



The Community is the Collection

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Starting Points

- Definition of a Library
- Definition of a Librarian

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noun (pl. **libraries**)

a building or room containing collections of books, periodicals, and sometimes films and recorded music for people to read, borrow, or refer to: *a school library* | [as modifier] : *a library book*.

- a collection of books and periodicals held in a library: *the Institute houses an outstanding library of 35,000 volumes on the fine arts*.
- a collection of films, recorded music, genetic material, etc., organized systematically and kept for research or borrowing: *a record library*.
- a series of books, recordings, etc., issued by the same company and similar in appearance.
- a room in a private house where books are kept.
- (also **software library**) Computing a collection of programs and software packages made generally available, often loaded and stored on disk for immediate use.

ORIGIN late Middle English: via Old French from Latin *libraria* ‘bookshop,’ feminine (used as a noun) of *librarius* ‘relating to books,’ from *liber*, *libr-* ‘book.’

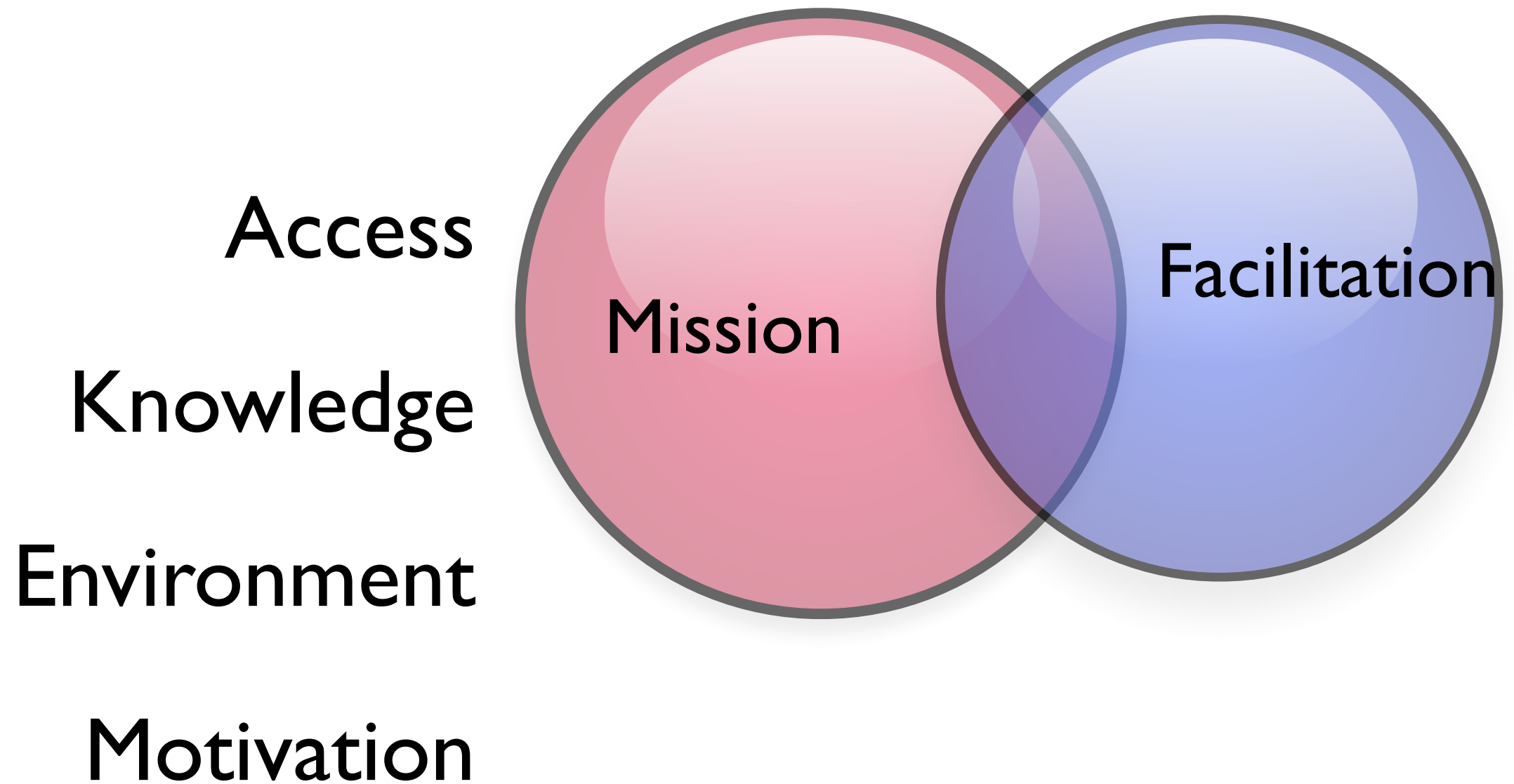
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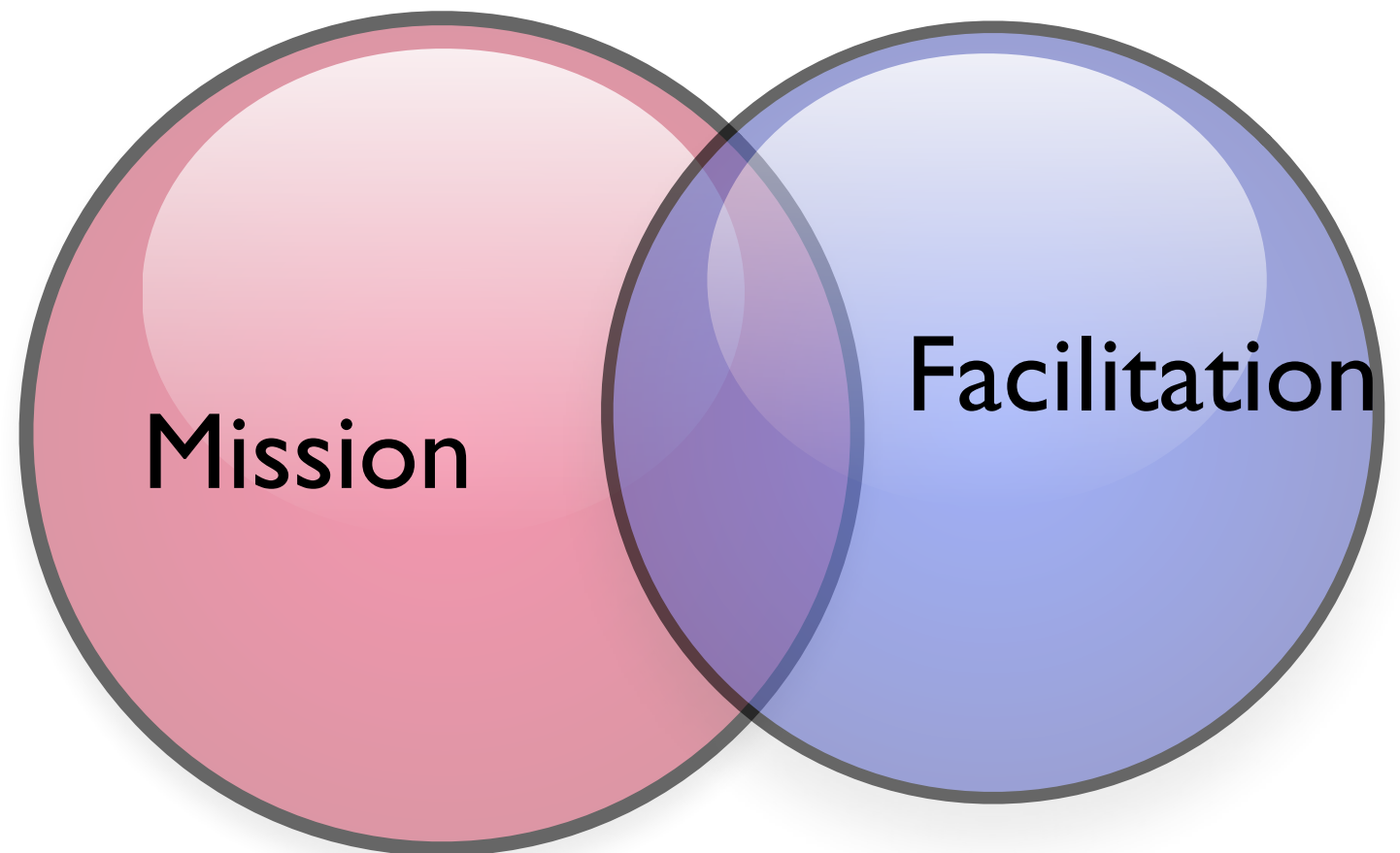
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librarians is to
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knowledge creation
in their
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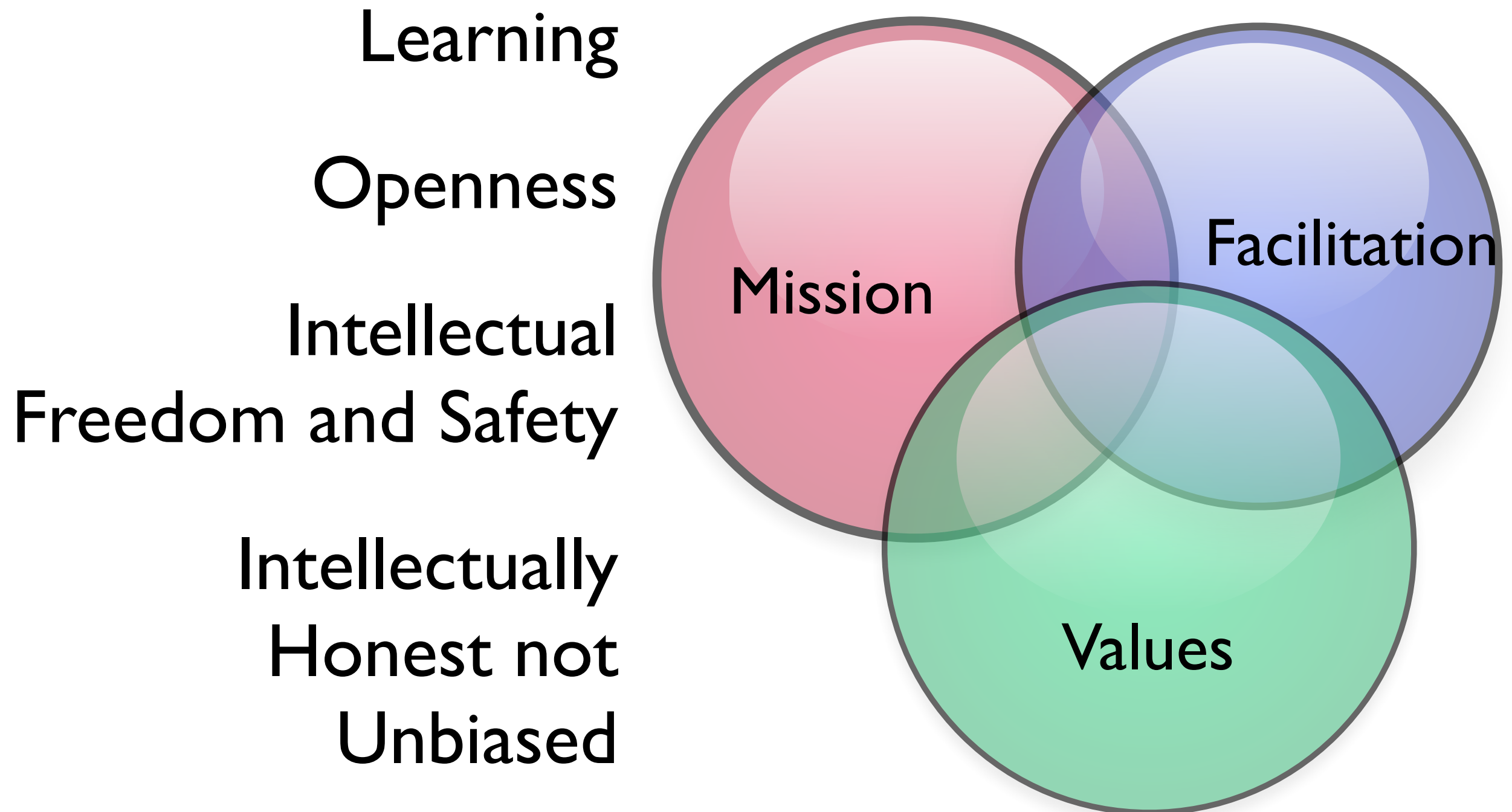
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Knowledge

