

Upham's Corner Implementation

Workshop | November 02, 2017

A Library, a Theatre and More

Tonight's Agenda

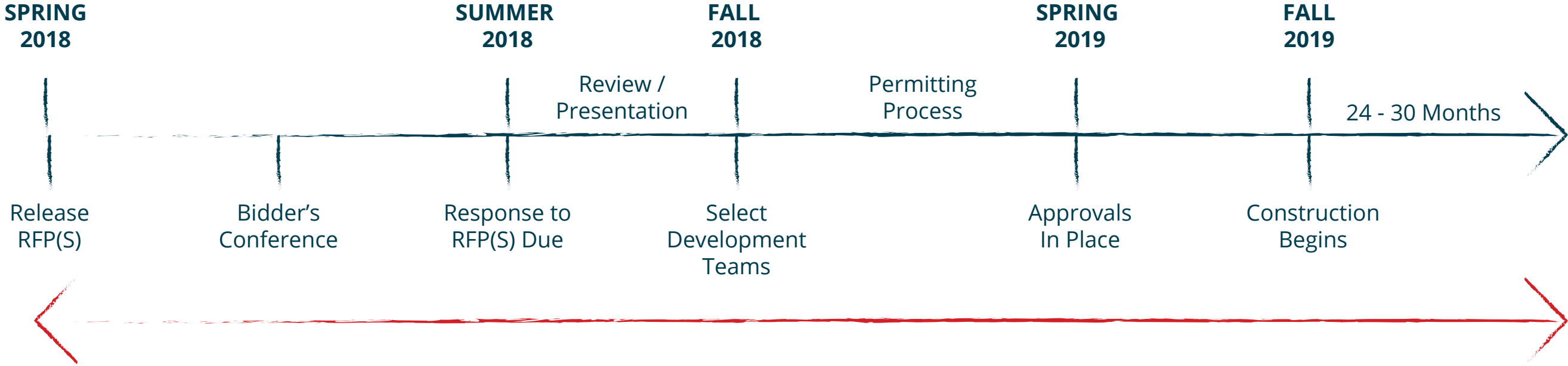
- 6:00 - 6:10 **Sign-In**
- 6:10 - 6:25 **A Library, a Theatre and More**
Mayor's Office of Economic Development & Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative
Andrew Grace, OED, Director of Economic & Strategic Planning
Harry Smith, DSNI, Director of Sustainable Economic Development
- 6:25 - 6:45 **Reimagining the Public Library**
Boston Public Library
David Leonard, President
- 6:45 - 7:30 **Table Discussion**
- 7:30 - 7:50 **Community Share-out**
- 7:50 - 8:00 **Up Next: November 30**
Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture
Kara Elliott-Ortega, Director of Planning and Policy



Implementation Phase 1



Implementation Phase 2



ACTIVE COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS THROUGHOUT TO SHAPE

**Library Design
Strand Design & Operation
Mixed-Use Development**

Implementation of Community Vision

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**Mix of Housing
Artist Live / Work**

