Awesome Librarians

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“Our goal is awesome librarians, not awesome projects”

“We need to build conversations, not websites”
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From Sharing to Social Good
Knowledge as Thing versus Knowledge as Action
• Composition

• Historical Context
  Statuettes representing Isis suckling her son Horus were very common among Late Period figurines and were made of bronze or glazed compositions.

• Religion
  The object was intended as an ex-voto to be placed in sanctuaries.
• Conversants
• Language
• Agreements
• Memory
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  • Recorded Knowledge is an Oxymoron
The Mission of Librarians is to Improve Society through Facilitating Knowledge Creation in their Communities
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Under the protection of the People

Alexandria saw massive demonstrations throughout the city (see video) leading to the stepping down of President Hosni Mubarak. The Library was protected by the people who joined hands around the building. Young students from the university designed and made a huge National Flag, and put it on the steps of the Library (see images) which elicited cheers from passing demonstrators as the director waved to the crowds (see image).

NEWS EVENTS

- “Egypt is Changing” Conference
- Selected Poems by Ahmed Ramy
- The Second Day of “Youth: A Revolution of Change” Conference at the BA

FORTHCOMING

An Esoteric Quest for Ancient Alexandria: Greco-Egyptian Birthplace of the Western Mind (12-17 June 2011)

Alexandria was for seven hundred years the greatest center of learning and culture in the ancient world, a brilliant crucible in which the civilizations of ancient...
Dear Library,

I want to share my allowance money so you can stay open. I am 6 years old. Here is $11.

(dictated by mom, scribe) Ani