

4th year | group

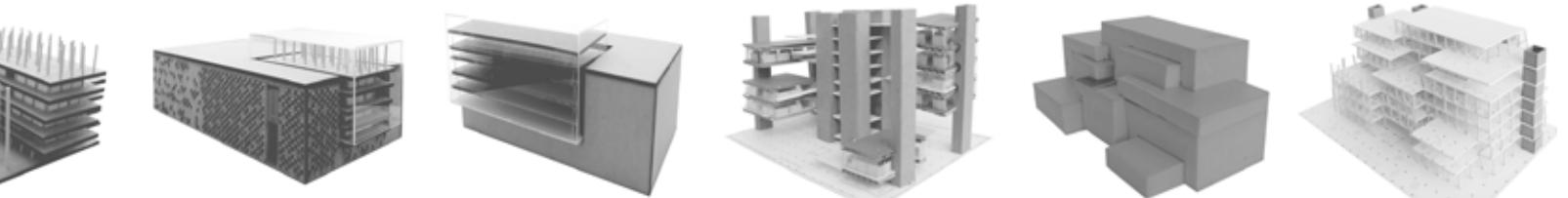
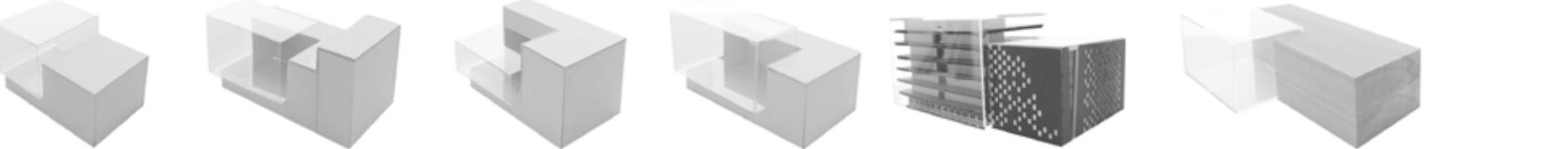
Considering the role of public libraries in today's digital era,  
redesign Chicago's Harold Washington Library as if it were  
to be a tear down and reconstruction.

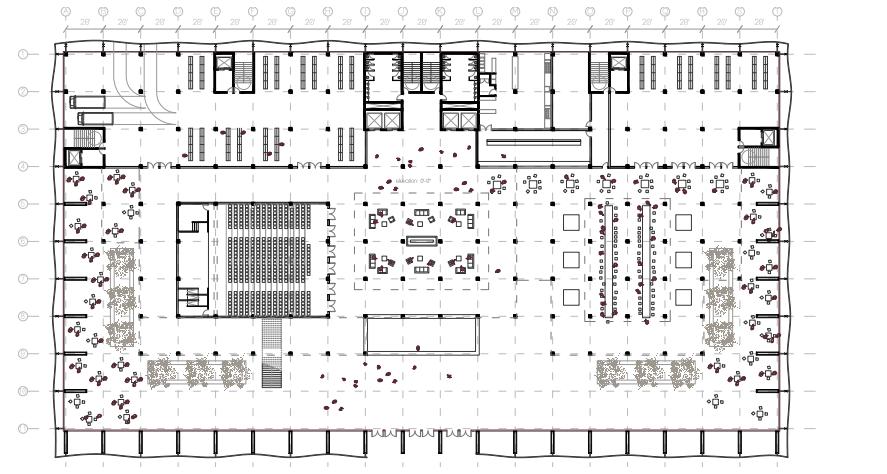
**location |** Chicago, Illinois

**program |** library, media center, meeting rooms

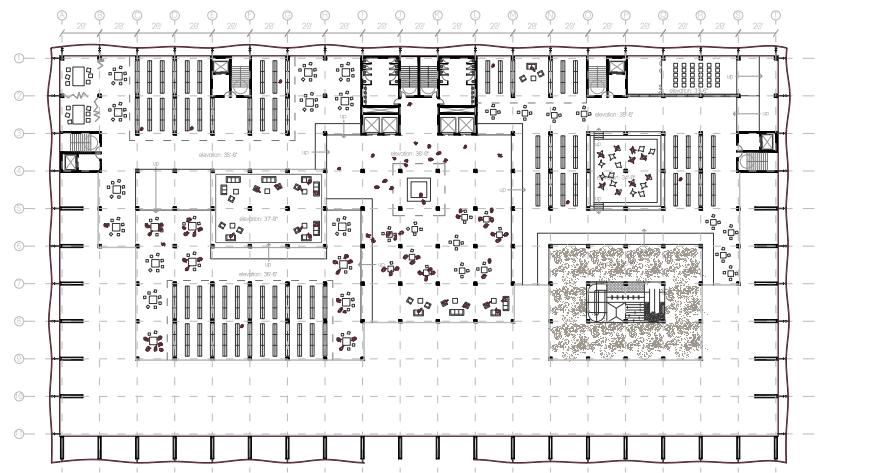
As information becomes widely available, the importance of the library of the future is to perpetuate community. Providing tactile information remains important while the need to provide alternative resources and personal interaction is the key to the libraries' success. A library must incorporate informal and formal program to draw diverse users and create unexpected social encounters which lead to discovery and knowledge.

