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Innovation Youth Children's Library Creative Writing Club

The creative writing club is a program of the Innovation Youth Children's Community Library in Peter-McGill. We are 9-13 year old friends who meet, virtually, to write for the fun of it while learning the intricacies of writing genres and story-telling. We have lots of different priorities and interests, and are good at coming to a compromise. We love tea and snacks.

When we look at the Royal Vic site, we think: "There is space for all!" Here are some of our ideas, that highlight three priorities: accentuating the natural beauty, accessibility for all, and meeting the needs and dreams of our neighbours.

The natural beauty of the site must be both preserved and cultivated. Planting more trees would remarry the Mont-Royal to the Royal Vic. Accentuating the nature of the site would encourage free use and play, a much needed space in Peter-McGill.

Accessibility is a priority, both to the site and on the site. Ensuring that it is well maintained, safe and clean for all to use. There should be free use while having good systems to manage littering and vandalism.

Finally, we see the site as a place of learning and innovation. There could be a centre of science and engineering, where we can both learn about these fields and these fields can serve to solve problems encountered in the city. Then, once the group has come up with a solution to the "problem", they would then forward it to one or more persons of power. I believe this would almost be like a university, but less lectures, and instead learning at your own pace, for the fun of it. The problem solving part would be kind of like a club, where people get together and try to fix problems that the participants think need solving!

If there were indoor and outdoor stages on the site, performances would take place. The site could act as a learning lab on a myriad of topics: what is a sustainable and ethical practice for raising chickens in the city? On that note, chickens are very sociable, they are common in organic urban farming; they help control pests, they naturally fertilize the soil. They are an excellent choice of livestock for harmonious cohabitation on the site.

It would be great to have the space to train and take care of service dogs. They could be trained there, inside as well as outside, and housed until they go to someone's home. Also there could be a vet clinic dedicated for them specifically. And part of the building could be set up as a temporary place of residence for people from across Canada who need a service dog, so that they would have a place to stay until they can leave with their new dog.

It is impossible to overstate the excitement that overtakes one in the simple contemplation of these possibilities: a place for the problems of the world to be melted away by the application of bossy biddies and wild inventions and lifelong companionship. Human and nature and technology together, not against each other, but breathing as one, in all their infinite variety. A space as vast as this, an imagination as fertile, a joy as possible - what would possess anyone to turn down such a bright vision of the future? Surely, someone who could object to such small treasures as chicken poop, as dogs in bandanas, as a Nobel-prize-winning eight-year-old could not exist. Their existence is unfathomable.

Thank you for your consideration,
Signed: Noah, Xavi, Liam, Jessica, Christa