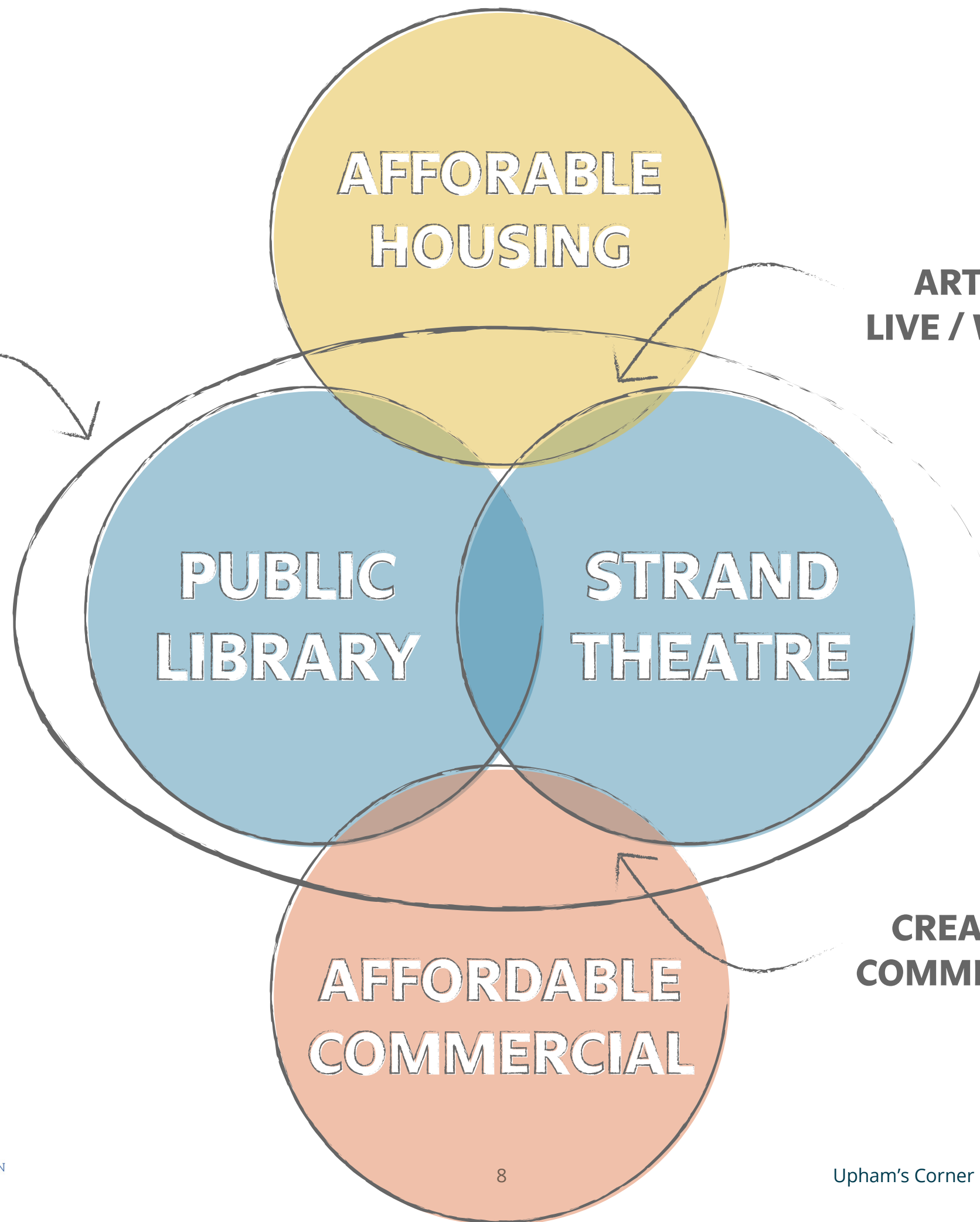


**Public Library
Strand Theatre**



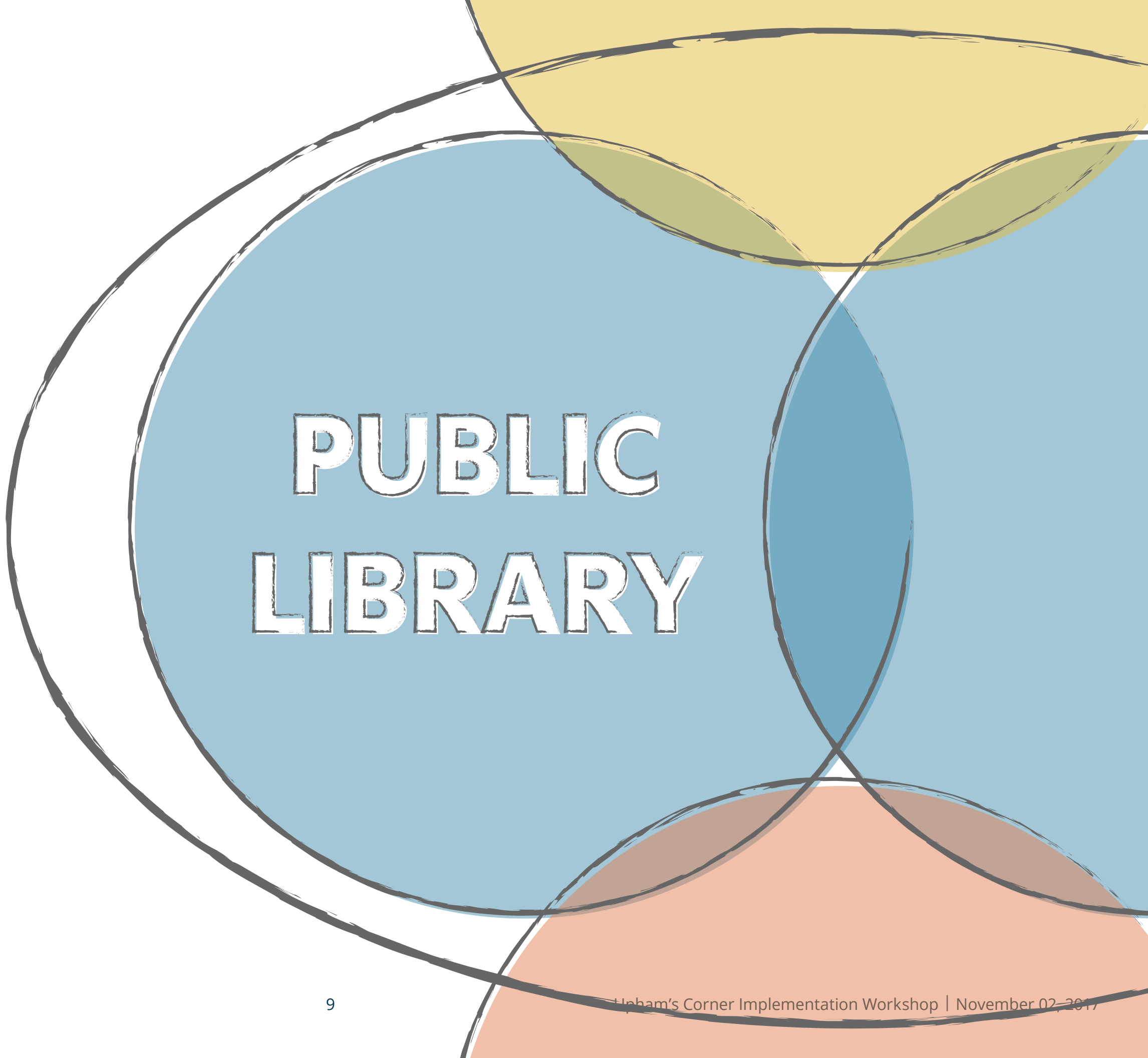
Creative Commercial

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

What would make a library in Upham's Corner special or unique?