The design preserves the aesthetic of historic Chicago by incorporating common brick in an innovative facade. The steel, glass, and brick structure is used to enclose informal public spaces which can be used independently of the specific library functions. These spaces are accessible as users move through the library space by means of rooftops. The interior space then creates a controlled and private atmosphere specifically suited to the programmatic uses of a library.

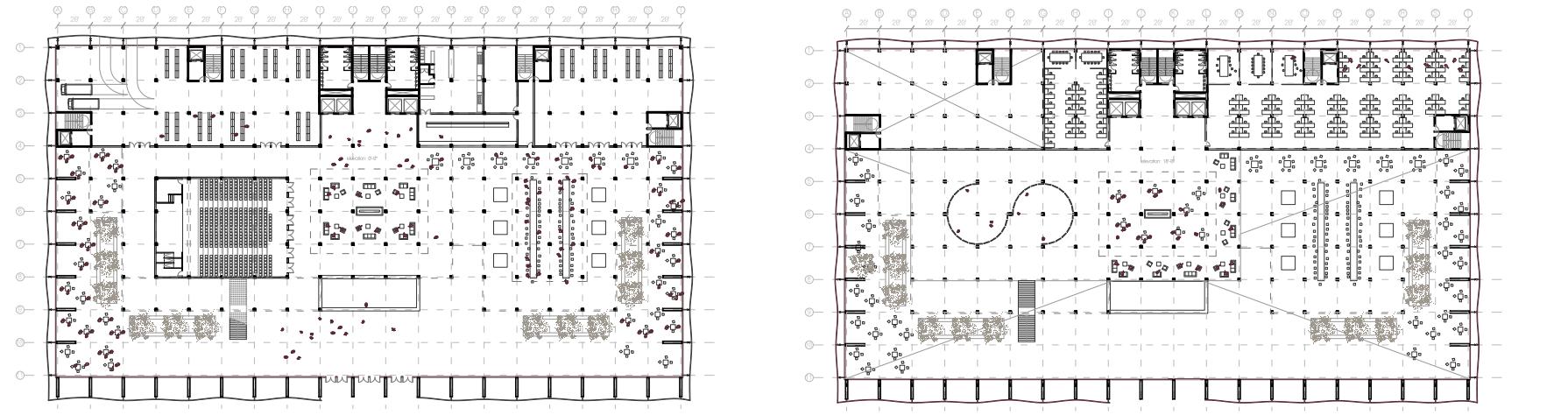




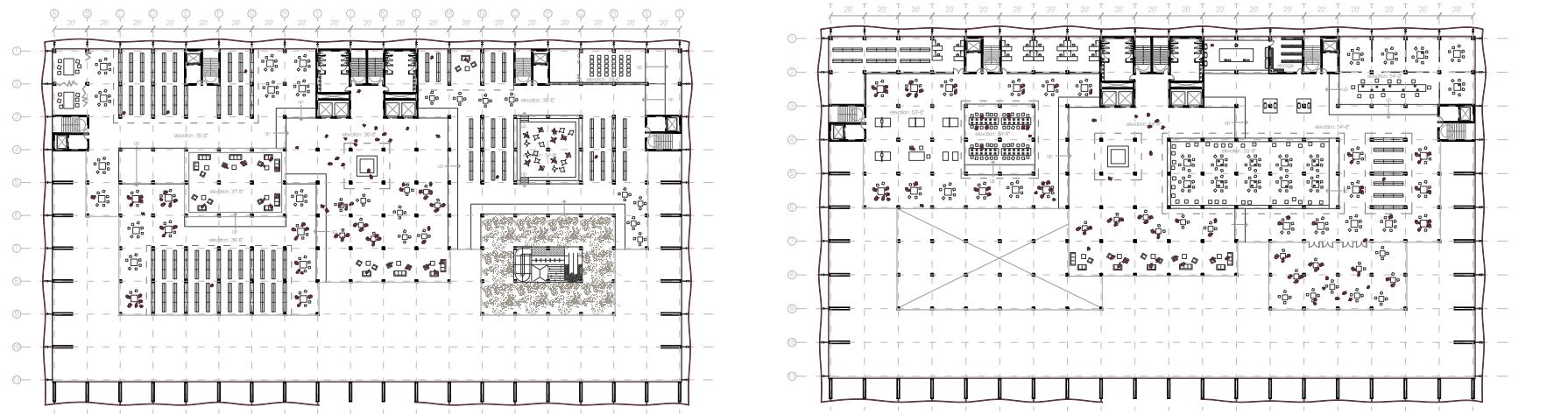
first floor | auditorium and cafe



third floor | childrens library and magazines



second floor | lounge and exhibit



