“The Heart of Teaching and Learning”
Into the Future

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The Question

What is the future of libraries?
Common Vision

• Librarians, their skills, and preparation are the key to any future for the library

• The library as place will continue to play an important, but different role, in libraries. The library will become much more of a trusted community space with ample opportunities for learning and discourse.

• Education and learning will be the core of library service.

• The information world is increasingly digital, and librarians have a strong role in helping make sense of this digital world for their patrons.

• There is a need for better data and methods for determining the impact of library work.

• Federal and global policies on intellectual property, openness of government information, and privacy in forums outside of the library will have a huge impact on the library’s future.
Refining the Question

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What *should* be the future of libraries?
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What should be the future of libraries and librarians?
What should be the future of libraries and librarians in a democracy?
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
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• Knowledge is Created Through Conversation
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- Knowledge = Conversation
- Business
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- Facilitating
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Fit to Community?

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  - Public
    - Instruction
    - Reference
  - Tech
    - Cataloging
    - Acquisition
  - ILL
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- Library
  - Teaching
  - Instruction
    - Embedded
  - Concierge
  - Research
    - Metadata
    - Reference
  - ILL
Librarians' mission is to improve society by facilitating knowledge creation in communities.
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• Access
Librarians facilitate knowledge creation and improve society by accessing conversations as well as artifacts.
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• Access
  • to conversations as well as artifacts
• Knowledge
Librarians improve society by facilitating knowledge creation and communities. Their mission is to provide Access to conversations as well as artifacts. Each librarian acts as a Knowledge Instructor, embedded in their communities.
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Means of Facilitation

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Core Skills

Importance of Action and Activism
Director

• Committed to Conversation
• Inventive
• Able to Facilitate a Deep Worldview and a New Social Compact
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