



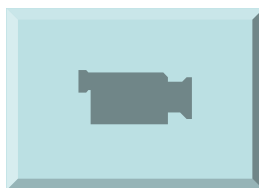
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Libraries in a Spanish context

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Political and Territorial Structure of Spain

- **17 Autonomous Communities and 2 Autonomous cities (Ceuta y Melilla)**
- **Local Entities: 52 provinces and 8.111 municipalities**

504-644 km²
46.157.822 inhabitants
6.822 municipalities (84 % of them) with
less than 5.000 inhabitants

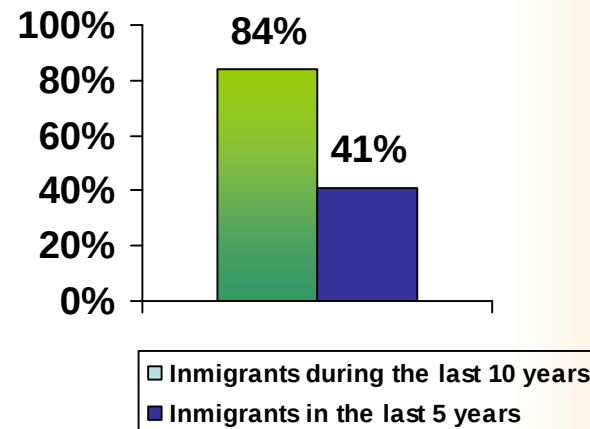
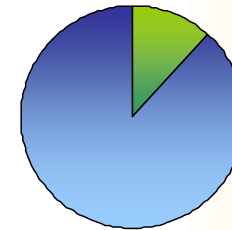


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Population Statistics

- 2000, one of the largest immigration rates in the world
- From approx. 40 million inhabitants in 2000 to 46.5 in 2009
- **2009: 5.5 million immigrants, 12 % of the total population**
- **84 % have arrived during the last 10 years, 41 % in the last 5 years**

**12 % immigrants
of the total population**





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Population Statistics

Regions with the largest percentages:

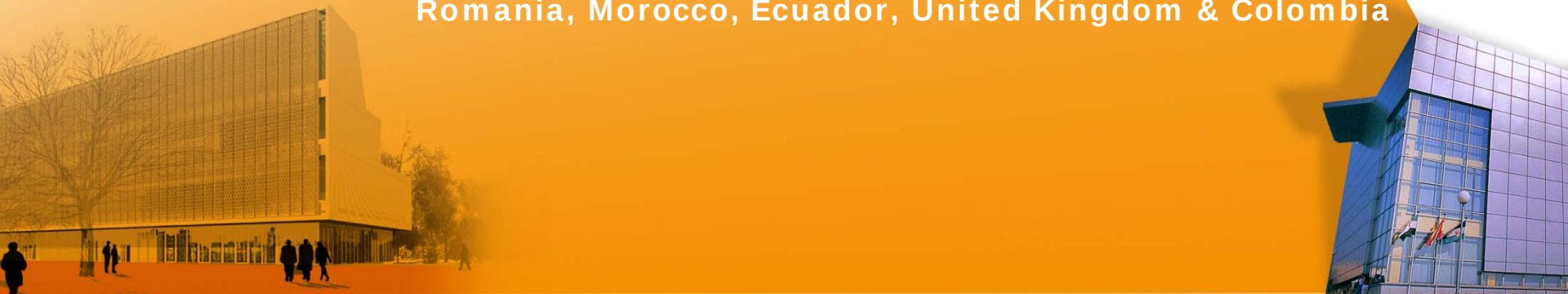
- Balearic Islands (21.7 %)
- Valencia (17.4 %)
- Madrid (16.4 %)

Regions with the lowest percentages:

- Extremadura (3.3 %)
- Galicia (3.8)
- Asturias (4.1)

➤ Largest foreign communities

Romania, Morocco, Ecuador, United Kingdom & Colombia





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Legal Framework

- **Constitution of 1978**
- **Spanish Historical Heritage Act 16 / 1985**
- **RD 582 / 1989 approving the Spanish Library System and the Public State Library Regulation**
- **Autonomous Community Library Acts (80´ s)**
- **Local Administration Act (1985)**
- **Reading, Book and Library Act (2007)**





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National Reading, Book and Library Act 10/2007

- Defines the Library System as a whole of library cooperation relations.
- Specifies the aims to achieve by the State General Administration.
- Adds the european project of digital libraries to the Spanish Legislation
- Describes the way of normalize and coordinate the libraries belonging to the State Administration



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National Reading, Book and Library Act 10/2007

Goals

- To promote a balanced, coherent, progressive and innovative development for all the Spanish libraries, nets, systems and consortiums.
- To promote the use of ICT in all the library services and to develop skills to facilitate their use between citizens.
- To promote equal access to a quality public library service in the whole country.



The Spanish Library System

- **Libraries of the State Central Administration (National Library, State Libraries of Archives and Museums, Royal Academy Libraries, Libraries of the Ministries and Public State Entities, etc.)**
- **Libraries of the Autonomous Communities (Regional Libraries, Public Libraries, School Libraries, libraries of archives, museums, academies, etc).**
- **Libraries of the Local Administration (mainly Municipal Libraries)**
- **University Libraries: The Universities have plenty of autonomy recognized by the Constitution and, due to its activity on teaching and research, they sum up a huge and rich library system.**
- **Private libraries (of private Universities, Foundations, Companies, etc.)**





RD 1572 / 2007 Regulating the Coordination of the State General Administration Libraries

+ 800 State Libraries

Most of these libraries are special libraries

Coordination bodies:

- General Coordination body**
- An Specific body for each Department or Ministry**

The aim is to improve the processes and services offered and developed by libraries so more citizens can profit from them.

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Council of Library Cooperation

The Plenary Committee

Standing Committee

5 Technical Commissions

National and
Regional
Libraries

Public Libraries

School Libraries

University
Libraries

Specialized
Libraries

Council of Library Cooperation

GOALS

To integrate the public library systems on the Spanish Library System

To promote cooperation between all of them

To incentivate the professional training and the interchange of experiences

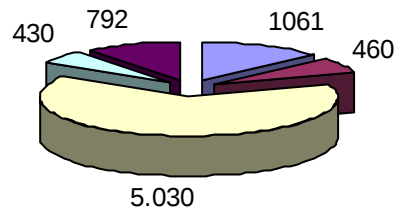
To inform about the legislation related to the Spanish libraries

To propone and start up cooperative projects

To prepare library reports and develop projects encomended by the Culture and Education Sectorial Conferences as well as the Rectors Conference of Spanish Universities