fourth floor | fabrication shop and nfp incubator

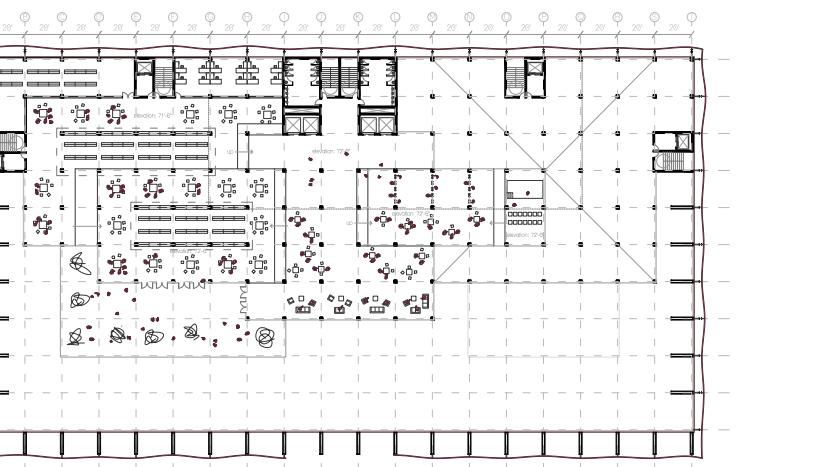




fourth floor | stacks



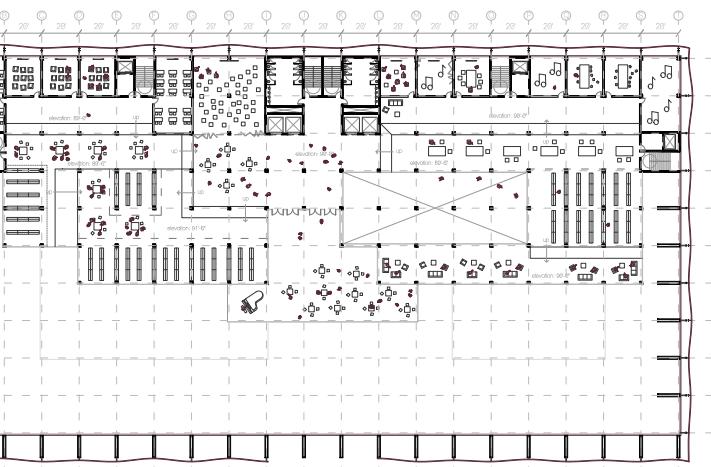
or | informal terrace



## **floor** | art studio and gallery



enth floor | study lounge and stacks



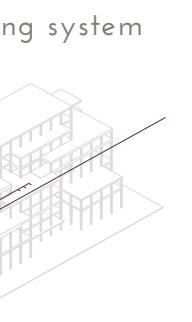
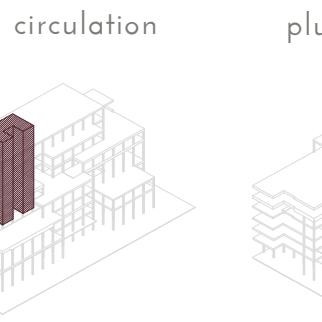
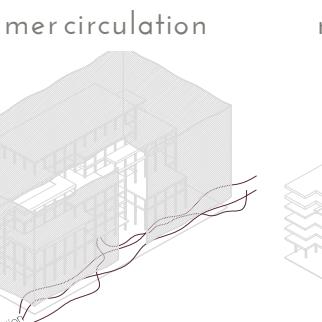
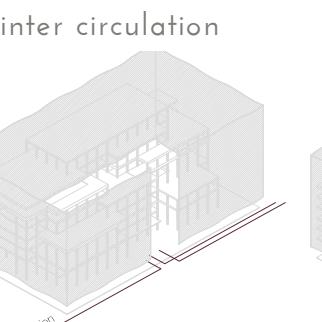
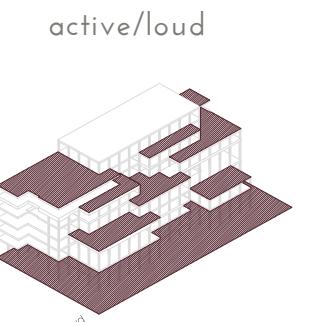
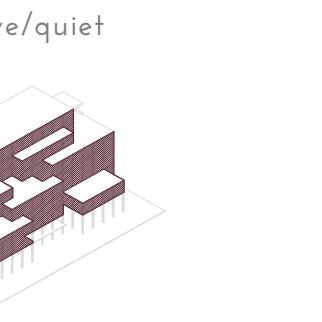
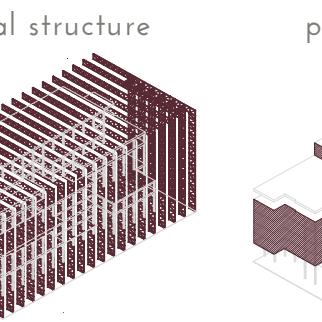
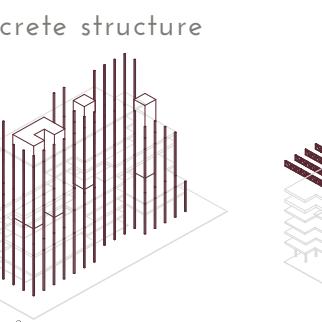
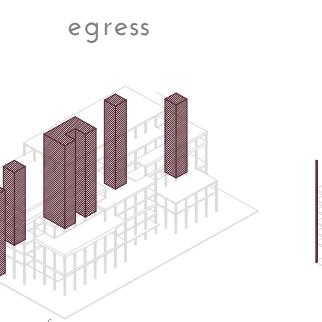
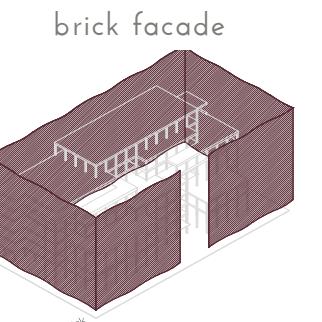
**xth floor** | media stacks and music rooms

