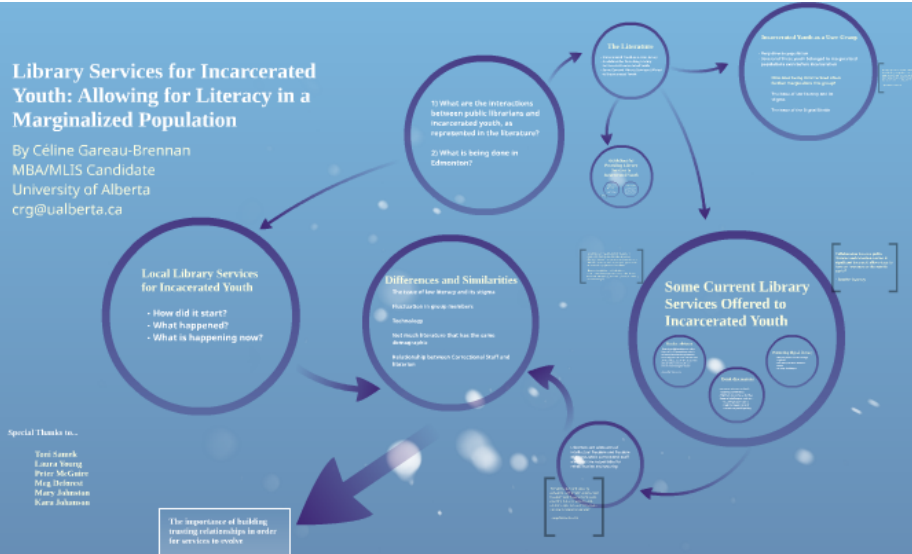


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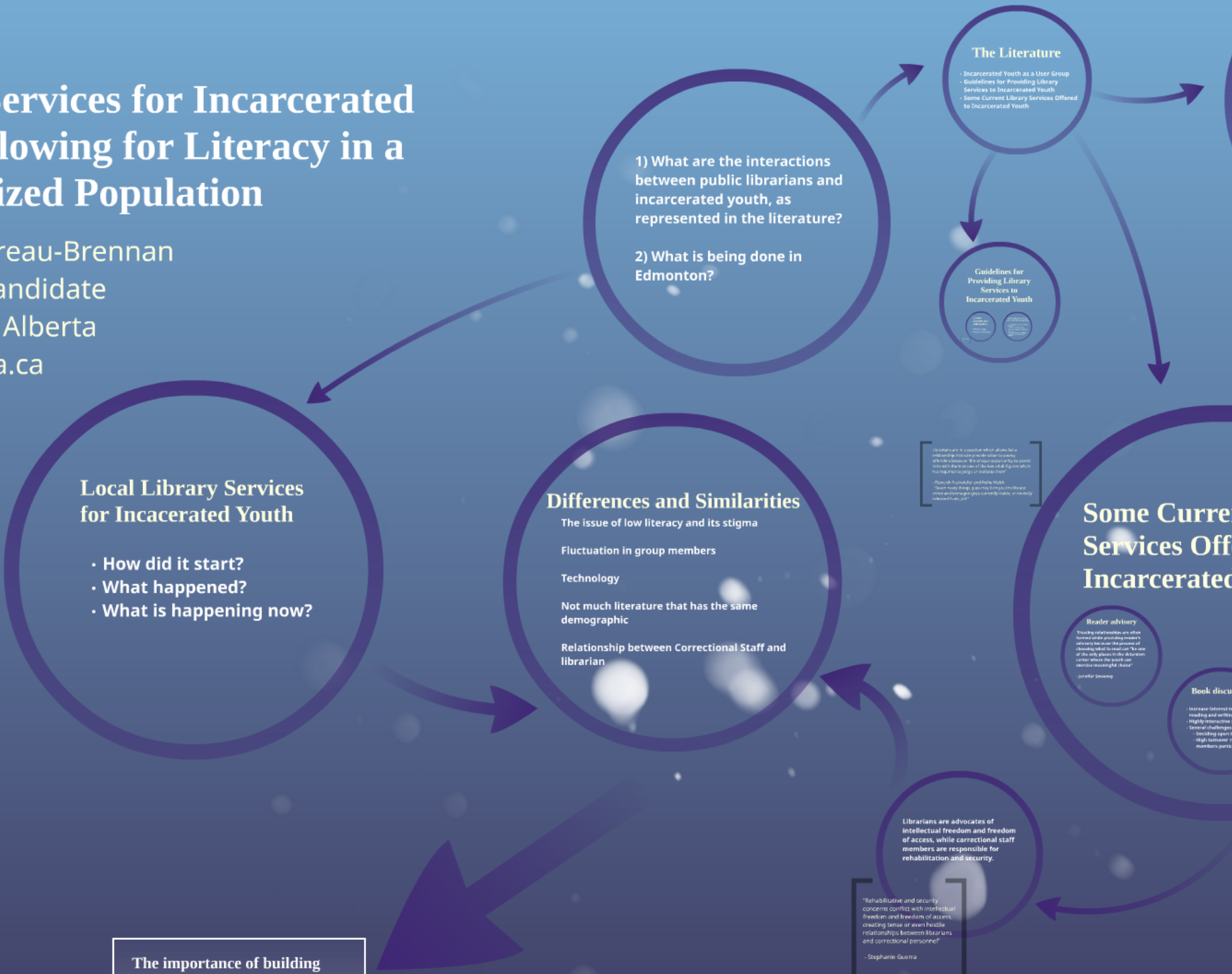
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- The issue of low literacy and its stigma
- Fluctuation in group members
- Technology
- Not much literature that has the same demographic
- Relationship between Correctional Staff and librarian