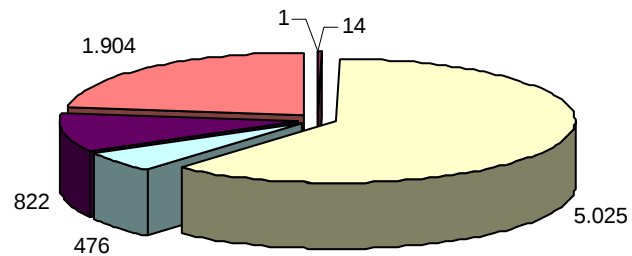
Statistic Data

Libraries by titularity



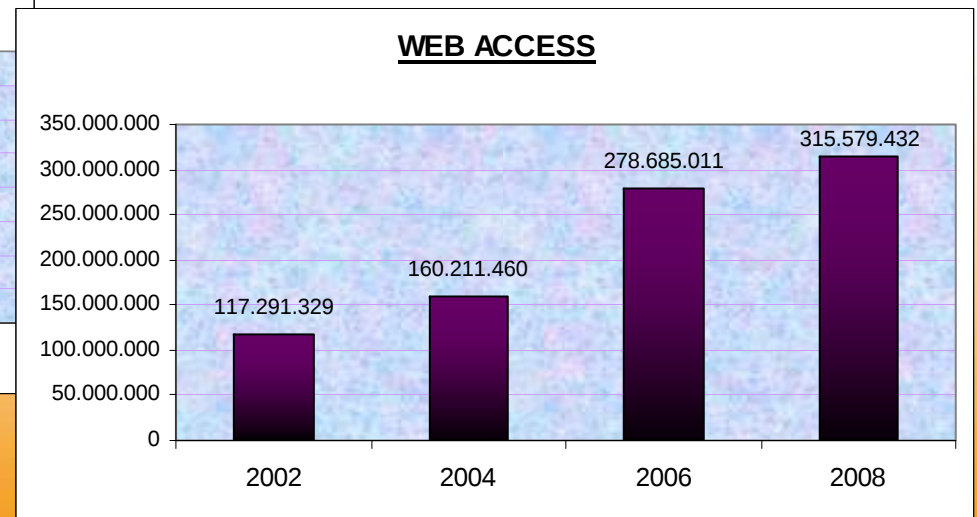
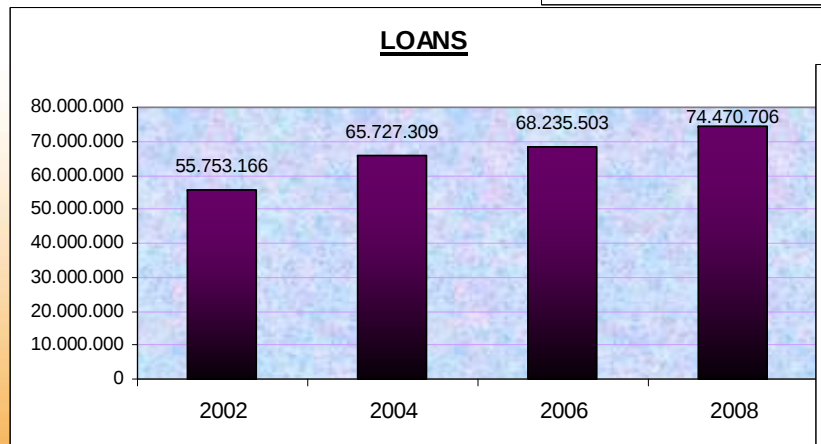
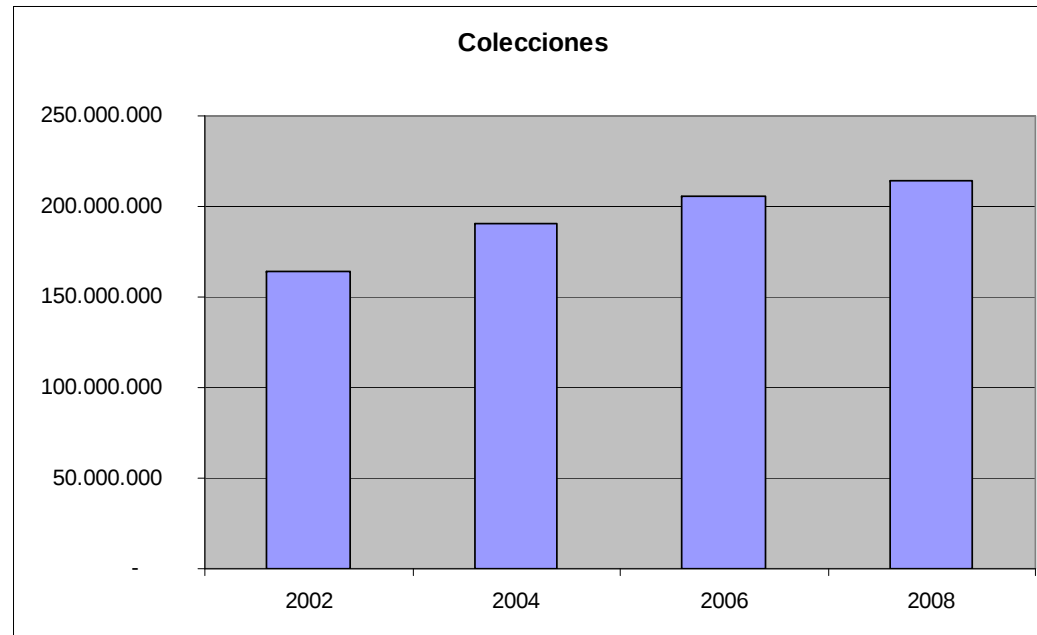
■ State General Administration ■ Regional Administration
■ Local Administration ■ Private
■ Academic

LIBRARIES BY TYPE



■ Nacional ■ Regional ■ Public ■ For specific users ■ Academic ■ Specialized

Statistic Data





The Ministry of Culture invests on buildings, facilities and equipment for the **52** State Public Libraries in all the Spanish provinces

New projects:

Ciudad Real

Córdoba

Burgos

Girona

Ceuta

Barcelona, etc.