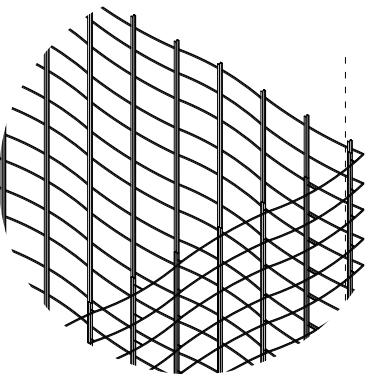


eight floor | flex space

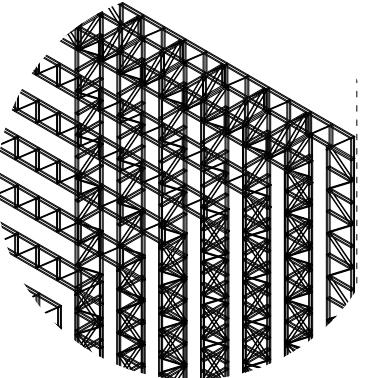
## FLEXIBLE SPACE

CONSULTING STACKS COMMONS STUDY  
MUSIC ROOMS STACKS THEATER  
STACKS GALLERY COMMONS  
FABRICATION LAB CLASSROOM COMMONS COMPUTER LAB INCUBATOR  
STACKS READING COMMONS STACKS STORYTELLING STACKS  
GARDEN EXHIBIT LOUNGE INFORMATION BOOK STORE & CAFE  
AUDITORIUM

