

KAUKAUNA LIBRARY CHILDREN'S READING GARDEN

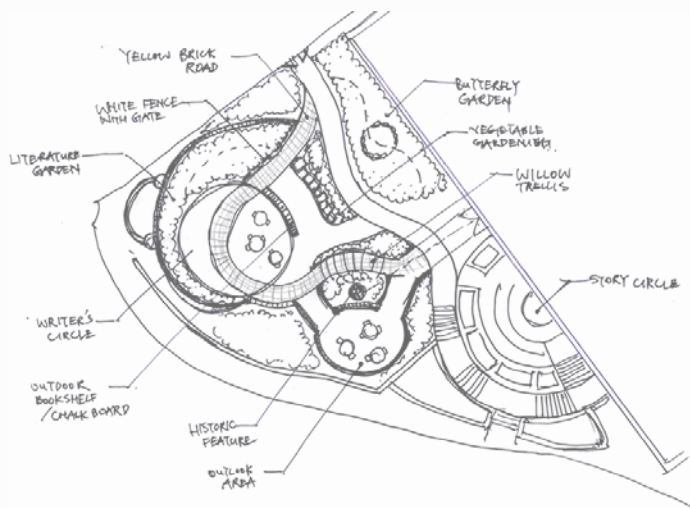
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The Kaukauna City Library requested the design of an interactive reading garden dedicated to the children of the community. The garden will include a variety of features and themes to encourage imagination and interaction. Part of the objective of creating an outdoor learning space for children attached to the public library is to increase exposure and contact to natural environments for children in the digital age. The garden will provide hands-on learning opportunities and experiences, support the mental and physical health of community members, and offer a refuge in an urban landscape.

LITERATURE CLASSROOM

Outdoor Bookshelf

Writer's Circle

Literature Garden

BIOLOGY CLASSROOM

Butterfly Garden

Veggie Garden

Greenroof Arbor

MUSIC CLASSROOM

Xylophone Bench

Music Wall

Chimes

AMPITHEATER

ART CLASSROOM

Slinky Tunnel

Chalkboard

Woven Structure

HISTORY CLASSROOM

Fox River Abstraction

History Wall

Birch Bark Canoe

ARCHEOLOGY CLASSROOM

Fossil Sculptures

ADA Landing



DESIGN CONCEPT

The concept seeks to create a stimulating learning environment through a series of outdoor classrooms that incorporate various interactive activities and interpretive signage that provoke interest in a variety of subjects. An abstracted stream delineated with recycled glass pavers forms a loop around the garden, providing a symbolic representation of Kaukauna's historical and geographical connections to the adjacent Fox River.

