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Expect More: Why Libraries Cannot Become STEM Educators

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Libraries

- Buildings Or Abstractions Can Do Nothing
- People [Librarians] Make It Happen
- A Lot Of Attention Paid To The Front Of The Building Ignoring The Reality Of People Behind The Scenes

Greedy Librarians to...

- Consequences of Consumer/User Focus
 - Collection-Orientation
 - Service as Remediation “How Can I Help You?”
 - Collaboration as Failure
- Skills: Cataloging|Search|Acquisition|Question Acquisition
- Values: Neutrality|Efficiency|Equitable Access

...Knitters of Community

- Facilitator of Knowledge Creation with Members and Allies
- Skills: Access|Knowledge|Environment| Motivation
- Values: Intellectual Honesty|Learning| Openness|Intellectual Safety

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The Mission of Public Libraries?

- Literacy
- School Preparedness
- Economic Development
- Cultural Heritage
- Local Knowledge
- Third Space
- STEM?

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- There Is No App To Overcome The Barriers Of Race, Class, Sexual Orientation, And Gender, And App Building Won't Either
- The Children Of Ferguson Were Hungry And Librarians Fed Them
- The Parents Of Baltimore Were Without Diapers And The Librarians Provided Them
- Public Libraries Were Created Out Of A Quest For Societal Equality - Any STEM Initiative Must Further This Cause Or Libraries Simply Become An Agency Of Elite Solutions Not Agents Of Change

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