# Participatory Librarianship U P D A T E

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### Grounding Theory

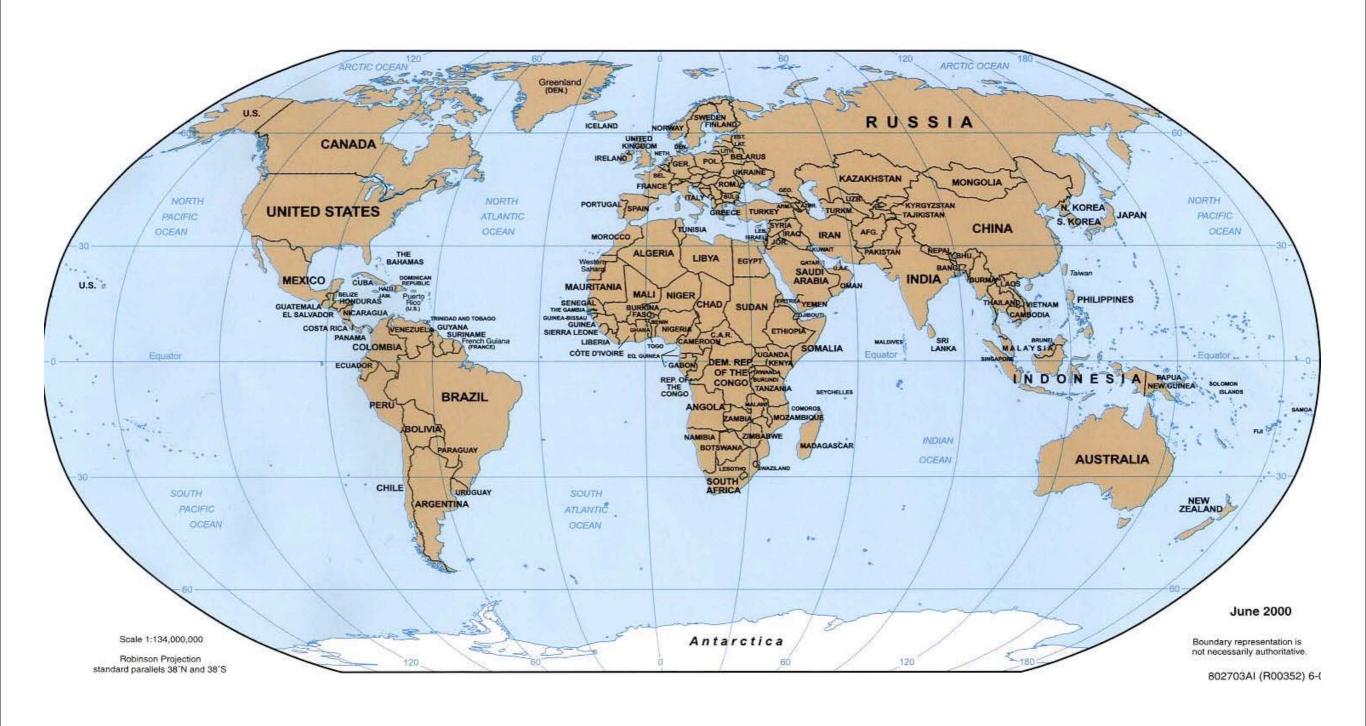
- 75,000 Miles of Travel
- 35 Locations on 3 Continents
- Input from Hundreds of Librarians and Professors from
  - I3 accredited library programs
  - 25 formal presentations to 14 conferences; and 5 publications
- Large Organizations and Small;
- National, Public, Academic, School, and Special Libraries;
- Associations with Local, Regional, and National Reach;
- Doctoral and Masters Students;
- Librarians, Lawyers, Historians, Programmers, Venture Capitalists, and Teachers.
- Discover and Develop a New Approach to Librarianship from the Ground Up.

#### Guiding Question

What should be the future of libraries and librarians in a democracy?

What is a Deep Conceptual Framework for Navigating that Future?

