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INDIANA ESCAPE ROOMS STARRING PRIMARY SOURCES

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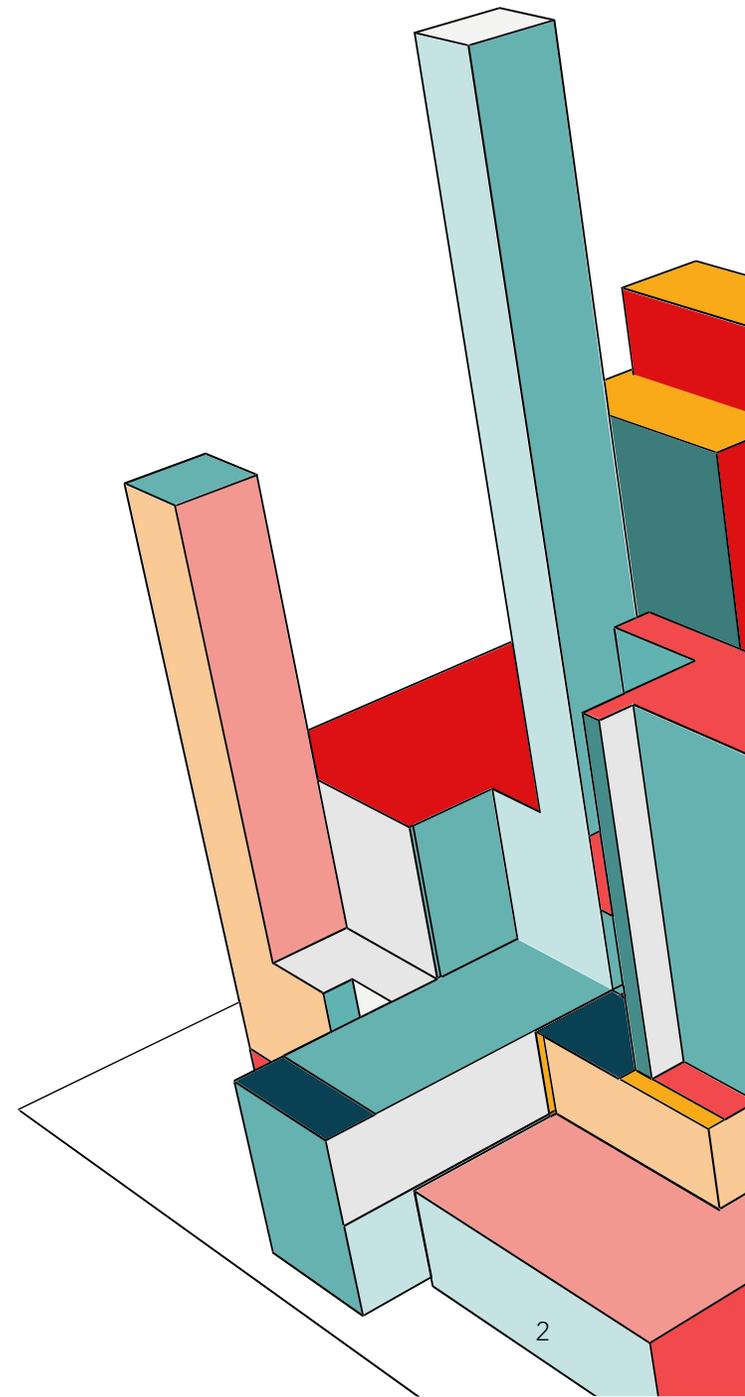


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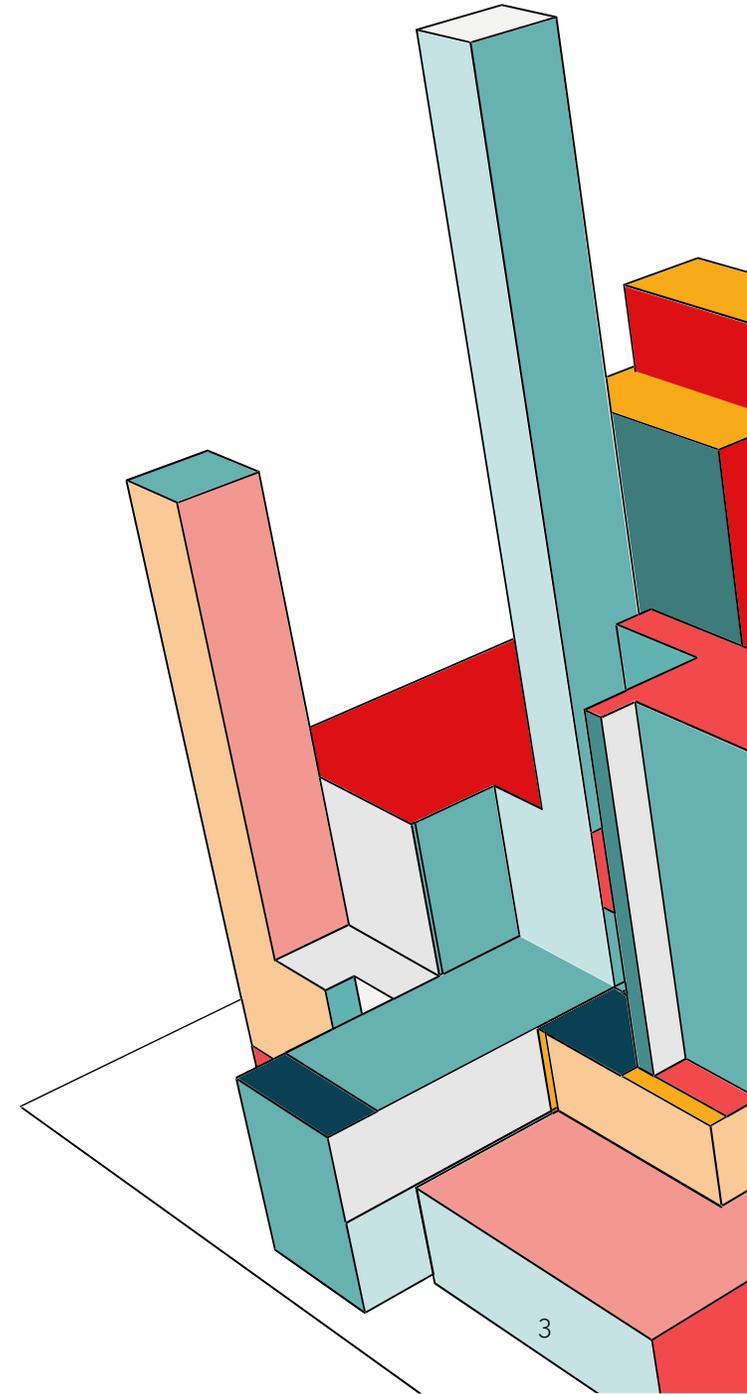
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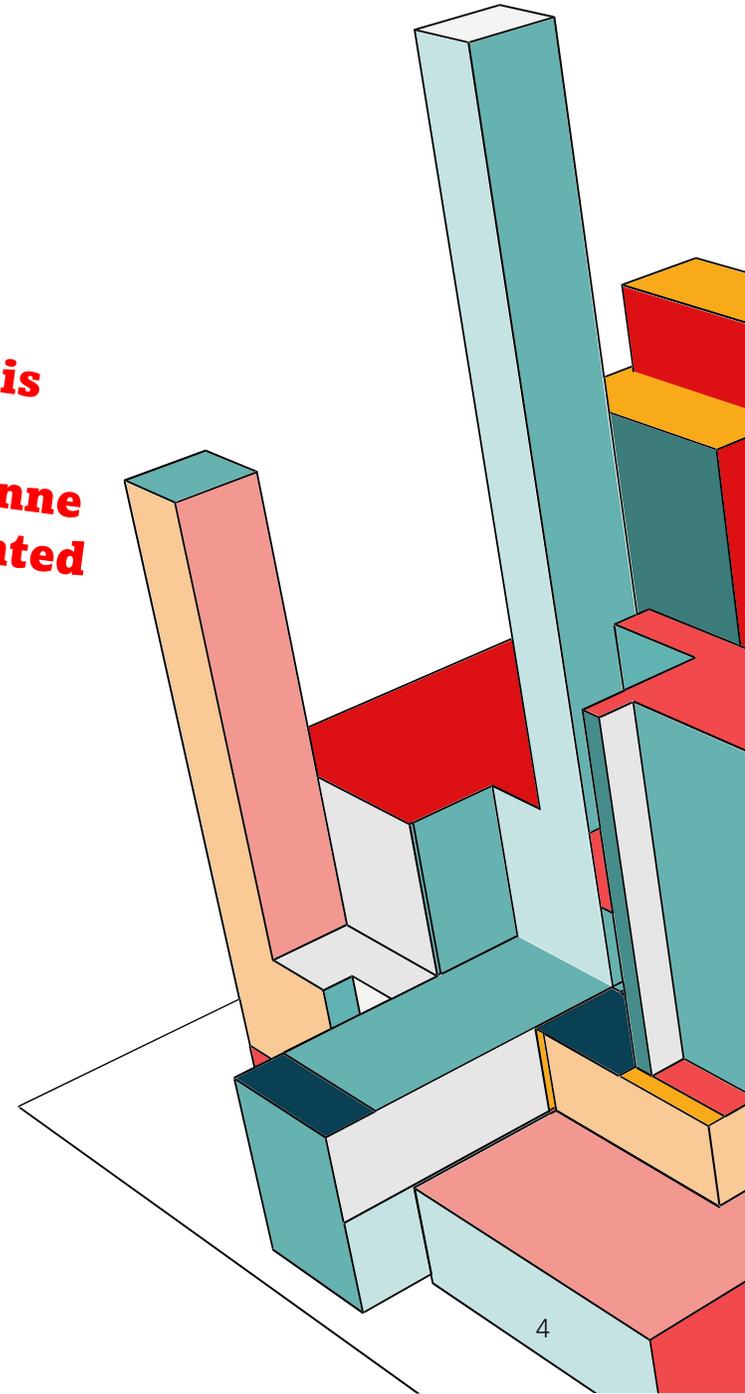
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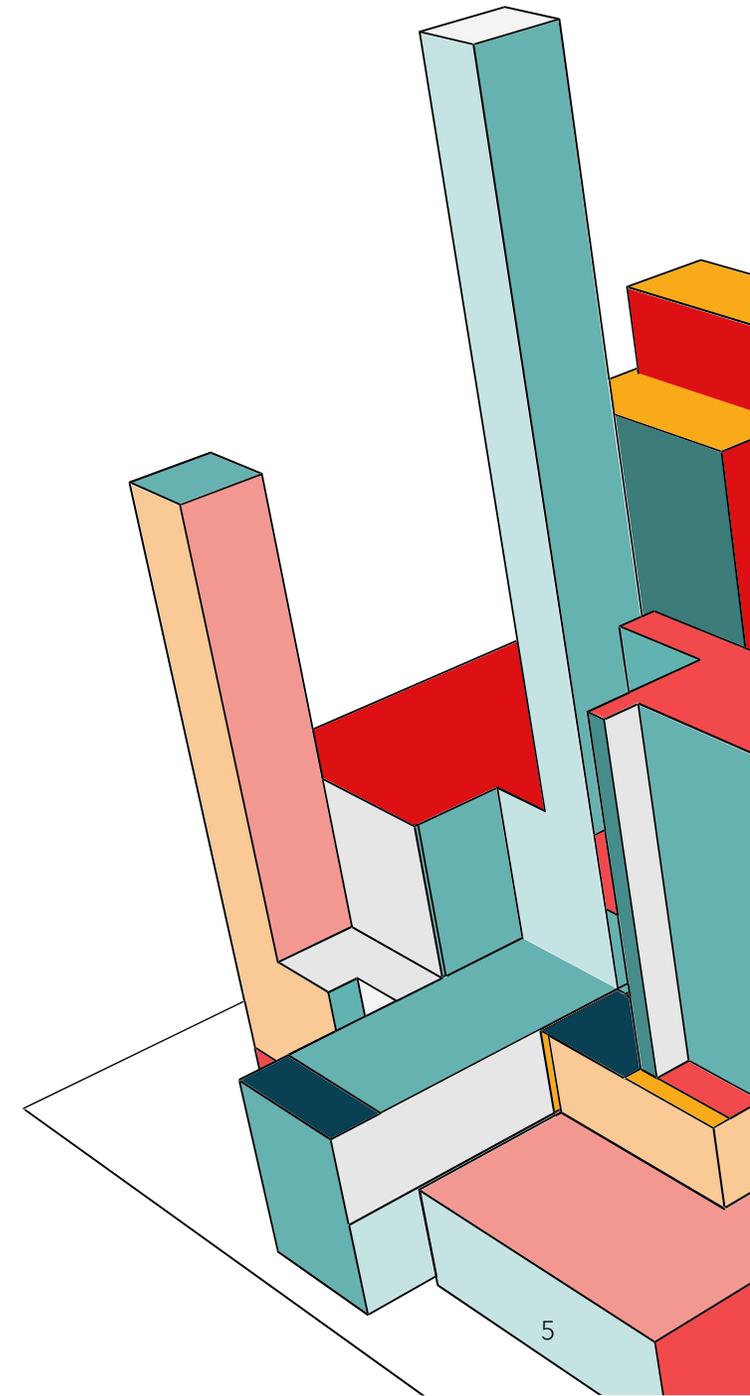
**This presentation is
primarily about a
program that Suzanne
built and implemented
in 2024-2025.**