- Knowledge is Uniquely Human
- Creating Knowledge is Learning
 - Knowledge is Built through Conversation
- If You Are In the Knowledge Business You are in the Conversation Business

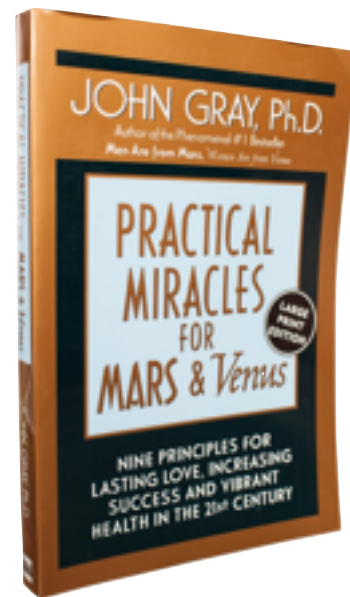
Books \neq Knowledge

- Creating Knowledge is Learning
 - Not Learning with Books, or Scrolls, or Databases, or Microfiche - JUST LEARNING
- Librarians Are Educators
- Learning Occurs with Books, 3D Printers, iPads, Each Other...

Library *by* Librarians

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- A Library Is A Mandated Facilitated Space Maintained By The Community, Stewarded By Librarians, And Dedicated To Knowledge



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Media Documents



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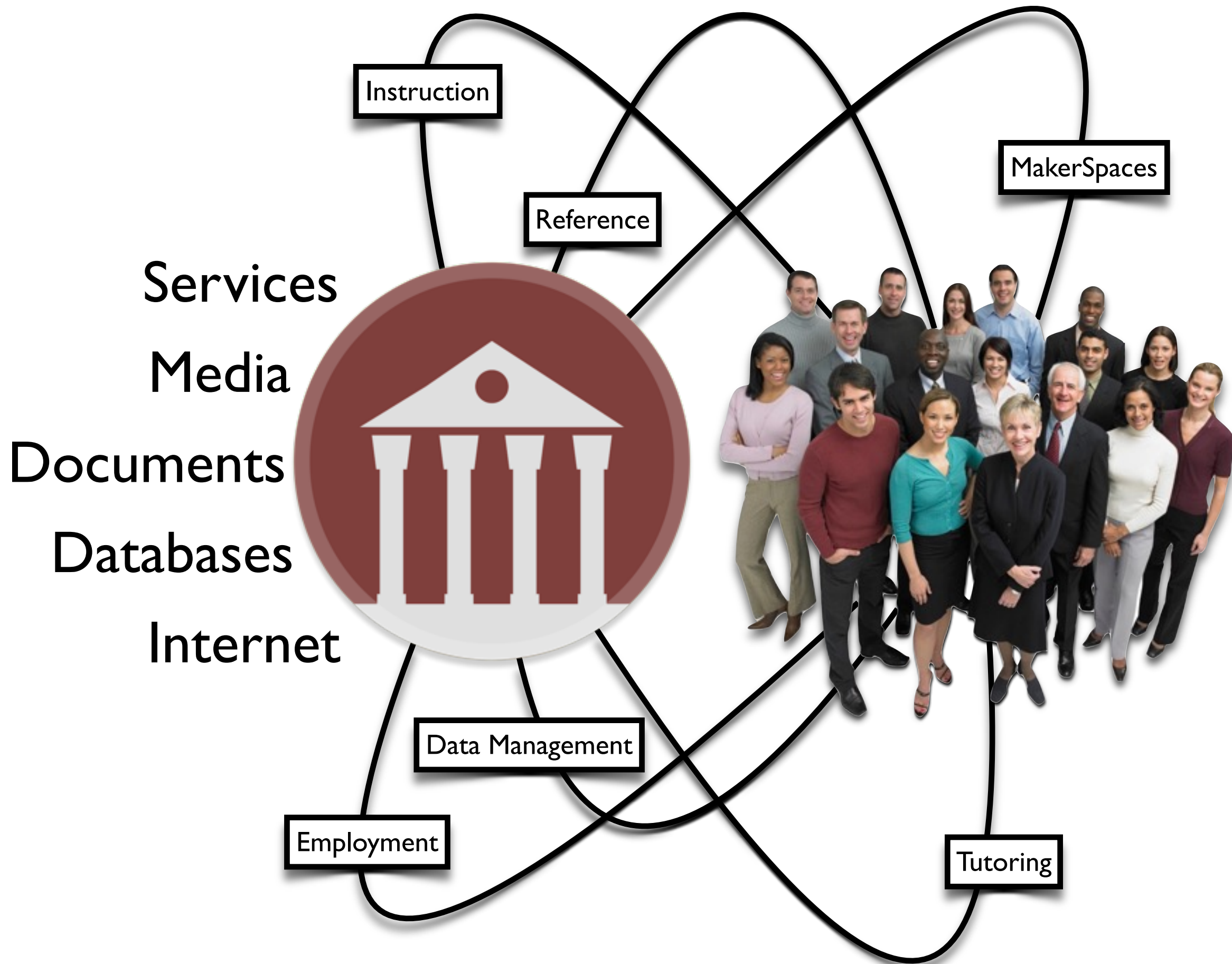


