

New Librarianship in Rural Libraries

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What is a Library



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

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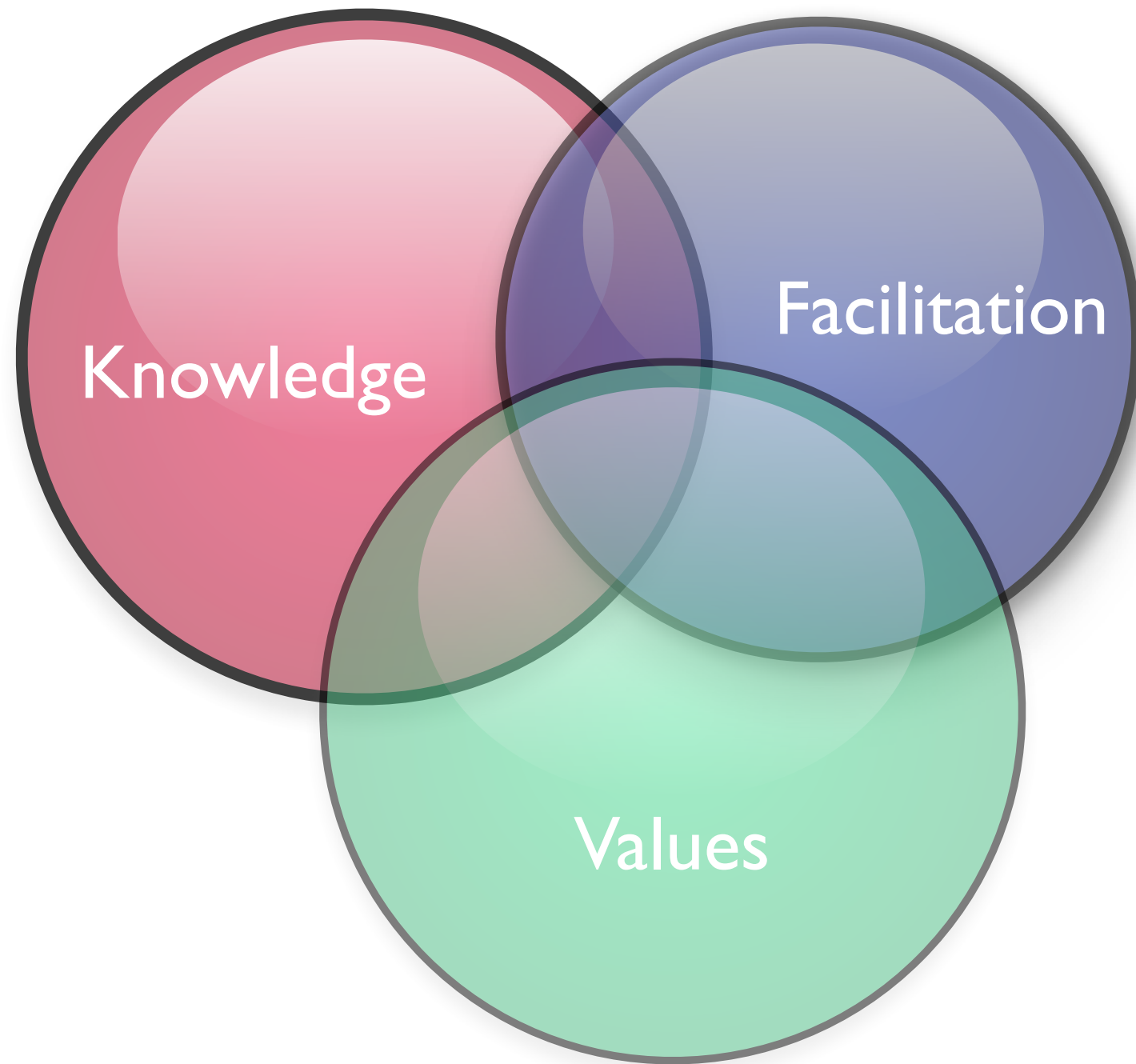
- Shift of Ownership Model to Rental Model of Collections
- Peaking Collections

A New Way to Define a Library

- The Infrastructure And Tools, Shared With
The Community, Maintained By A Librarian

What is a Librarian?

- Degree Holder?
- Job Holder?
- What is a Librarian Without a Library?