**But! It is still
operational, under
Tammie's direction.**

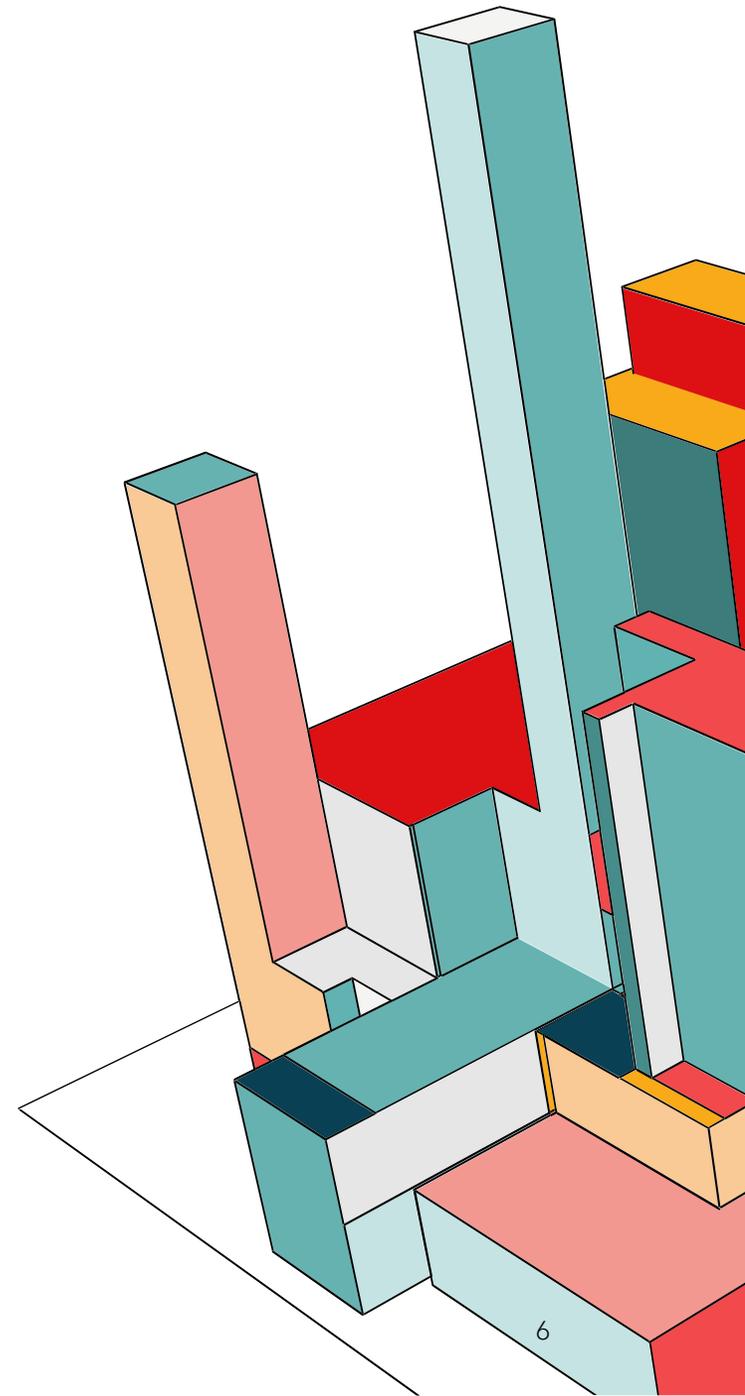


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ONCE UPON A TIME...

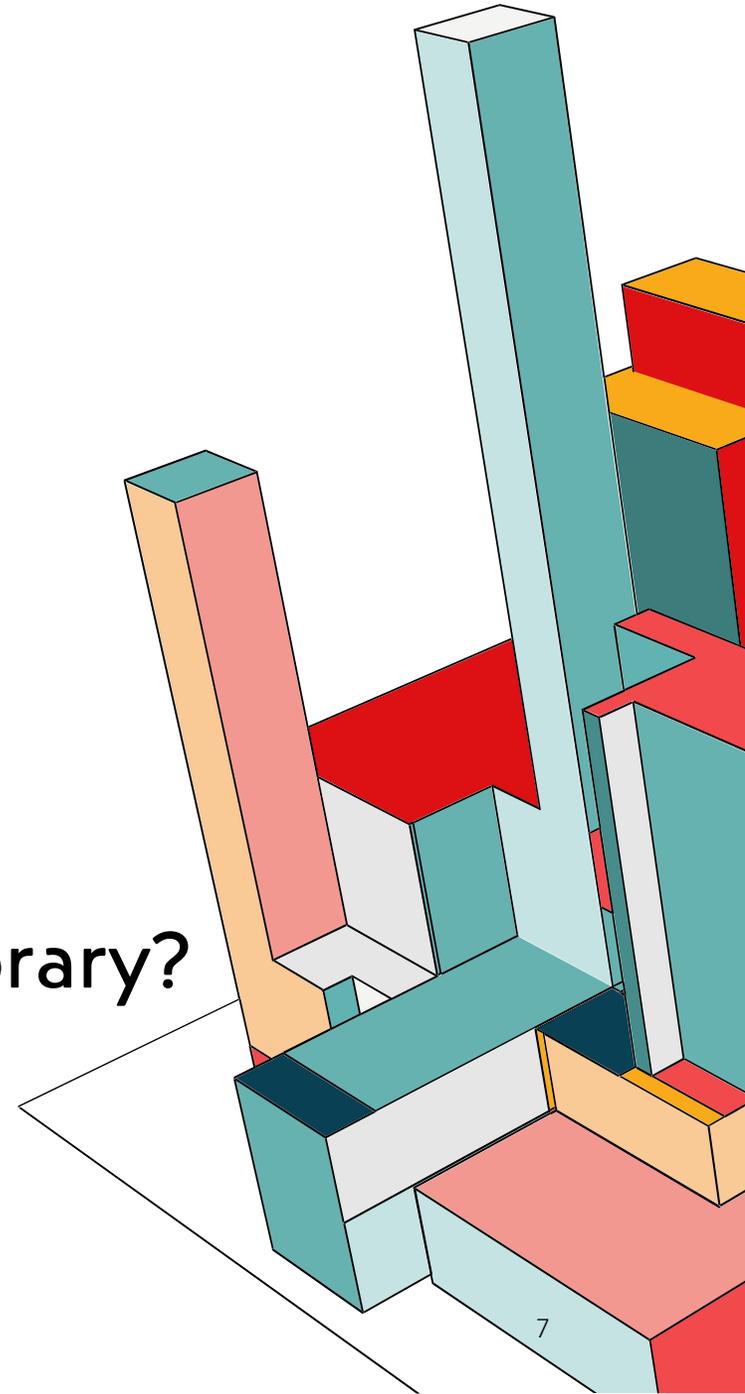


SUZANNE'S DREAM

Program kits for older kids?

Like storytime kits, but for teens?

AND somehow related to the Indiana State Library?



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Manuscripts, Indiana
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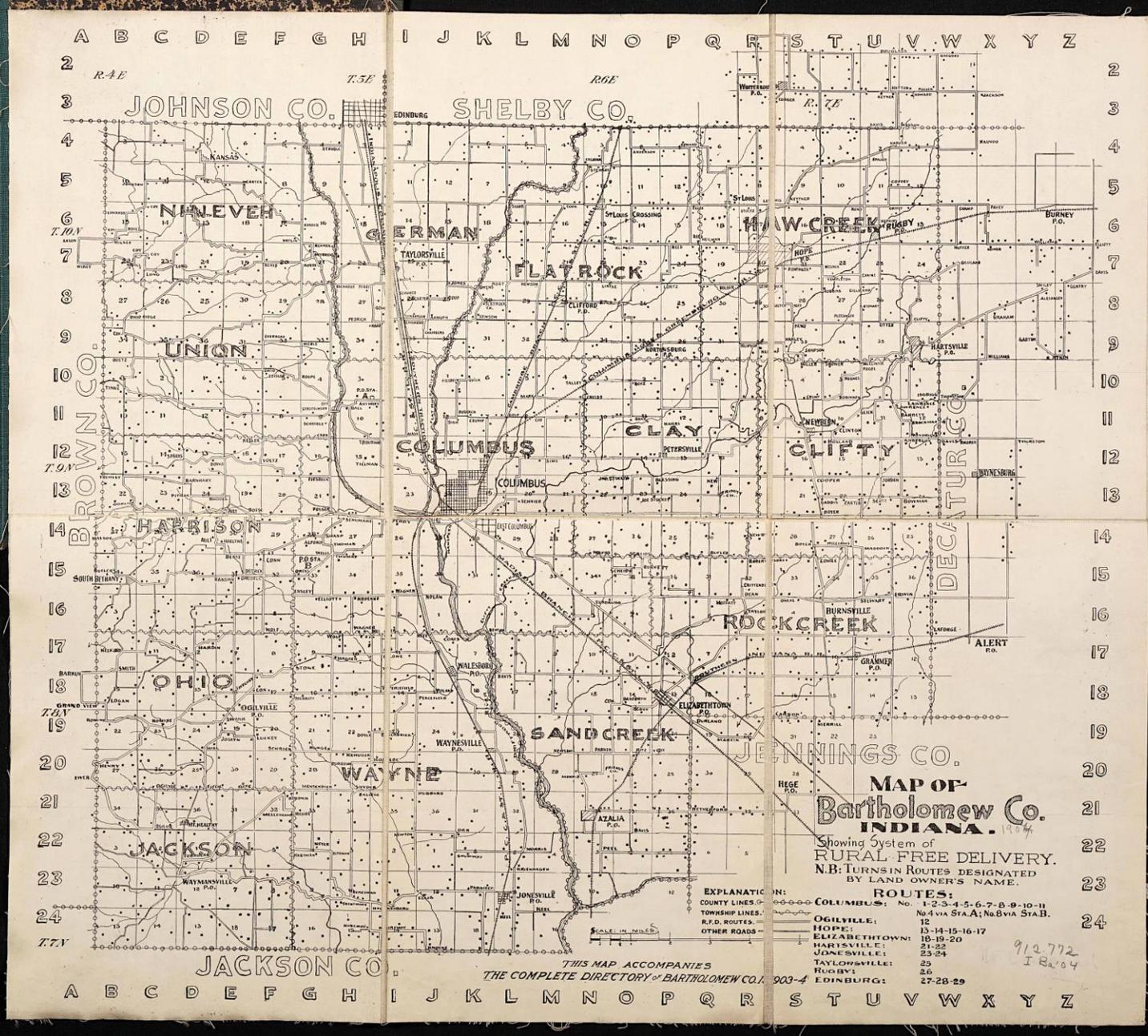