### Guiding Question



### Participatory Librarianship

 Knowledge is Created Through Conversation

 Libraries are in the Knowledge Business

 Therefore, Libraries are in the Conversation Business



## Conversation is not a Metaphor

- Conversants
- Language
- Agreements
- Memory (Entailment Mesh)



### What Participatory Approach Tells Us

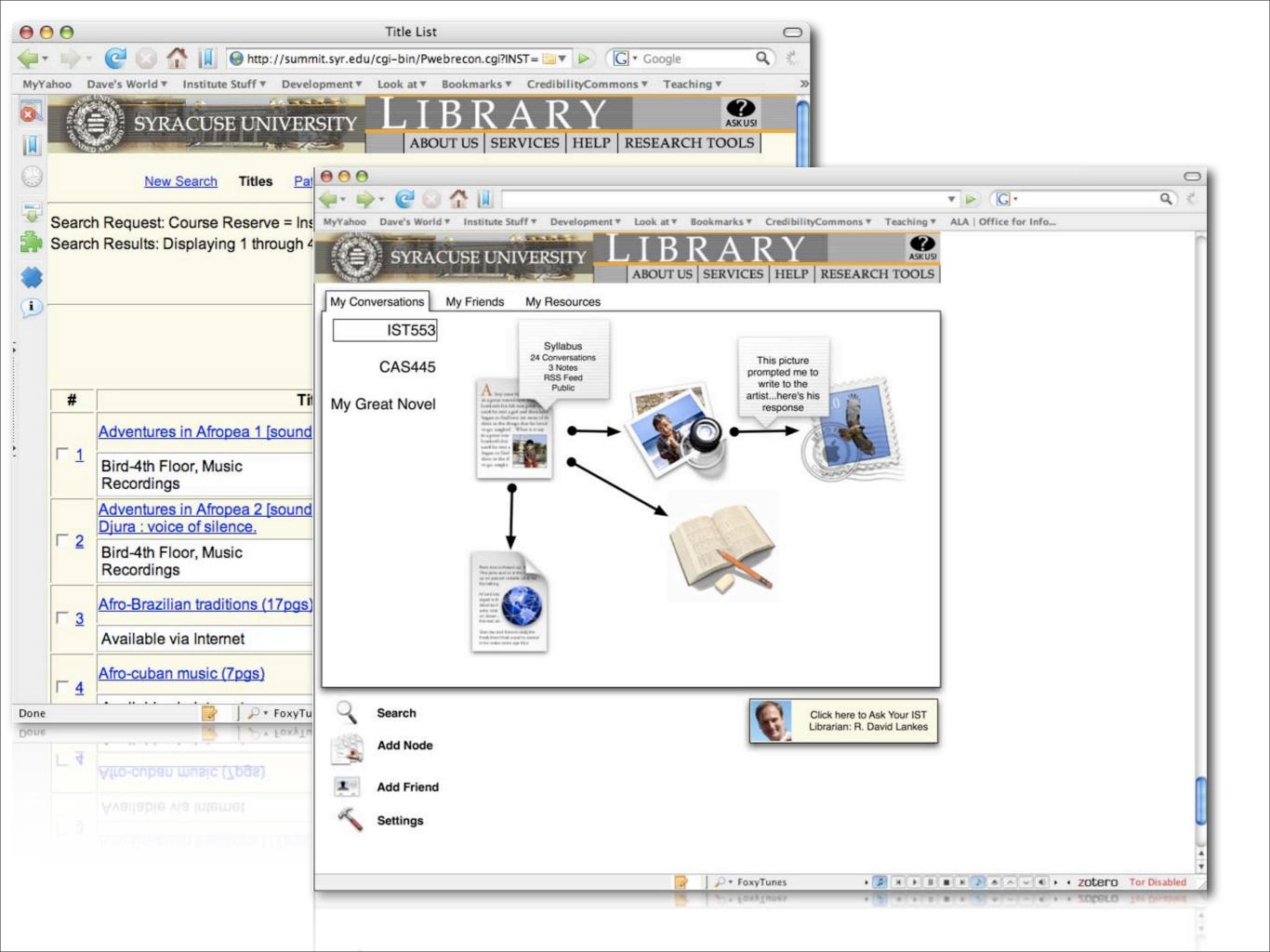
- The User is in Control
- It is ALL About Learning
- Learning is a Collaborative Conversation
- The Library Serves as Facilitators of Conversation
- True Facilitation with the Community Means Shared
   Ownership
- Invest in Tools for Creation Over the Collection of Artifacts