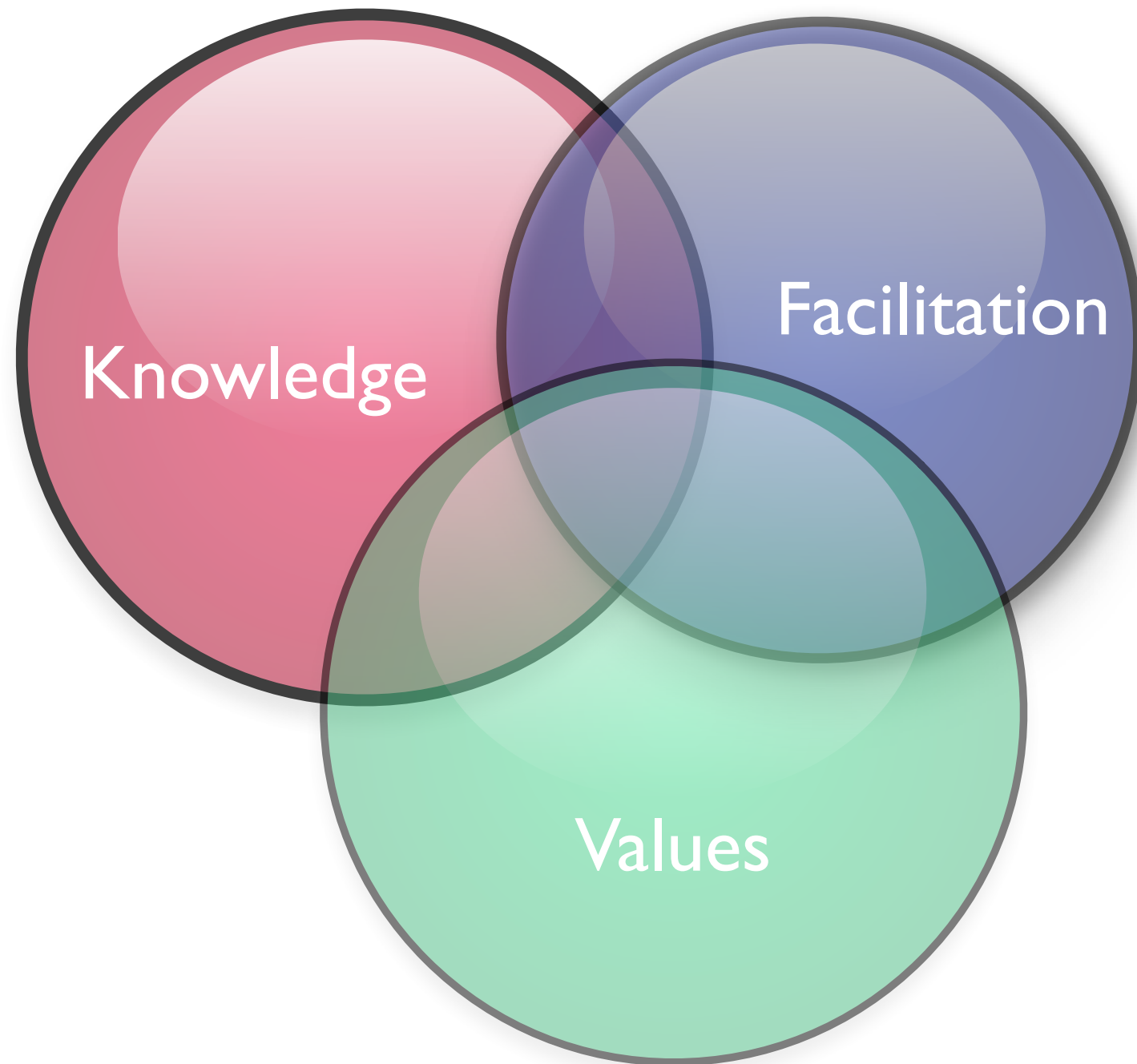
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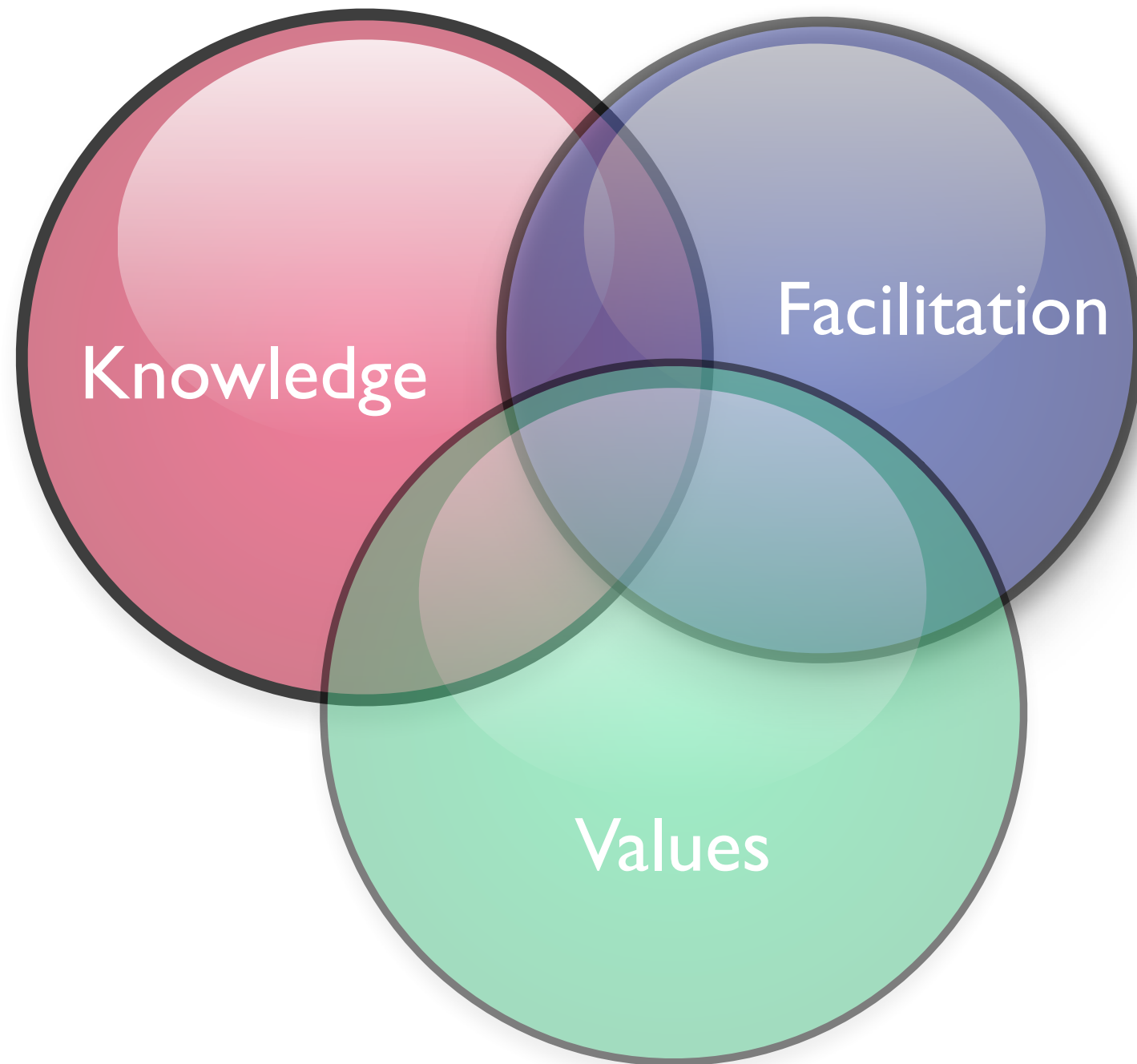