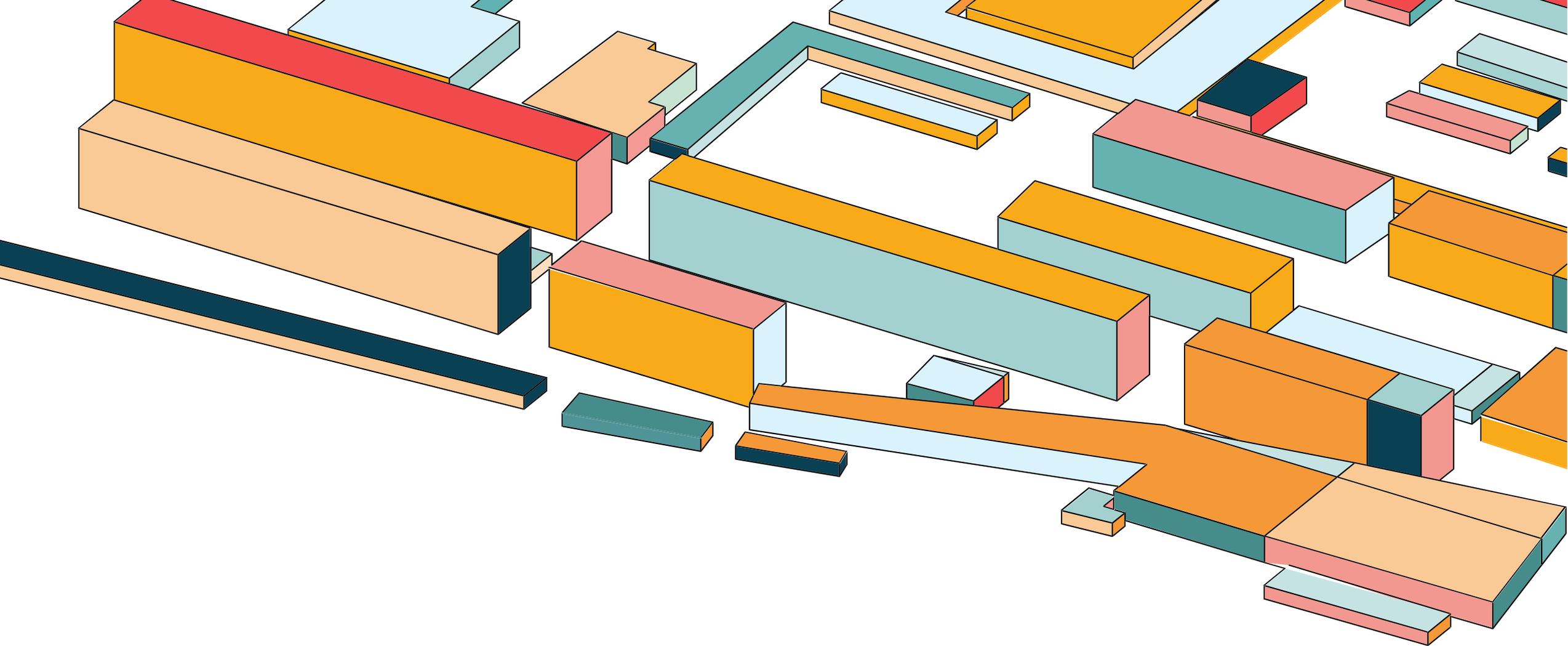
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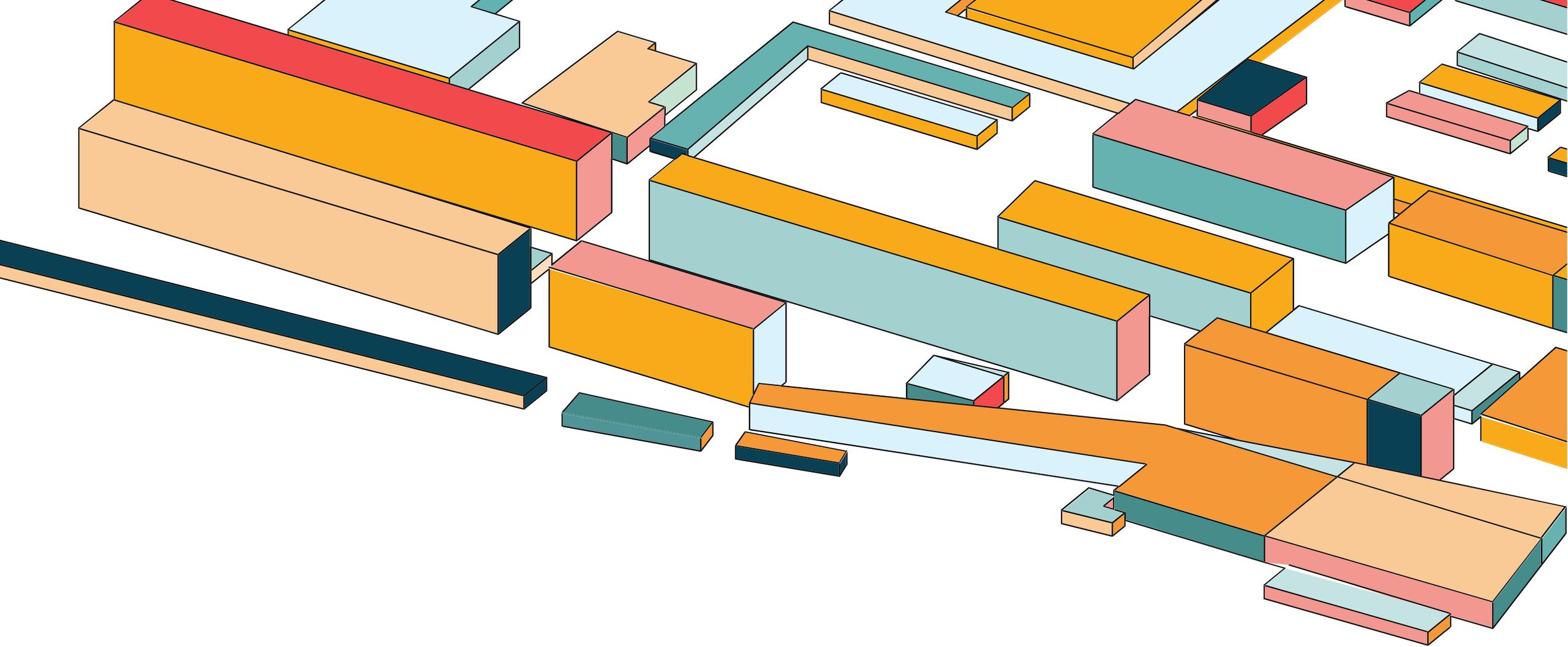
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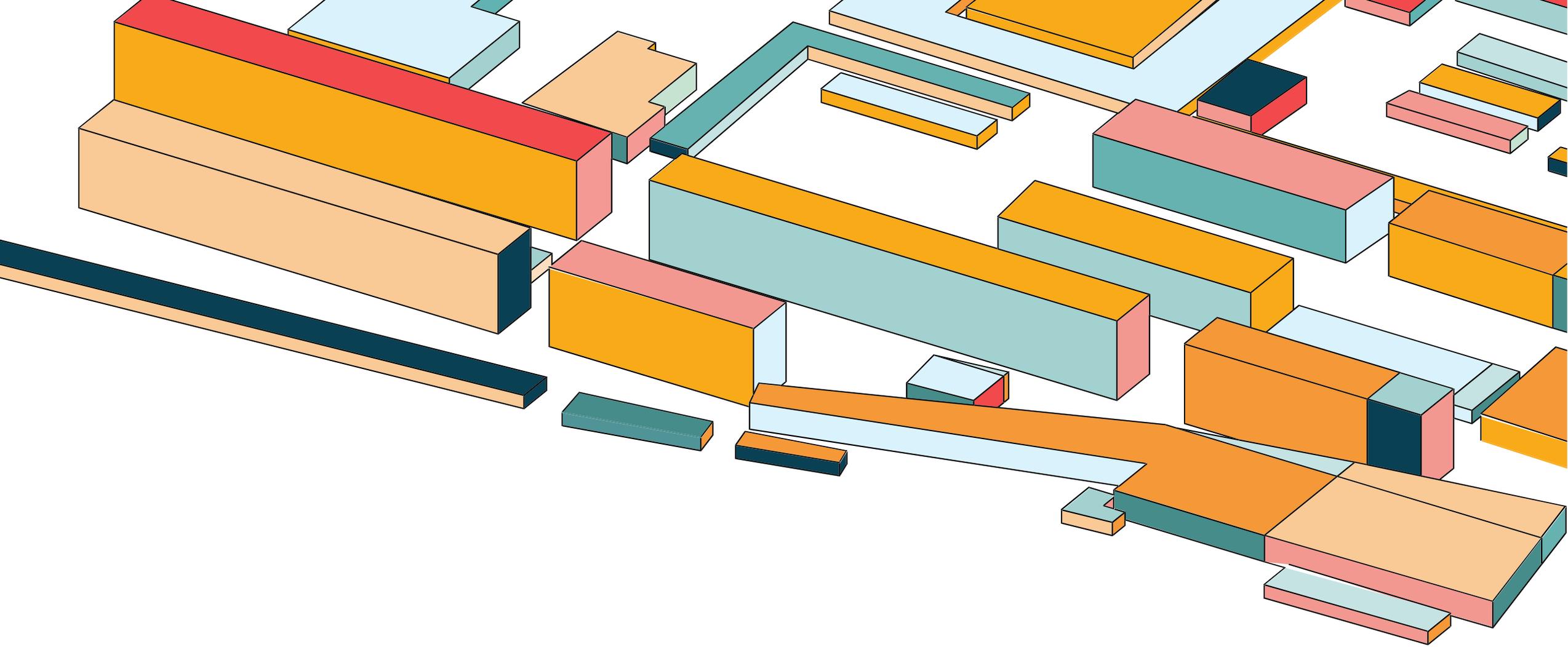




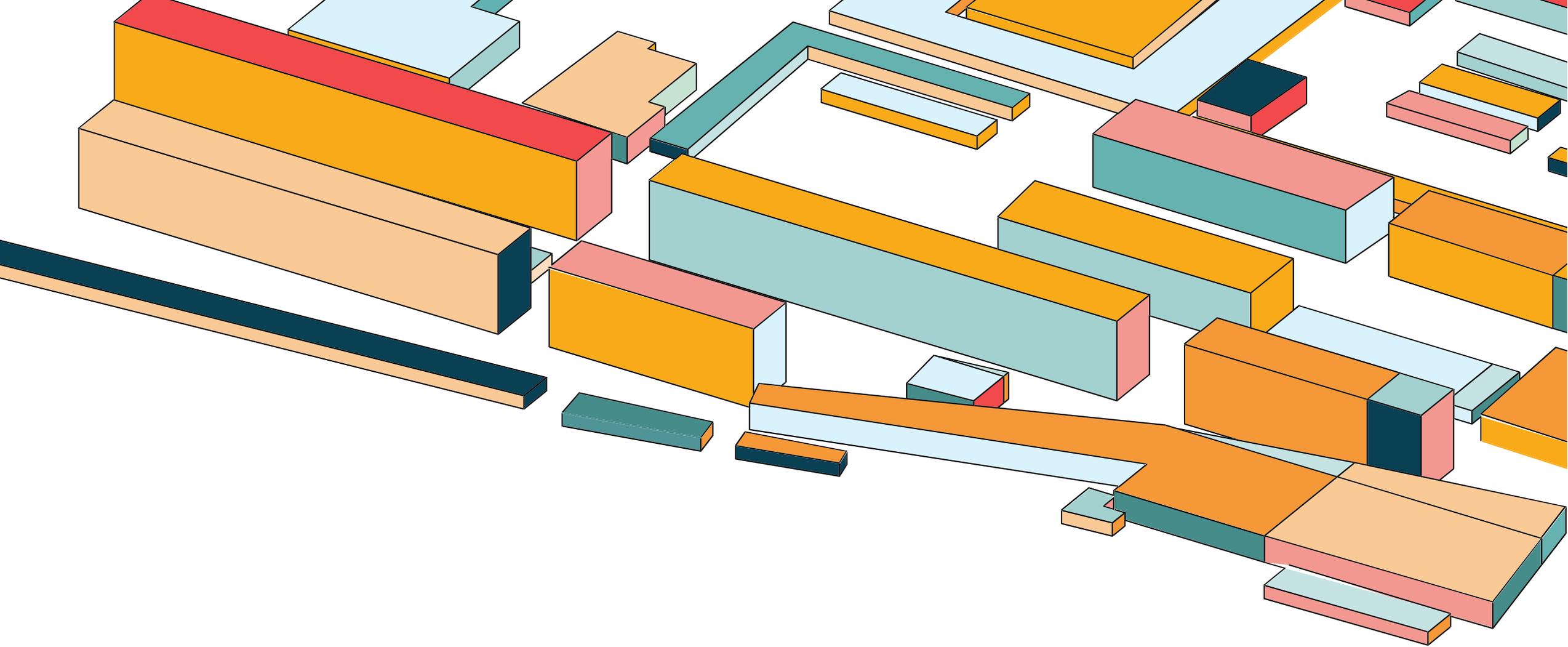
SO I THOUGHT. AND...



I CAME UP WITH A LOT OF BORING IDEAS.

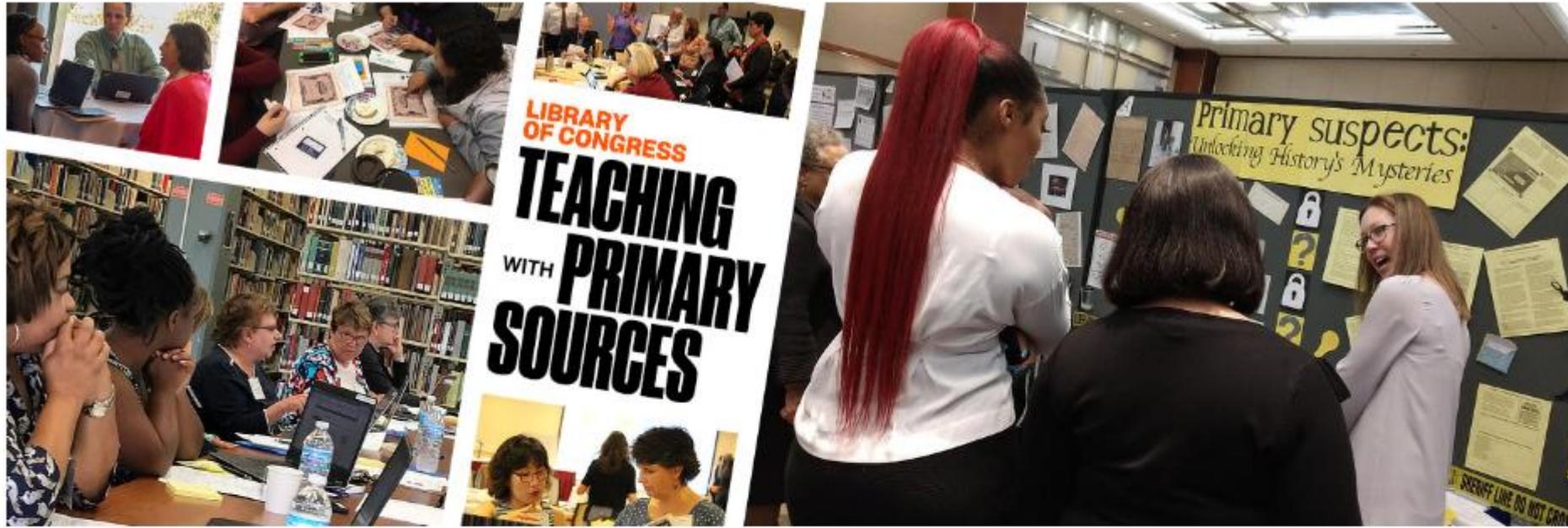


TEENS I KNOW LIKE ESCAPE ROOMS.



AND THEN I FOUND OUT ABOUT A GRANT..

Teaching with Primary Sources Partner Program



<https://www.loc.gov/programs/teachers/about-this-program/teaching-with-primary-sources-partner-program/>

About the Teaching with Primary Sources Grant Program

Since 2006, the Library has awarded Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) grants to build a nationwide network of organizations that deliver educational programming, and create teaching materials and tools based on the Library's digitized primary sources and other online resources. Each year members of this network, called the **TPS Consortium**, support tens of thousands of learners to build knowledge, engagement, and critical thinking skills with items from the Library's collections.

How to Apply

The Library of Congress awards grants to a wide variety of organizations, including K-12 schools, universities, literacy organizations, centers, clubs, historical societies, museums, libraries, associations of home-schooling parents and caregivers, honor societies, and other community, civic, professional, state, regional, and national groups that expand the body of innovative strategies, tools, and materials for meaningful teaching and learning with Library of Congress materials.

Periodically, the Library will release a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) to invite educational organizations to apply for grants ranging from \$35,000 to \$100,000, to support implementation of TPS projects in the United States and its territories.

In addition to seeking grants directly from the Library of Congress, interested applicants may apply for TPS regional grants administered by Waynesburg University, American Historical Association, Middle Tennessee State University, Illinois State University, National Council for History Education, and Metropolitan State University in the [East](#), [Mid-Atlantic and US Territories](#), [South](#), [Midwest](#), [Plains](#), and [West](#) respectively. Each of the six TPS regional partners offers sub-grants of up to \$25,000 to organizations wishing to incorporate TPS methods and materials into their educational programming.

All TPS grant recipients become members of the TPS Consortium – a group of partner organizations dedicated to using resources from the Library to offer educational services and products to targeted populations of learners. TPS Consortium members and their staffs gain personal and organizational benefits that include valuable information, collaborations, and expanded networks.

<https://www.loc.gov/programs/teachers/about-this-program/teaching-with-primary-sources-partner-program/>

WOW!