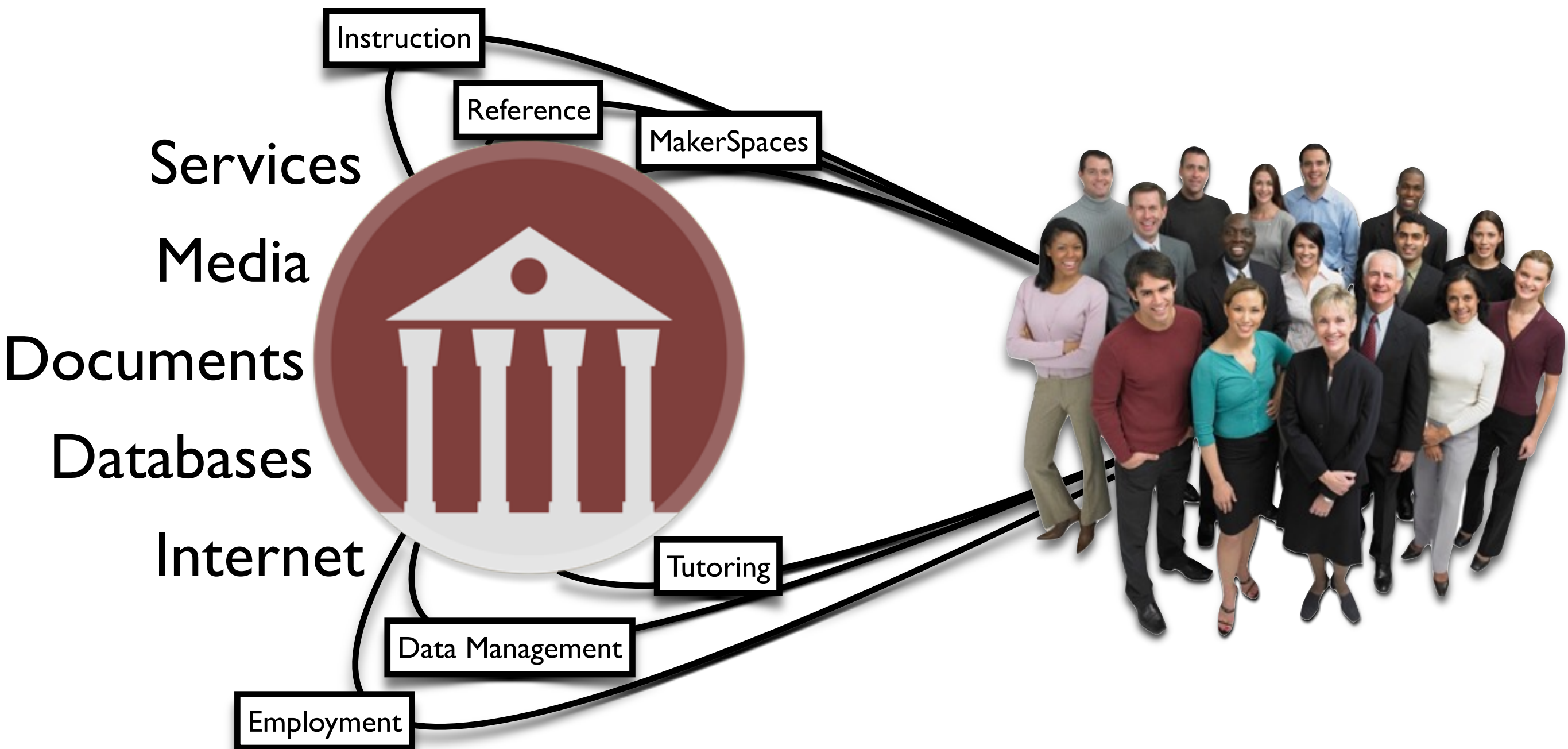
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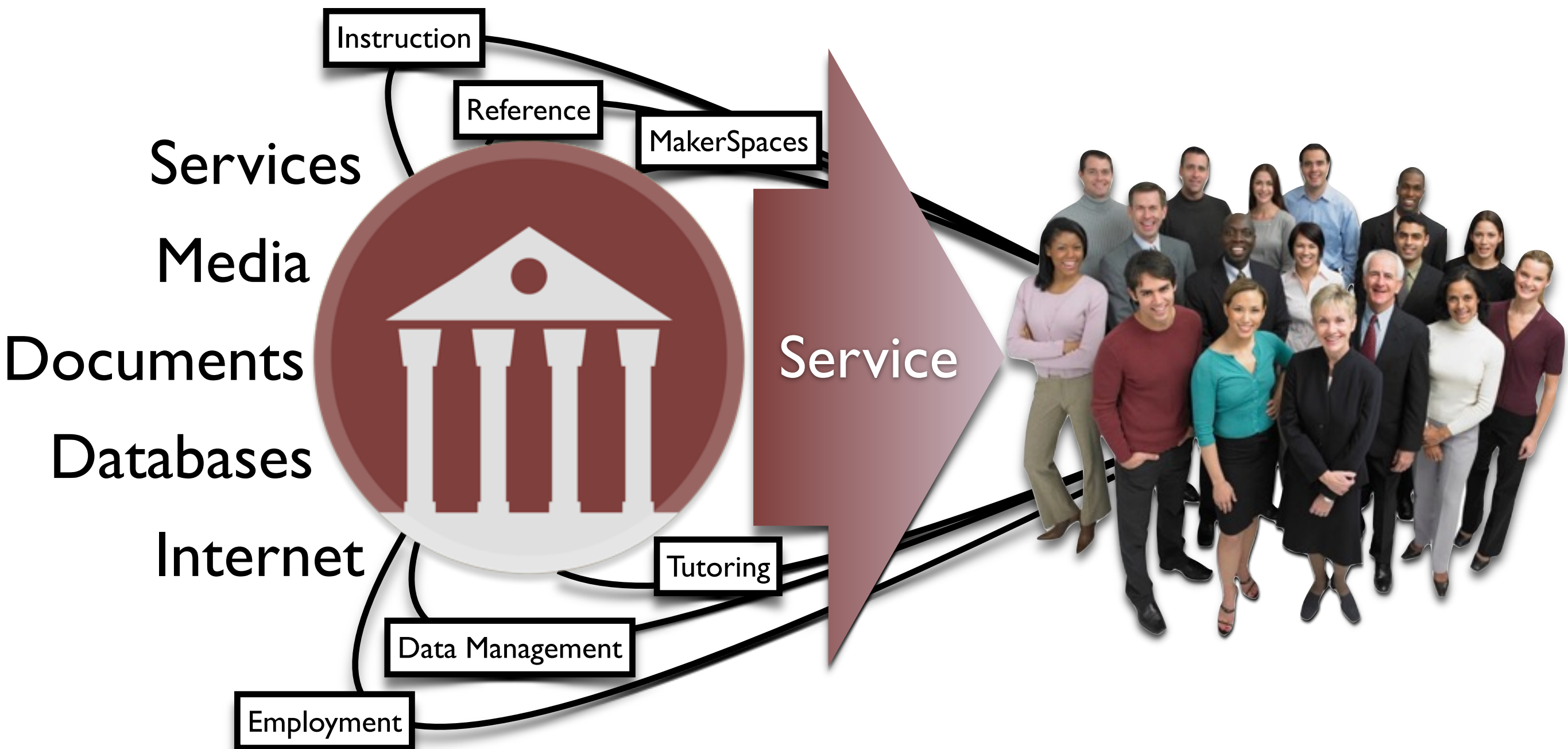