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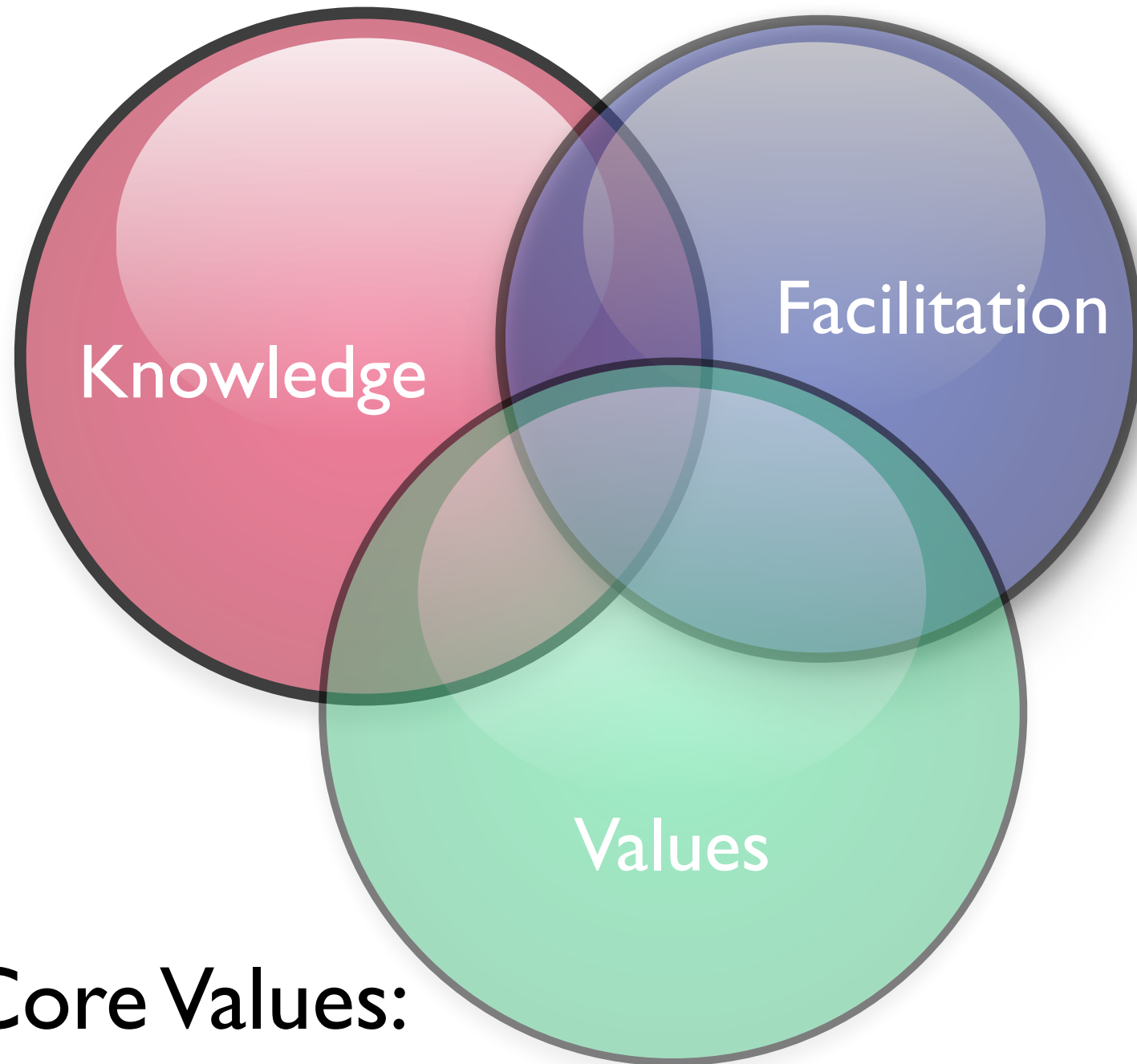