Upham's Corner Public Library

David Leonard

Boston Public Library, President

Boston Public Library

Free to all

Education / Arts & Culture / Civic Engagement

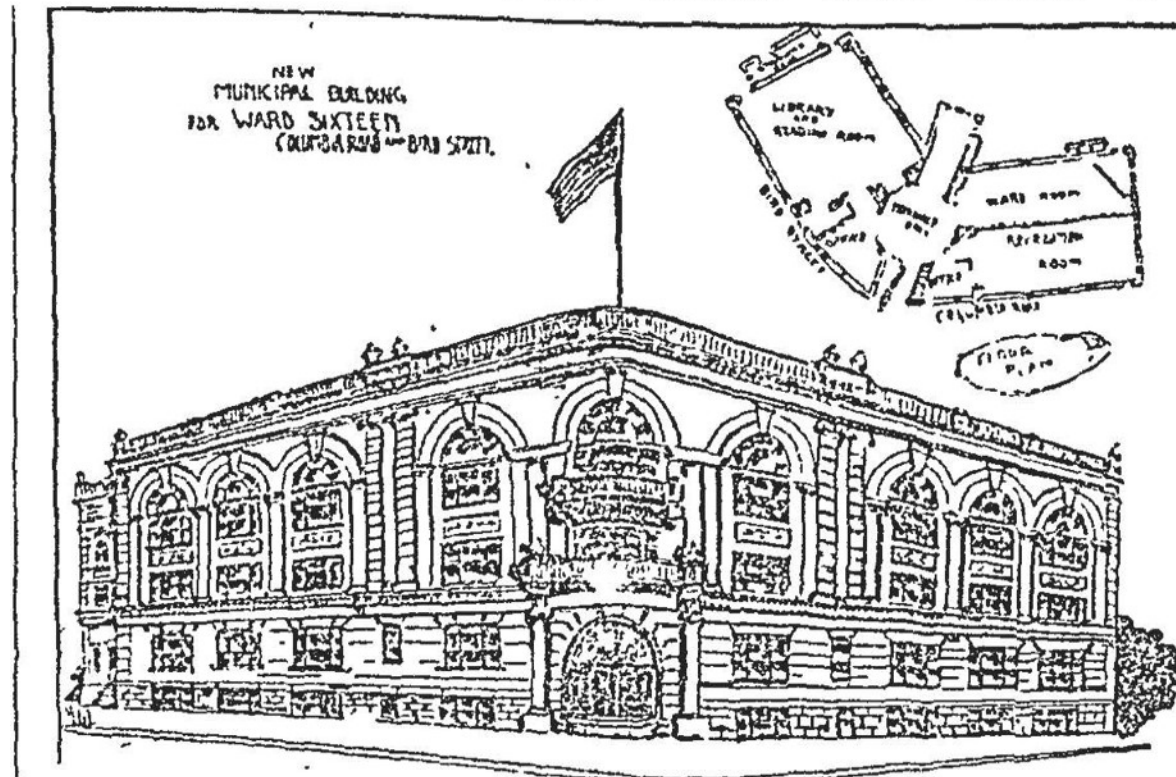
Reading & literacy services

Programs & spaces

Access to information via staff and technology

Enagagement with our cultural heritage

**PROPOSED MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AT COLUMBIA ROAD AND BIRD ST.**



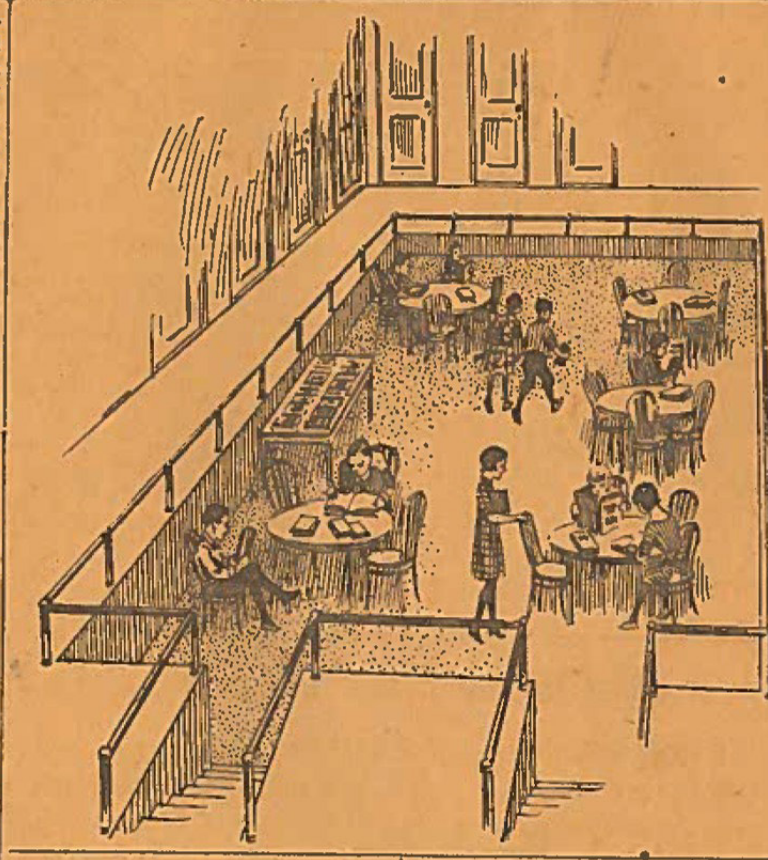
STRUCTURE THE CITIZENS OF DORCHESTER HOPE TO SEE
ERECTED IN THEIR DISTRICT.

