

'For Those Who Dare to Dream'

Ludden Library
LCCC
Cheyenne, Wyoming

DREAM
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Sculpture

SYMBOLISM:

LOCATION

The installation site is a central location between the arts center and the library. It deserves a sculpture that elevates the space, reflects and enhances the architecture, and engages the community. Size, materials, and Juxtaposition were all important considerations.

CONCEPT

The sculpture, "For Those Who Dare to Dream" can be something timeless and meaningful for everyone. The entire quote is: "For Those who Dare to Dream, the World is Theirs to Win". Standing tall, it represents all at once the legacy of the Luddens, the importance of the library and the entire campus, as well as humanity's desire to reach for the stars.

COMPOSITION

As you approach a sculpture from a distance, your initial impression is of a dynamic and uplifting silhouette. We designed the composition to reflect the energy of trees and other growing things. This will evoke feelings of Growth and Hope in the same way living trees do.

One of the things we really like about this sculpture is the layering of symbolism all the way through it. As you walk closer, you will see large books at the bottom of the sculpture supporting a tall ladder that stretches upward with a figure on top who is reaching for the stars.

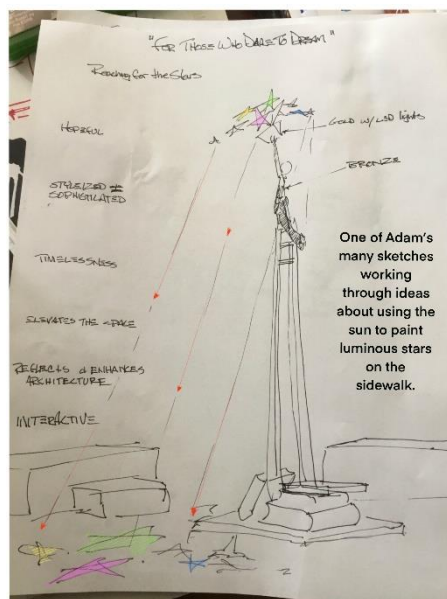
The large volumes at the base of the ladder are cast in bronze, and symbolize both actual library books, while also representing the Knowledge and Education of all Humanity as being foundational to the Ladder of Success.

