The next pages were part of a visitor “lookbook” presented in 2020.

Casita Azul is a place where York students and researchers connect with the local community, a place where resources are available to users and a place where collaboration and communication are encouraged, promoted and nurtured.
It all started with a small conversation and a big idea....

“.... Of course we should have a library in Las Nubes!!!!”

2015

La Casita Azul is an impactful, successful and award-winning project.

It is a partnership between York University Libraries (YUL) and York’s Faculty of Environmental Studies (FES). La Casita Azul is a unique education and learning resource centre that supports the Las Nubes Community and the York University students, faculty and researchers.

We need to engage in meaningful research, we need to work together, and we need to think about the future - make the LIBRARY your partner in that!
All of this happens in a vibrant and biodiverse environment in the Alexander Skutch Biological Corridor.

Diandra is our library assistant who has been pushing this project forward from the beginning!

We had an official opening – the community engaged in several fun activities.
Ravi was the lucky person, along with a few York students, to enjoy the opening celebrations.
La Casita Azul has been hosting community members, researchers and the York community.
We host adult classes provided by the Instituto Nacional de Aprendizaje (INA) and community experts *ASK US ABOUT IT*
With us & our partners you can learn about the local flora and fauna from the local community experts.

Our library is used every single day we are open!
Our users learn, work, access information, reflect and create in Casita Azul.

Clean-up day in our community with Casita Azul!
We organize community events

We hosted other educational groups from other institutions (Quebec, Buffalo, California)
Some of our courses awarded certification of skills, such as the Organic Fertilizer Workshop provided by INA.

Another popular course for our community was a two-part workshop about growing orchids delivered by Gabriel Barbosa, our partner from Los Cusingos.
Our York students have engaged with the local community to put into practice their projects and research. *ASK US ABOUT IT*

York students interact with the local community in the library and learn from each other.
Our York students are also engaged in course related activities in the library. This work starts at York and continues in the community!

York is becoming another community in Las Nubes
Thank you and we look forward to what’s next!