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You are not a user, you are not a customer, or consumer - you are a participant in control of your world and able to shape it
Social Compact

Friends

Allied Fields

Government

Scholars

Librarians

Taxpayers

Industry

Communities
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
Changes in Tools, but Not the Mission

The mission of librarians is to improve society through facilitating knowledge creation in their communities.
From Collection to Scholarship
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From Dissemination to Action

From Sharing to Social Good
Knowledge as Thing versus Knowledge as Action
What is a Library?
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Free Library Expansion
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