

Expecting More From Our Libraries & Communities



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Agenda

- What is a Library
- The True Library Collection
- “Collection Development” Exercises
- New Skills

Problem of Definition

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noun (pl. **libraries**)

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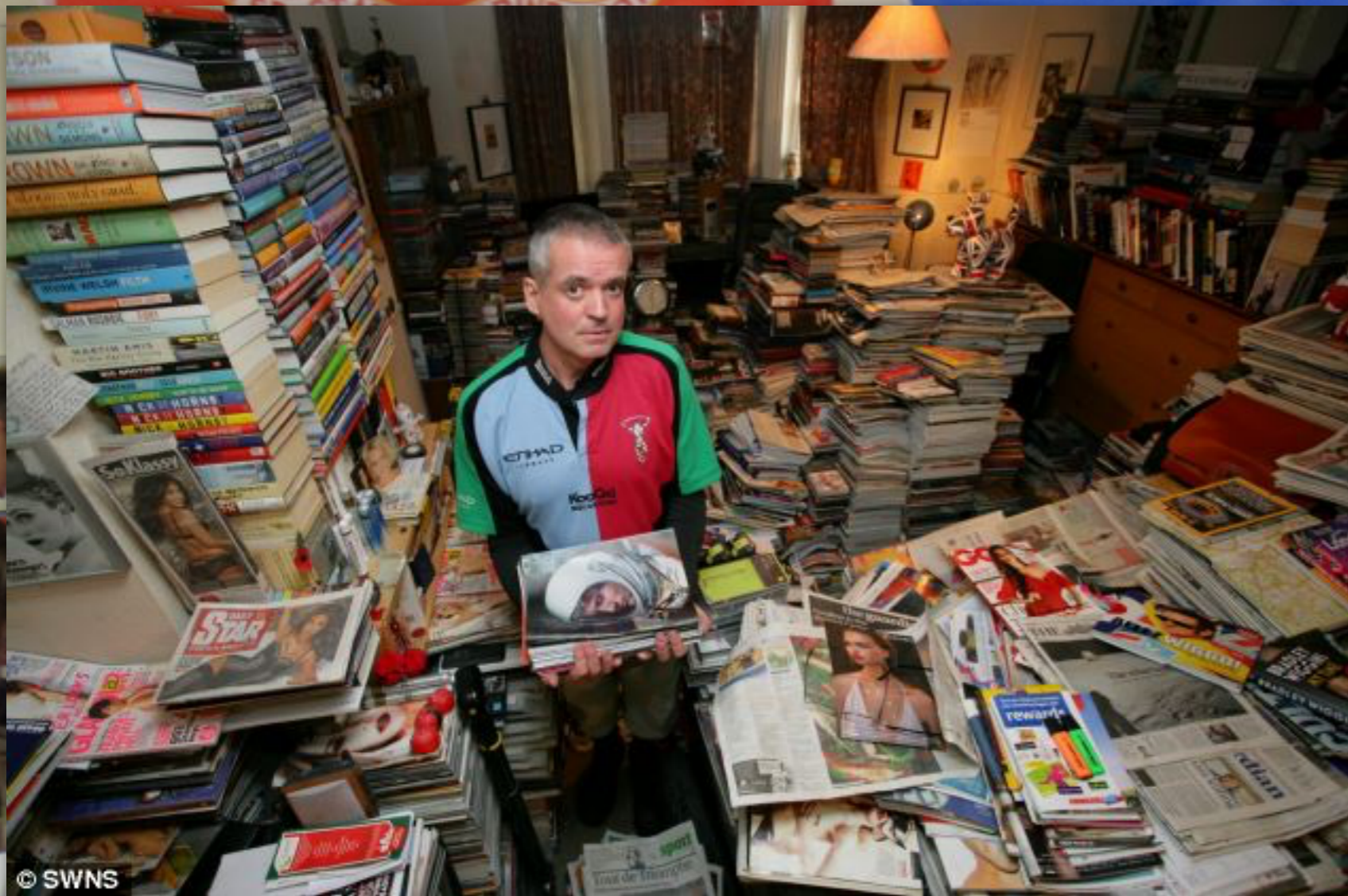
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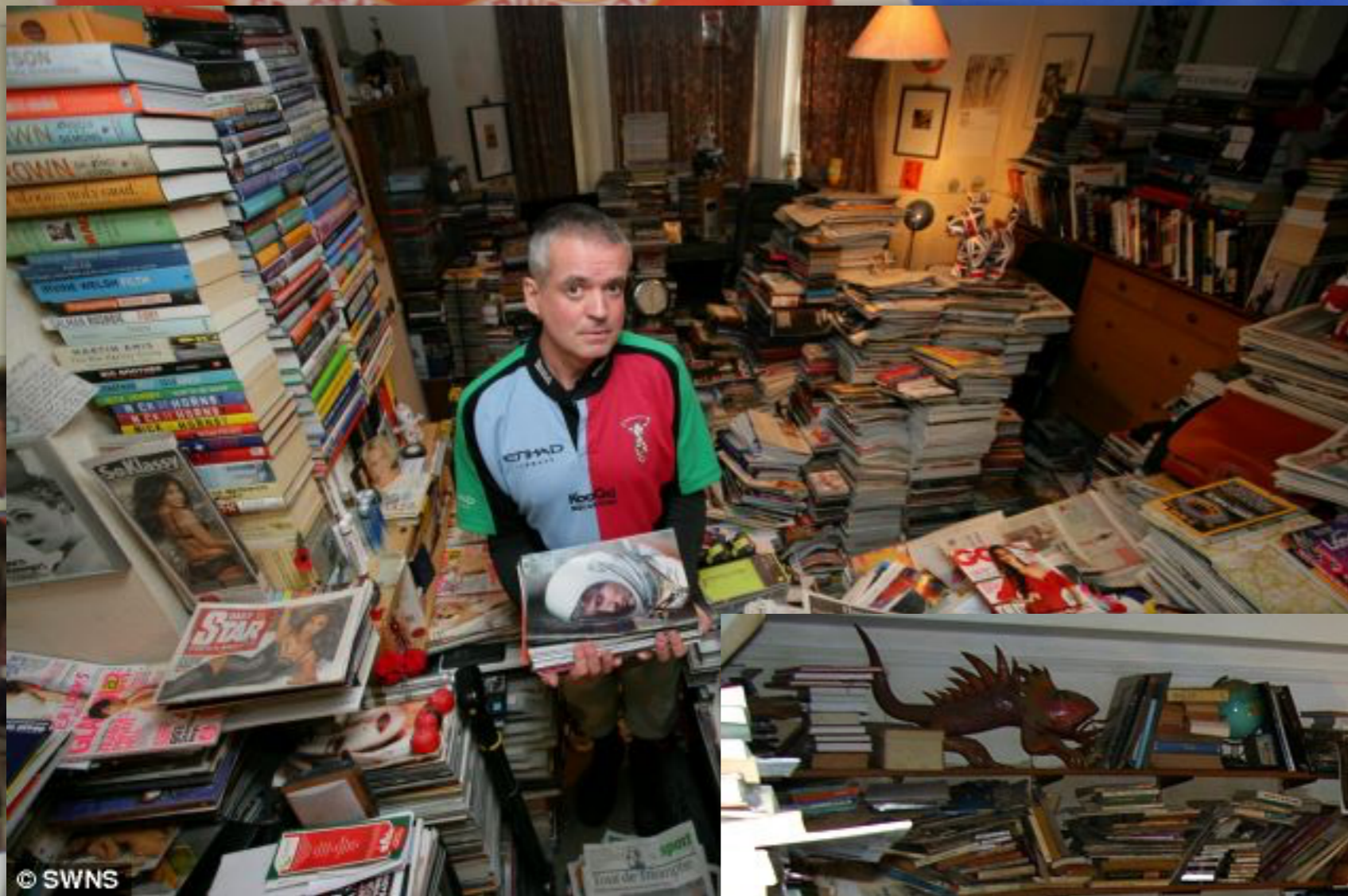
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