PRIMARY
SOURCES

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ESCAPE
ROOMS

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FUN
(AND LEARNING)

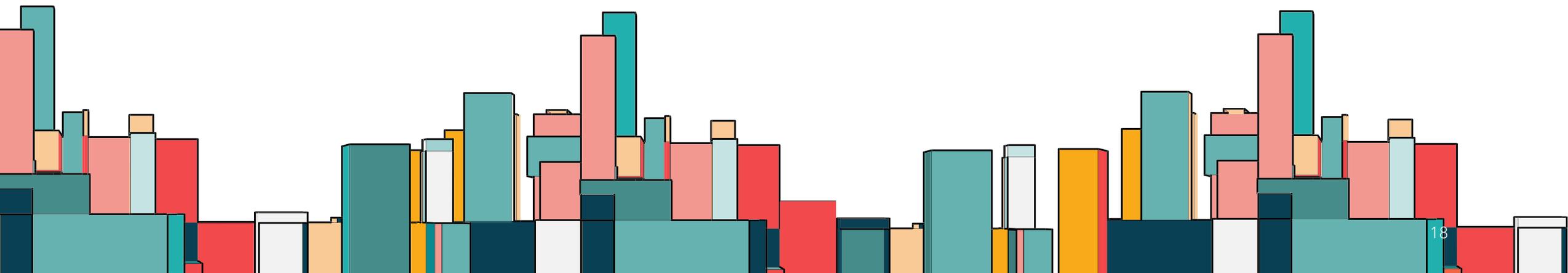
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Congress and the
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**How hard
could it be?**

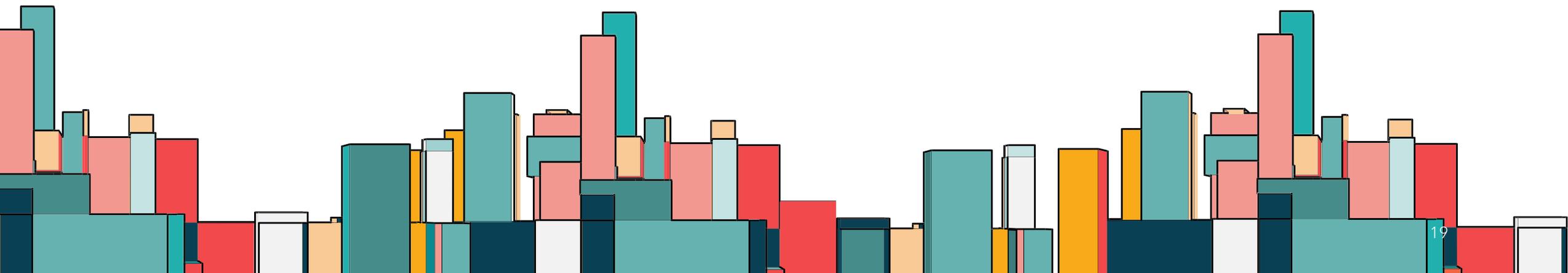
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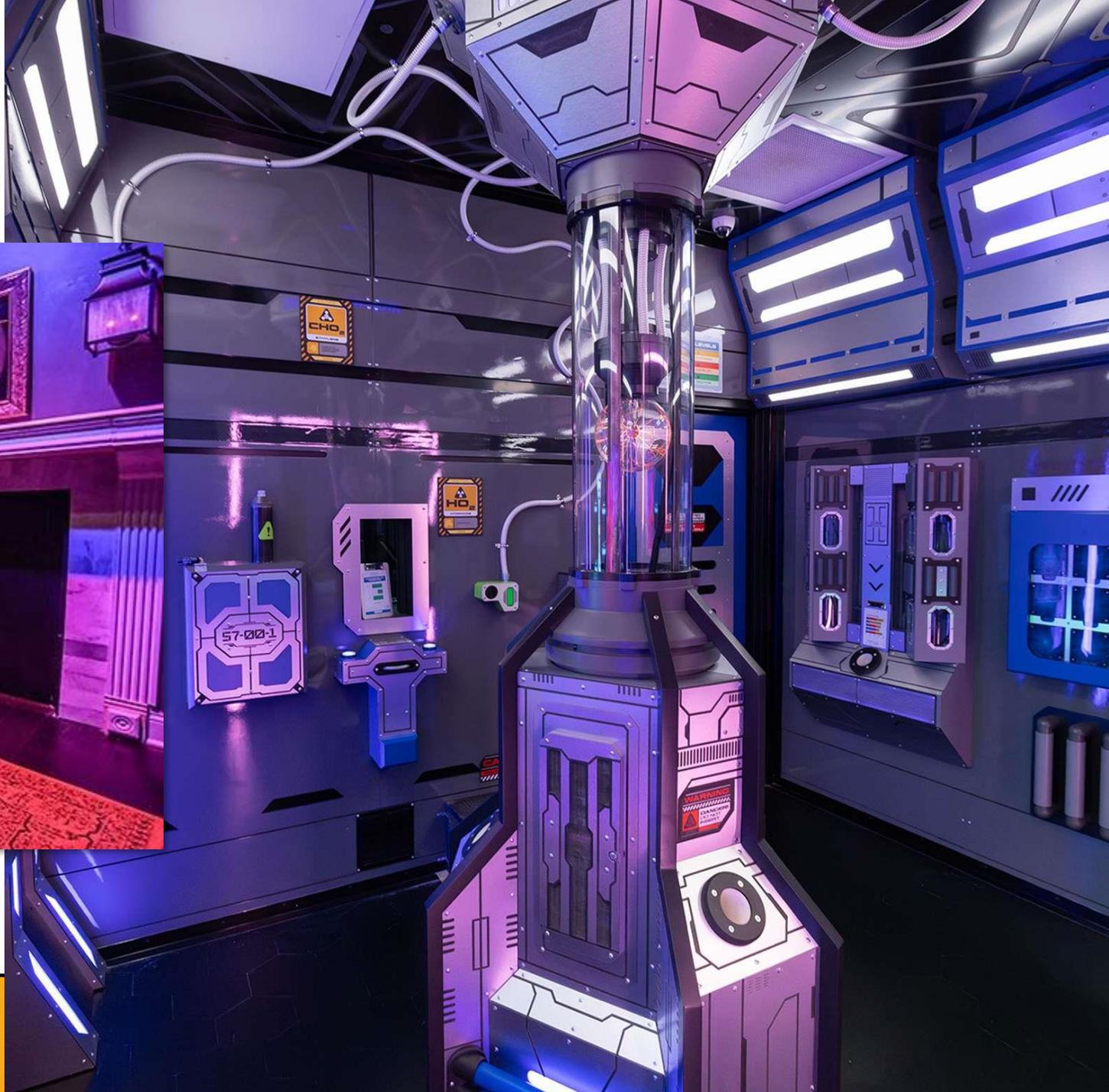
WHY PRIMARY SOURCES?

- Primary sources are the building blocks of history.
- Primary sources make learning come alive.
- Students need to learn how to analyze and interact with these types of sources as part of greater media literacy strategies.



WHAT IS AN ESCAPE ROOM?

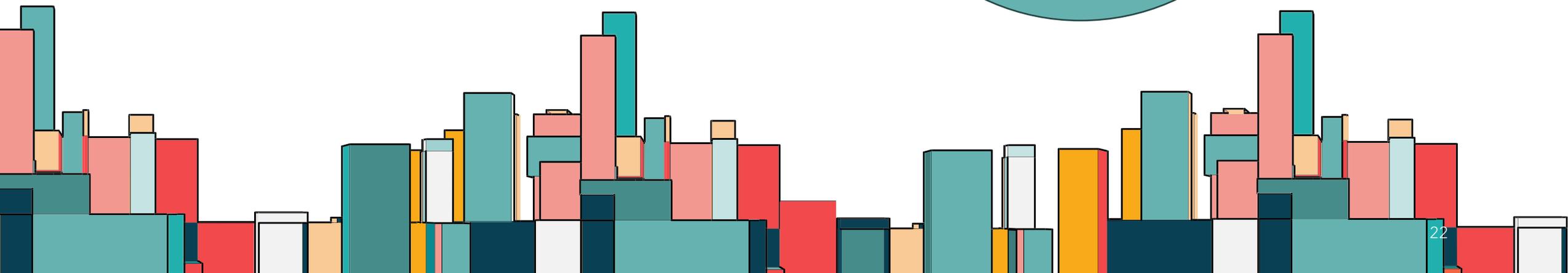
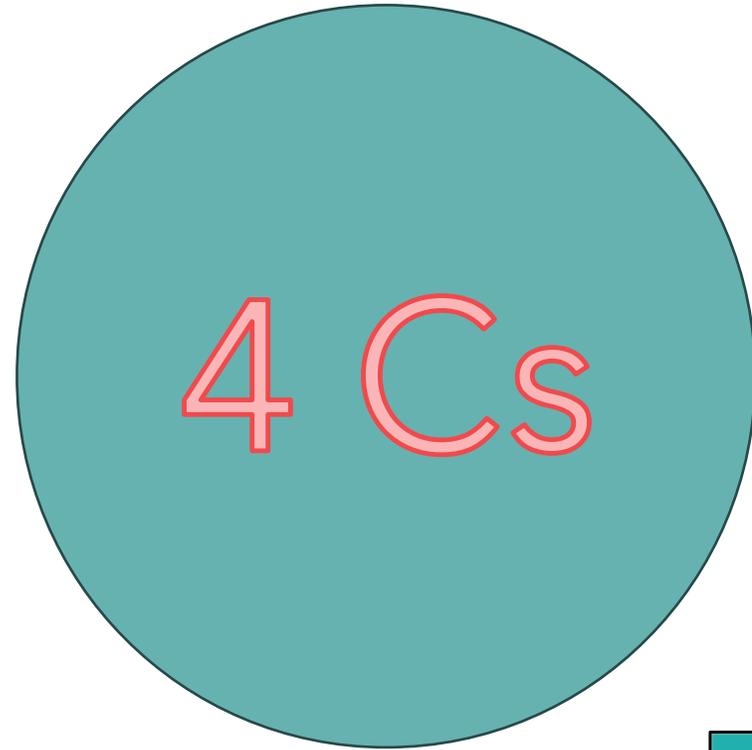






WHY ESCAPE ROOMS?

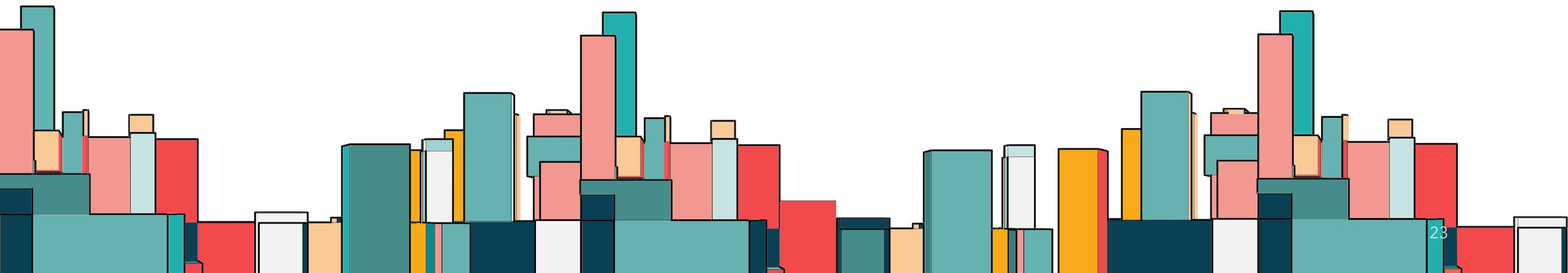
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Creativity
- Critical Thinking



WHY ESCAPE ROOMS?

- Leadership
- Problem Solving
- Team Building
- Confidence

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BACK TO OUR STORY...



DID SOME TRAINING...

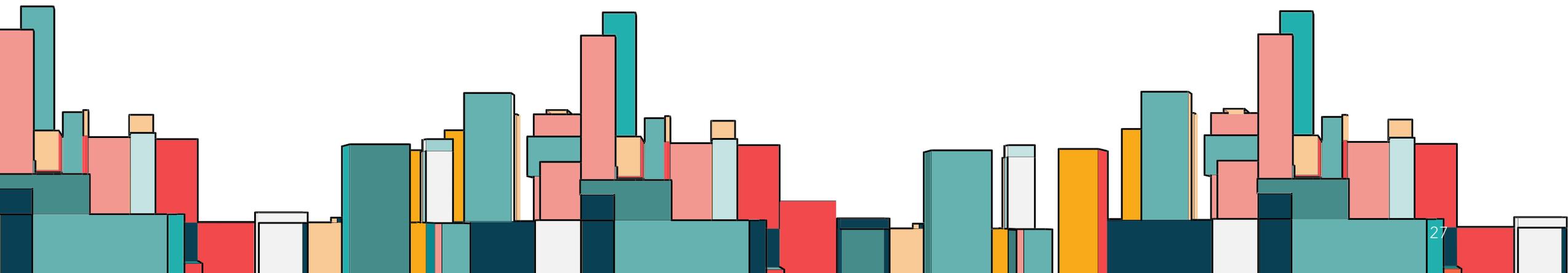
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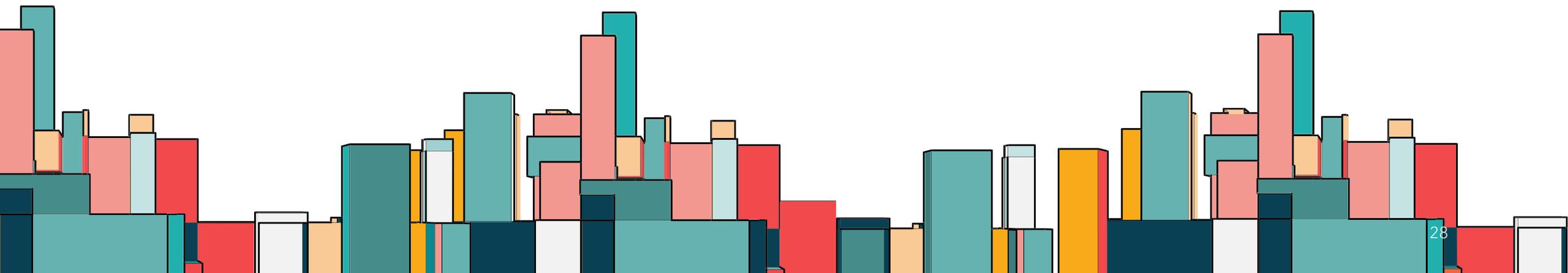
GOT THE GRANT!



BUILDING A ROOM / IT STARTS WITH PRIMARY SOURCES



I ASKED A LIBRARIAN.



"A small travel diary kept by Iris Baughman during her trip from her home in Rensselaer, Indiana to the St. Louis World's Fair in August 1904 when she was about 9 years old."