Some Current Services Offered to Incarcerated Youth

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 - Reading relationships are when librarians provide readers advisory to assist the process of choosing what to read. We are often the only person with the discretion to loan what the youth can access beyond "M" class.
 - Jennifer Sawney
- Book discussion**
 - Increase interest in reading and writing
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 - High turnover in members
 - members participate

The Literature

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Guidelines for Providing Library Services to Incarcerated Youth

Guidelines	Notes

1) What are the interactions between public librarians and incarcerated youth, as represented in the literature?

2) What is being done in Edmonton?

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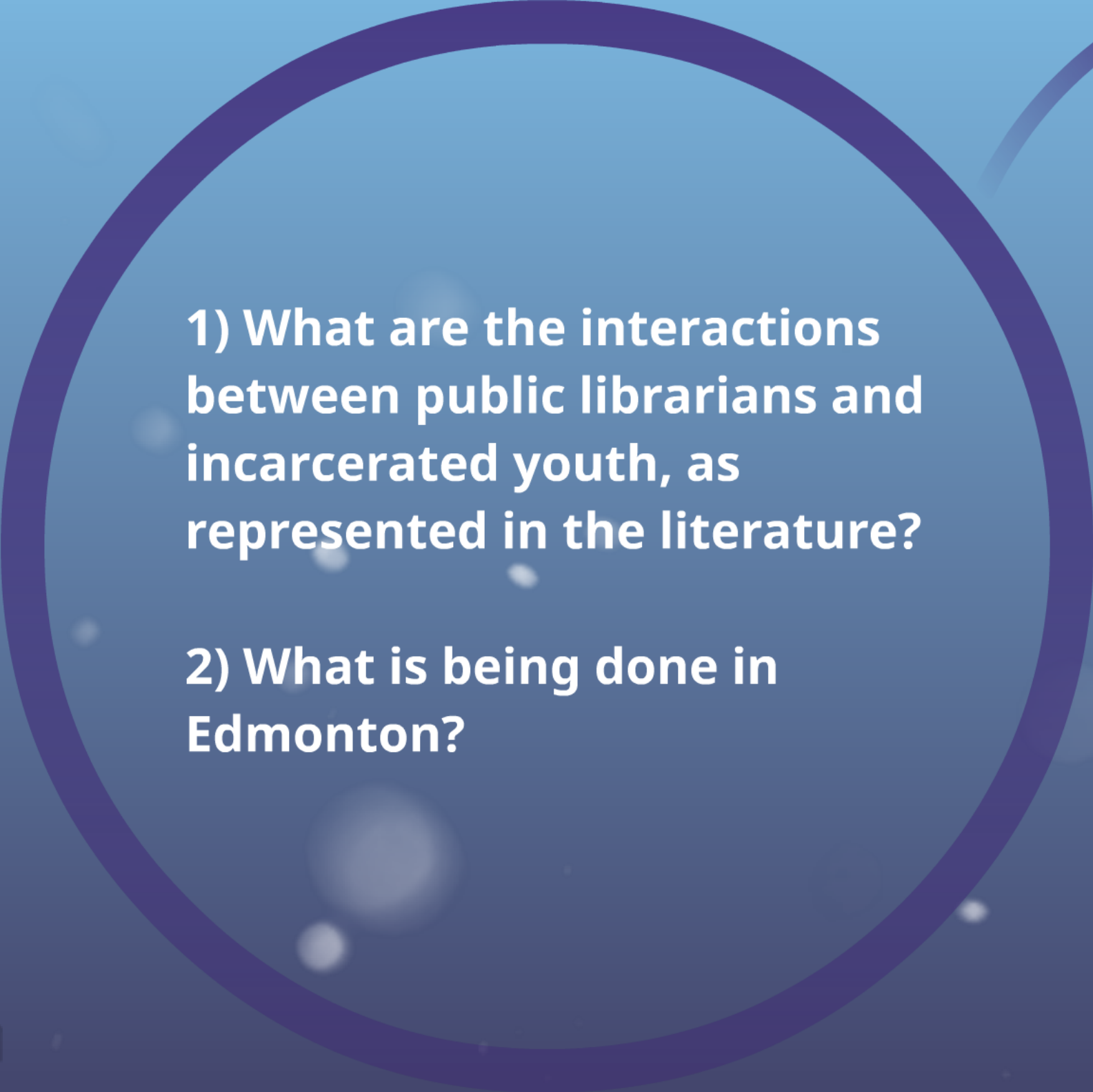
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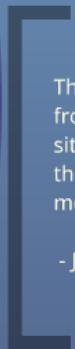
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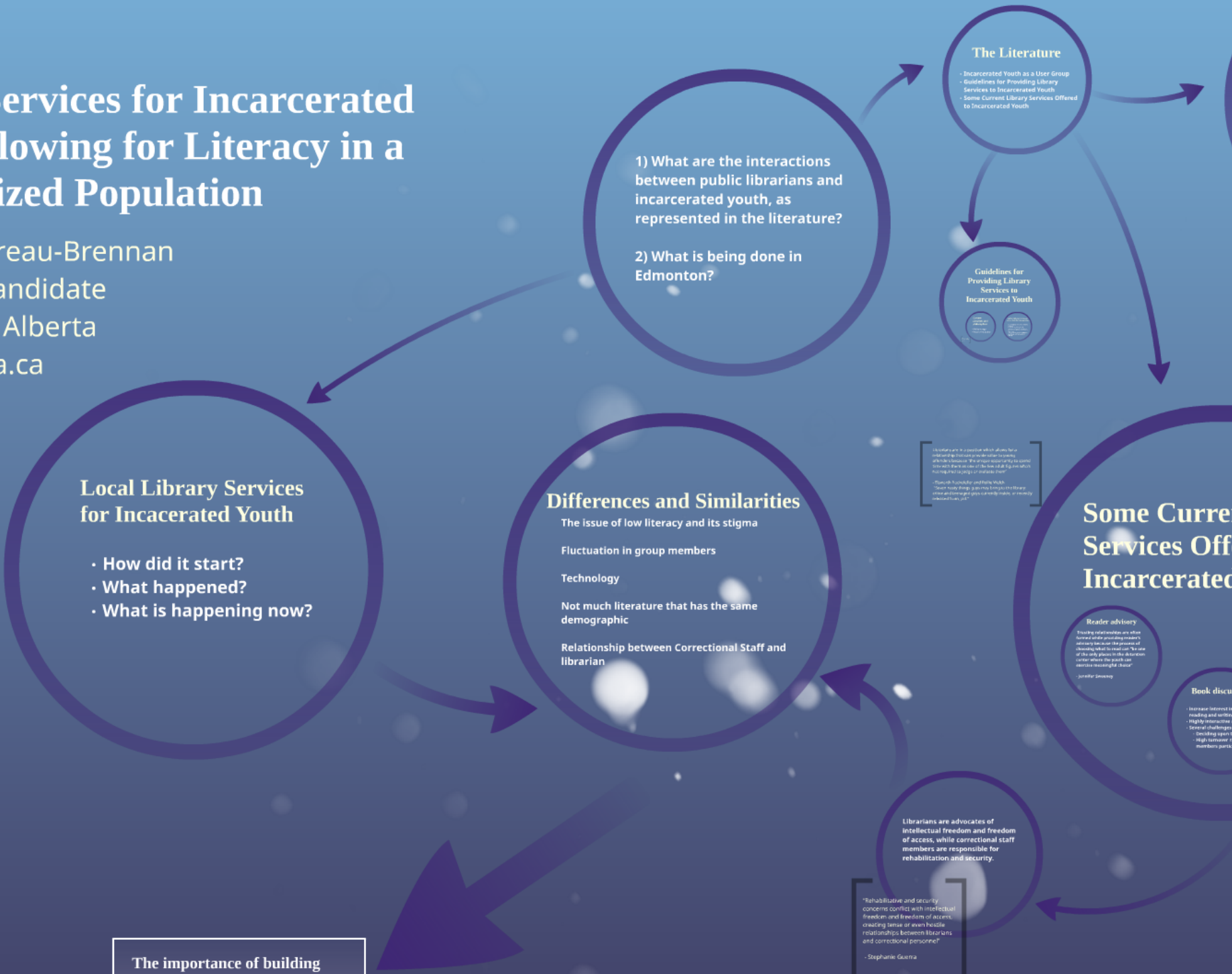
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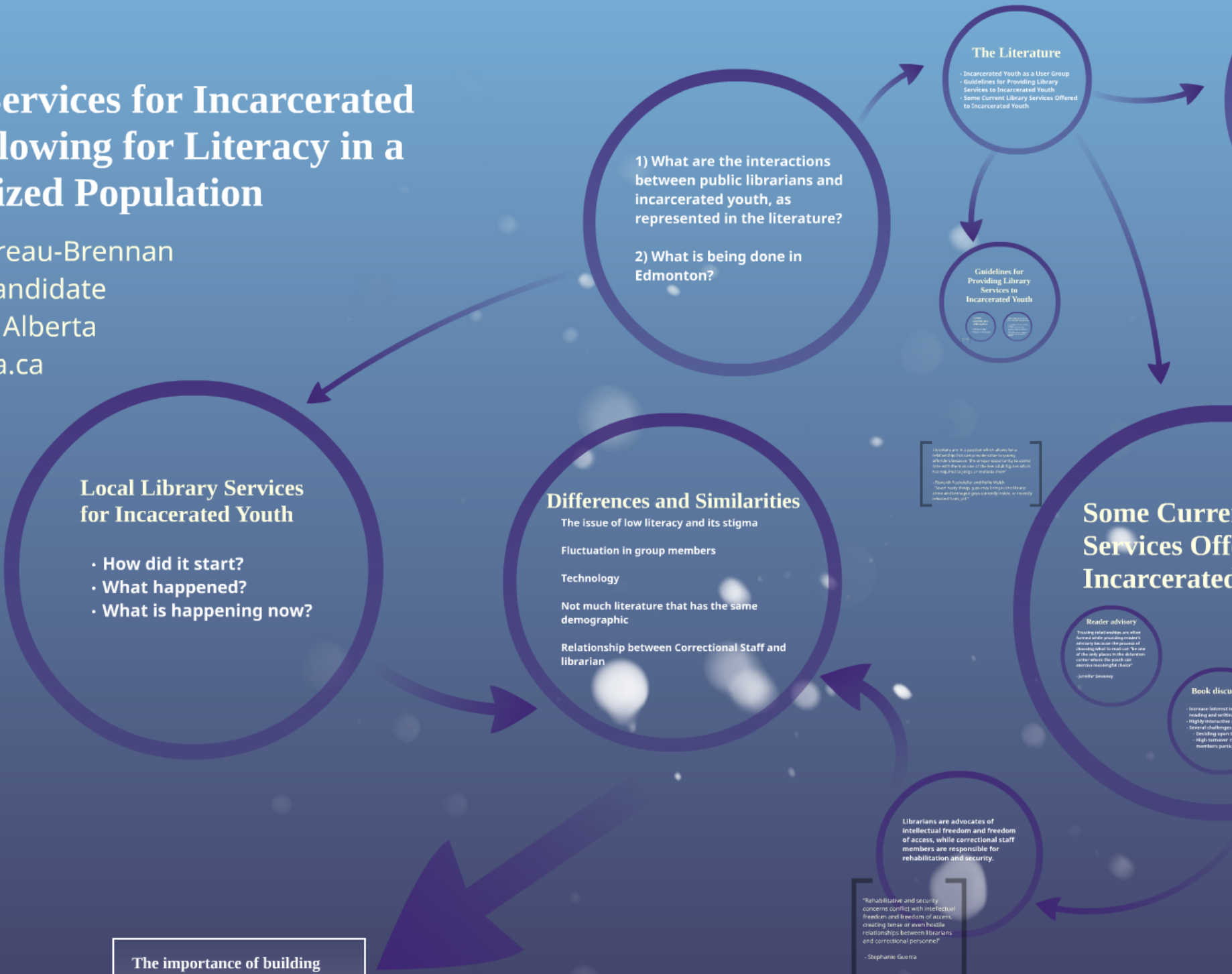
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