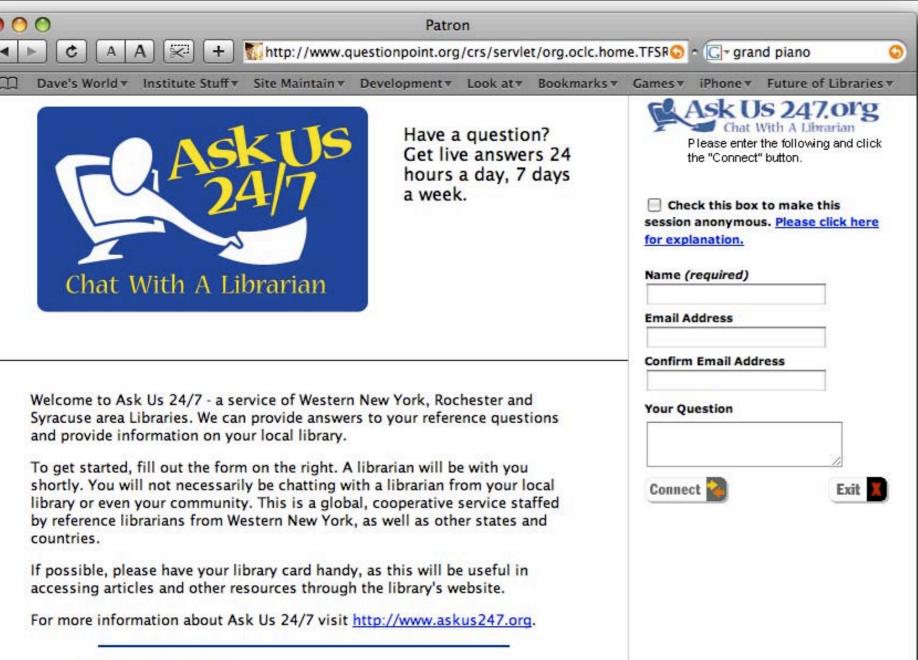
#### Simple Idea: Dewey-Level Shift

- Technical Systems
- Physical Spaces
- Services
- Collections

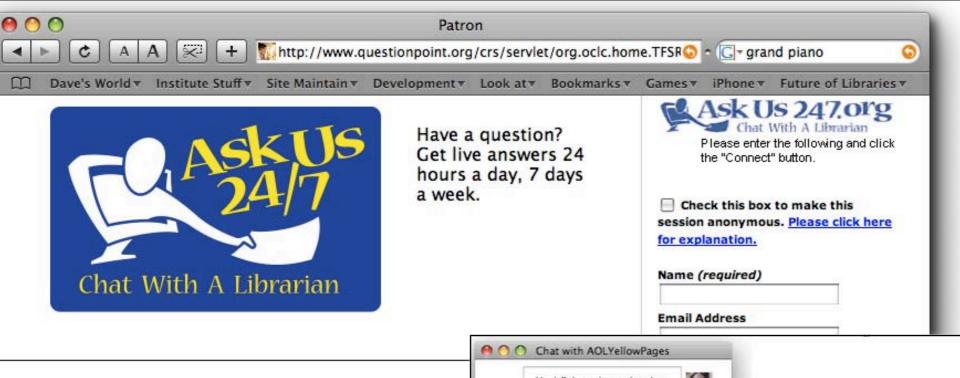


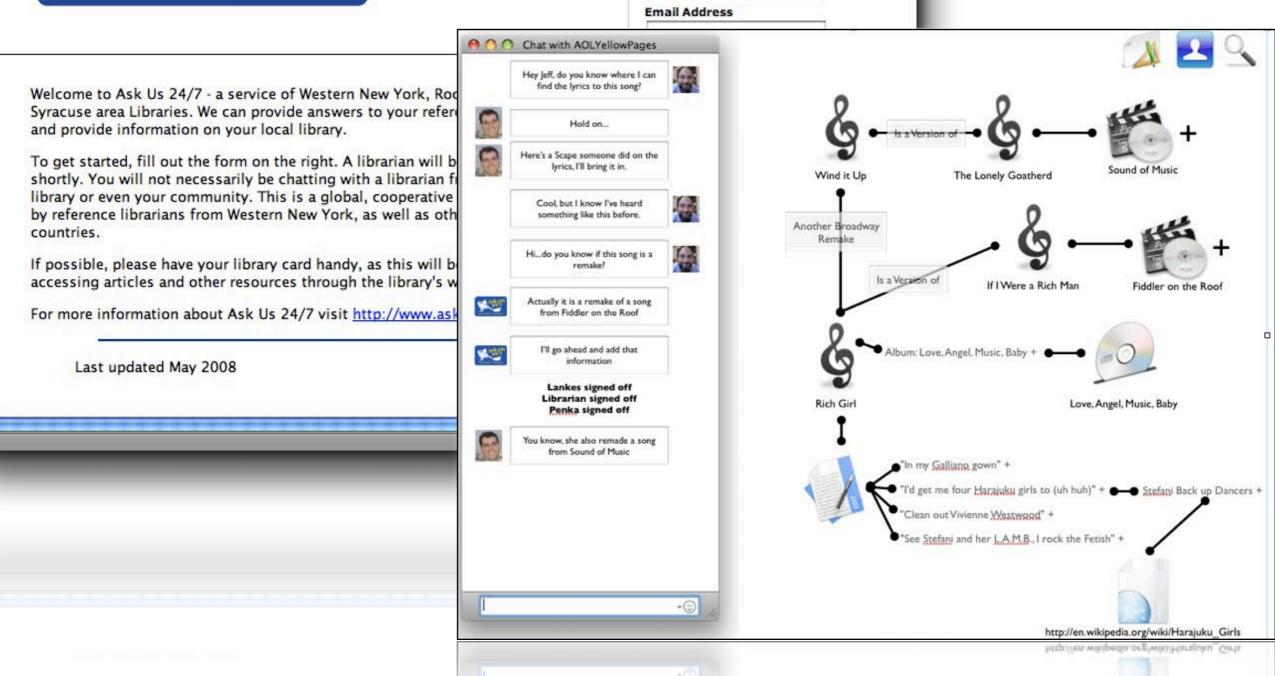


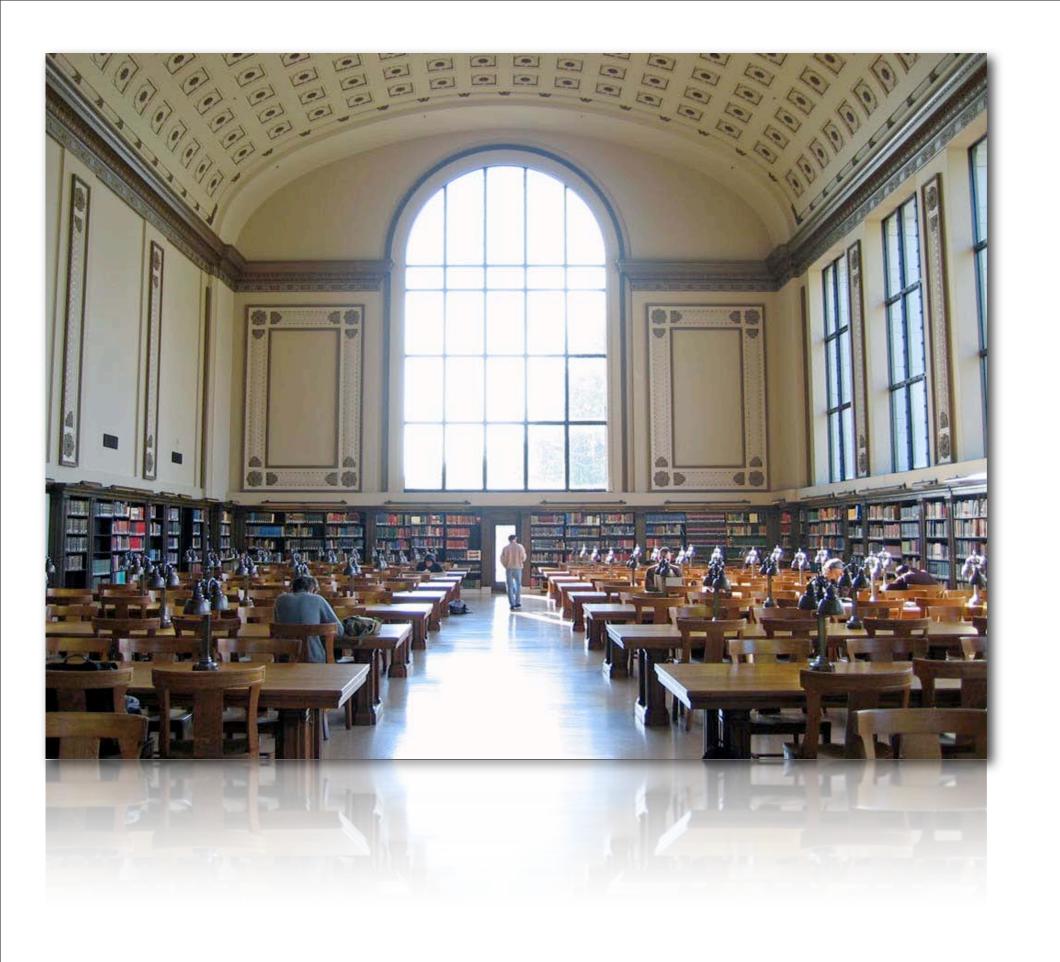




