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- Data
- Information
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- Wisdom
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Formal Education

Experience

Peer Expectations

Reward

Will This Get Me Tenure?
A Shift from Information to Knowledge—Shift From External to Internal

- From Teaching to Learning in Education
- From Authority to Reliability in Credibility
- From Text to Reader in Humanities
- From System to User to Social in Software
- From Universal Reductionism to Individual Construction
- From Library to Librarian
- From Consumer to Participant
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Radical Librarians

• We need a radical shift in librarianship to ensure the success of our communities and the continuation of our profession
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Librarians are Powerful and Empower the Multitudes

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Marketplace of Ideas
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Learning
Openness
Intellectual Freedom and Safety
Intellectually Honest not Unbiased
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