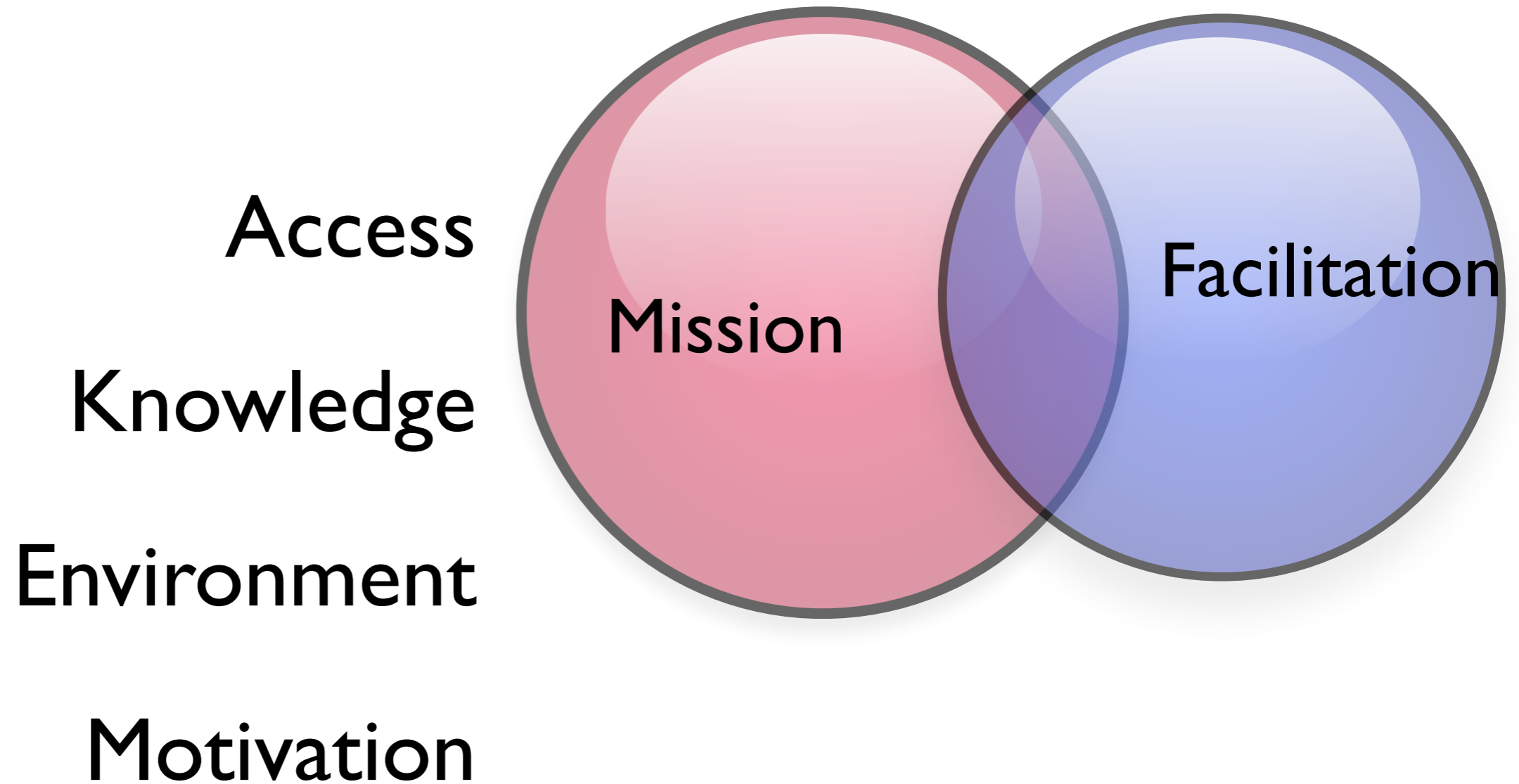
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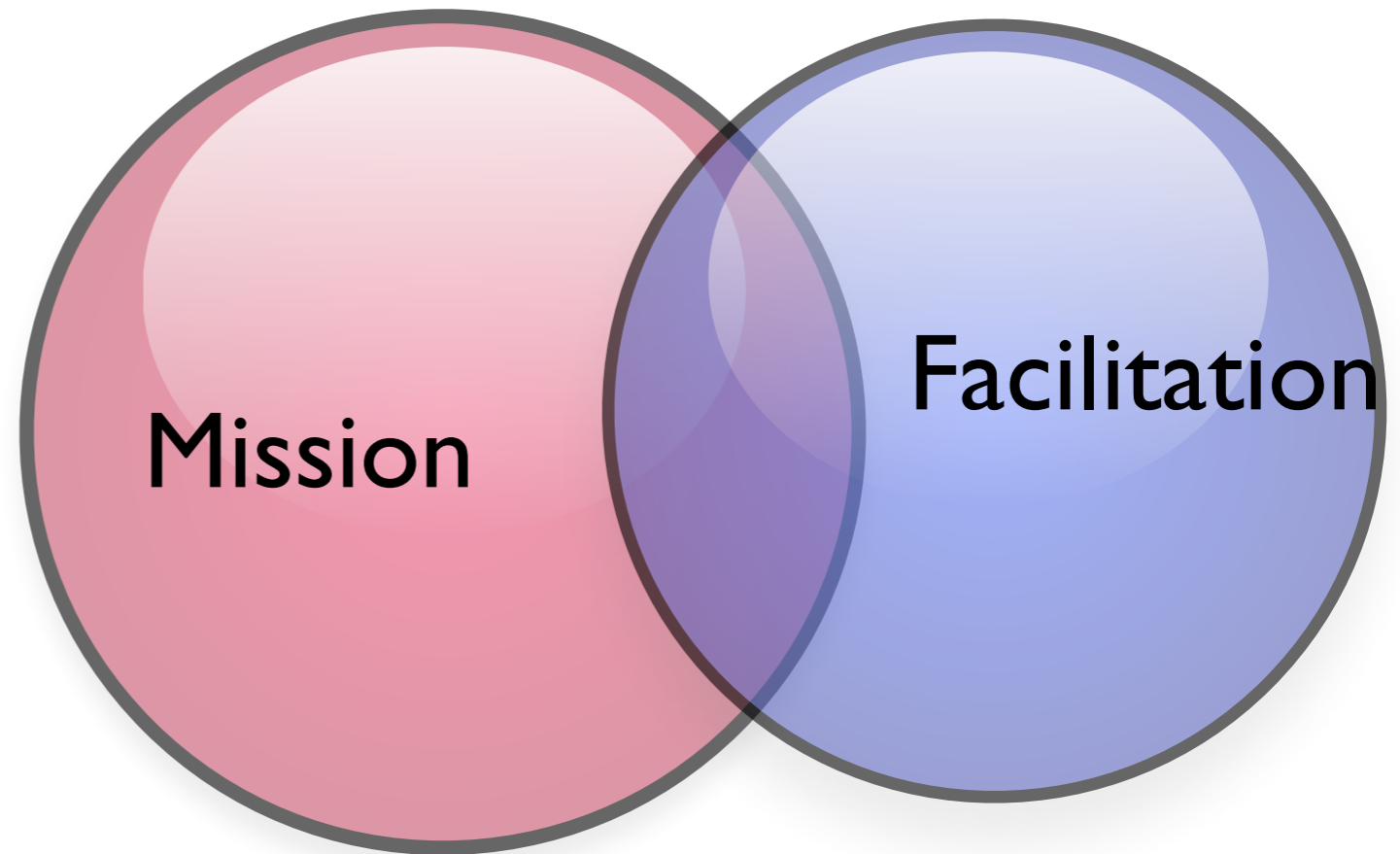
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