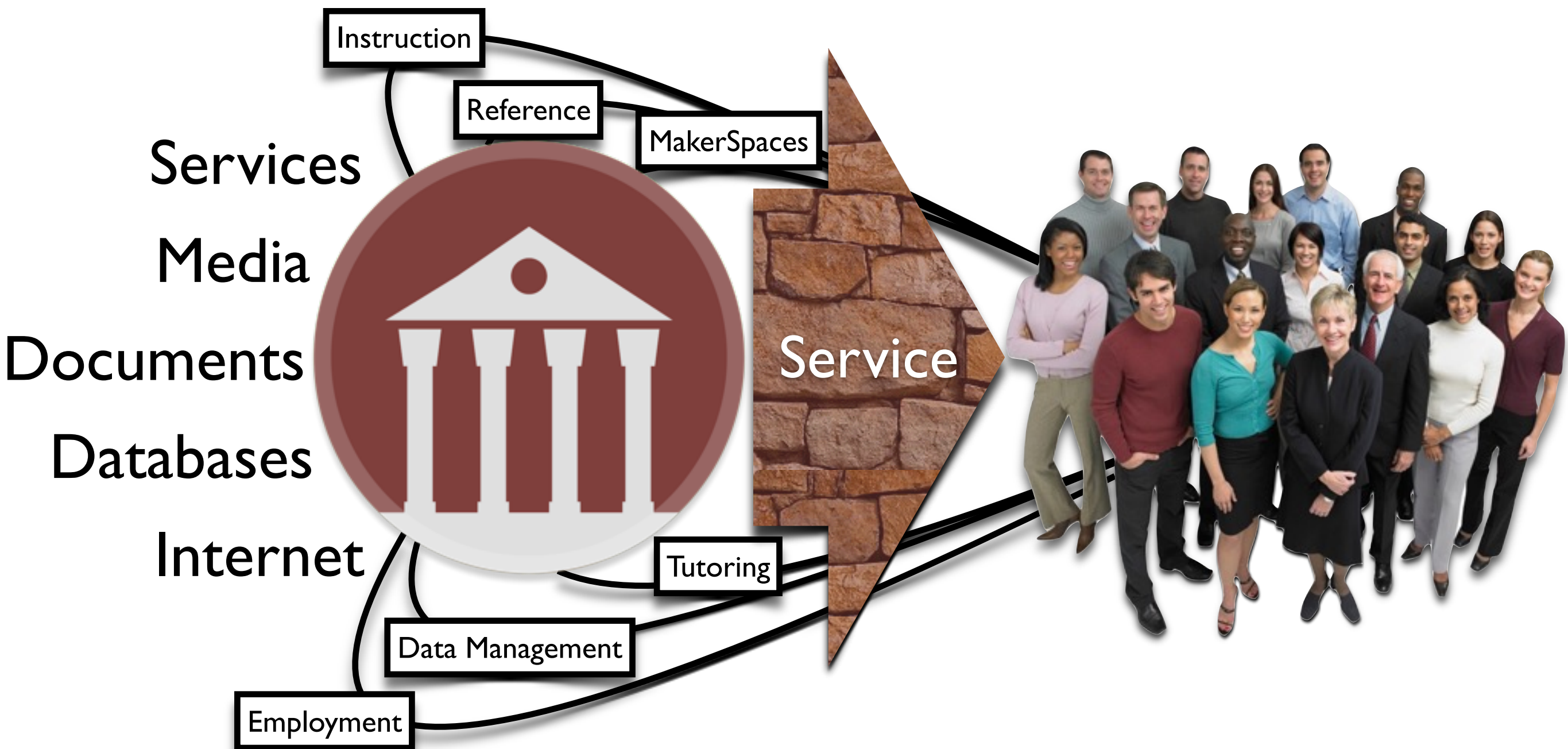
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