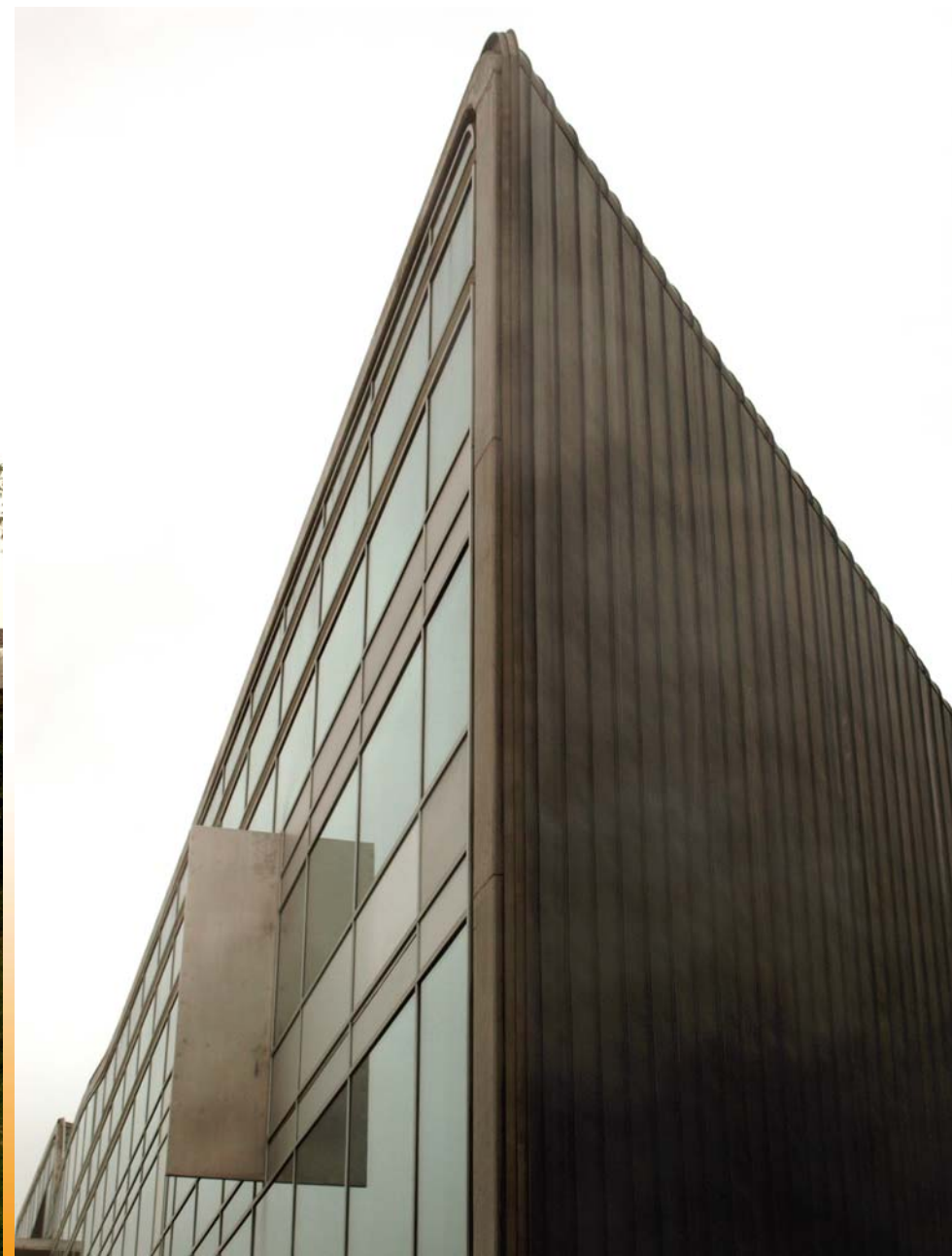
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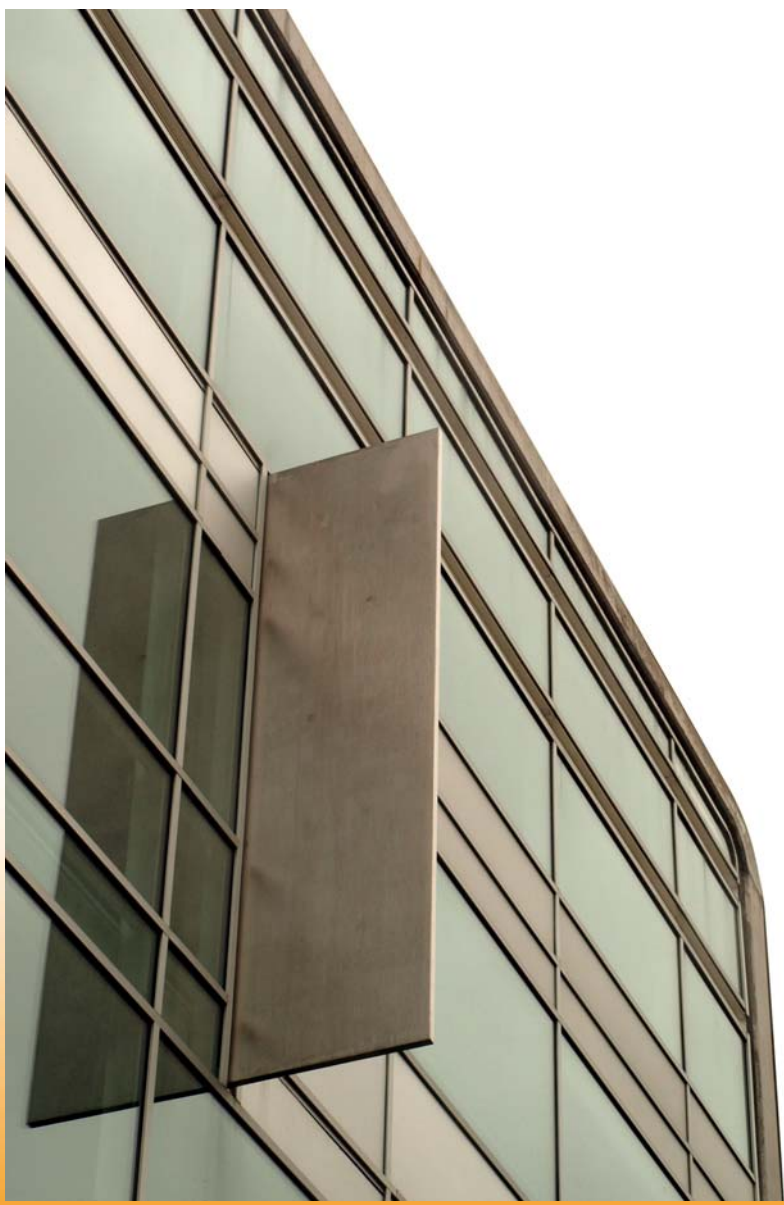








