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ARGYLE ADVENTURES

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Argyle Adventures is a three-part series children's book. The objective of this project is to highlight the personal memories I have of Chicago's Uptown/Argyle community. The storytelling will be focused through the lens of my childhood. Each book will have a unique adventure or journey taking place within the community, and will showcase a variety of foods, shops, cultures, and traditions. Argyle, also known as Little Vietnam, is one of the many communities that have fallen victim to the Chicagoland urban reinvestment over the past decade. This gentrification has threatened and affected the diversity of Argyle as many families were forced to leave their homes to make space for luxury apartment buildings. Although Argyle is still a stable hub for Asian culture, its diverse population is slowly chipping away as its surroundings are being invested towards modern and comfortable living. These books will draw inspiration from the memories I have, and what I've learned and experienced during my years spent in the neighborhood. Overall, this project serves as a way to preserve the memory of Argyle when my siblings and I were growing up. In fact, many who have lived and grown up in Argyle will have similar memories and stories that will be portrayed in these books.