The Times, They are a-Changin’

The Logic of Participatory Librarianship

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- 2008: 29,000,000

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- 1998: 23,000,000
- 2000: 24,500,000
- 2002: 26,000,000
- 2004: 27,500,000
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Iowa Public Library Visits

- 1998: 19,000,000
- 2000: 14,250,000
- 2002: 9,500,000
- 2004: 4,750,000
- 2006: 0

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Iowa Public Library Checkouts

29000000
27500000
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Iowa Public Library Visits

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Librarians must Facilitate Conversations
• Access

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• Knowledge
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• Access
• Knowledge
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• Motivation

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Pressure for Participation

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Learning

• Learning Values
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• Openness
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• Intellectual Freedom and Safety
• Intellectual Honesty not Unbiased
Take Aways
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- The Librarians are not Neutral - They Co-Owns, Co-Shapes, and Take Equal Responsibility
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