**The first Upham's Corner Branch
was located in a periodical store on
Dudley Street and opened in 1899.**

ORCHESTER CHILDREN READ THEIR LIBRARY BOOKS IN SWIMMING TANK AND FIND IT A CHEERFUL PLACE

swimming tanks at this sea-brimming with water and with people who come to swim laps, just to cool off. A very use, however, is being made of the waterless tank at the Upham's municipal building, as this swimming pool has been turned into a children's library. The tank itself serves as reading room. In its waterless basin are tables, chairs and refreshments, while the platform above is library proper. The walls of this runway, which once presented a glaring white-tiled surface, are lined with shelves of books. On the platform is a desk for charging books and another at which children sit. From the brass rods at the top of the book shelves pictures are hung. Pictures, are sometimes displayed on a nickel rod around the inside of the tank, which in former times served as an anchor for the pool.

into the tank for reading is not permitted the children to go into the four-foot pool of the two short flights of steps. To obviate the possibility of small tots falling head-first into the reading room or older girls purposely taking a swim, an iron railing has been



ings, there is nothing drab about the room. Always on display are vividly colored pictures, which rotate from time to time with a seasonable appeal. Pictures of flowers are on display just now and, as another instance of the librarian's ingenuity, this brilliant collection was obtained largely from seed catalogues.

COLORFUL PICTURES

"The pictures might be a little too bright for some children's libraries," said Miss Phyllis Langdon, acting children's librarian, "but in this gray-toned room we need something colorful."

Next month there is to be a display of sea things—fish and ships. Imagine a boy's delight in these pictures of yachts and catboats, convoys, schooners, a historic Venetian argosy, Greek, Roman and Spanish war ships! Also there are fish of every hue and tribe, and, as an additional attraction, various styles of naval uniforms are portrayed.

To combat the Saturday night lull of the street, the Upham's Corner branch has been instrumental in organizing a boys' club. Once a month there is a story-hour, the activities on the other Saturday evenings being devised by the boys. And here the ward-room comes into service again as a meeting place for clubs and story hours.

Ever since the pressure of city distance led to the "discovery" of the basement, its nooks and crannies have been put to new and varied uses. Lockers make splendid cupboards for library supplies, and it is planned to use the old locker room for a general room for the mending of books. Shelves have been built into a space beyond the fire exit which was brought to light recently by the

**The Upham's Corner Branch
opened at its current location
at 500 Columbia Road in 1904.**



Today the branch features a fiction collection strong in African American fiction, romance, and thrillers; and nonfiction special collections for adult learners, including literacy, exam books, and career exploration.



Library Core Program

- **Adult area**
- **Children's area**
- **Teen's area**
- **Borrower's Desk**
- **Staff Offices**
- **Work Room**
- **Staff Break Room**
- **Community Room**
- **Study/conference room**
- **Storage room**
- **Restrooms**

Library Design Priorities

- **Located primarily in one continuous space all on the first floor level**
- **Located at the front of the building so that the library space is visible from the street**
- **To have its own, prominent, entrance off of the street with large signage**