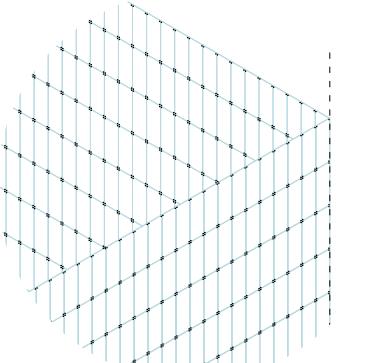




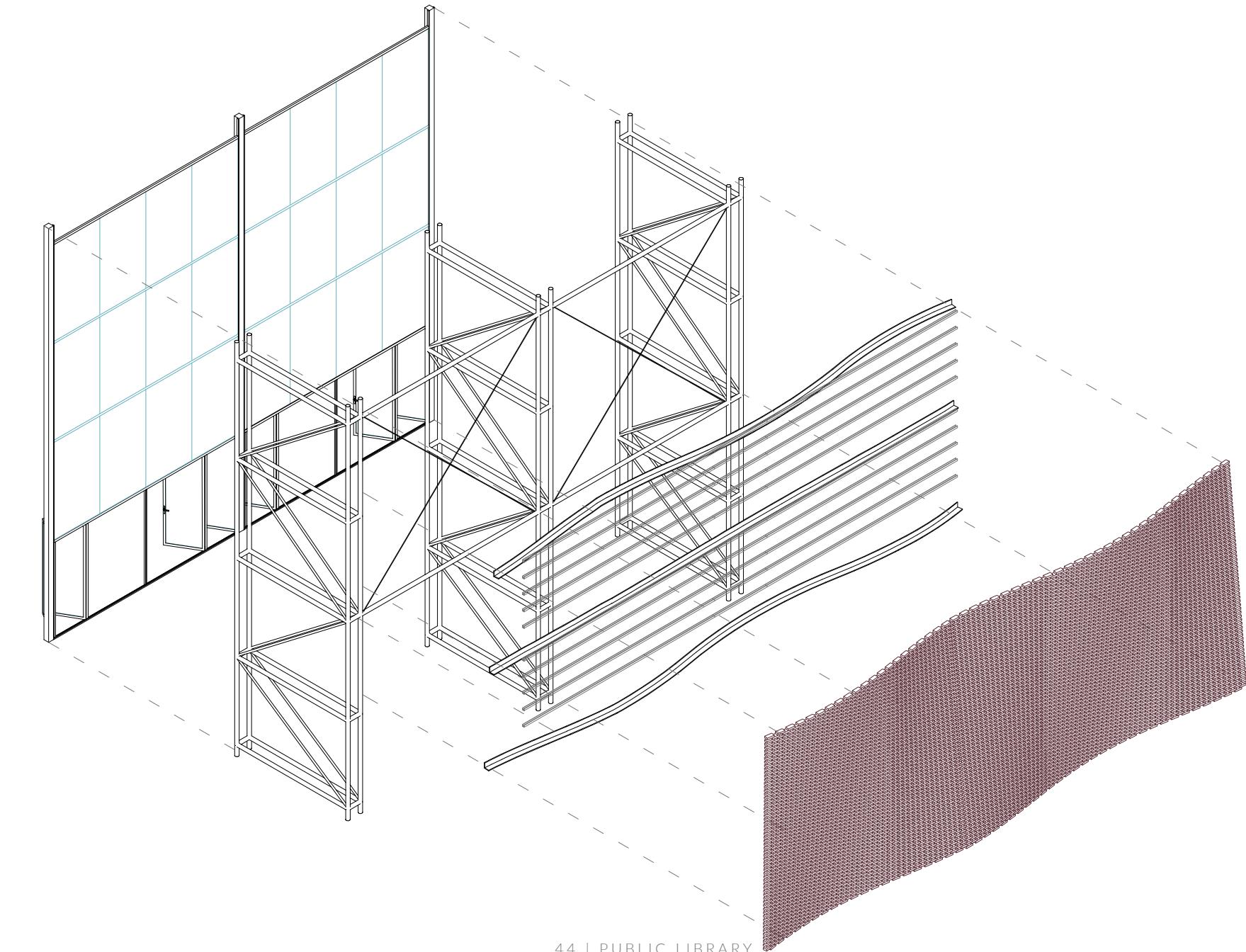
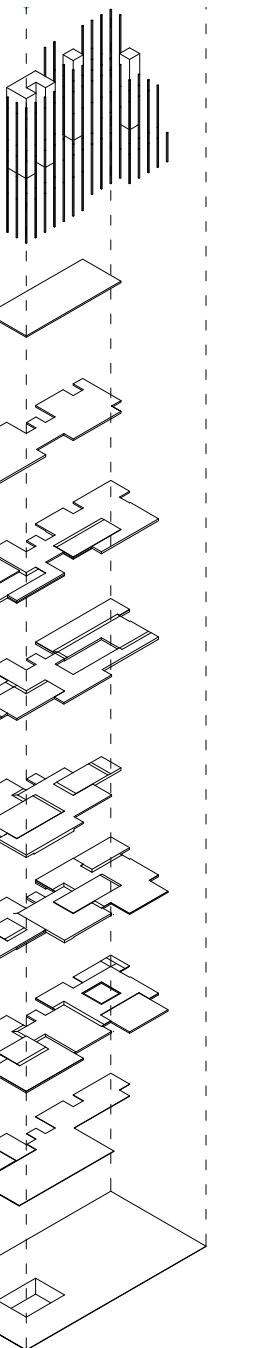
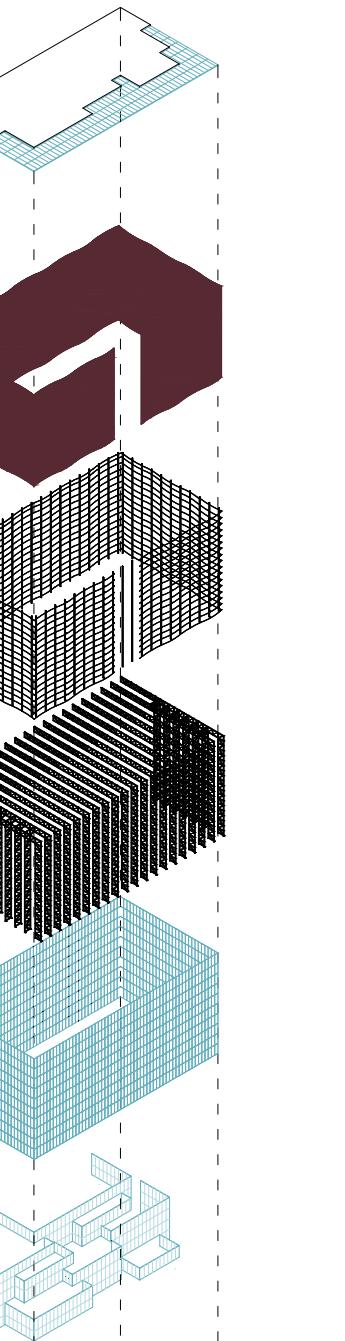
metal brick support