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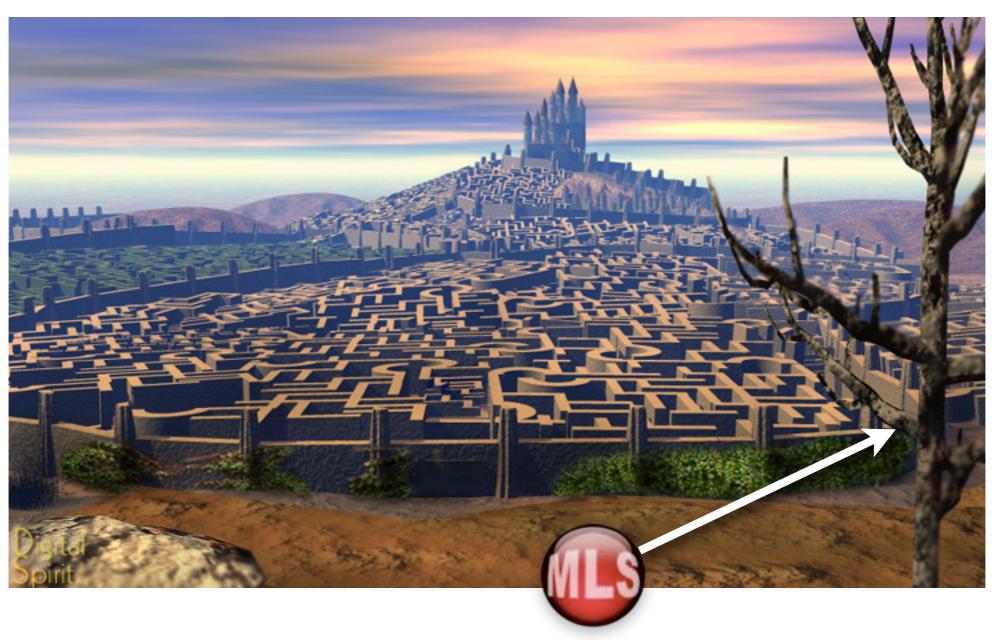




### Changes in LIS Education

- Recognize the Shift in Innovation from Concentrated in the Academy to Distributed throughout Practice and Other Industries
- Model Co-Learning in the Classroom
- Recognize and Enhance the Participatory Network that is a School
- Include Communication and Political Skills

### One Degree to Rule Them All



You are Here

### The Obligation of Leadership

- Innovate from Core Principles
- Question Tradition
- Hold the Visionaries to Account
  - Where's the Data, Where's the Theory
- YOU are the Future of the Library!