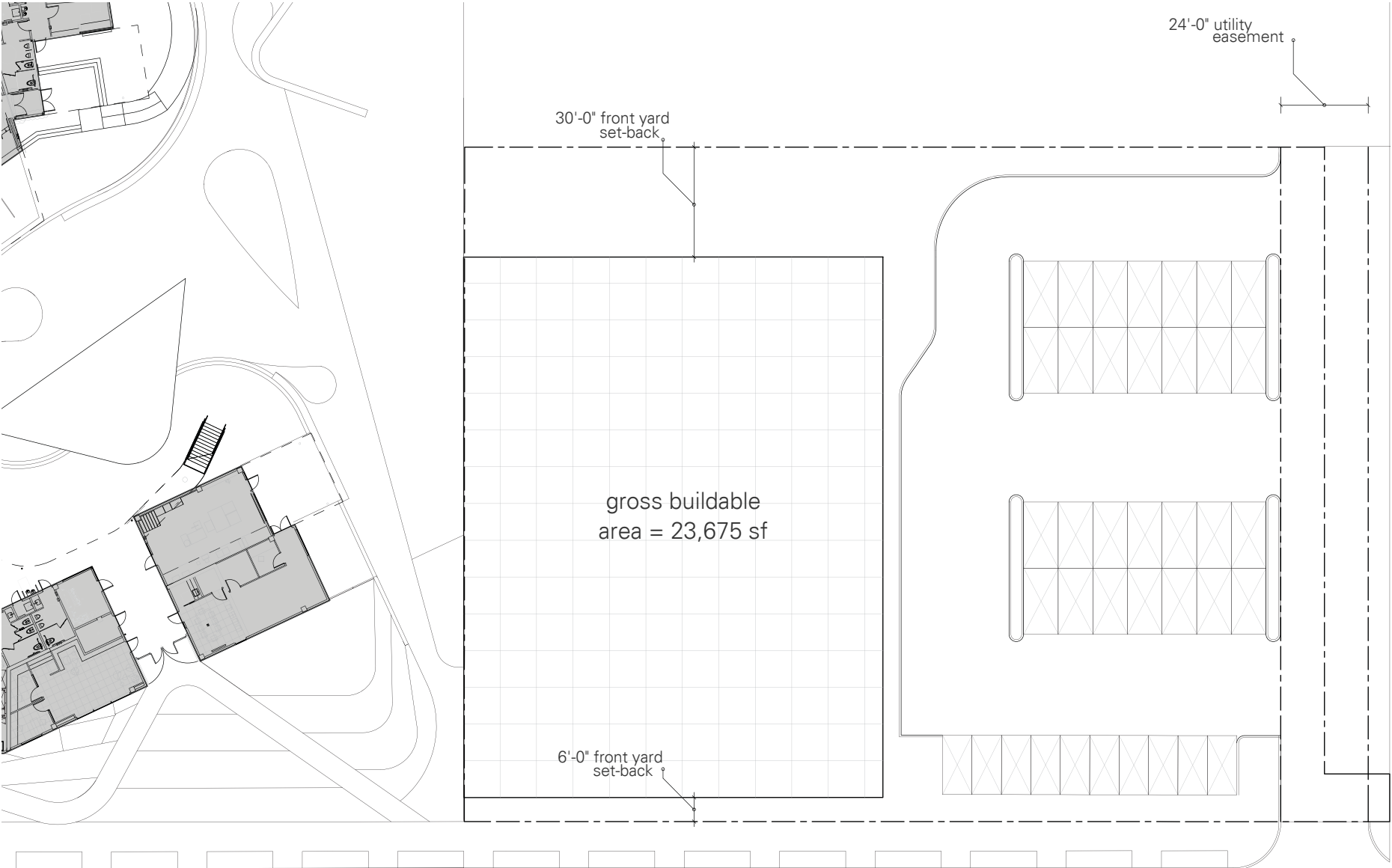
**Maximize outdoor space &
in/outdoor relationships**