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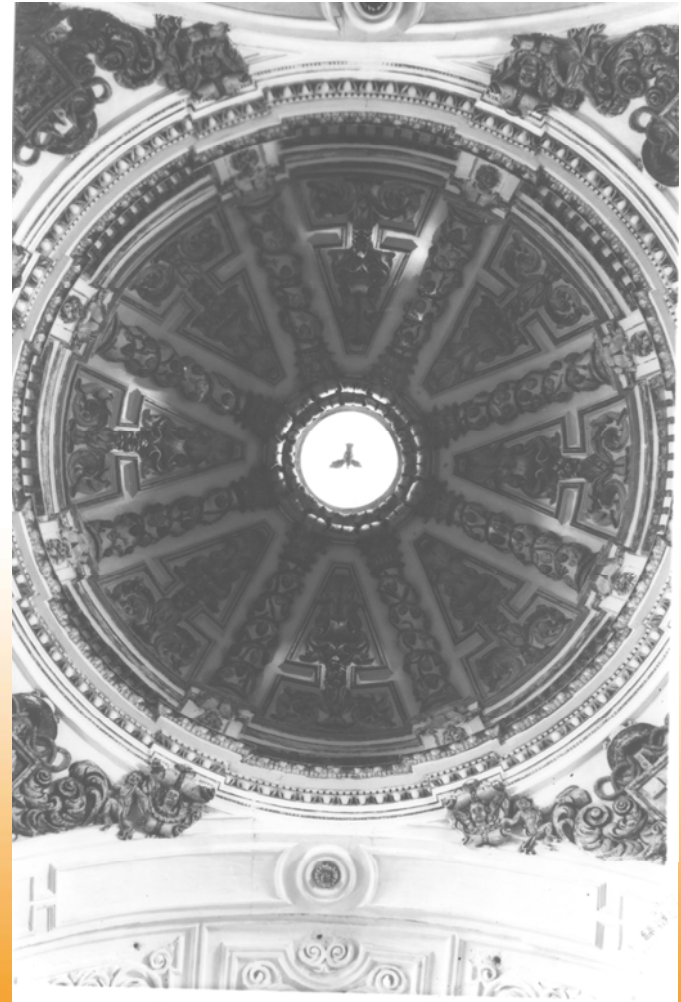
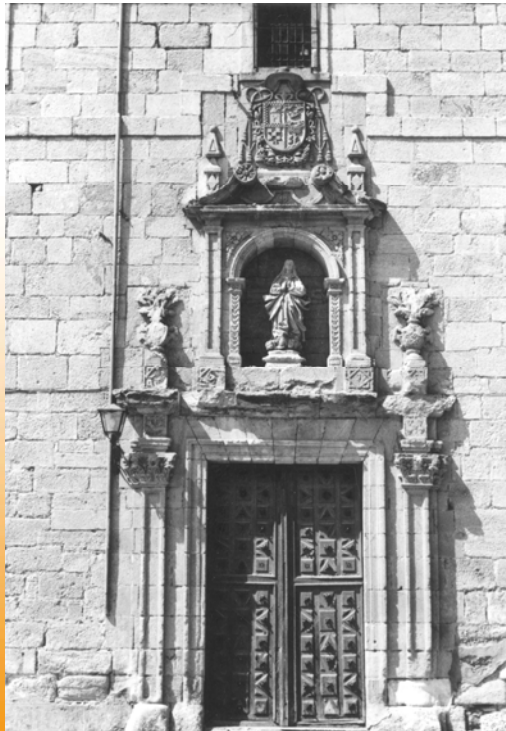
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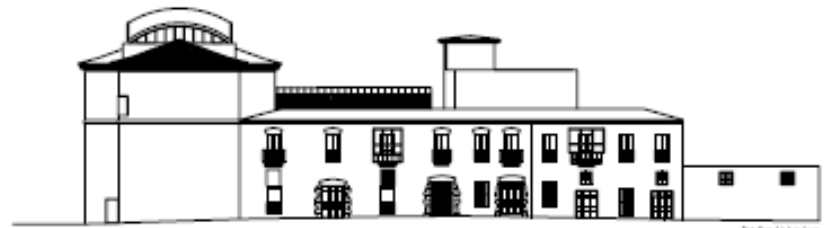
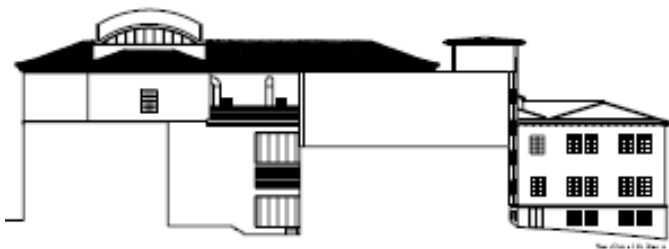