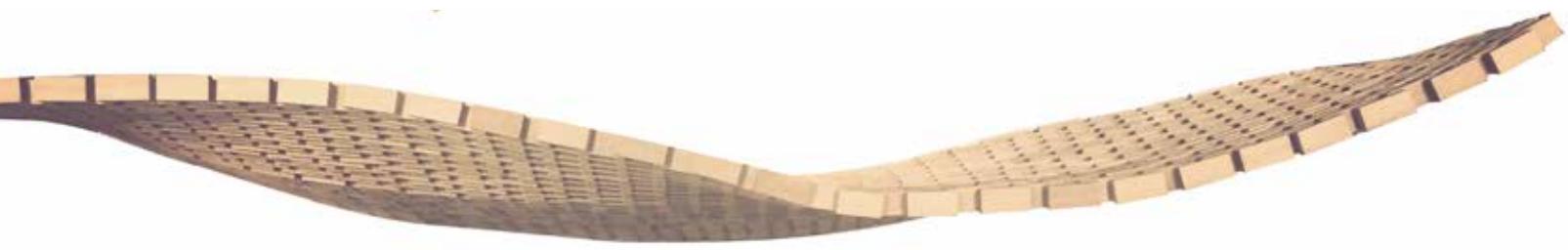
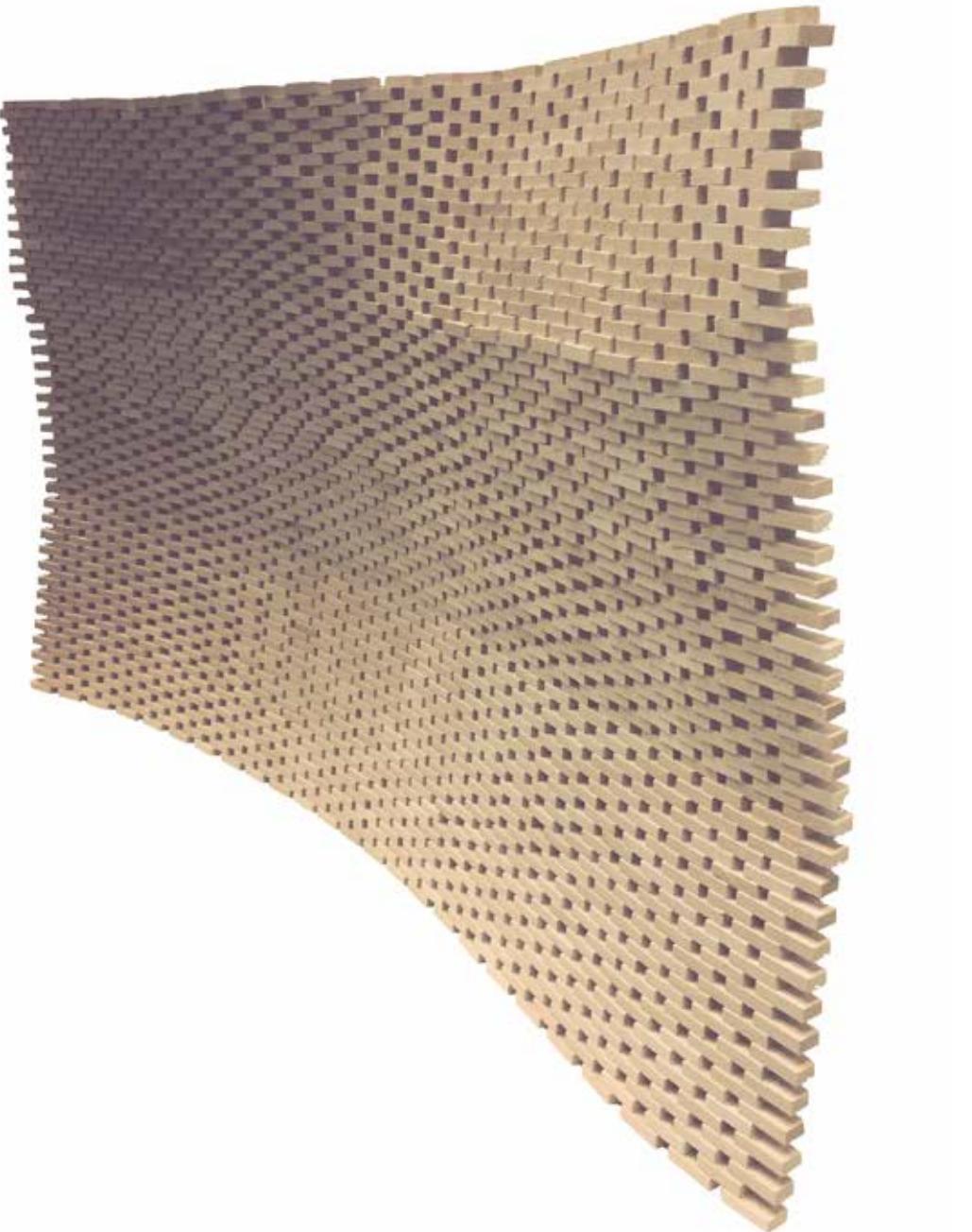


