The Bezos Learning Center (BLC) is a welcome addition to the Smithsonian Institution’s beloved family of museums. Connected to the National Air and Space Museum (NASM)—the most-visited museum in the collection—it will serve as a prominent gateway to the entire Smithsonian. Visually, its curvilinear form responds to the curves and domes expressed in many of the District’s monumental structures and museums. Its glass pavilion extends the pattern of solid and glass volumes that march down the historic NASM’s existing façade. But this expressive addition stands out as a beacon of curiosity and wonder, just as a spaceship that has landed on Earth, its impact rippling into the landscape. In that respect, the BLC’s architecture will inspire generations of instructors and students from DC and beyond to unlock discoveries in the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.
We've peeled away the layers of the building to show each building function. Extra bonus: scan the QR codes for a 360 views of key spaces.