

Cafe Momentum Library

Context: Cafe Momentum provides 1 year, paid (\$10/hour) internships to young men recently released from juvenile detention. Participants rotate through five stations spanning FOH & BOH duties. Program also provides case managers, classroom instruction through partnerships with organizations like Texas Assoc. for Infant Mental Health (parenting skills), and looks for ways to meet individual emergency needs on a case by case basis.

Cafe Momentum is open for dinner service Thurs-Sat and is planning to open a sidewalk pastry and coffee sales service targeting DART commuters and other pedestrian traffic near the adjacent Akard St DART station.

Goals: Open a public culinary library stocked with cookbooks and other food-related literature and curated by Cafe Momentum. Library provides further ways of building in opportunities for engagement between the general public in the neighborhood surrounding Akard St station, guests of the restaurant, and restaurant staff and program members.

Potential locations include a recessed space within the property line near the front entrance of the restaurant, sidewalk space between two existing benches in front of the restaurant, and the Akard St station located approximately 400 ft to the west of the restaurant entrance along Pacific Ave.

Little Free Libraries/Libros Libres is a literacy and community design initiative in Dallas that uses free book exchanges to build vibrant public spaces and increase access to books.



Entrance; looking east on Pacific Ave



Entrance; looking west on Pacific Ave



City sidewalk with benches and post in front of restaurant