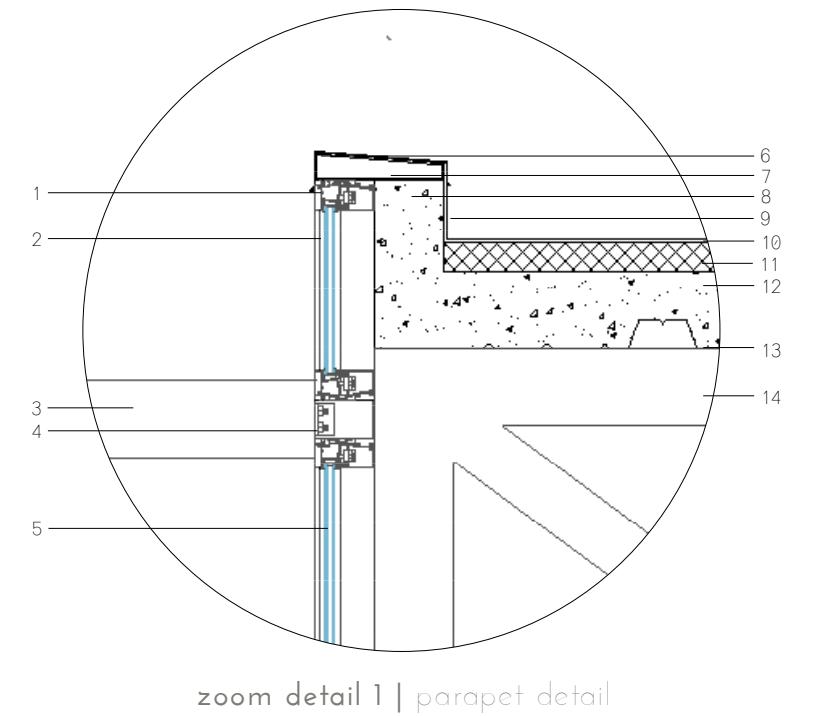
metal structure



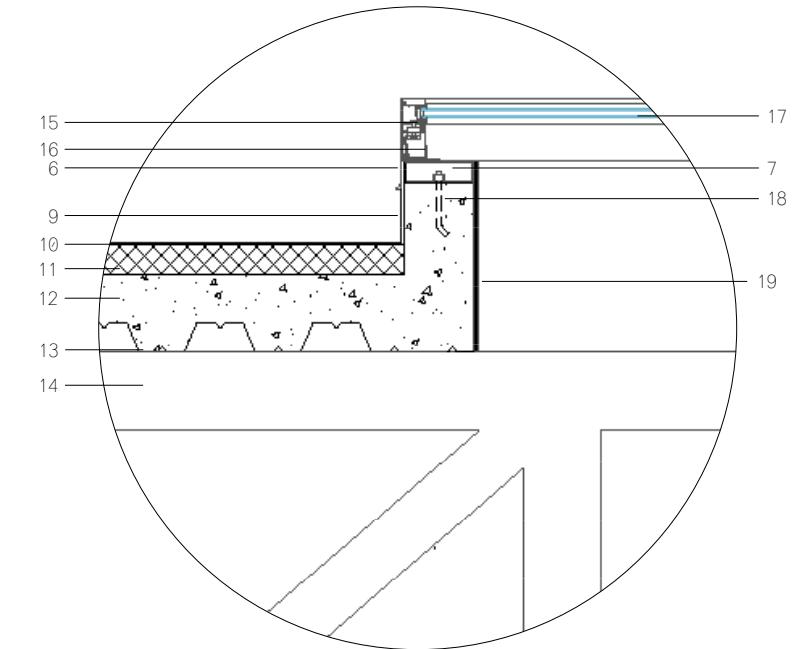
exterior glazing



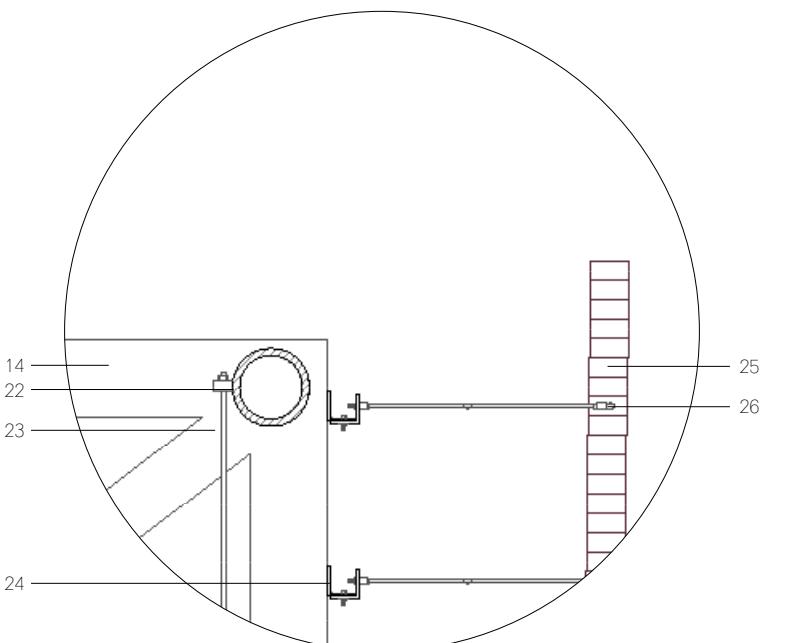




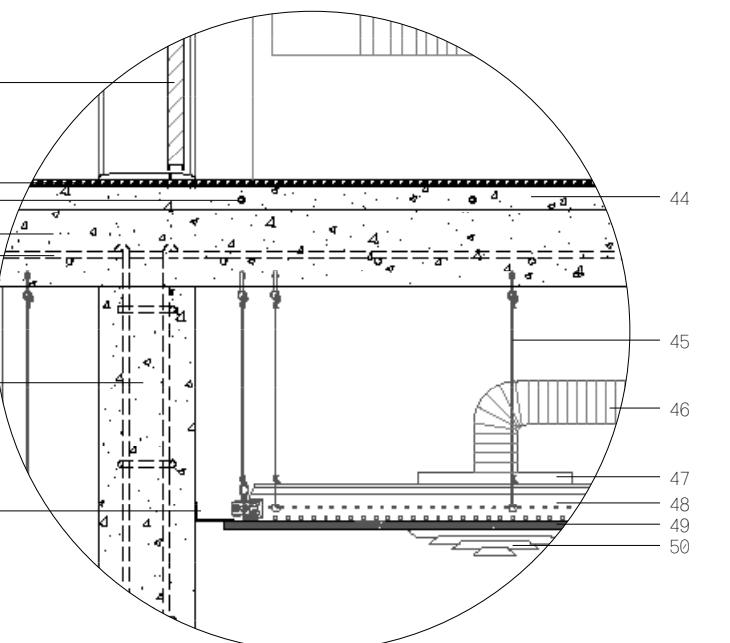
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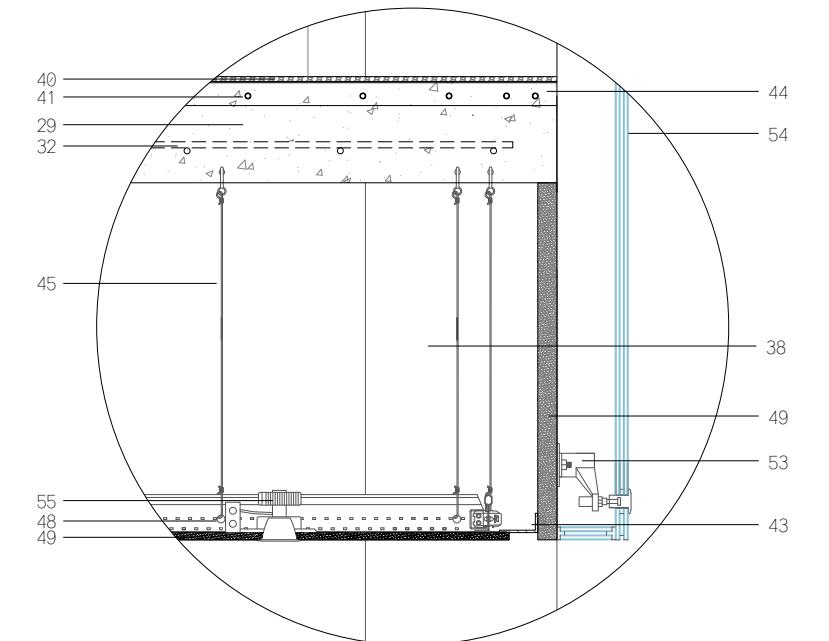