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Iris Baughman diary, Rare Books and Manuscripts Division, Indiana State Library

<https://indianamemory.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16066coll31/id/2303/rec/98>

Aug. 18, 1904.
Started from home at ten fifty-five and arrived at La Fayette at about 12 o'clock.
I saw the battle ground where the battle of Tippecanoe was fought, and I crossed the Wabash river twice.
I saw a tower at the Worlds Fair to-night that was all lighted up, all the buildings were lighted up too.
There was a wheel

IRIS M. BAUGHMAN

Services for Miss Iris M. Baughman, of 1218 NW 19, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hahn-Cook, Street & Draper Funeral Home with burial in Rosehill Mausoleum.

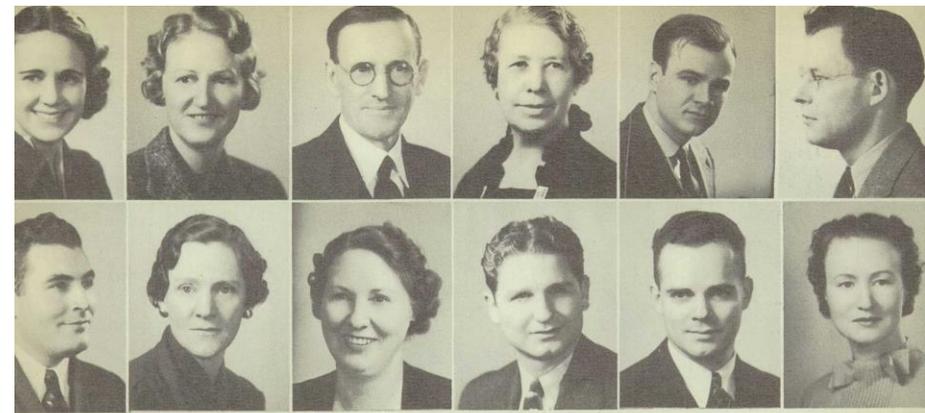
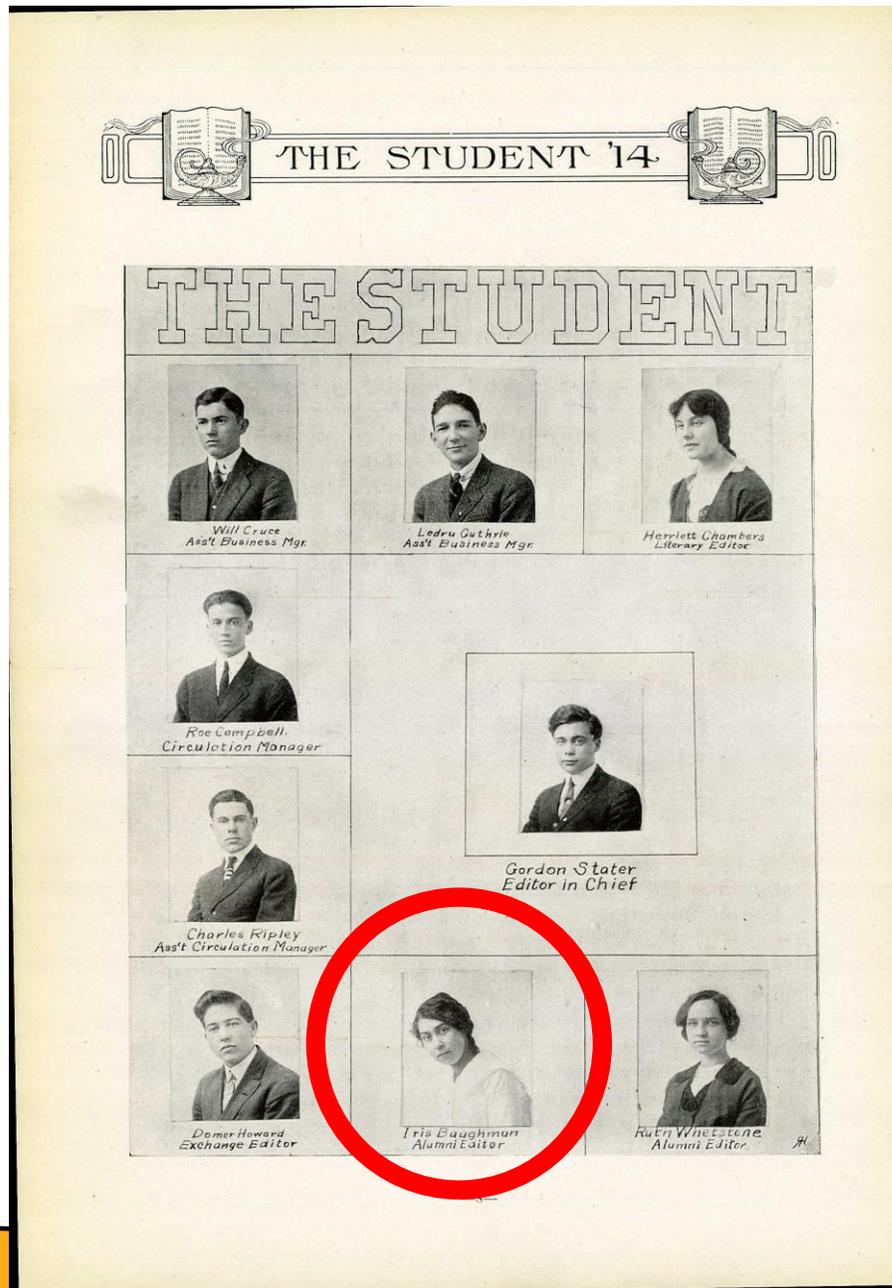
Miss Baughman was born in Monon, Indiana and moved to Oklahoma City in 1907. She was a retired teacher in Oklahoma City where she had been head of the English department at Classen High School. She was a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. She was a member of the DAR, AAUW, a lifetime member of the YWCA, Town Hall, Women's Dinner Club, Civic Music Club, the Art Foundation, OEA and the Friday Book Club. She had been an active member of the First Presbyterian Church for over fifty years.

Survivors include Mrs. James B. Webster, 609 NW 33, Mrs. E. M. Pate, Lufkin, Tex., and Mrs. Winifred Pigg, Indianapolis, and nine other cousins.

Contributions to the First Presbyterian Memorial Fund are suggested by the family as a suitable memorial.

Oklahoma City High School. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. 1914. Pg. 8. U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016. Retrieved from Ancestry Library through access provided by the Indiana State Library.

Classen High School. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. 1939. Pg. 20. U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016. Retrieved from Ancestry Library through access provided by the Indiana State Library.



FIRST ROW: ELAINE TUCKER, Dramatics; LUCILLE WILLOUGHBY, Language; C. E. GRADY, Debate; MARY FRANCES LAWSON, English; WINSTON HOWE, Speech; JOHN PADEN, Science.
SECOND ROW: CHESTER FRANCIS, Vocal Music; MARGUERITE FLOOD, History; DELLA LINK, English; C. R. RUCKER, Physical Education; ERNEST JONES, Science; ZONA MOORE, Journalism.

Faculty

FIRST ROW: MARY CANTRELL, Commercial; IRIS BAUGHMAN, English; LEO HIGBIE, Physical Education; MAXINE COOPER, Dancing; RETHA WAVE HULET, Physical Education; ETHA TOWNSEND, Commercial.
SECOND ROW: ELEANOR GODFREY, Commercial; BERNIECE GORDON, Mathematics; DAVIDA RICHARDSON, Language; ROSE FISHER, English; KATHERINE GIBSON, English; T. R. STEMEN, Science.



U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925. Iris M. Baughman. Age: 28. Birthdate, September 18, 1895. Birth Place, Monon, Indiana. Residence Place: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Retrieved from Ancestry Library through access provided by the Indiana State Library.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 28 years. Mouth: medium
 Stature: 5 feet, 8 inches, Eng. Chin: oval
 Forehead: Medium Hair: black
 Eyes: brown Complexion: dark
 Nose: straight Face: round
 Distinguishing marks: _____

IDENTIFICATION.

I, Mrs. E. Craddock, solemnly swear that I am a {native naturalized} citizen of the United States; that I reside at Oklahoma City Oklahoma; that I have known the above-named Iris M. Baughman personally for 10 years and know {her} to be a native citizen of the United States; and that the facts stated in {her} affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

No lawyer or other person will be accepted as witness in a passport application if he has received or expects to receive a fee for his services in connection with the execution of the application or obtaining the passport.

E. Craddock
 Housewife
 Oklahoma City
 (Address of witness.)

Sworn to before me this 12 day of April, 1924
 [SEAL] Cliff Myers
 Clerk of the District Court at Oklahoma City

Applicant desires passport to be sent to the following address:
750 E. 9th Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

A signed duplicate of the photograph to be attached hereto must be sent to the Department with the application, to be affixed to the passport with an impression of the Department's seal.

Iris M. Baughman



FORM OF AFFIDAVIT FOR A RELATIVE.

Deputy Court Clerk
 Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, one Mrs. U. M. Baughman
 who on oath says:

That she is the Mother of Iris M. Baughman
 who is an applicant for an American passport, and that the said Iris M. Baughman to my personal knowledge, was born in Monon Indiana on or about Sept. 18, 1895

The affiant bases her knowledge upon the following facts:
 That I am her own mother.

Mrs. U. M. Baughman
 Housewife
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
 this 12 day of April, 1924
 [SEAL] Cliff Myers
 Deputy Clerk (Court) Public.

Paragraph 6 of the "Rules governing the granting and issue of passports in the United States," promulgated by the President on January 24, 1917, reads:
 "NATIVE CITIZEN.—An application containing the information indicated by rule 5 will be sufficient evidence in the case of a native citizen; except that a person born in a place where births are recorded will be required to submit a birth certificate with his application. If a birth certificate is not obtainable, the application must be supported by an affidavit of the physician who attended the birth or affidavits of parents or other reputable persons having actual knowledge of the applicant's birth in this country."

[Notary Seal]
 Clerk of the Superior Court at Nowata, Okla.

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State Indiana
County Porter

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

Supervisor's District No. 67 Sheet No. 6
Enumeration District No. 54

Township or other division of county Center Township Name of Institution, _____
Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, Valparaiso Ward of city, 4th Ward
Enumerated by me on the 5th day of June, 1900, Travis T. Leman Enumerator.

1900 census document, Indiana, Porter County, Center Township, Valparaiso, Sheet Number 6. Retrieved from Ancestry Library through access provided by the Indiana State Library.

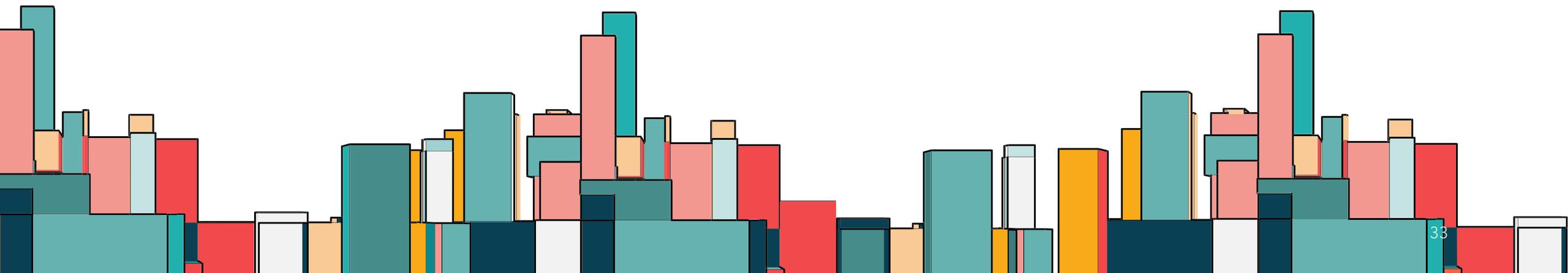
Table with columns: LOCATION, NAME, RELATION, PERSONAL DESCRIPTION, NATIVITY, CITIZENSHIP, OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION, EDUCATION, OWNERSHIP OF HOME. Includes handwritten entries for families like Baughman, Whithead, Brown, Jager, Schuman, and Curran.

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**SO, WE ARE FOCUSING ON A DIARY IN THE
INDIANA STATE LIBRARY COLLECTIONS...**

**AND WE WENT ON A
GOOSE CHASE IN ANCESTRY...**

**BUT WE STILL NEEDED
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS RESOURCES...**



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Image 5 of The Oklahoma City times (Oklahoma City, Okla.), June 7, 1918, (LATE STREET EDITION)

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Mrs. U. M. Baughman of 730 East ninth street was hostess yesterday to members of the Bible Study club who met for an all-day session of work at the First Presbyterian church Red Cross rooms.

During the noon hour Mrs. Baughman assisted by her daughter, Miss Iris Baughman served a luncheon, the general business session occupying the early portion of the afternoon.

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World's Fair, St Louis, 1904.

"American Expositions and World Fairs Exhibit, January-March 1976." Available also through the Library of Congress Web site as a raster image.

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World's fair, St. Louis, 1904: ground plan Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, Missouri Worlds [sic] Fair, 1904

Indicates individual pavilions. "Opens April 30th, 1904; closes December 1st, 1904." Available also through the Library of Congress Web site as a raster image.

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Panorama of the World's Fair, St Louis, 1904.