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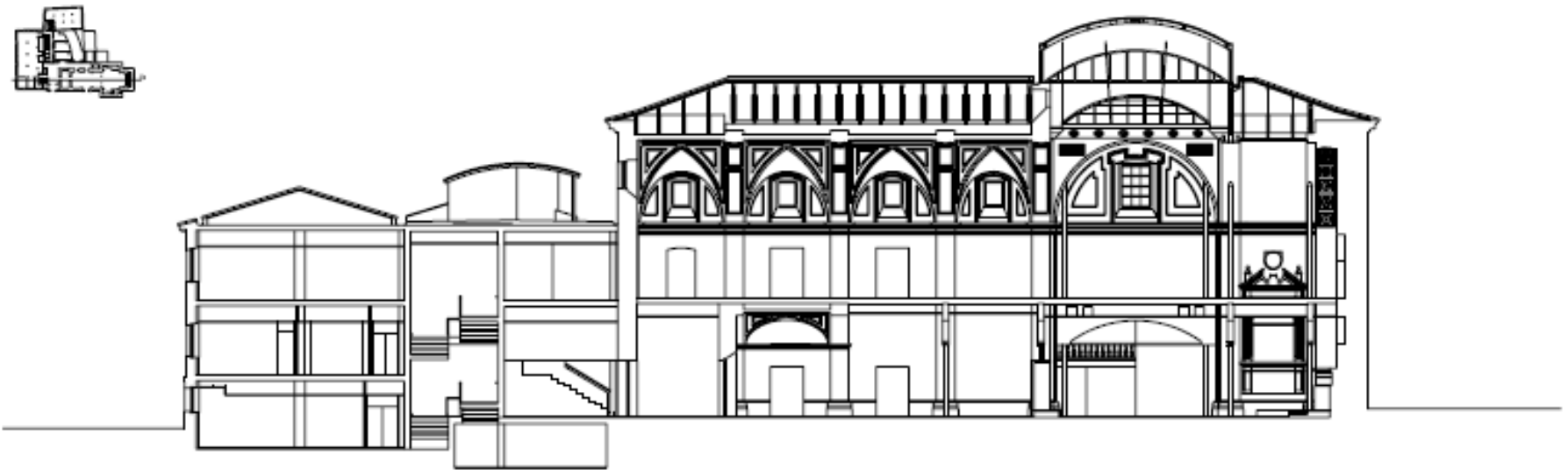
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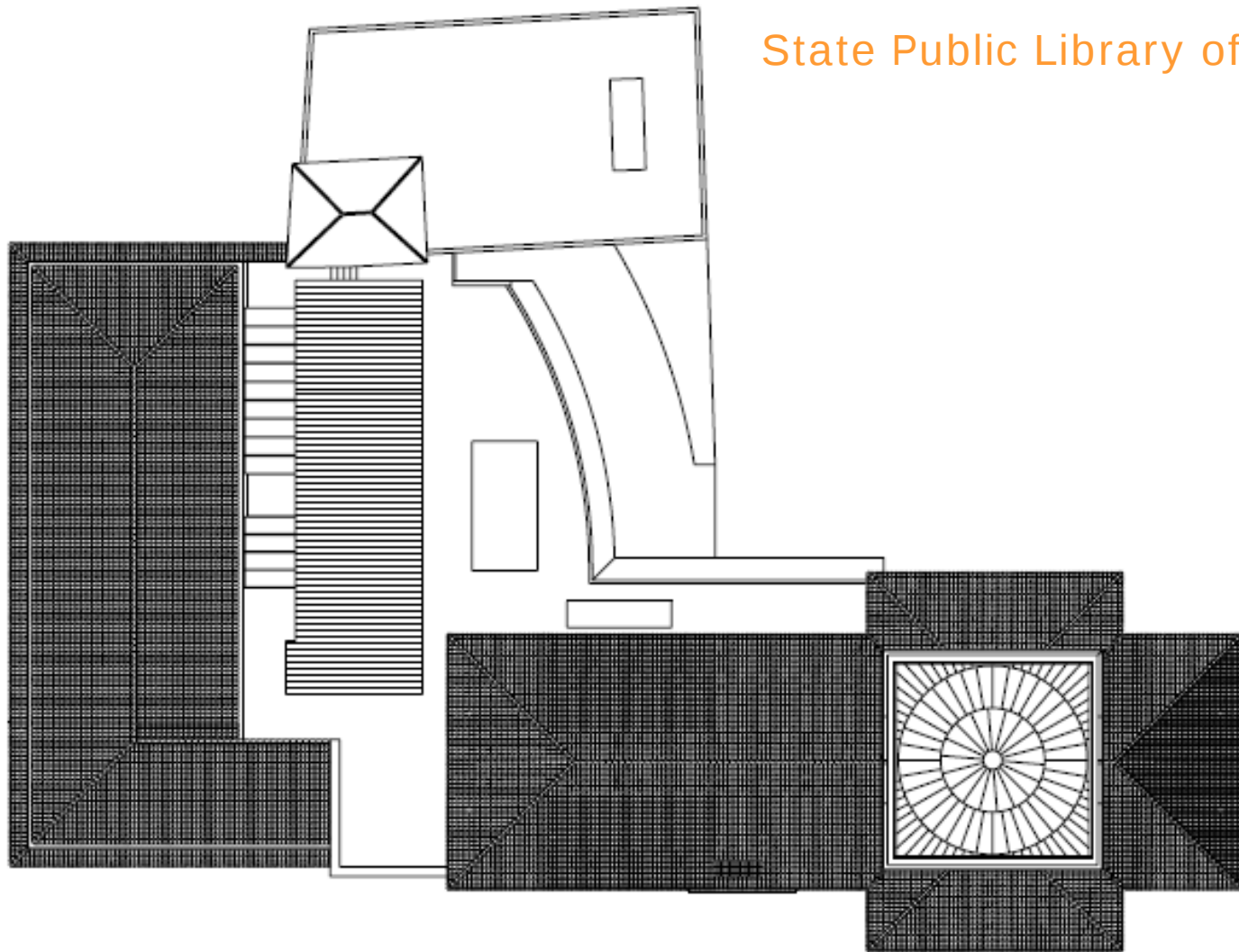


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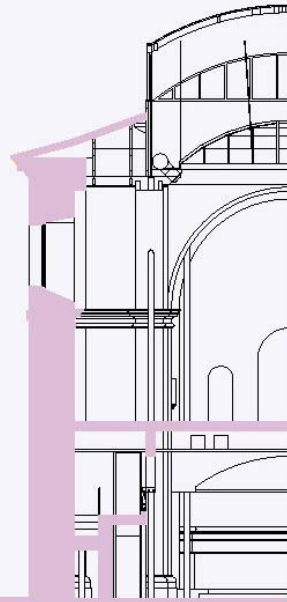


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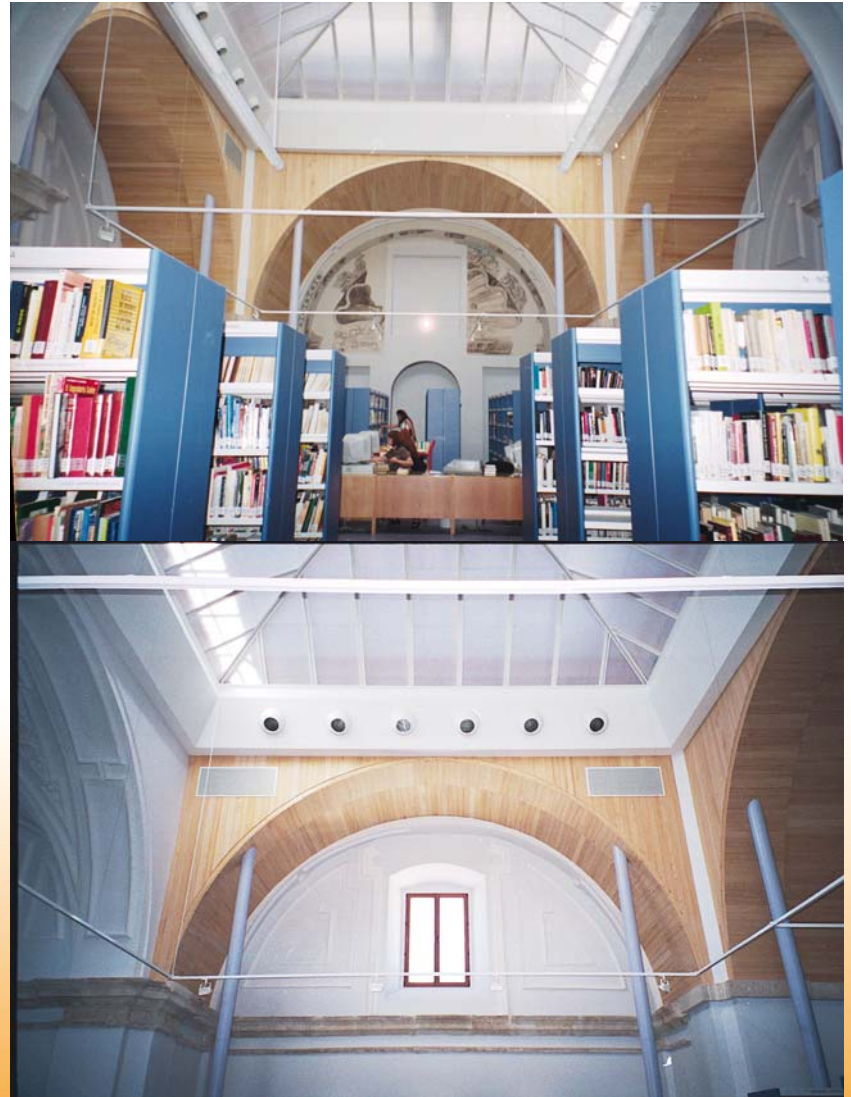