zoom detail 2 | glass roof detail



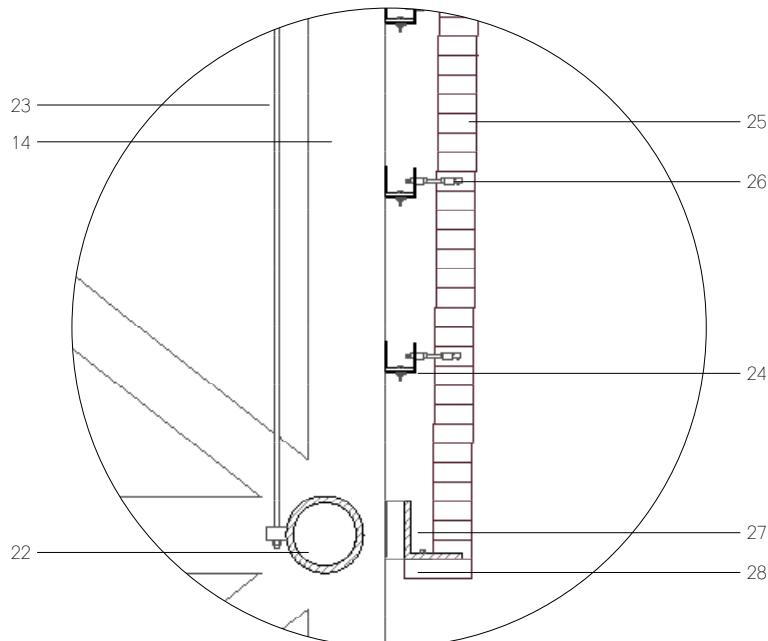
**zoom detail 4 | brick suspension detail**



detail 5 | floor slab detail



**zoom detail 7 | interior glass box detail**



[zoom detail 9](#) | brick shelf detail