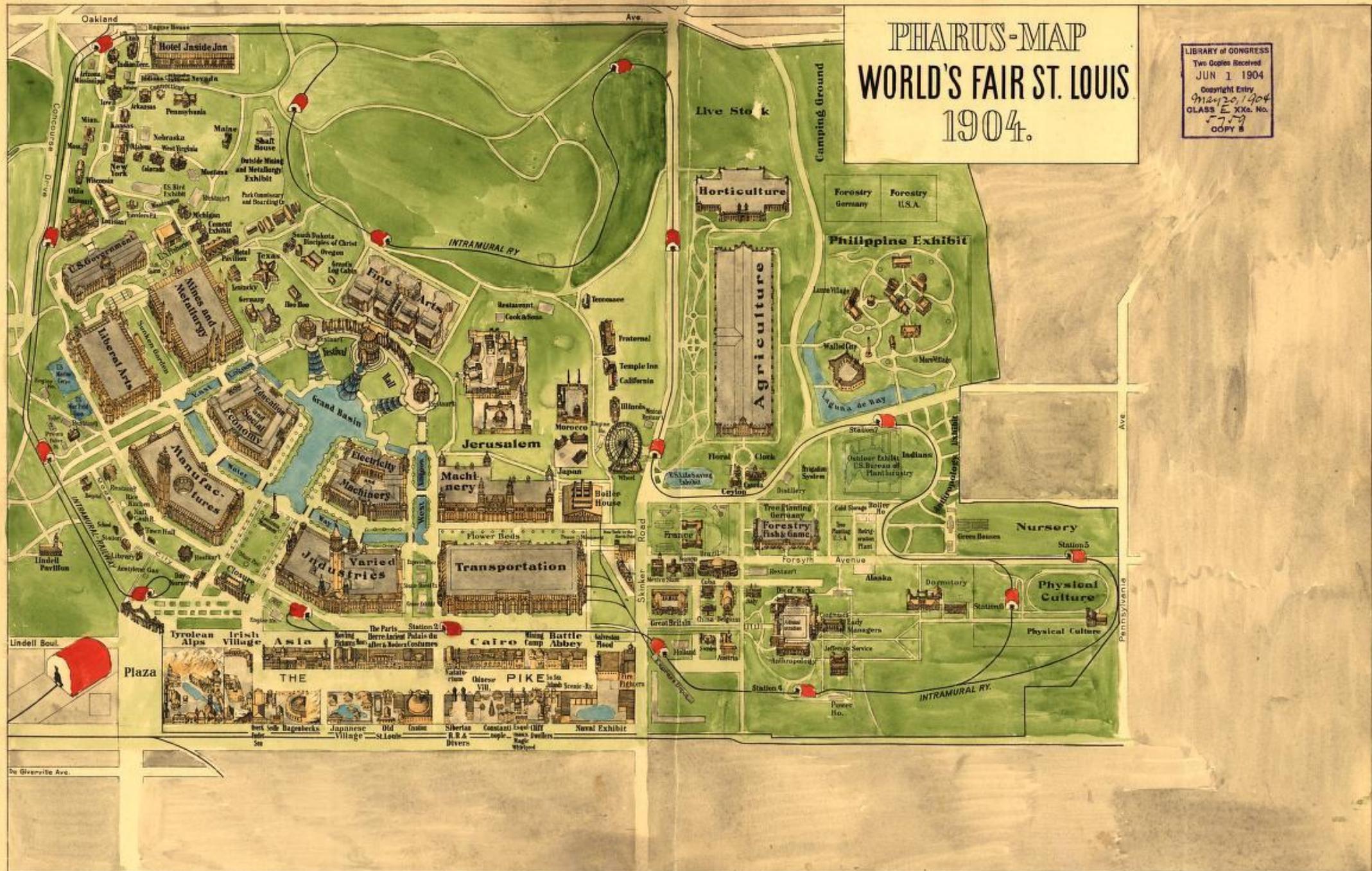
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Five Census Documents:

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- 1910 census document, Oklahoma, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma City, Sheet Number 1. Retrieved from Ancestry Library through access provided by the Indiana State Library.
- 1920 census document, Oklahoma, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma City, Sheet Number 9. Retrieved from Ancestry Library through access provided by the Indiana State Library.
- 1930 census document, Oklahoma, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma City, Sheet Number 13A. Retrieved from Ancestry Library through access provided by the Indiana State Library.
- 1940 census document, Oklahoma, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma City, Sheet Number 5A. Retrieved from Ancestry Library through access provided by the Indiana State Library.

One City Directory:

- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, City Directory, 1913. Retrieved from Ancestry Library through access provided by the Indiana State Library.

One Diary:

- Iris Baughman diary, Rare Books and Manuscripts Division, Indiana State Library. <https://indianamemory.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16066coll31/id/2303/rec/98>.

One Google Map Image

- Google Maps. 1218 NW 19th Street. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Image of house. Google, April 2022.

Two Maps:

- Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana. Sanborn Map Company, May, 1899. Map. Retrieved from the **Library of Congress**, https://www.loc.gov/item/sanborn02519_003.
- Pharus. Pharus-map World's Fair St. Louis. [S.l, 1904] Map. Retrieved from the **Library of Congress**, <https://www.loc.gov/item/99466762>.

One Newspaper:

The Daily Oklahoman. Oklahoma City, July 7, 1969.

Two Passenger Lists:

- UK and Ireland, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878-1960. Arrival Date: June 17, 1924. Port of Arrival: Southampton, England. Ship: Mauretania. Shipping Line: Cunard. Passenger: Iris Baughman. Retrieved from Ancestry Library through access provided by the Indiana State Library.
- UK and Ireland, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878-1960. Arrival Date: July 8, 1928. Port of Arrival: Plymouth, England. Ship: Rotterdam. Shipping Line: Holland-American Line. Passenger: Iris Baughman. Retrieved from Ancestry Library through access provided by the Indiana State Library.

One Passport:

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One Photograph

- At Full Speed on the Measured Mile. Photograph of the Mauretania. Bedford Lemere & Co. 1906-1907. DeGolyer Library, Southern Methodist University. <https://digitalcollections.smu.edu/digital/collection/ea/id/104/>.

Five Stereo Cards:

- Keystone View Company, Copyright Claimant. Great automobile display, interior Transportation Building, Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, Mo., U. S. A. Meadville, Pa.: Keystone View Company. Photograph. Retrieved from the **Library of Congress**, <https://www.loc.gov/item/2002715387/>.
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Two Yearbooks:

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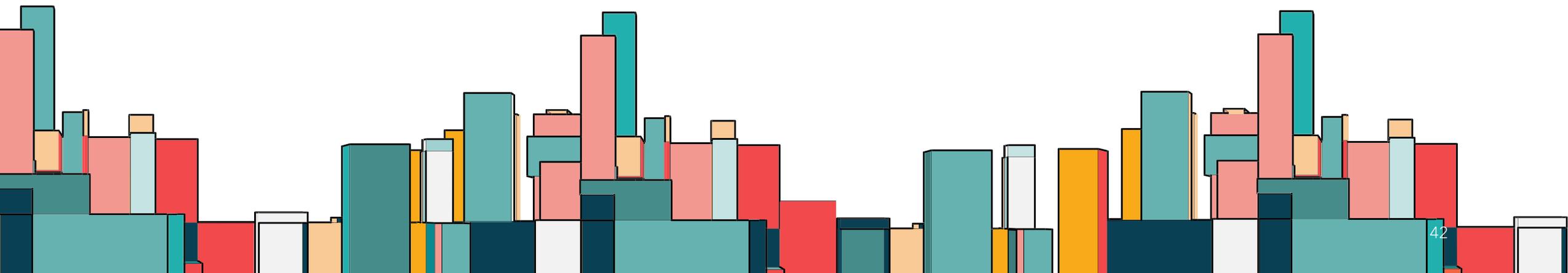
BUILDING A ROOM / ONE MUST WRITE PUZZLES



THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME CRYING.



...BUT I THINK IT WAS WORTH IT.



Genealogy and the 1904 Diary Escape Experience





Indiana Escape Experiences

Exploring Primary Sources from the
Indiana State Library and the Library of Congress

GENEALOGY and the 1904 DIARY ESCAPE EXPERIENCE Leader Packet

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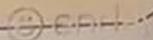


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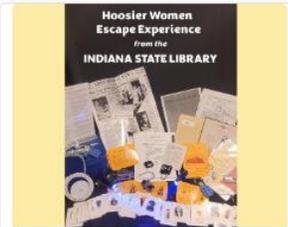
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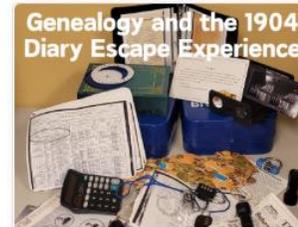
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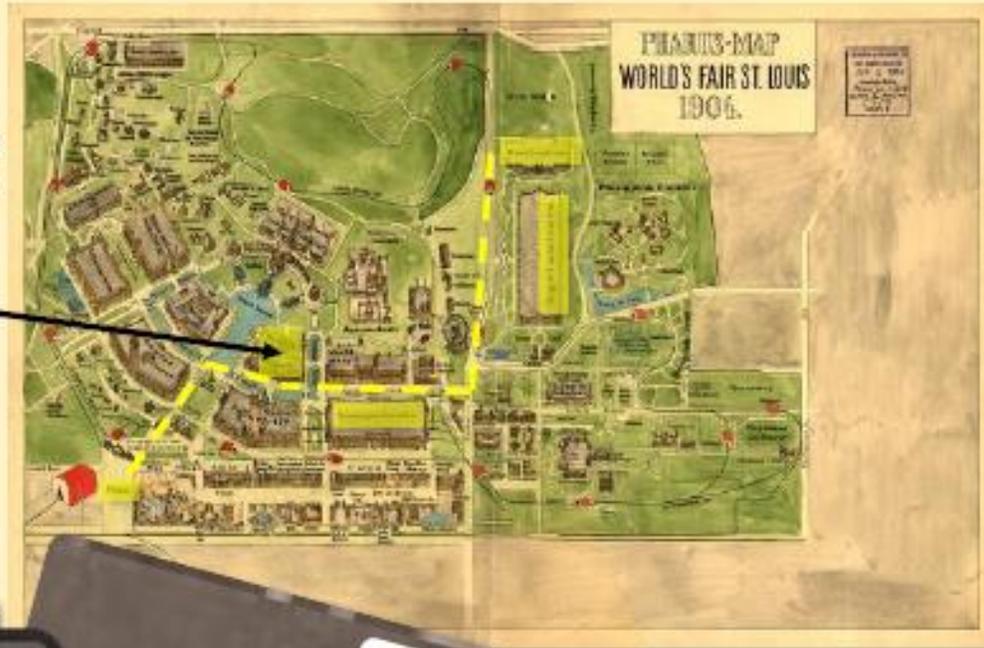
Indiana Escape Experiences

Exploring Primary Sources from the
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Solving the Jigsaw Puzzle Code with the Stereo Cards | QXZYP

Once the puzzle is put together, participants need to shine the UV flashlight on the resulting map. They will notice five locations light up along a path: the Plaza, the Electricity and Machinery Buildings, the Transportation Building, the Agricultural Building, and the Horticultural Building.

If they shine the UV flashlight on the stereo cards, the same five locations will light up.

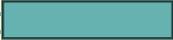




Participants need to go one step further and shine the UV light on the white labels located *on the back* of each stereo card. Printed on these labels are random letters that show up under UV light.

Additionally, there is a cryptic note pasted on the front of the mini-file folder that enclosed the stereo cards. The note says: 

The group needs to notice that the capitalized words at the beginning of each line create a code. The code says: Put Images In Order By Map Path. Additionally, this code will light up if a UV light is shone upon it.

If the group puts the stereo cards in order by the path that Iris might have taken starting with the Plaza, they can find the following path: Plaza | Electricity and Machinery | Transportation | Agriculture | Horticulture. If they put the corresponding UV letters from the back of the cards in that same order they will get a five-letter code: 

HINT NEEDED: Sometimes groups miss the note on the file. Make sure they see this note! Make sure they shine the light on the back of the stereo cards. When you initially place the stereo cards in the small file, if you mix up the card faces and backs, this can sometimes encourage groups to check the backs.

Put this file in a super duper safe place. these
Images are things iris saw at the fair, based on writings
In her diary. we assume that iris arrived by train. that was the
Order of the day. she probably had a lovely day walking
By all the other fairgoers. where did that toucan hide the fair
Map? i feel like it's important! we have to get on the right
Path. how can we *shine a light* on the right answer?

—a confused librarian



WORLD'S FAIR ST. LOUIS
1904.



Jerusalem

Machinery

Transportation

Forestry
Fish Game

Forsyth Avenue

Varied
Industries

Skinker Road



STEREO CARDS
ST. LOUIS FAIR

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The 1955-1956 Crispus
Attucks High School
Basketball Adventure

HARD

Genealogy and
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Aviation!

Toni Frissell with Major George S.
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Italy, 1945. [March] Photograph.
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Frissell, Toni, photographer. *Members of the 332nd Fighter Group attending a briefing in Ramitelli, Italy, March. Italy, 1945. [March] Photograph.*
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O. CHANUTE,
CONSULTING ENGINEER,
413 E. HURON ST.,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

WOOD PRESERVING A SPECIALTY.
CHICAGO, ILL. *June 22^d* 1901

Mr Wilbur Wright

Dayton. O.

Dear Sir.