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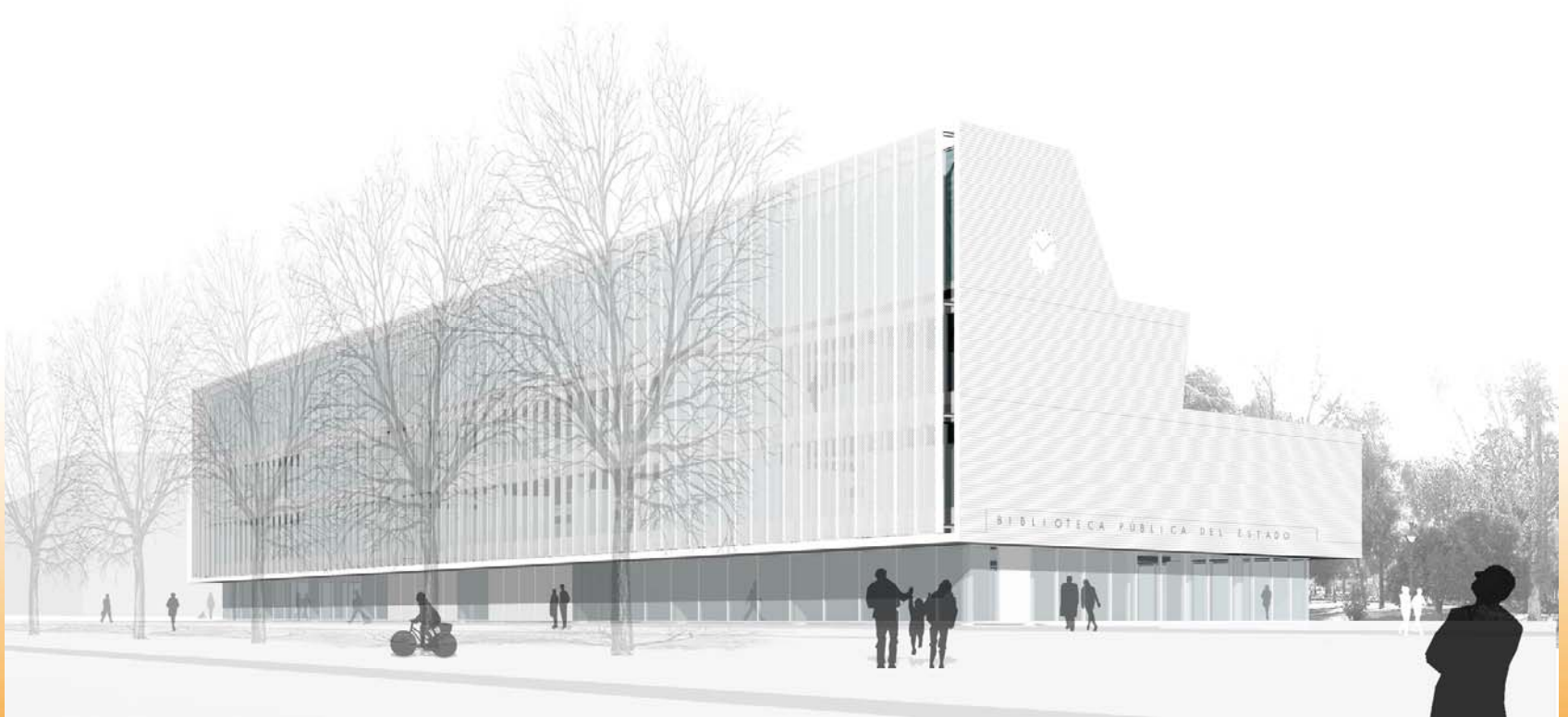