Recent Renovations



East Boston



Jamaica Plain



Grove Hall



Mattapan



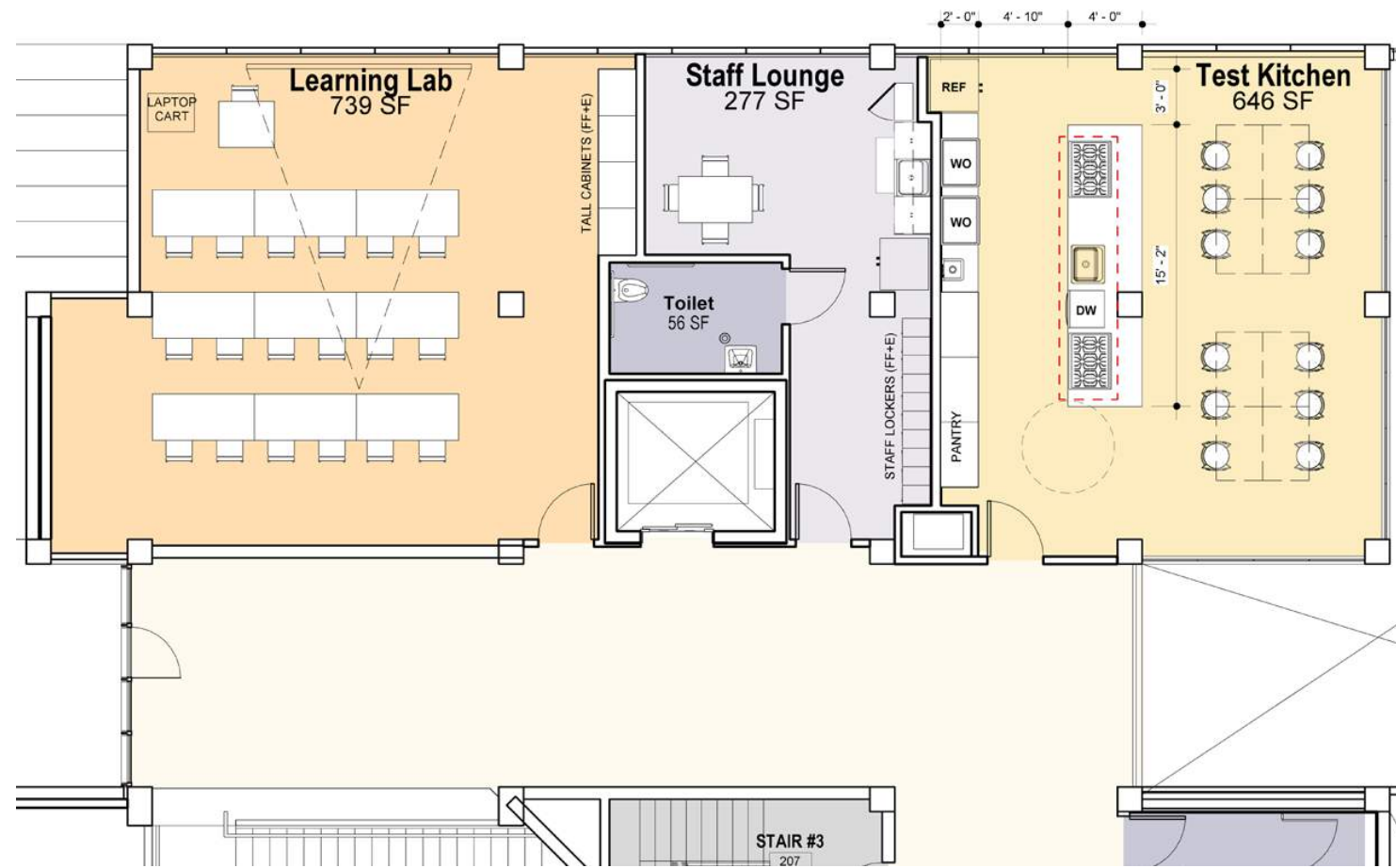
Central



East Boston



Jamaica Plain



Dudley



Vaughn Civic Resource Library Ontario, Canada

Featuring tools for 21-century learning including 3D printers, a media suite and audio and video recording studios. Movable book stacks allow staffers and patrons to morph the space.



Dalarna Media Library Falun, Sweden

Features a triple-height atrium space with raked seating which provides an open seating area which can also operate as informal presentation space.



