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
Changing Nature of Libraries

• 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?
Knowledge

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Means:
Access
Base Knowledge
Environment
Motivation

Core Values:
Learning
Openness
Intellectual Freedom & Safety
Intellectually Honest, Not Unbiased
The mission of librarians is to improve society through facilitating knowledge creation in their communities.
Advantages of Size

- Innovation
- Not Weighed Down by a Collection
- Getting into the Community
Going to the Conversation
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THE CITY OF DALLAS
ANDREW CARNEGIE
J. H. DRESSEL
PUBLIC LIBRARY
1910 DALLAS
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