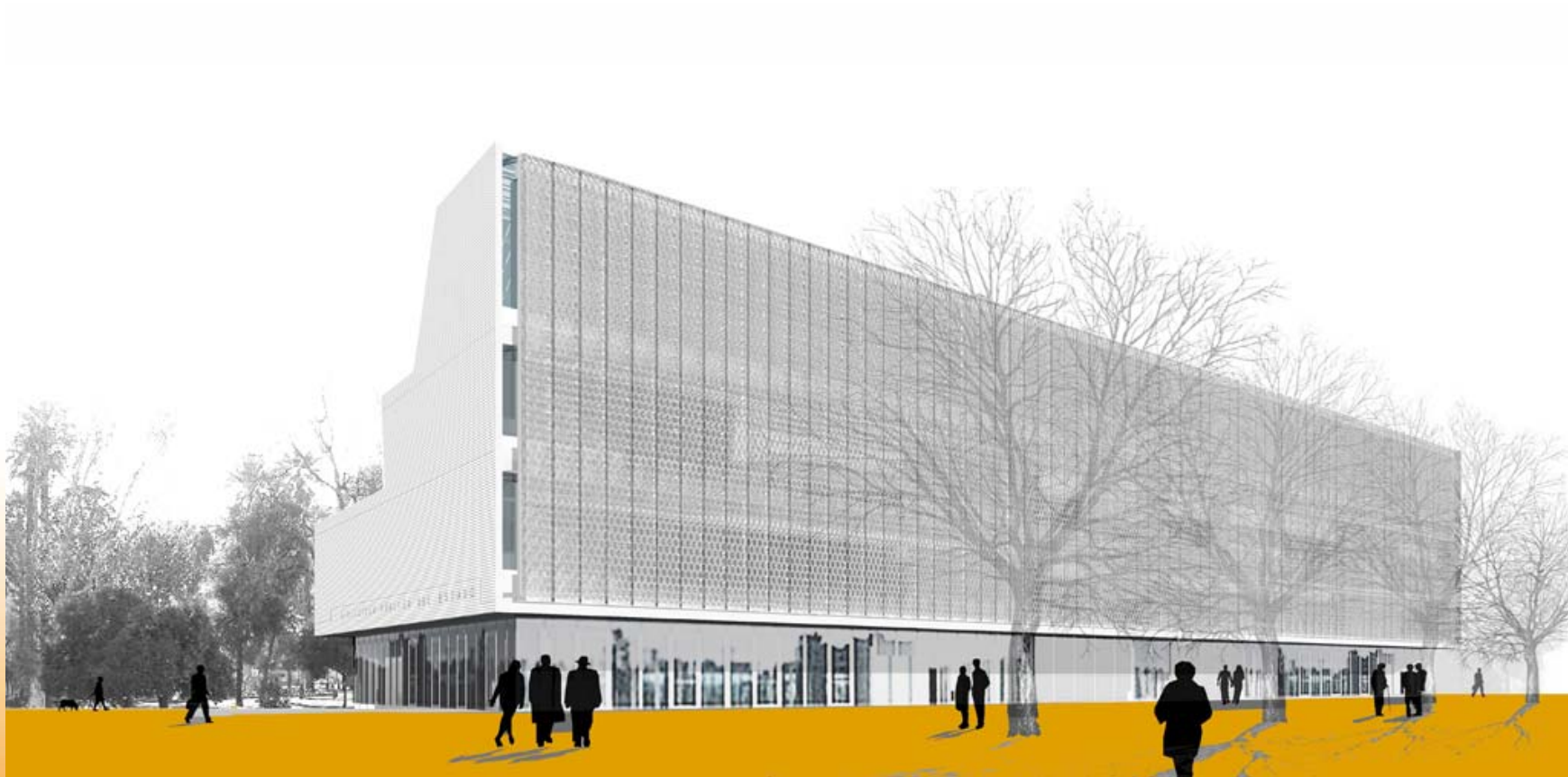




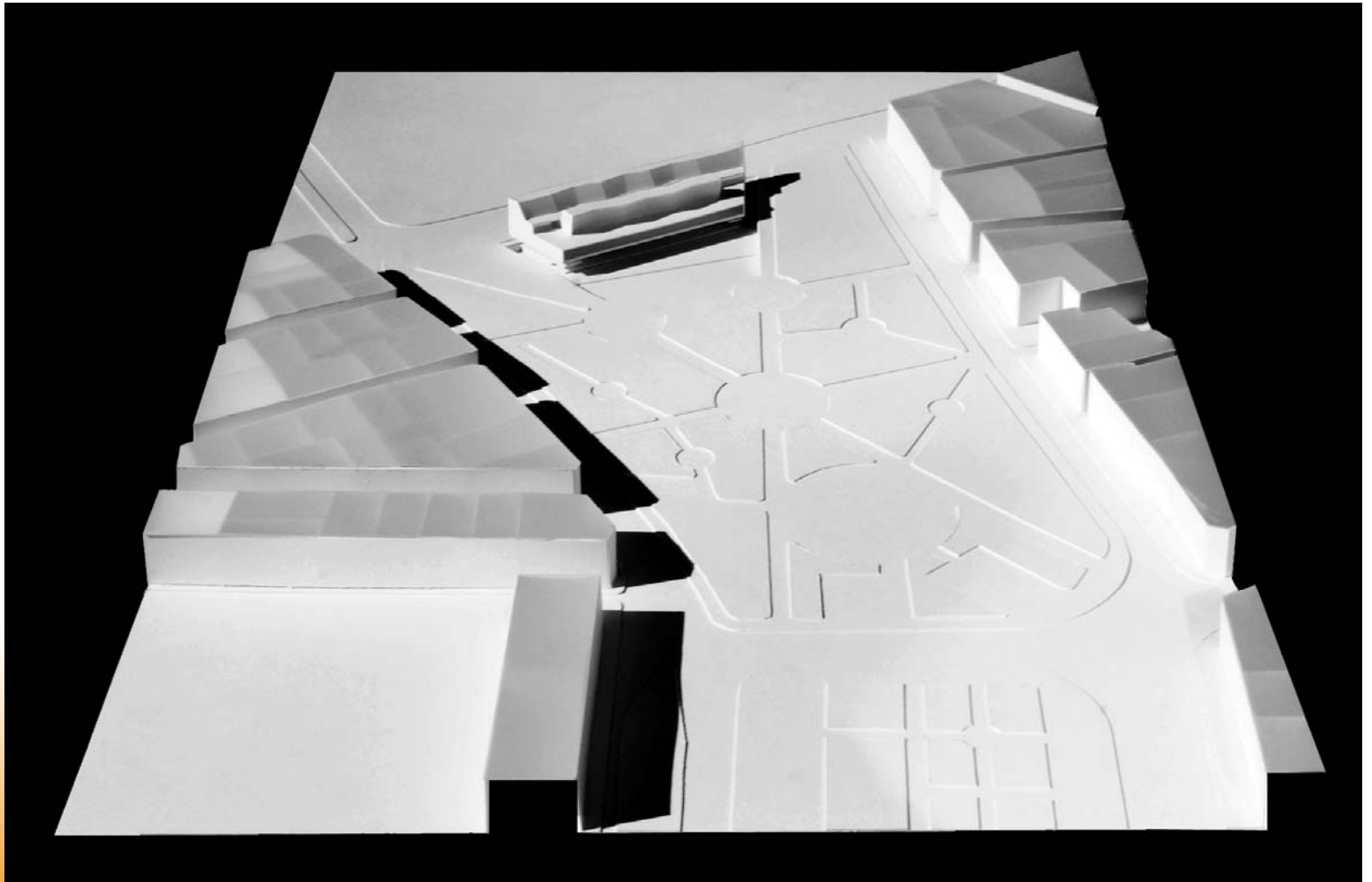
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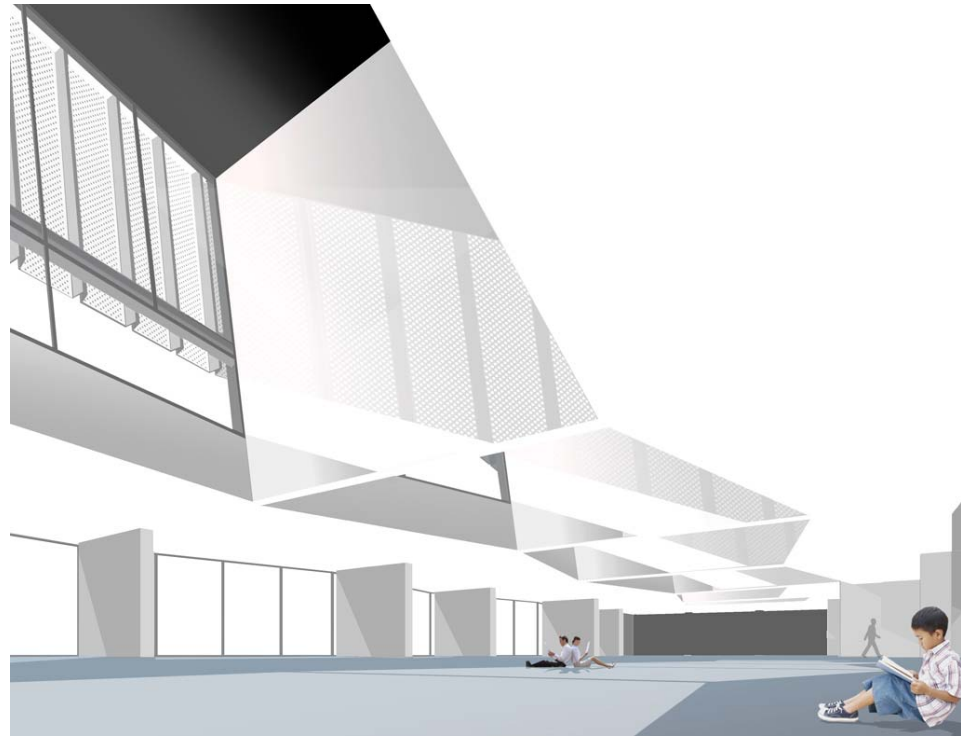
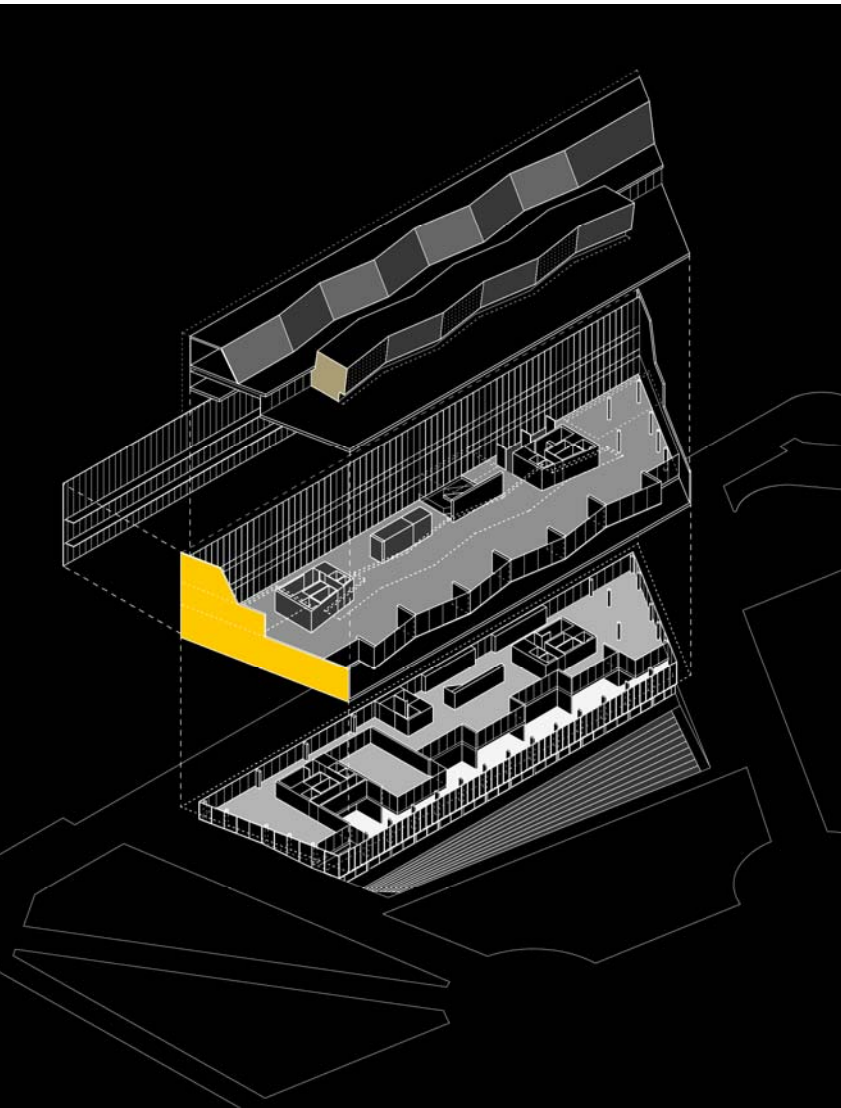
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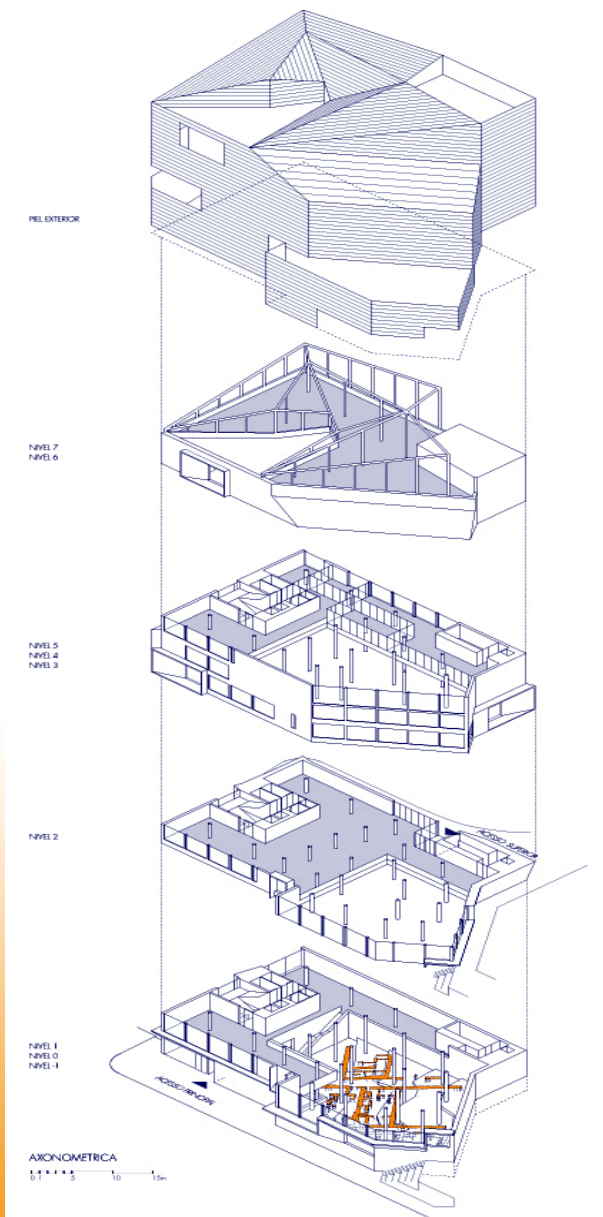
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State Public Library of Ceuta



State Public Library of Ceuta





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Librarians and architects think about library projects for future users



We can not imagine them this way

**How will they use libraries in the future?
Can we guess it?**





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Some ideas to begin with

1. Physical and virtual spaces in libraries
2. Accesibility to collections and services
3. Users demands in a digital world
4. New roles for librarians

Now, more than ever before it is imperative a joint effort between architects and librarians to design attractive and usable spaces for libraries that allow the implantation of a new culture of participation in the Knowledge Society, offering quality library services according to the educational, cultural and leisure citizens needs, and opening communication library spaces to make people feel part of the society they belong to.



A scenic mountain landscape under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, a small, dark, still pond is nestled among patches of snow and grey rocks. To the left, a dense cluster of dark green evergreen trees stands on a snowy slope. The background features a range of rugged, rocky mountains with significant snow cover on their peaks and slopes. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day in a high-altitude environment.

Thank you for your attention

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