The Community is the Collection

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Starting Points

- Definition of a Library
- Definition of a Librarian
Problems with Defining “Libraries”

**librarian** | lɪˈbriːərɪən |
noun
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library | ′lɪ,bre(rə, ˈbrәrә |
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.’
Define the Profession First
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The mission of librarians is to improve society through facilitating knowledge creation in their communities.
Define the Profession First

- Access
- Knowledge
- Environment
- Motivation

Mission

Facilitation
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Mission

Facilitation

Values

Learning

Openness

Intellectual

Freedom and Safety

Intellectually

Honest not Unbiased

Unbiased
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 ≠ 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, Steward By Librarians, And Dedicated To Knowledge
Media Documents
Media
Documents
Databases
Service

- Diffuse Concept of Library
- Jack of All Trades, Master of None
- Overloaded Librarian Knowledge
- Inelegant Combination of Professionals
Services
Media
Documents
Databases
Internet

Child Care
Startup Support
GEDs
Admissions
Instruction
Reference
Services
Employment
Tax Advice
Social Services
Testing Services
Study Space

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- Admissions
- Instruction
- Reference
- Tutoring
- Data Management
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- Testing Services
- Study Space
- Internet
- GEDs
- Databases
- Social Services
- Media
- MakerSpaces
- Child Care
- Employment
- Documents
- Tax Advice
- Services
- Documents
- Internet
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 ______

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Fayetteville, NY 13066
315-637-6374 X 307
iconsidine@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 Chooses to make a library always makes the difference!”
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