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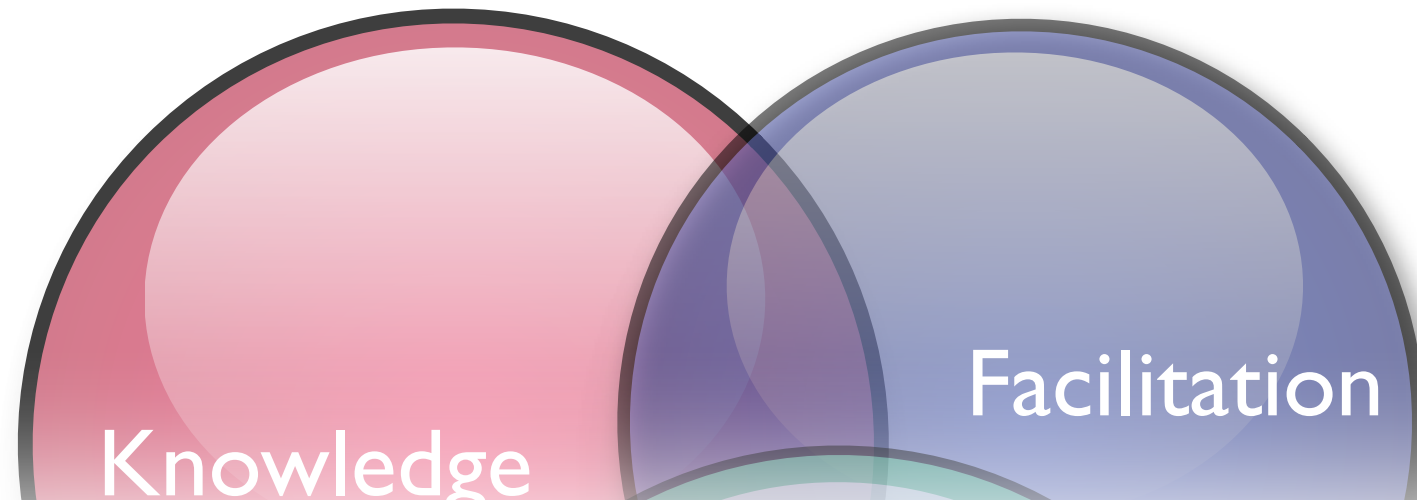
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The mission of librarians is to improve society through facilitating knowledge creation in their communities