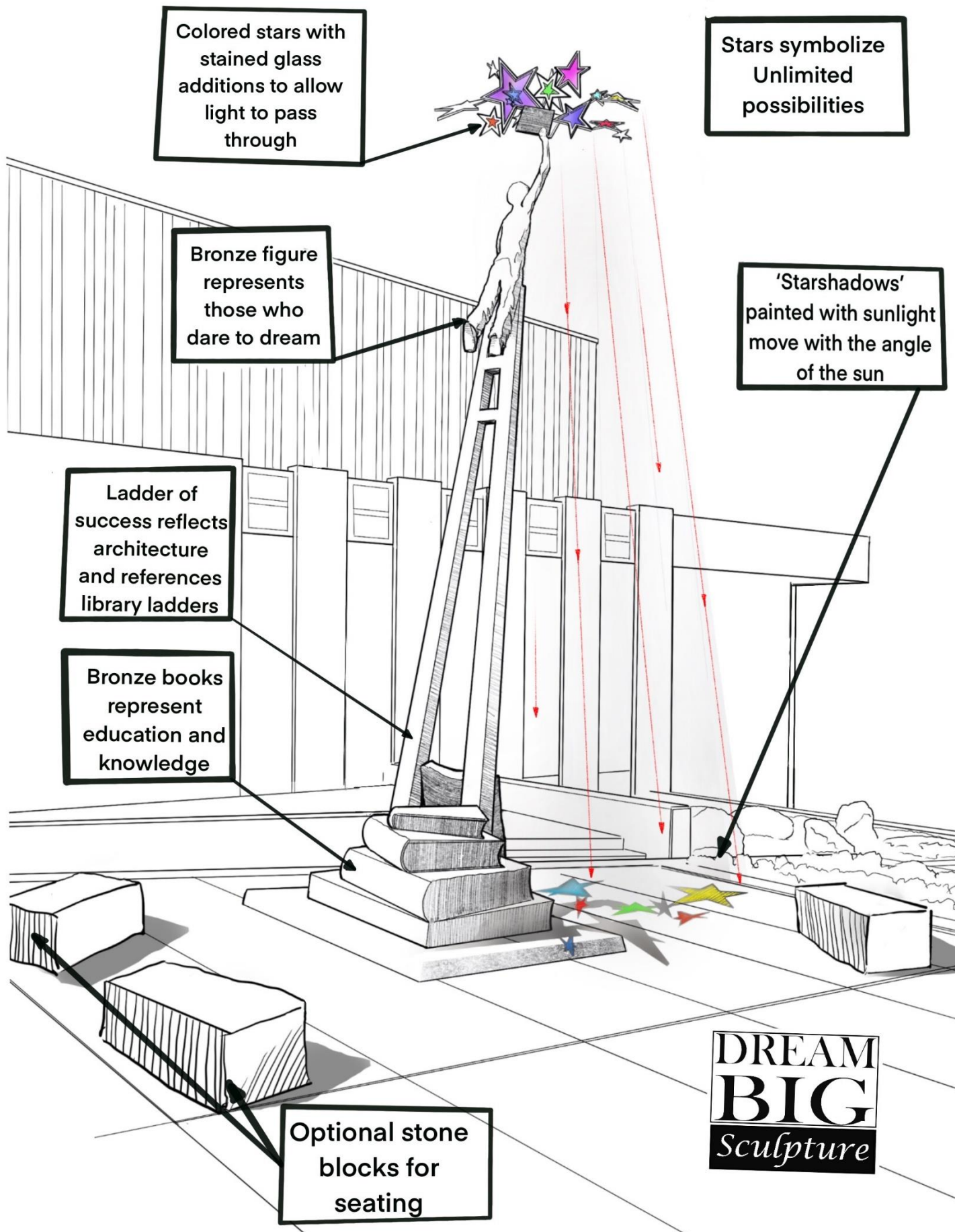
The ladder represents the Ladder of Success, and also symbolizes the tall ladders used in many libraries to reach books on the top shelf.

