Expecting More From Our Libraries & Communities

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Agenda

- What is a Library
- The True Library Collection
- “Collection Development” Exercises
- New Skills
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The mission of librarians is to improve society through facilitating knowledge creation in their communities.
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- Access
- Knowledge
- Environment
- Motivation
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Mission

Facilitation
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- Learning
- Openness
- Intellectual
- Freedom and Safety
- Intellectually
- Honest not Unbiased

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- Building, Books, Databases Are Tools

- Like A Scalpel To A Surgeon Those Tools May Change But The Profession Remains.
Bad Libraries Build Collections, Good Libraries Build Services, Great Libraries Build Community
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It Is Not The Size Of Your Collection, But The Reach Of Your Community That Really Matters
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 ________________________________
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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
Civil War Lectures
Community Gardening
Lego & Robotics Competition
Digital Video Production
Minecraft Competitions
Gaming Tournaments
Exercise: What’s Your Passion

• What Are You Passionate About?
• How Can You Share That with the Community?
MAKE and Facilitate

• Motivation
• Access
• Knowledge
• Environment
Exercise: Mapping Conversation

- What Sub-Communities and Cultures Exist in Toronto?
- What are They Talking About?
- How Can You Help?
Community

- The Future Will Not be Built by Engaging a Community, or Reaching Out to the Community, but By the Community Directly!

- The Future of a Community is Better Defined By Its Aspirations Than Its Deficiencies

- The Community Is the COLLECTION!
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