

CHILDREN'S LITERACY CENTER in Ghana, Africa

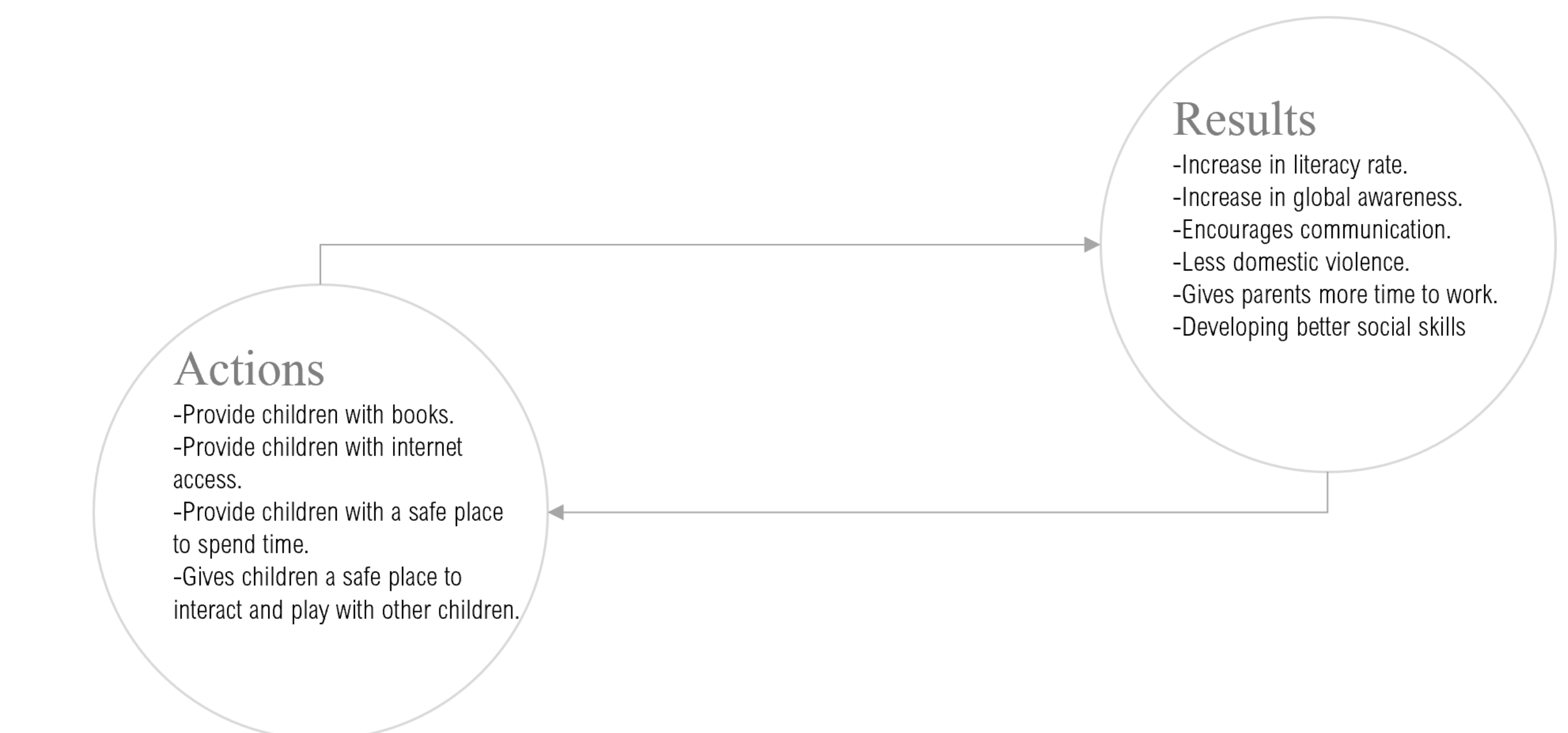
ABSTRACT

There is a shortage of education and literacy centers in Africa. The lack of facilities where people can learn to read and write is fueling many social issues including illiteracy. This low literacy rate then leads to life-long employment struggles, financial issues, marital problems, and poverty. The low education levels perpetuate poverty, and it has been shown that poverty levels are dependent and often dictated on knowing how to read and do math. The children's literacy center will encourage learning from a young age to hopefully curb the poverty cycle and also meet the educational needs of the local children and families. It will be full of a variety of books and learning utensils from local as well as foreign cultures and be equipped with accessible technology tools. This literacy center is designed to satisfy varying learning styles and is an uplifting environment for children to utilize and supplement additional learning. This literacy center in Ghana is constructed using traditional building materials to enhance the rich African culture and create a sense of home yet is also designed to bring the energy that encompasses modern design. This space is meant to encourage growth, explore knowledge, and develop reading skills.