*I have your letters of
May 20th & June 19th.*

*I will endeavor, within a very
few days, to bring you the French
Anemometer. If I cannot come
I will send it by express. The in-
structions are in French, and may
need explanation.*

*I sent you the article in Cassin's
and am pleased that you like it.*

Yours truly

O. Chanute

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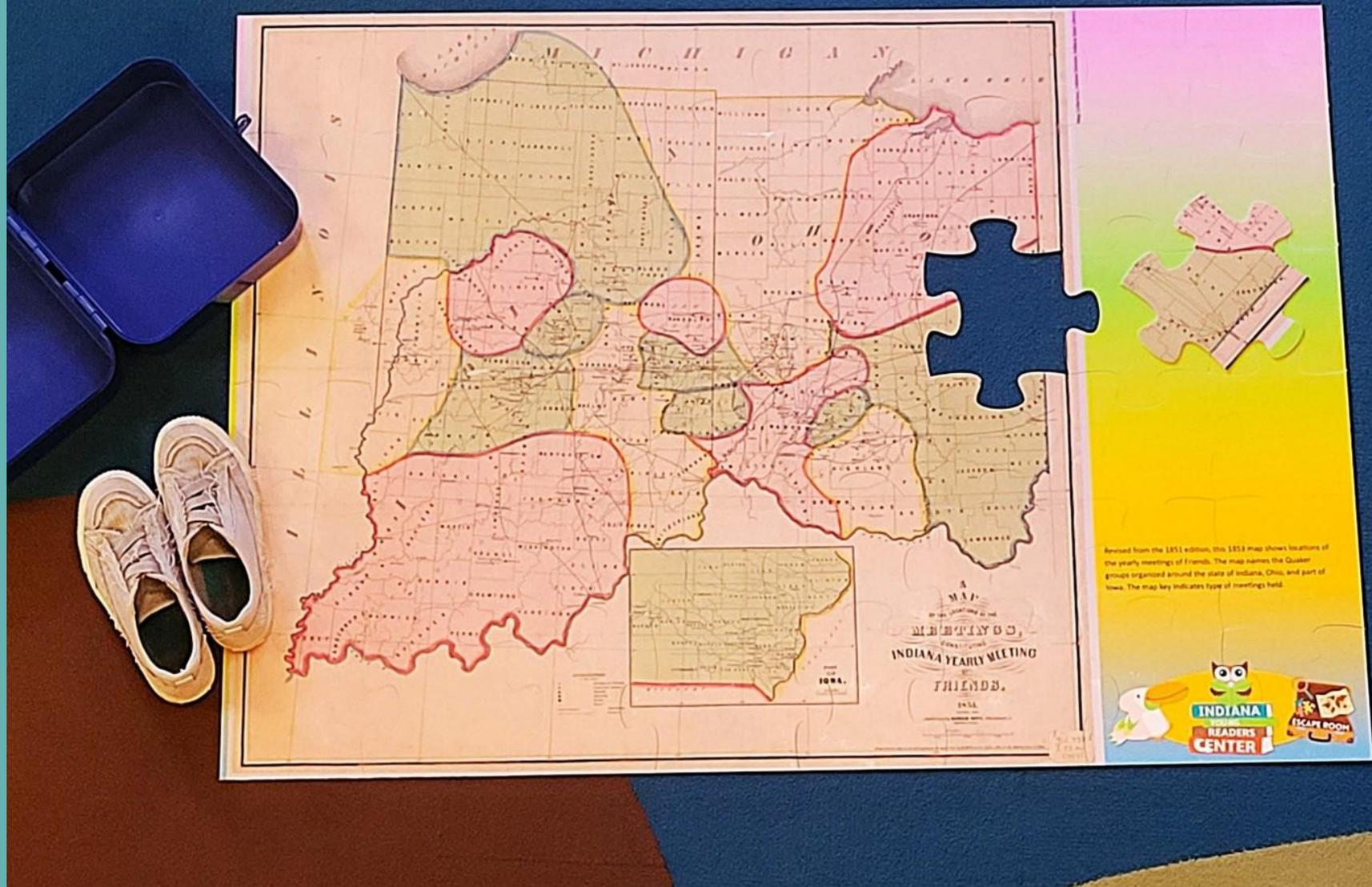
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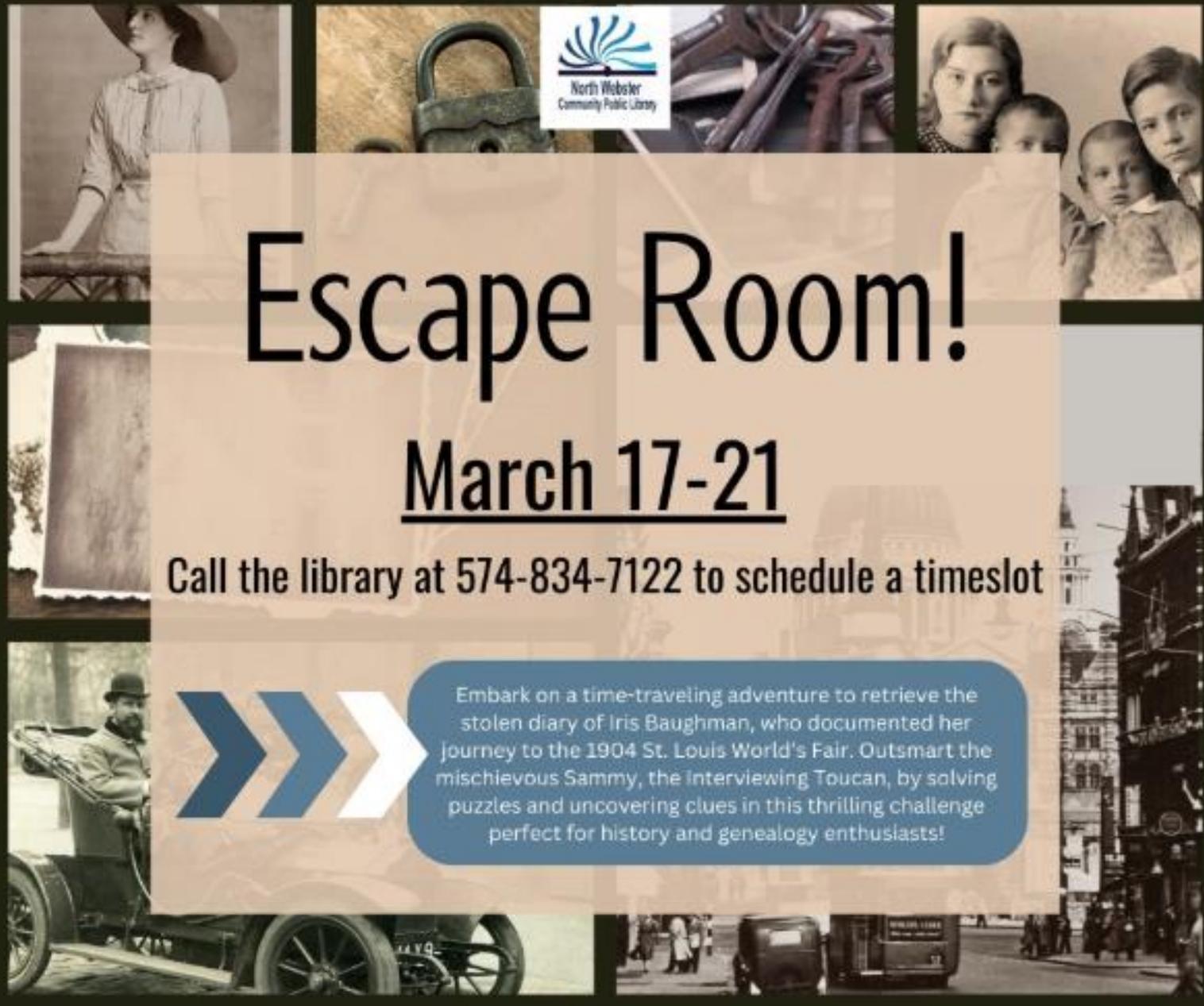
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Escape Room!

March 17-21

Call the library at 574-834-7122 to schedule a timeslot



Embark on a time-traveling adventure to retrieve the stolen diary of Iris Baughman, who documented her journey to the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. Outsmart the mischievous Sammy, the Interviewing Toucan, by solving puzzles and uncovering clues in this thrilling challenge perfect for history and genealogy enthusiasts!



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🔑 Join us for a time-traveling escape room experience to retrieve the stolen diary of Iris Baughman, a young woman from Indiana who documented her journey to the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. Your mission: crack the codes, solve the puzzles, and recover the diary before time runs out!

Call 574-834-7122 to reserve your spot for this thrilling adventure!

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March 8, 2025



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BENJAMIN HARRISON ESCAPE EXPERIENCE



BENJAMIN HARRISON ESCAPE EXPERIENCE

A fun and educational escape experience for teens and adults! You and your team will solve a series of puzzles designed by Indiana State Library's interviewing **Toucan Sammy** to find a rare picture book about Indiana's only President, Benjamin Harrison! This thrilling escape is perfect for puzzle lovers and history buffs alike. Designed for Grade 6 and above, but families can use their best judgment. FREE.

Sign up for a time slot at the Thorntown Public Library's main circulation desk, or give us a call!

Date(s): March 20 -21, 2026

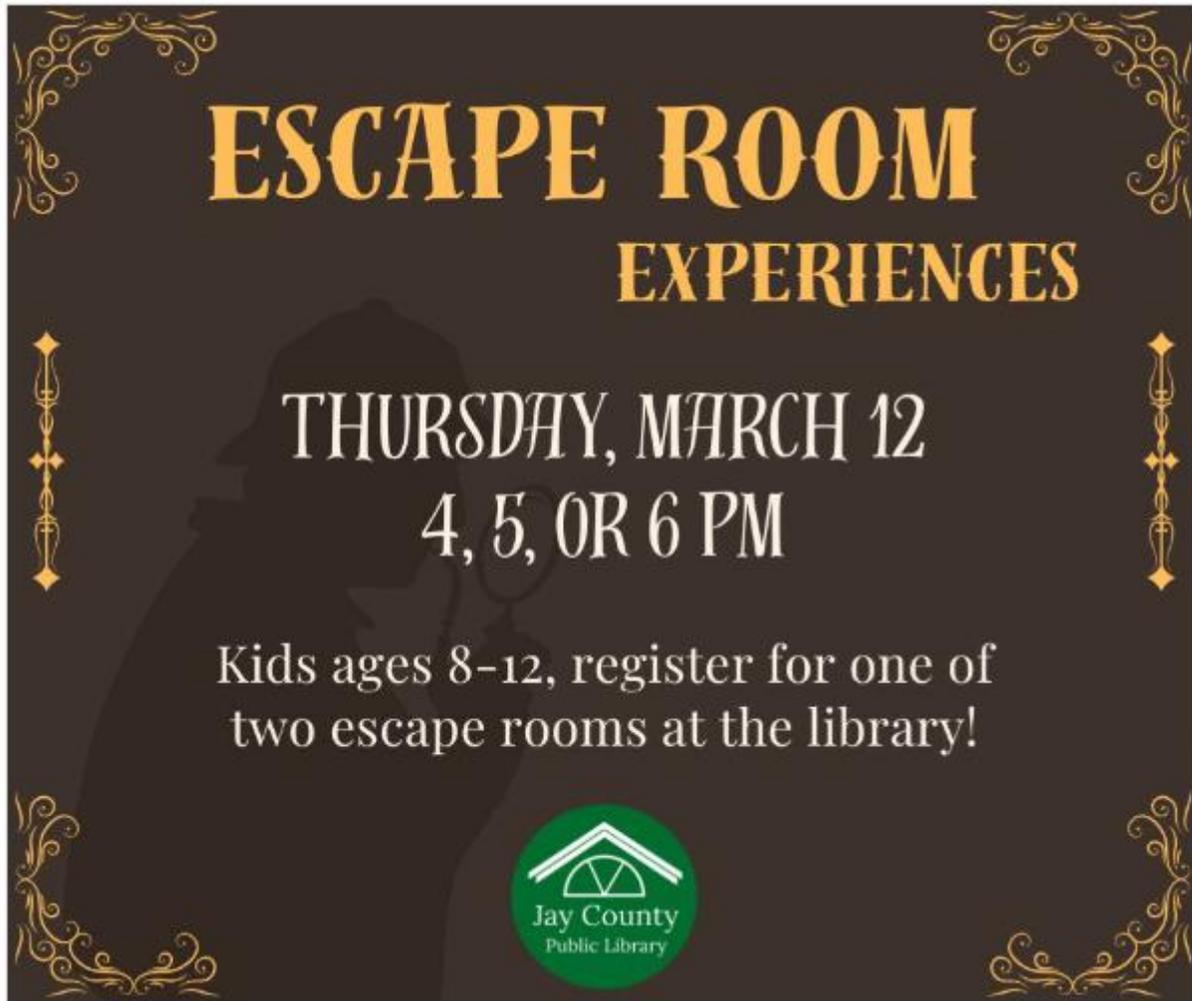
Time: March 20th: 4pm-6pm, March 21: 11pm-3pm

Location: Thorntown Public Library

Address

124 N Market St

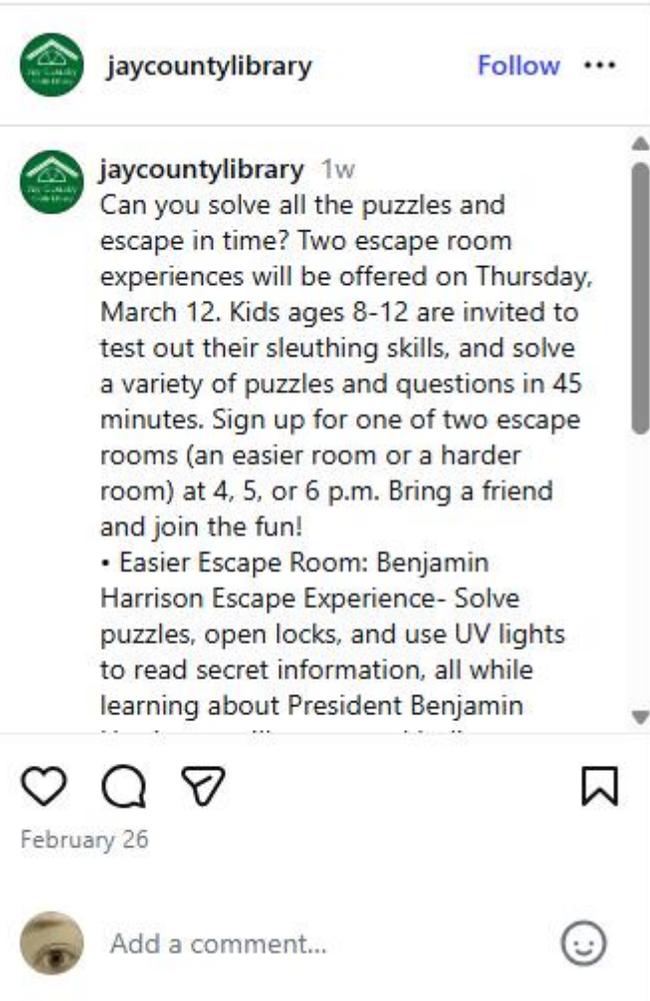
Thorntown, Indiana 46071



**ESCAPE ROOM
EXPERIENCES**

THURSDAY, MARCH 12
4, 5, OR 6 PM

Kids ages 8-12, register for one of
two escape rooms at the library!



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Can you solve all the puzzles and escape in time? Two escape room experiences will be offered on Thursday, March 12. Kids ages 8-12 are invited to test out their sleuthing skills, and solve a variety of puzzles and questions in 45 minutes. Sign up for one of two escape rooms (an easier room or a harder room) at 4, 5, or 6 p.m. Bring a friend and join the fun!

- Easier Escape Room: Benjamin Harrison Escape Experience- Solve puzzles, open locks, and use UV lights to read secret information, all while learning about President Benjamin Harrison.

February 26

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AMAZING HOOSIER WOMEN ESCAPE ROOM

Can you crack the codes to piece together the stories of these inspiring Indiana women?

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

11 AM

Registration required,
please call the library at
812-849-2412 to sign
up.