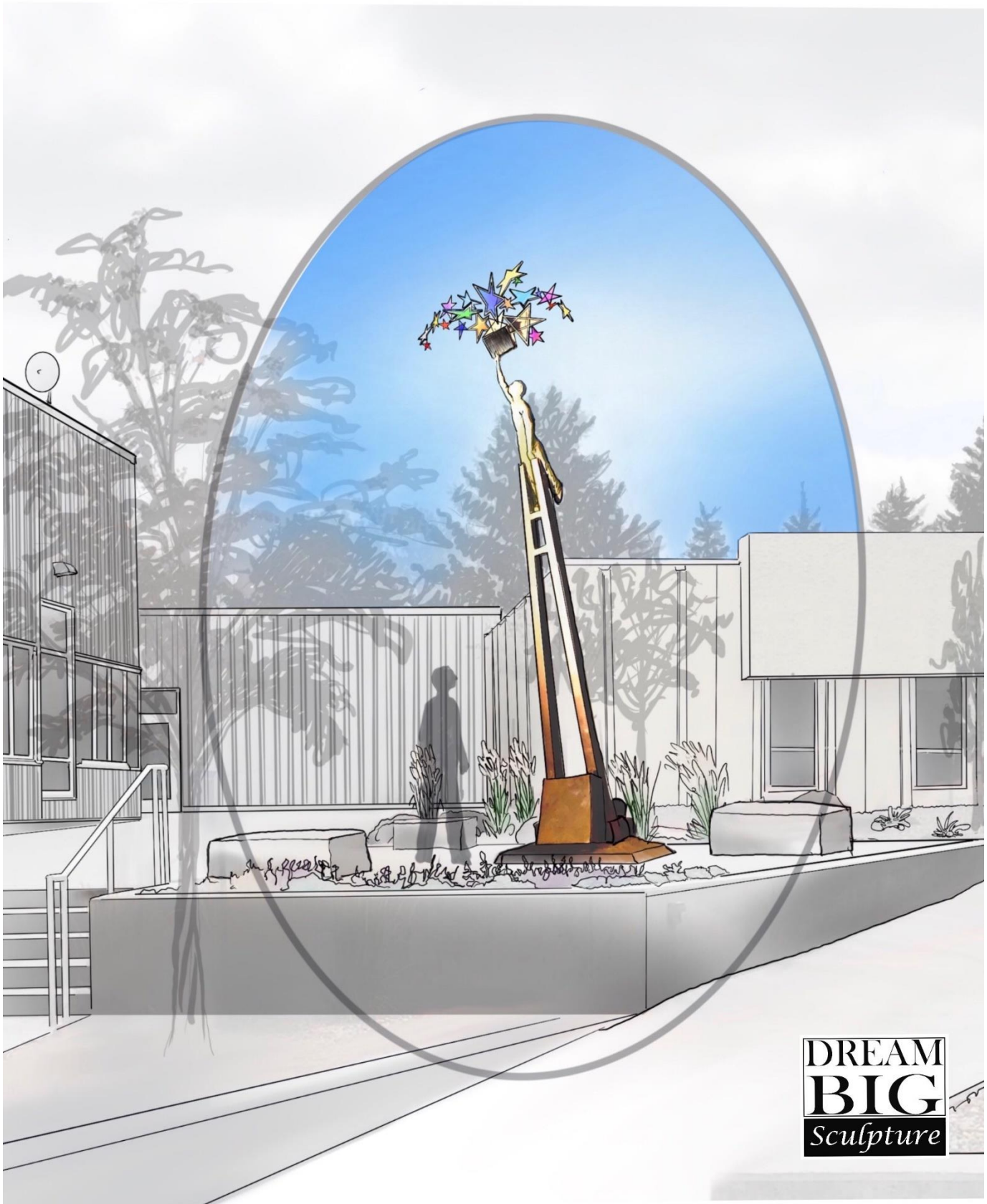
Reaching for the stars is an idea about the desire to rise above your station in life. Some of the stars at the top of the sculpture will have a "stained glass effect". This aspect of the design is especially delightful. The sun will shine through the colored stars and will actually 'paint' luminous star shapes on the ground with light, moving across the sidewalk throughout the day according to the angle of the sun.

To reach for the stars is also a central theme for the performing arts. In the evening, when people are visiting the library or the performing arts center, they will see a golden light shining upwards from the open book to light the stars from below. Using light in these ways, the sculpture changes depending on when it is viewed, creating more opportunities for enjoy it in different ways.

Concept sketches on paper and in clay







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Updated Statue Concepts 11/29/21

The idea of adding a second figure was especially important to us because we considered that too in the beginning, but eventually Decided eliminate it because of budgetary considerations.

This last week has been filled with many sketches and Maquettes working out different possible composition of the boy to man evolution, a young boy and girl concept, an adult man and woman-sitting, standing, apart, together, reading books, standing on books, and collecting books. Finally we settled on two figures, young in spirit, collecting the stars together.

Generally speaking, most of us do not pursue our dreams in isolation, so the second figure it an important addition for that reason too.

The sculpture could be described as two people on the ladder of success reaching for the stars together, using the inspiration of humanity contained in the books of knowledge.

He is gathering stars from the top shelf and handing them to her to keep for them. The stars can be seen barely slipping out of the book revealing the treasures within.

Here are several rough sketches of the new concept we've done for you guys this week on both on paper and in clay to give you a general idea of what we were thinking about as we worked on the new ideas.