EPA Center

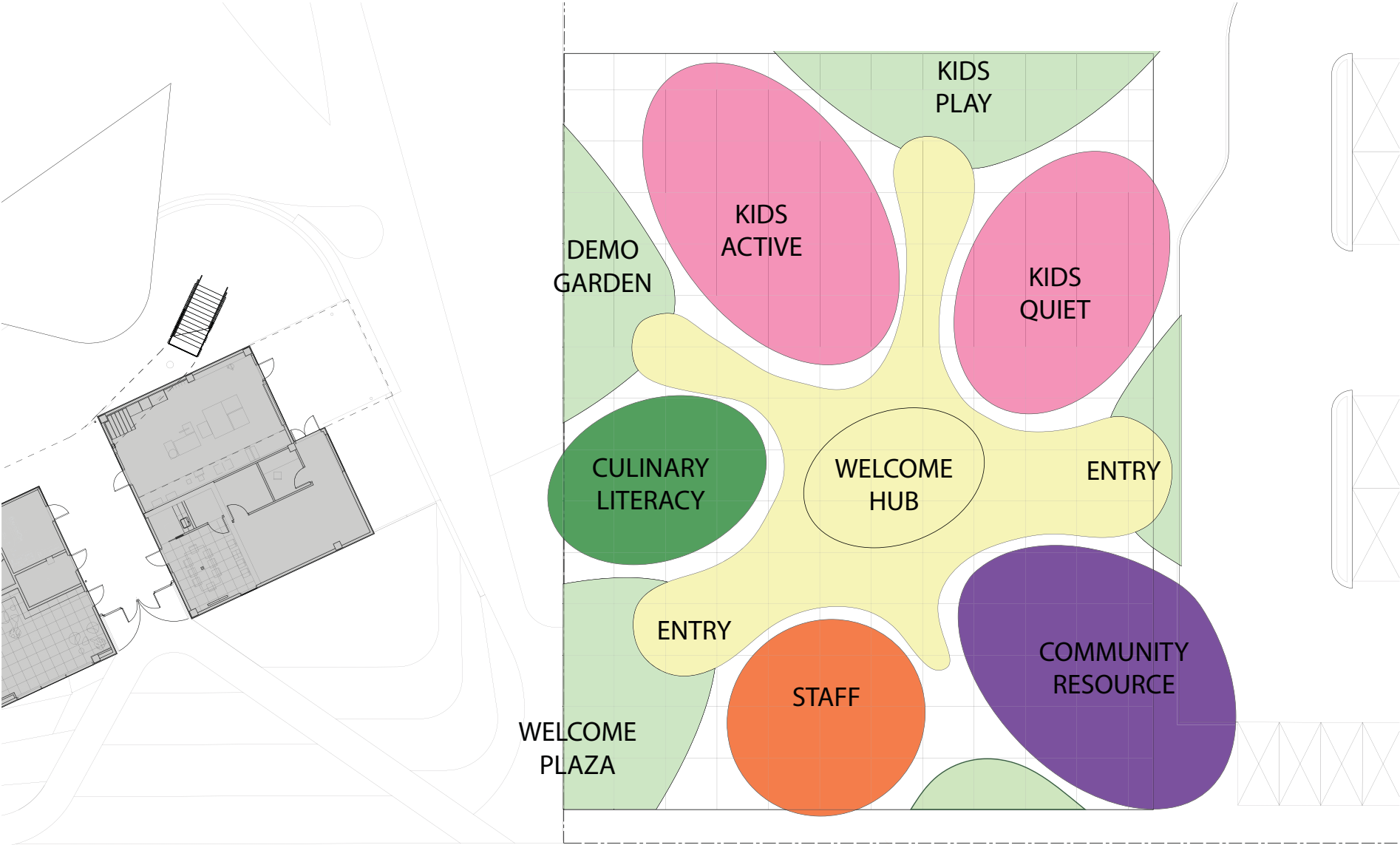


SITE PLAN



Pulgas

SITE ORGANIZATION





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