NEEDS + SOLUTIONS

- + BRING LIGHT AND WARMTH INTO THE SPACE
 - Large architectural windows and light finished walls helped to brighten up the space.
- FACILITATE VOCATIONAL SKILL TRAINING
 - Multiple different learning style arrangements and teaching areas to choose from.
- FACILITATE INDIVIDUAL GROWTH AND LEARNING
 - Its hopeful atmosphere was designed to inspire the desire for knowledge and self-reliance from even young ages.
- BUILD USING LOCAL BUILDING MATERIALS
 - Bricks, straw, and concrete were just some of the materials selected from the region.
- INCORPORATE MODERN DESIGN
 - More common construction materials were also used in conjunction to maintain a clean, modern space for learning.
- SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISTS AND CRAFTSPEOPLE
 - Hand woven basket light shades, hand painted wooden masks, and a large custom wall painting were just some of the additions to the project to help unite the community in the support of children's literacy.
- PROVIDE A SAFE PLACE TO RETREAT TO DURING COVID-19
 - Every corner of the earth has been impacted by the pandemic. This facility will have 24/7 security monitoring and will work together with local health authorities to keep everyone safe.

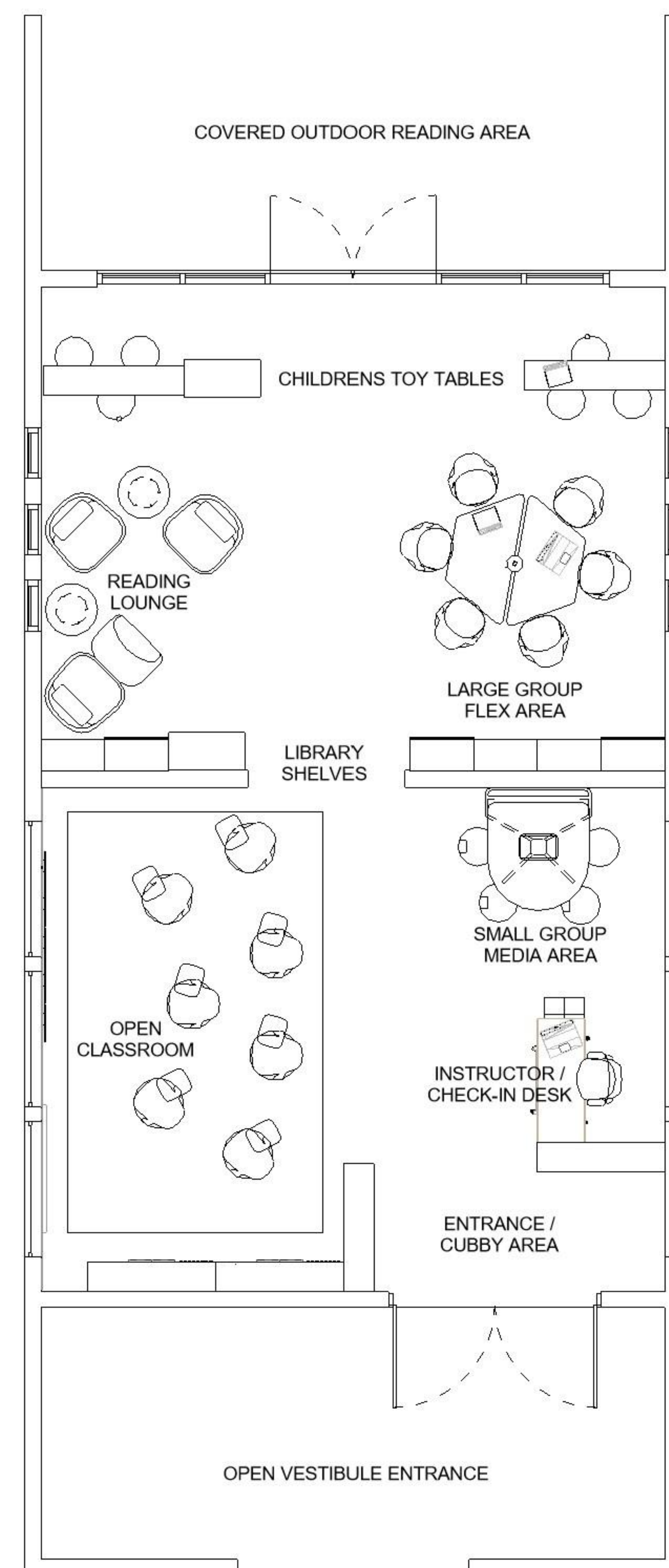
CAUSALITY / CAUSE + EFFECT



LARGE GROUP FLEX AREA



FLOOR PLAN



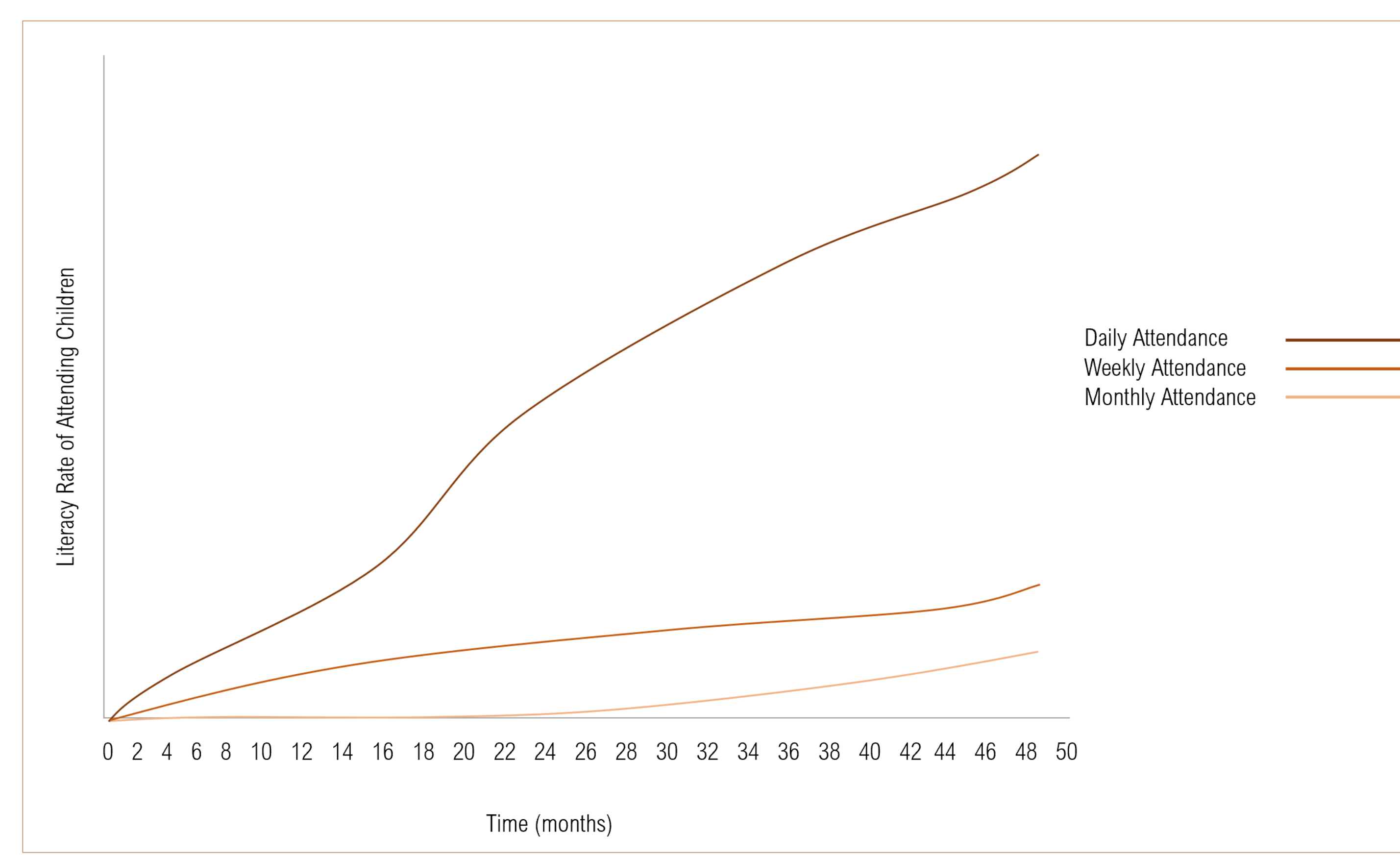
CHILDRENS TOY AREA



OPEN CLASSROOM



BEHAVIOR OVER TIME



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