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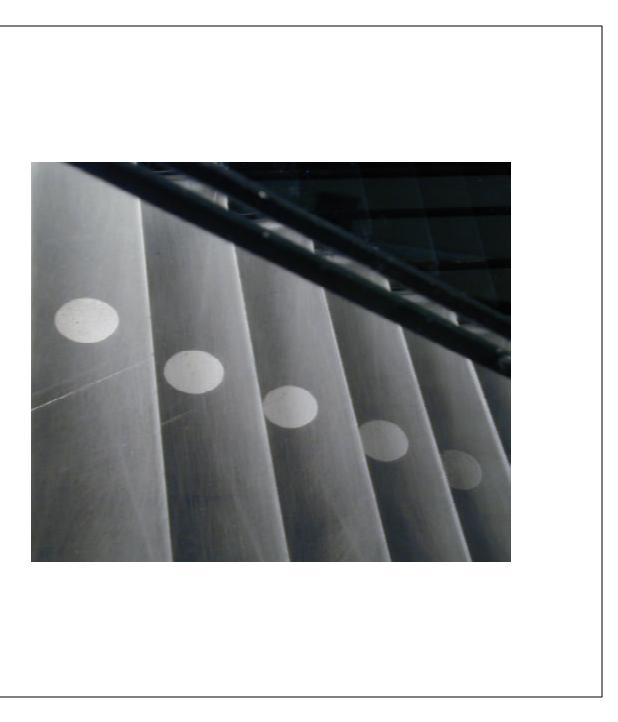
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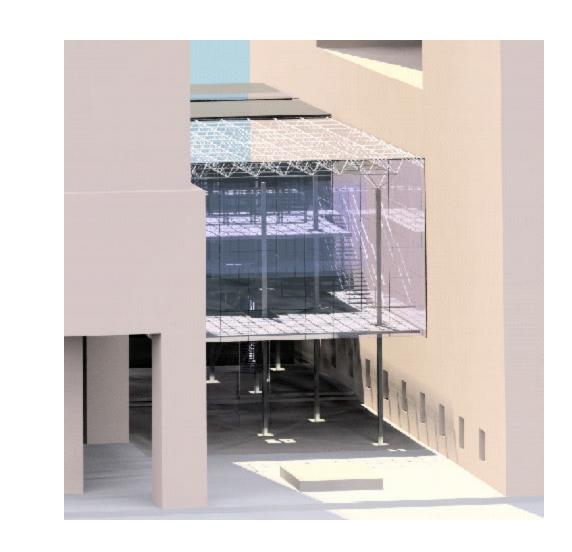
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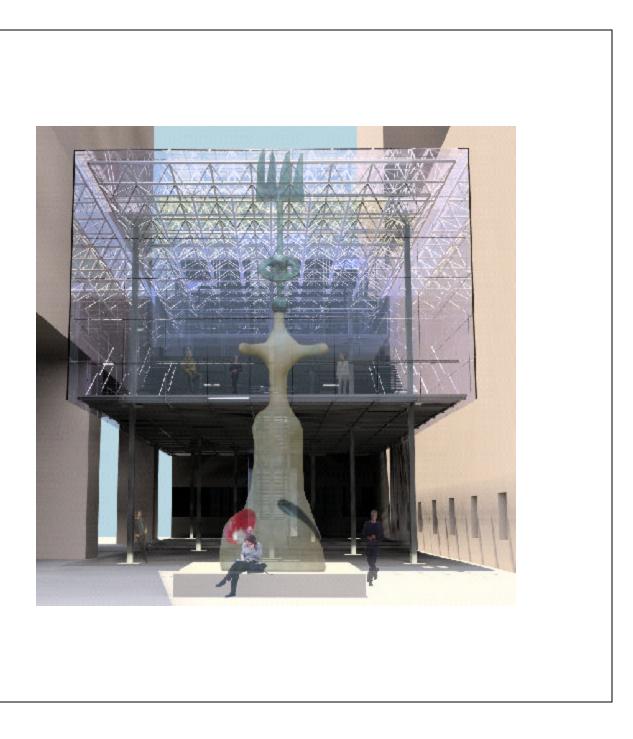
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Beauty is something momentary and ever - fleeting, and if it is not appreciated while it is fully charged with life, it will become a memory, and its liveliness will be entirely lost.... Beauty is ever alive, because it has no past, no future, but the present. You hesitate, turn your head, and it will not be there any more...

The project is a bookstore, located in a plaza between two high-rise buildings in downtown Chicago.The idea came from the desire to give people a place to sense the ordinary but precious lightness in their lives, to give them a place to read, to dream, to see the life of other people and to feel the beauty of nature.







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