Hyundai Card Music Library Seoul, South Korea

Featuring a rare vinyl record library above an underground stage for concerts up to 500 people, and three studios where musicians can practice and record demos.

Discussion

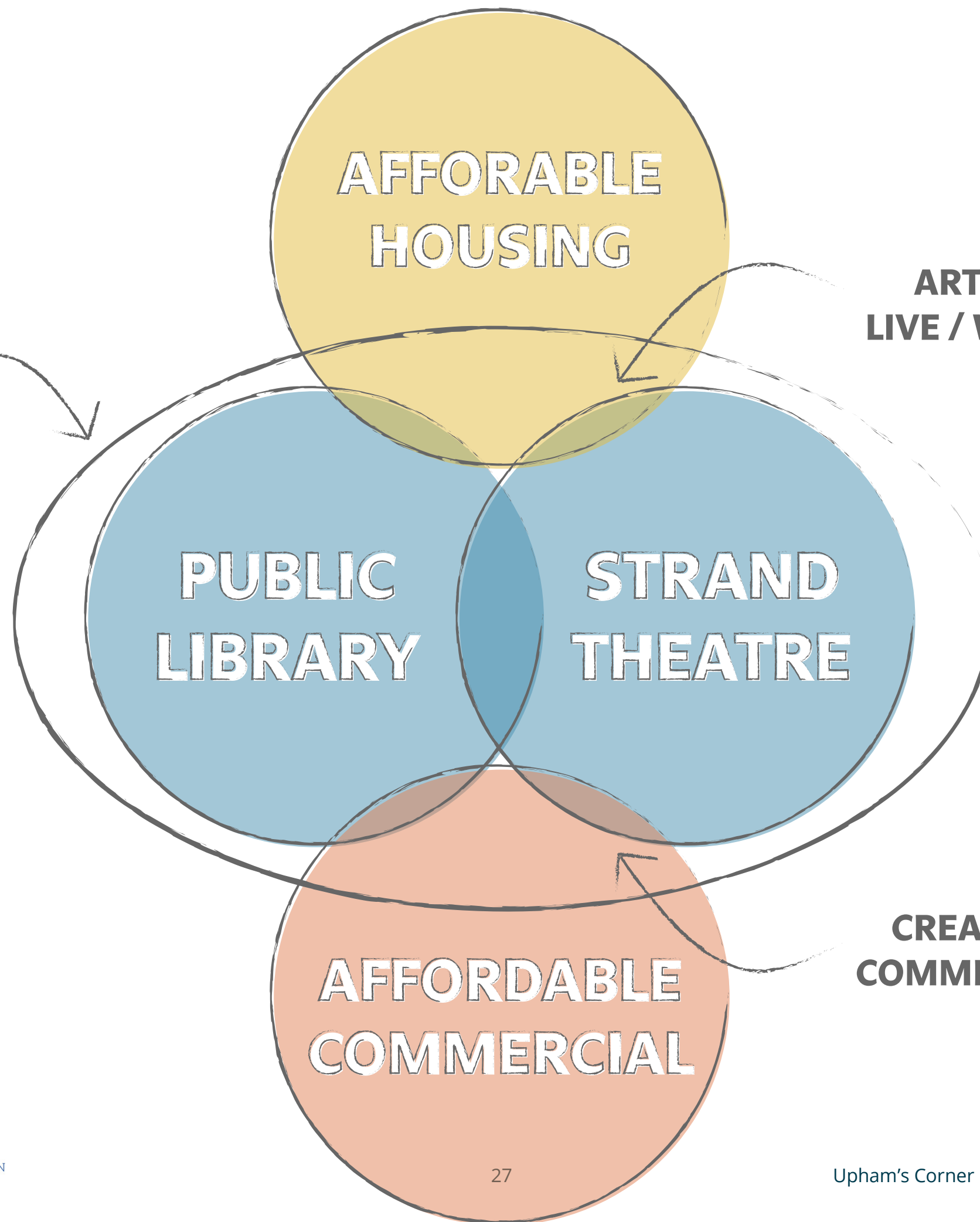
Share-out