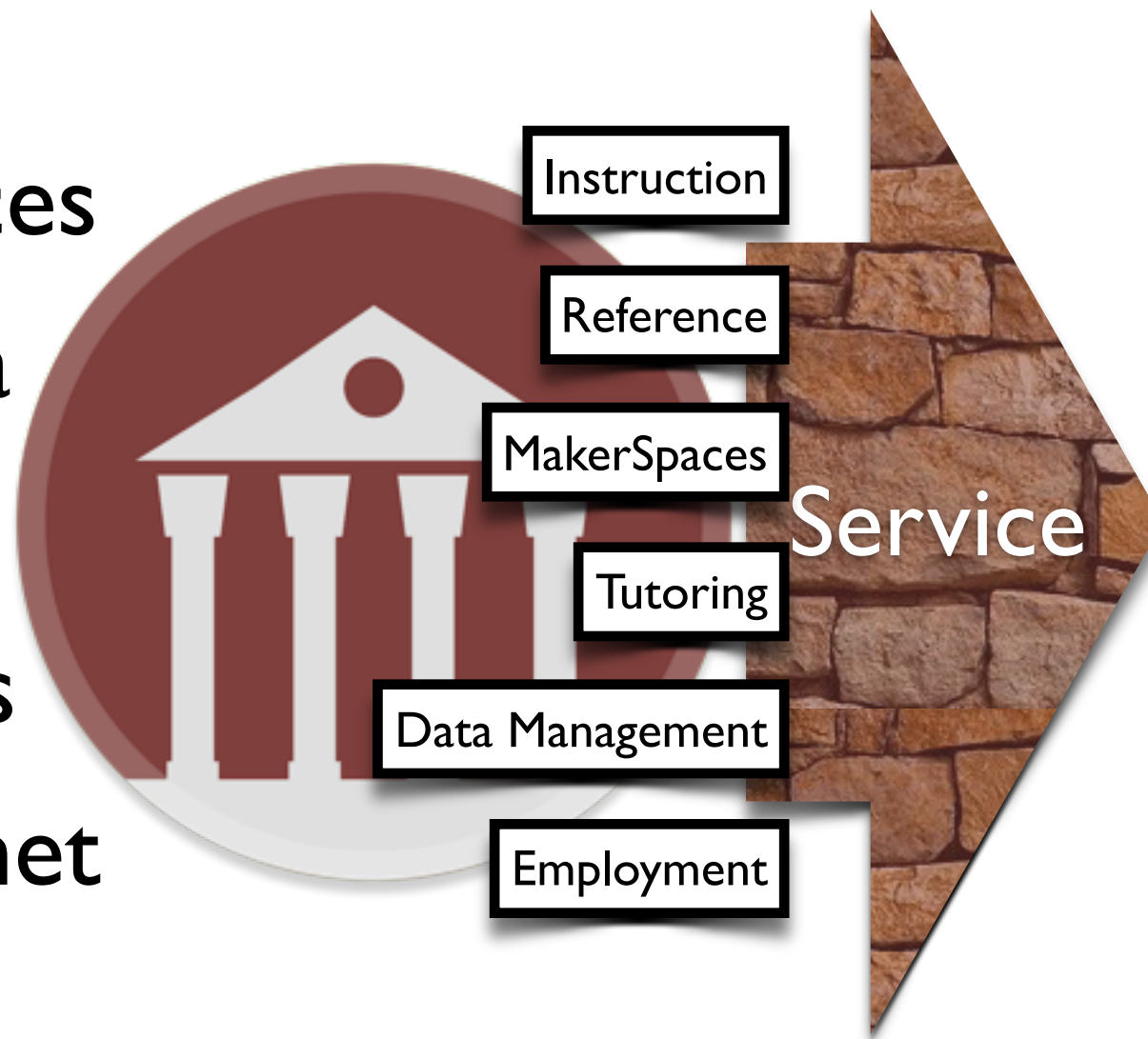