For ages 12-18



HOOSIER WOMEN ESCAPE ROOM



🔥 GOING FAST



Hoosier Women Escape Room #1

📍 By Centerville-Center Township Public Library

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Free
Fri, Mar 20 • 5:30 pm

Reserve a spot

📍 204 E Main St · Centerville, IN

📅 Friday, Mar 20 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Overview

Put on your sleuthing caps and step back in time!

Celebrate Women's History Month by solving the mystery of the missing Hoosier Women scrapbook pages. Test your wits and teamwork as you pore over copies of real historical documents, photos, and other materials from the Indiana State Library's collection.

Each team will have one hour to complete all the puzzles and solve the mystery.



ESCAPE

Young Adults, come test your sleuthing skills at the Crispus Attucks High School Basketball Escape Experience on **Saturday**, April 11, at the Lowell Public Library from 1:30-2:45PM.

Your team has **sixty minutes** to discover the truth, crack the codes, and retrieve the lost “Championship Sneaker”. The path *will* be challenging—vintage memorabilia, hidden clues, and championship lore guard this treasure well.

Register now and bring your A-game!

Will your team beat the shot clock, or will you be left on the benches?

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There is a minimum of 4 and maximum of 8 participants for this program. This is a free program for students in 5th-12th grade. Registration is **REQUIRED**.

Registration opens March 12.



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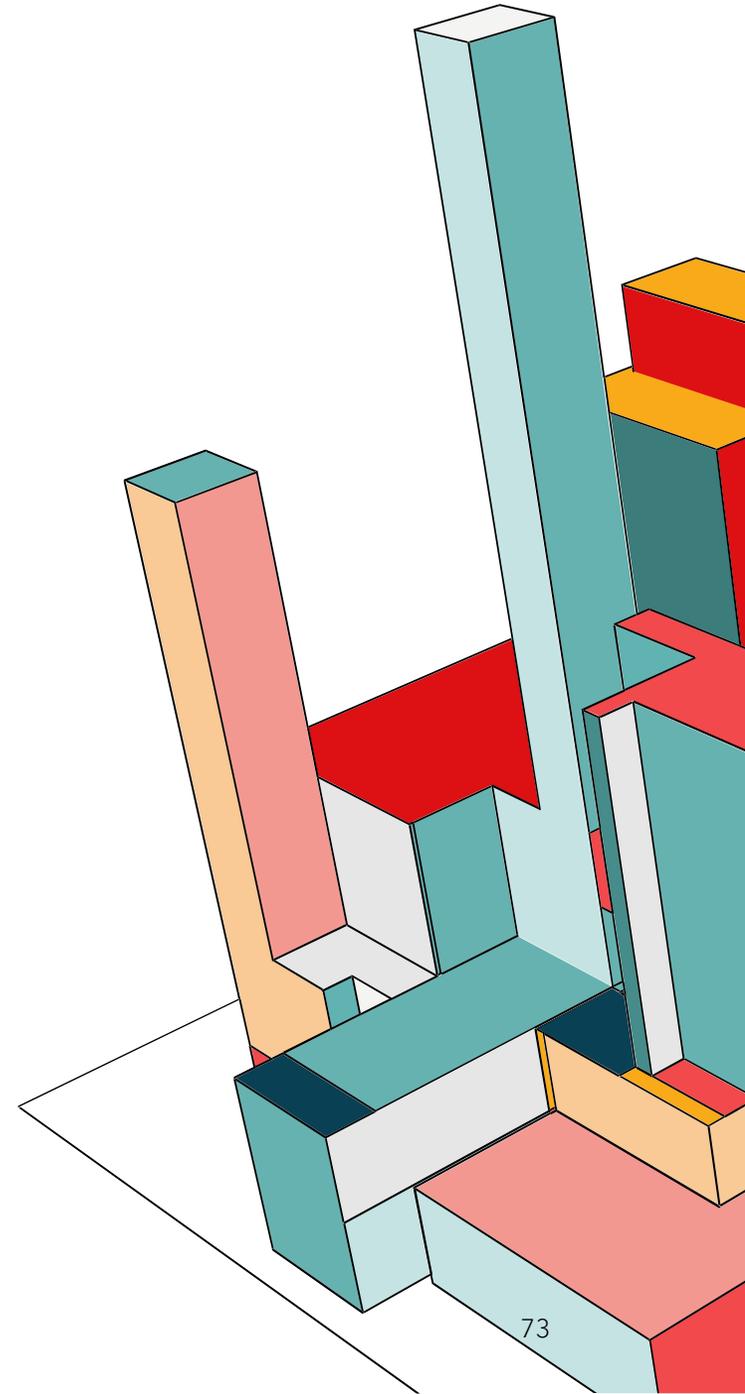
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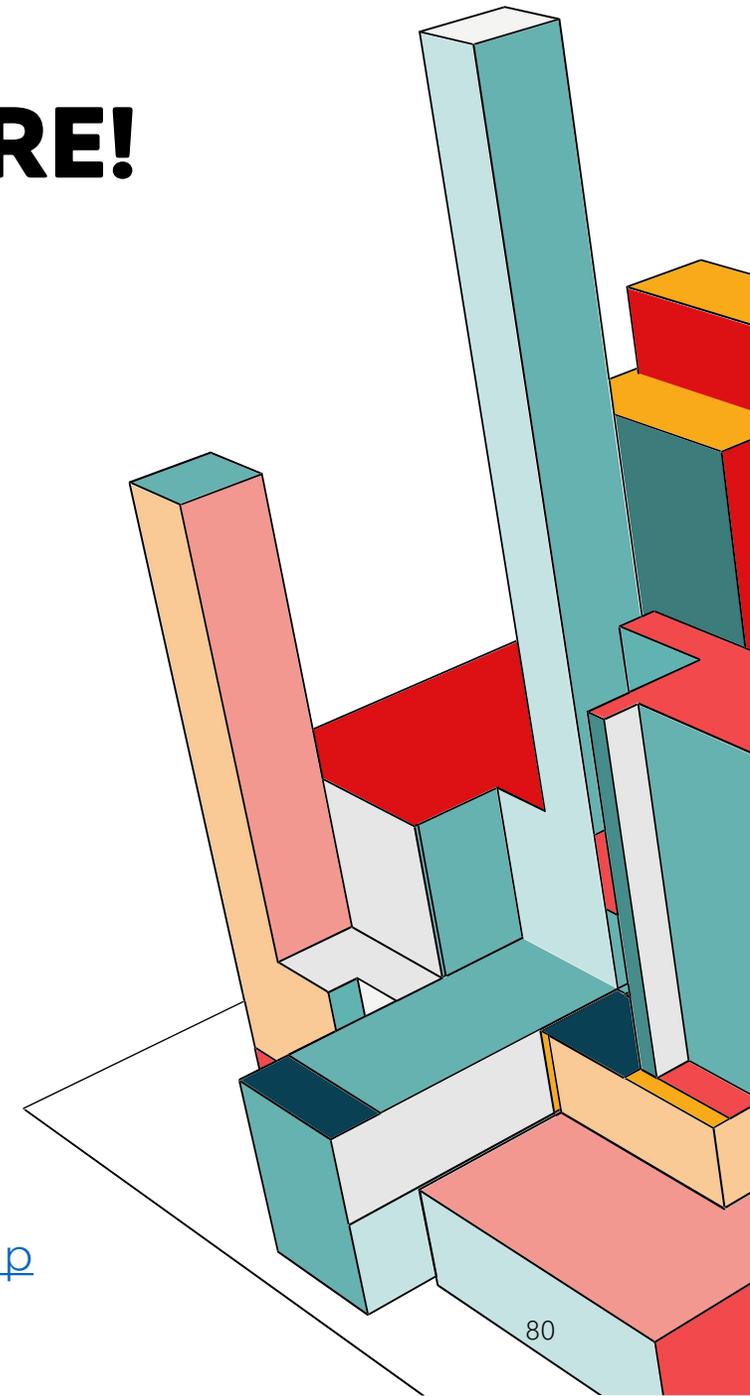
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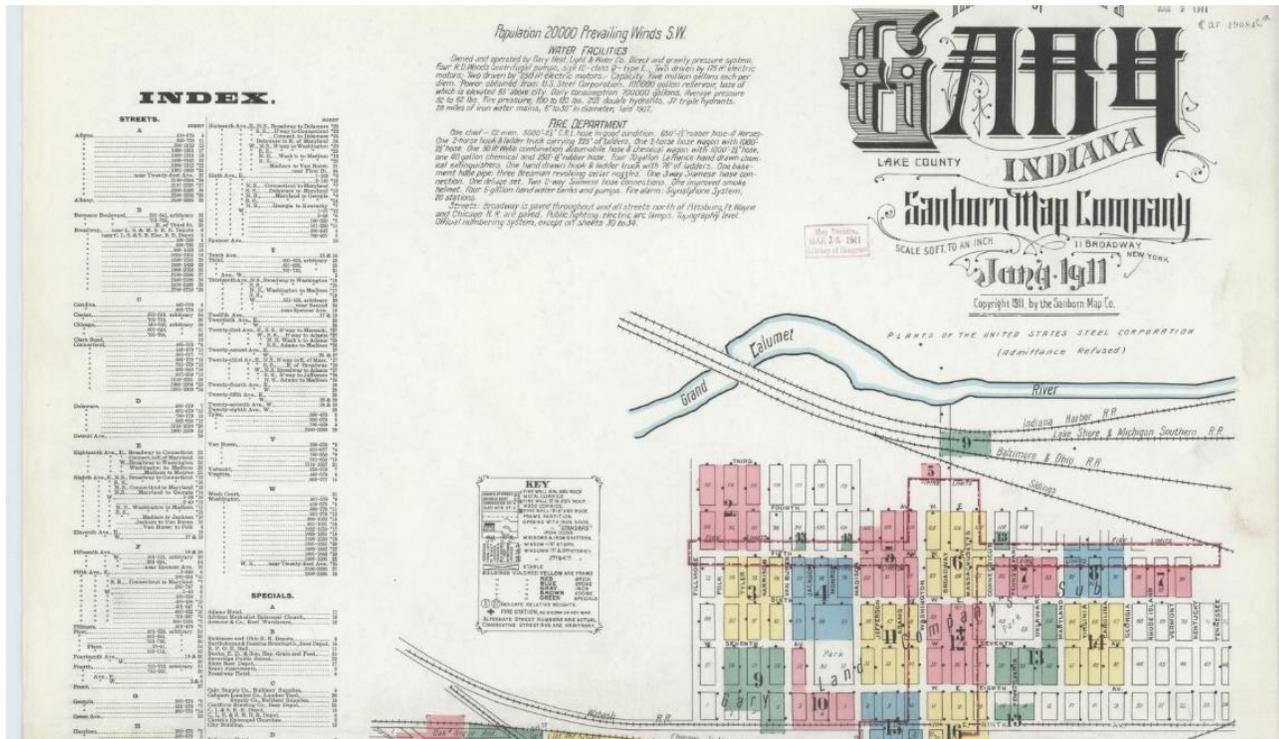
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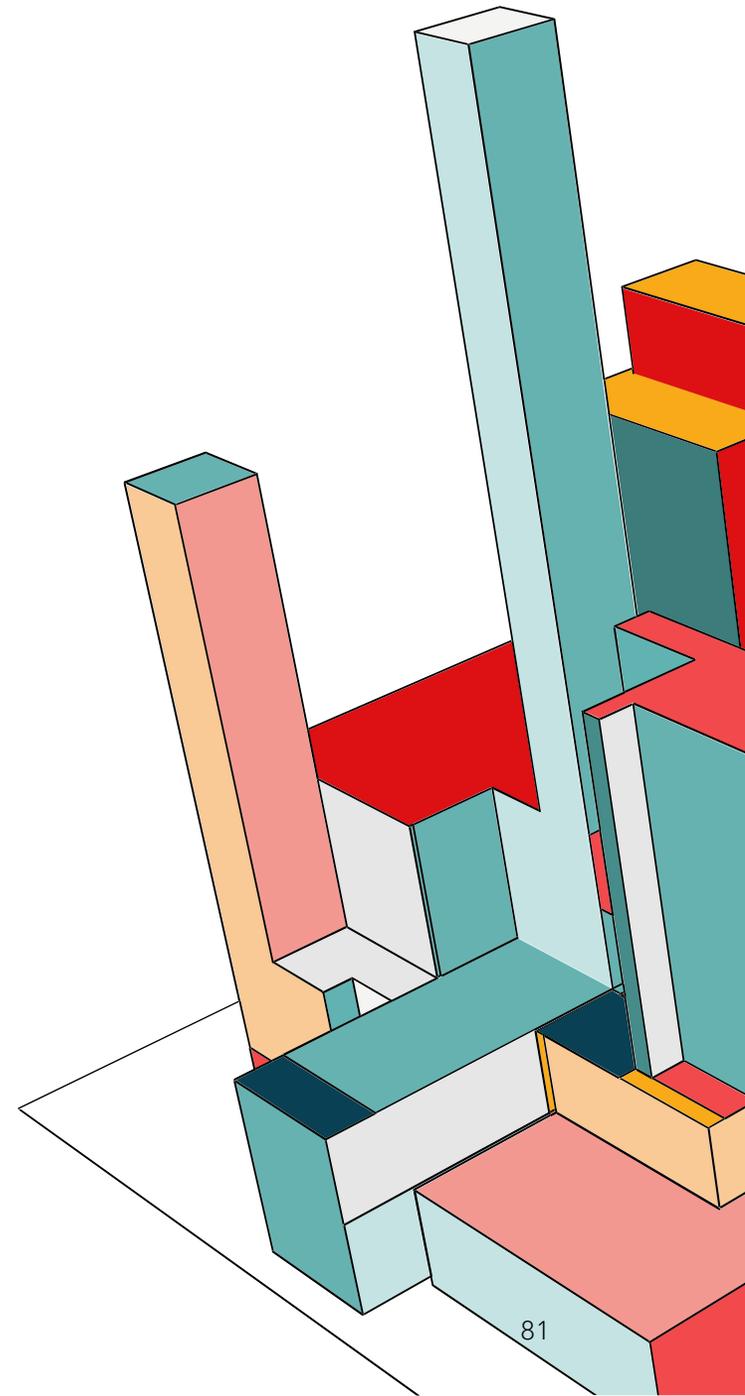
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