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“The Past: Our cradle, not our prison; there is danger as well as appeal in its glamour. The past is for inspiration, not imitation, for continuation, not repetition.”

- Israel Zangwill
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Concepts That are Durable
What is a Librarian
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The mission of librarians is to improve society through facilitating knowledge creation in their communities.
What is a Librarian

Mission

Facilitation

Access
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Motivation
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Learning
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Intellectual
Freedom and Safety
Intellectually Honest not Unbiased

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Values

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Intrinsic and Extrinsic
What Isn’t a Library?
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“I have long contended that a room full of books is simply a closet but that an empty room with a librarian in it is a library.”

-R. David Lankes
The Atlas of New Librarianship, p. 16
Future of Libraries is a *Facilitated* Place of Learning and Making

- Can be Virtual
- Often Includes a Collection of Artifacts
Artifacts?! Optional?!
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True Collection is the Community
Today’s Date:

What do you love to do?

What are you passionate about?

Would you be interested in sharing what you know/ teaching it to your neighbors/ to the community?

Can I have your contact info?
Name________________________
Phone________________________
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Do you want to speak in person? Please have the Executive Director contact me _______

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Sewing and Knitting
3D Printing
Community Gardening
Lego & Robotics Competition
Digital Video Production
Gaming Tournaments
Conclusion

• Our Culture and Heritage are Alive and Around Us
• Focusing Exclusively on the Past and Documents Ignores the Richest Collection
• Our Potential is in Communities Supported to Dream and Create the Future
• Libraries are the Infrastructure of Innovation
• Librarians are the Care Takers of Dreams and Aspirations