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Child Care

Startup Support

GEDs

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Data Management

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Social Services

Testing Services

Study Space

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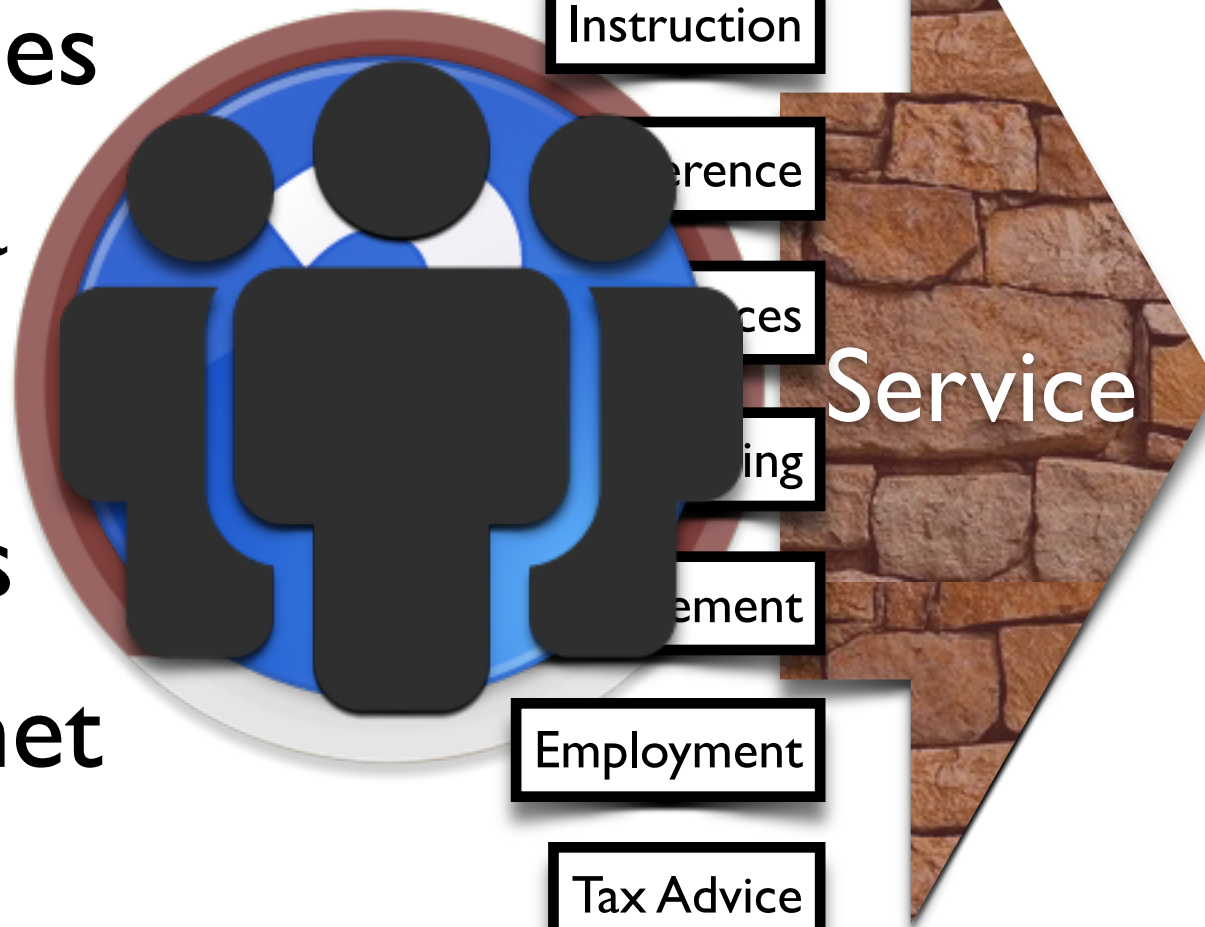


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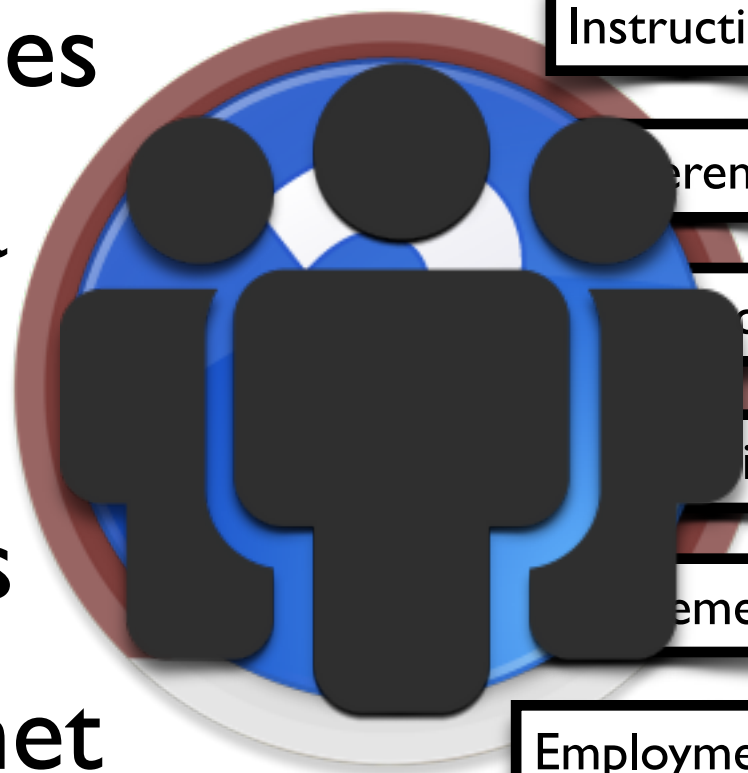




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- Diffuse Concept of Library
- Jack of All Trades, Master of None
- Overloaded Librarian Knowledge
- Inelegant Combination of Professionals