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Advantages of Size

- Innovation
- Not Weighed Down by a Collection
- Getting into the Community

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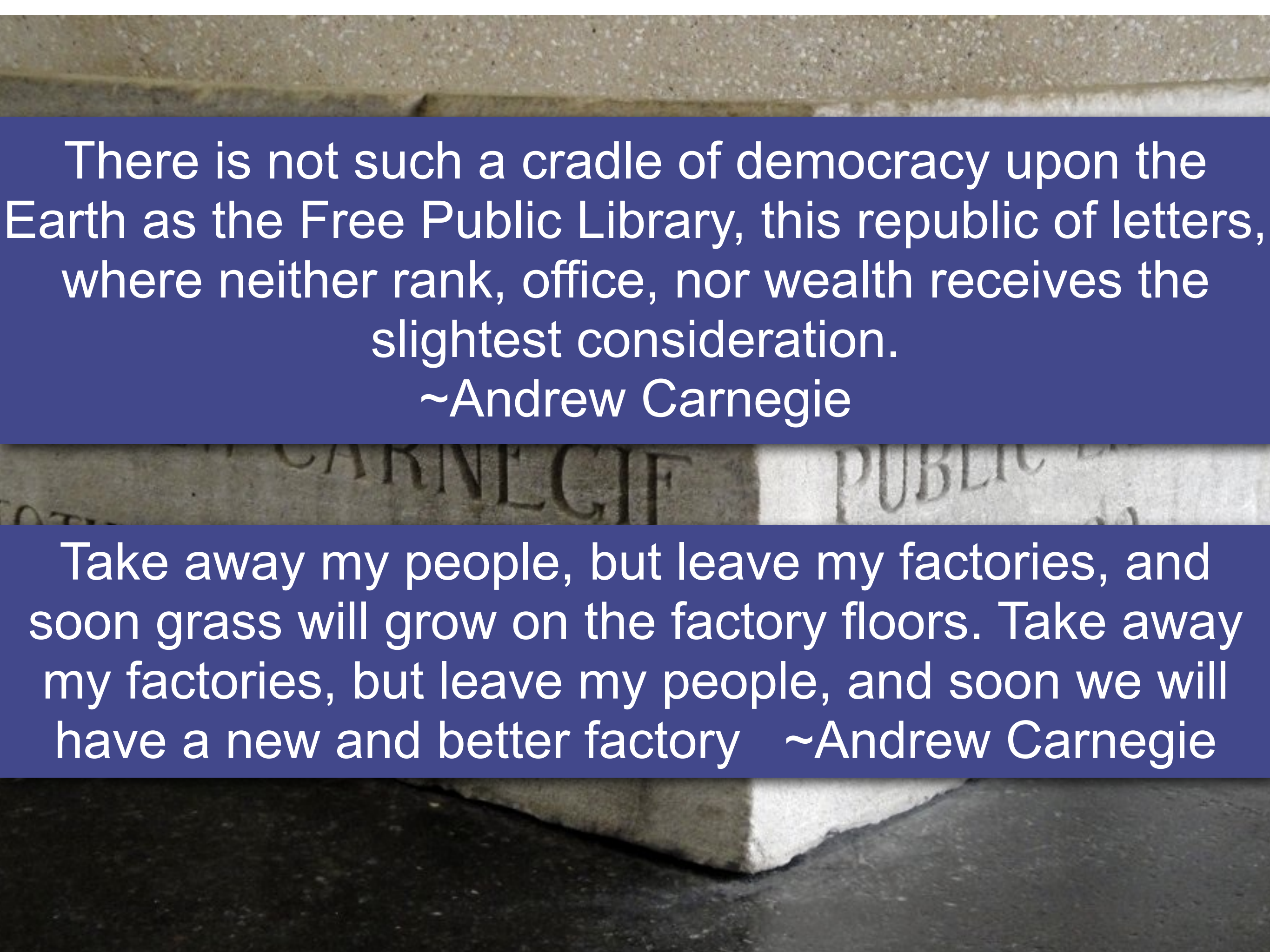
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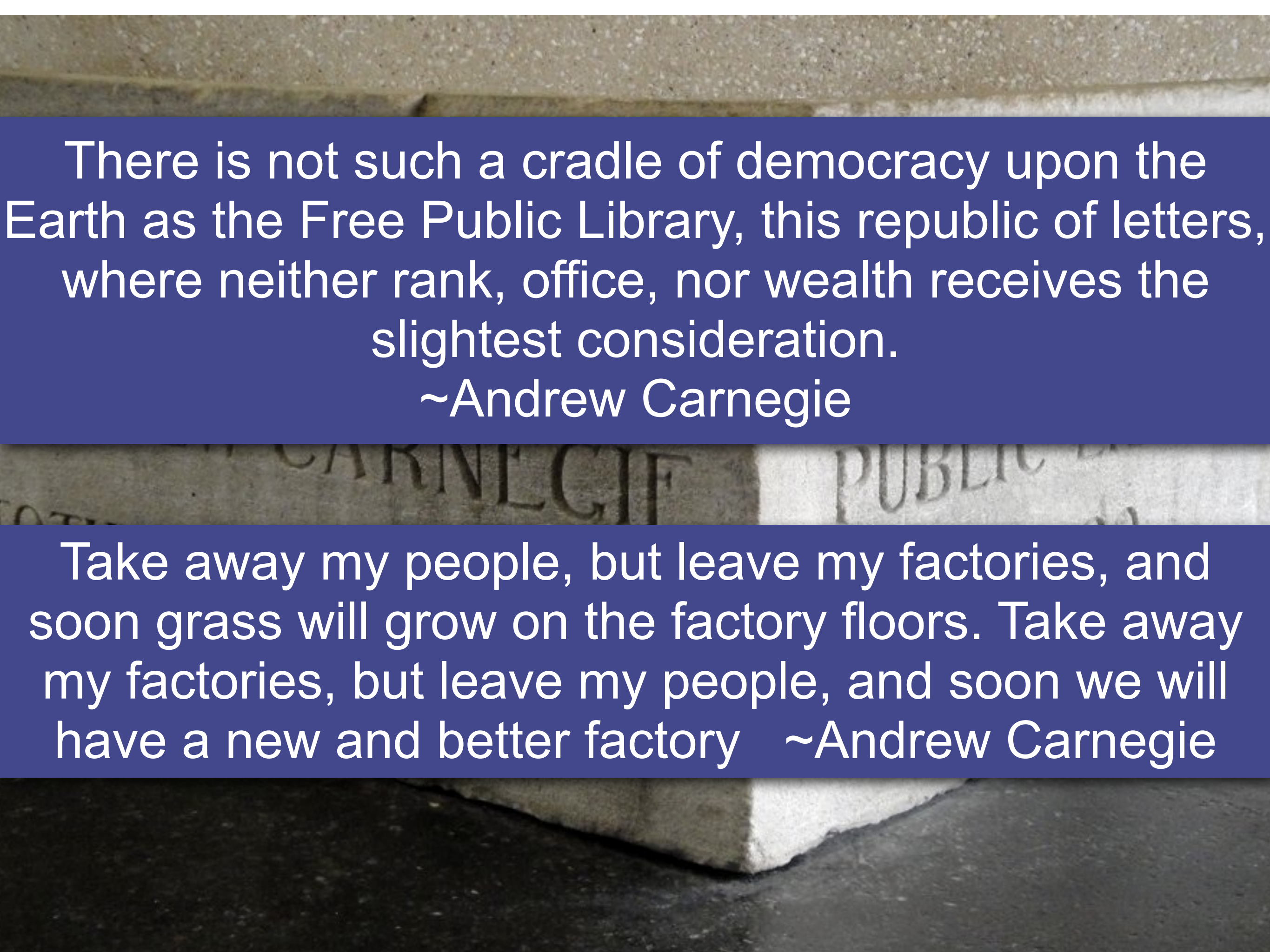
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