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between SKY and GROUND

Volume

Duality

Connection

Skylight

exhibition and library space
reception and service block

rough concrete mass embraced by terraces

Space topology

Sections

Functions

outdoor library area
roof cafeteria
reading area
cafe
conference room
education centre
indoor library area
reading zone, exhibition area
reading zone, exhibition area
void
reading and exhibition area
outdoor library area
reading and exhibition area
cafe
leisure zone
office and conference
atrium
mechanical rooms
lobby reception hall

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Barack Obama Presidential Library

Between sky and ground

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