Up Next in Upham's Corner

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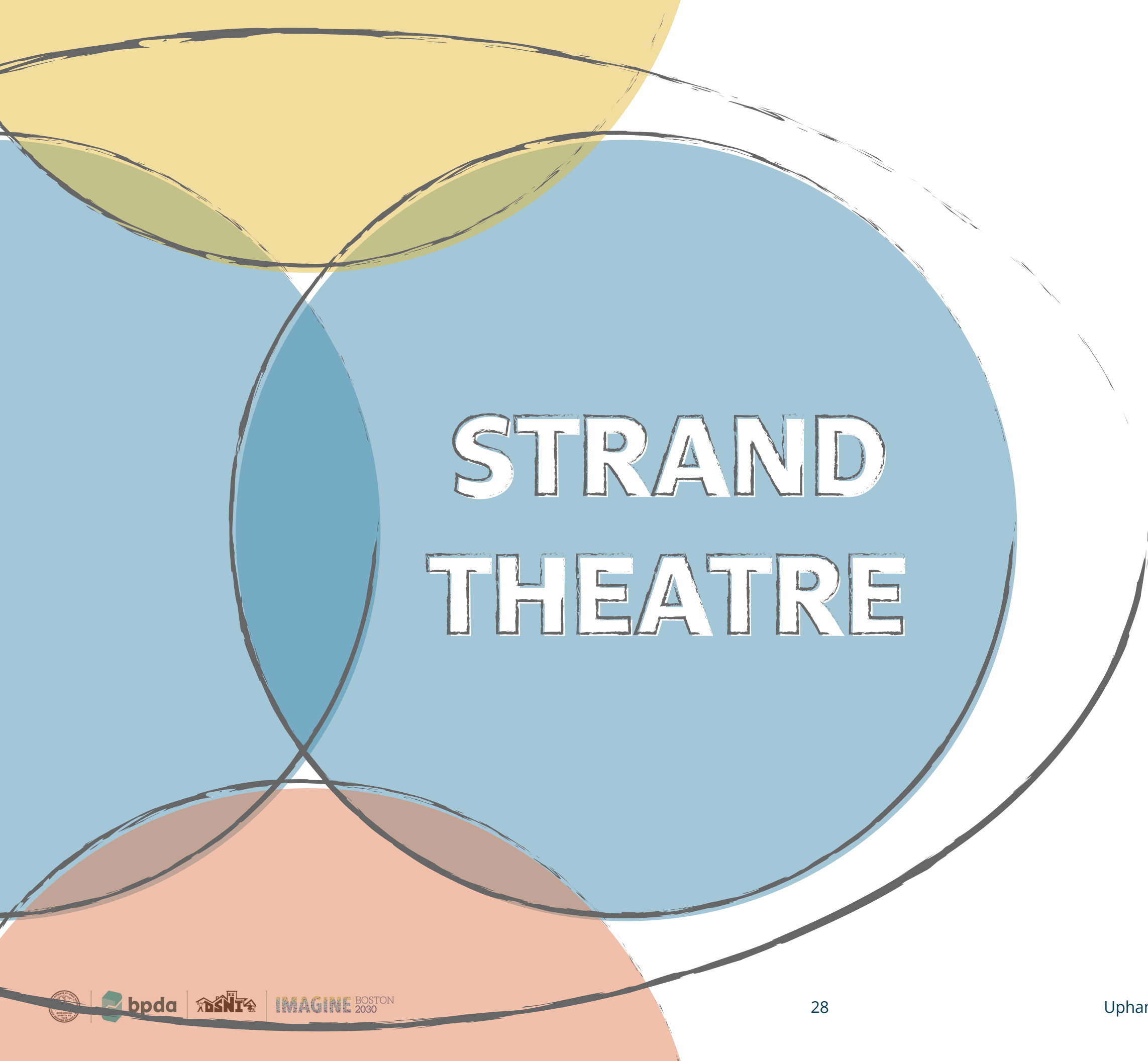
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STRAND THEATRE

**Community Conversation
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