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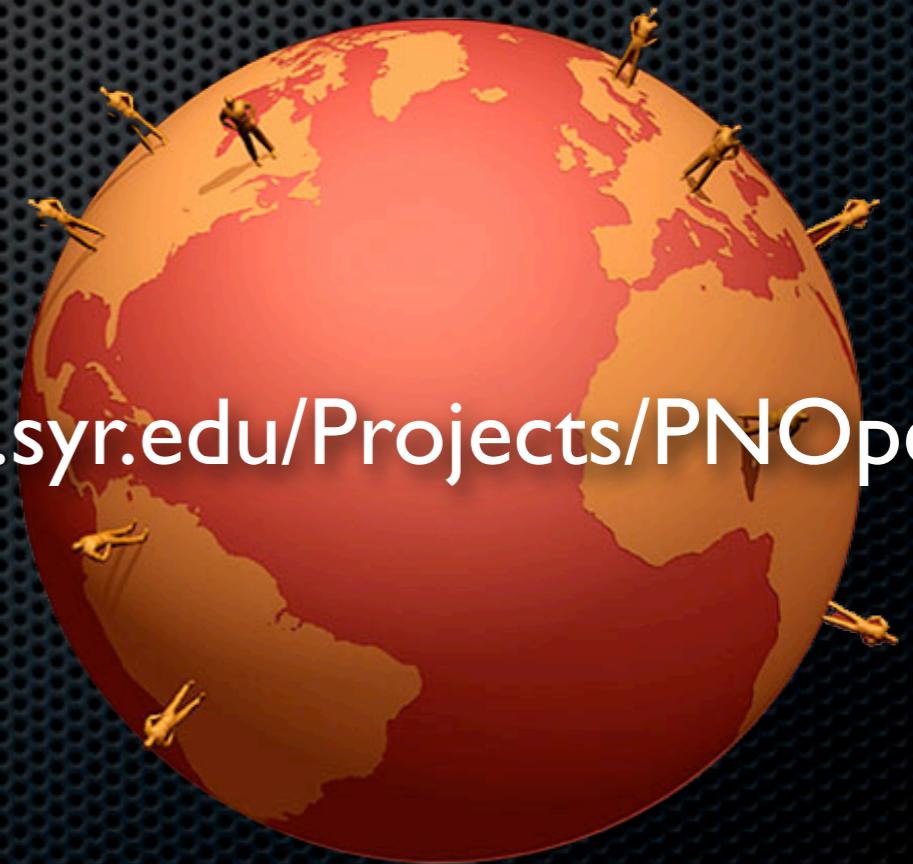
ABSTRACT: Discussion of participatory librarianship and its underlying theoretical foundations.

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Participatory Networks

The Library as Conversation

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Definitions

- ✦ Participatory Network is a collection of nodes where each node has capacity for creation and sharing of knowledge through conversation
- ✦ Conversation is a specific process in a given context used to elicit or communicate domain knowledge
- ✦ Participation is an operationalization of Conversation Theory with Human Agents with a specific purpose

Participatory Networks

- ✦ Move from Closed to Open Systems
- ✦ Move to True User Inclusion
- ✦ Durable Concepts that Pre-Date and Will Post-Date Web 2.0
- ✦ Move from Monologue to Dialogue to Multilogue

Conversation Theory

- ✦ Gordon Pask
- ✦ Knowledge is Created Through Conversation
- ✦ Learning Theory
 - ✦ Socratic Approach to Learning
- ✦ Working to Modernize and Link to Other Theory Bodies

Implications for LIS

- ✦ If Libraries are in the Knowledge Business they are in the Conversation Business
- ✦ The Networked World allows us to get Much Closer to the Actual Knowledge Creation Process
- ✦ Books, Web Pages, Media, etc. are Artifacts of a Knowledge Process
 - ✦ Mission of the Library is as Facilitator of Conversation
 - ✦ Facilitation = Technology, Competency, Cultural Values, Personal Values

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