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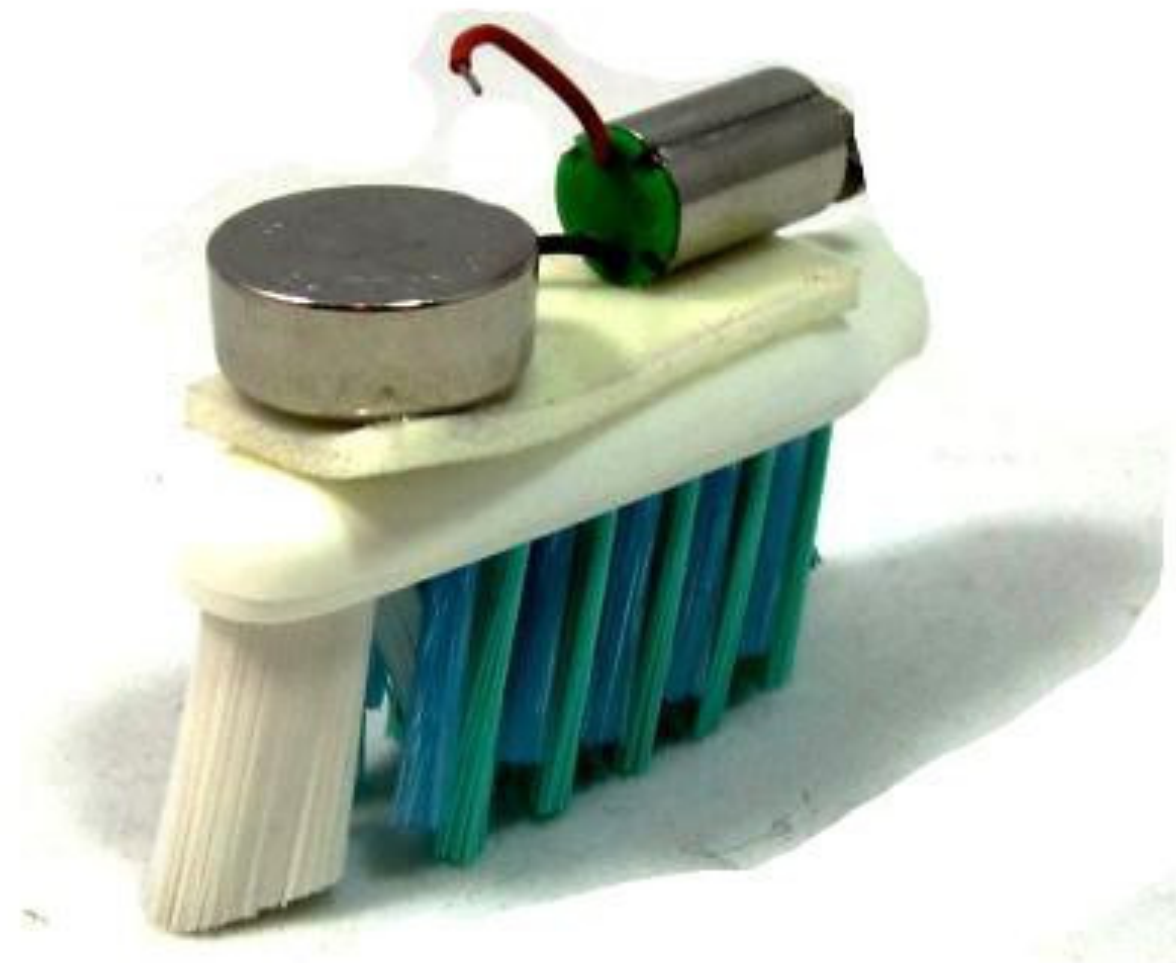


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Today's Date: _____

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 _____

Email _____

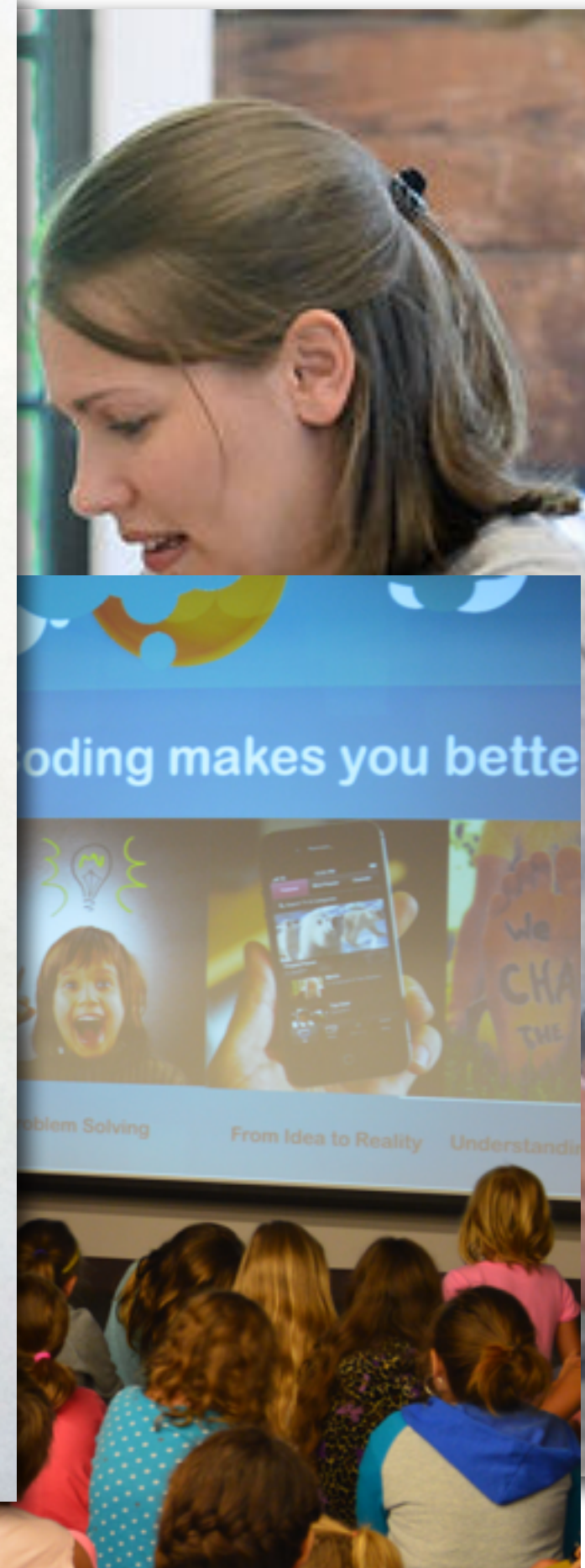
Do you want to speak in person? Please have the Executive Director contact me _____

Susan L. Considine, Executive Director
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Fayetteville, NY 13066
315-637-6374 X 307
sconsidine@fflib.org



Staff Initials _____

Date _____



Exercise: What's Your Passion

- What Are You Passionate About?
- How Can You Share That with the Community?

Supporting Passions

- Space
- Platform
- Recognition
- Match Making
- Training
- Reputation
("Library" has value)
- Logistics

Controlling the Story: Librarians

- It is Just Librarianship
 - Collection Development
 - Community Reference
- Community Center Argument
 - Selection, Acquisition, Organization

Controlling the Story: Community

“A library always makes
the difference!”

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A Librarian
“**A library** always makes
the difference!”

Controlling the Story: Community

A Librarian Chooses to make
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