Libraries and Broadband
Forging a New Social Compact

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You are not a user, you are not a customer, or consumer - you are a participant in control of your world and able to shape it
Social Compact
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Friends

Allied Fields

Government

Scholars

Taxpayers

Librarians

Industry

Communities
Changing Nature of Libraries

- From Quiet Buildings with Loud Rooms to Loud Buildings with Quiet Rooms
- Places of Knowledge Access to Knowledge Creation
- Territory of the Librarian to Territory of the Community
Changing Nature of Librarians

• Unshackled from the Collection
• Shift of Ownership Model to Rental Model of Collections
• The Ascending Resource of the Library
• Unlike the Peaking Collection
Changes in Tools, but Not the Mission

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What is a Library?
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Free Library Expansion
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