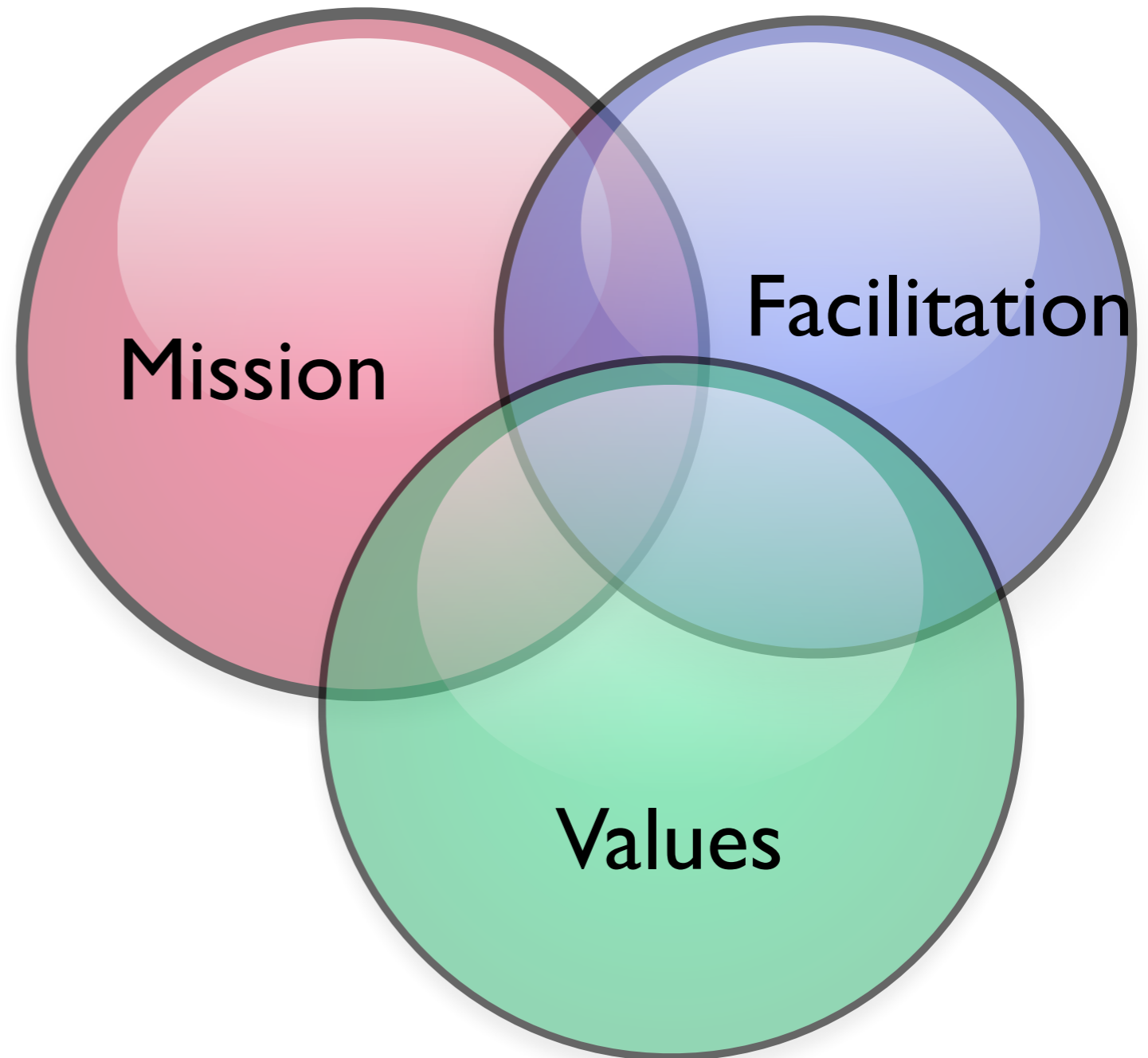


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Learning
Openness
Intellectual
Freedom and Safety
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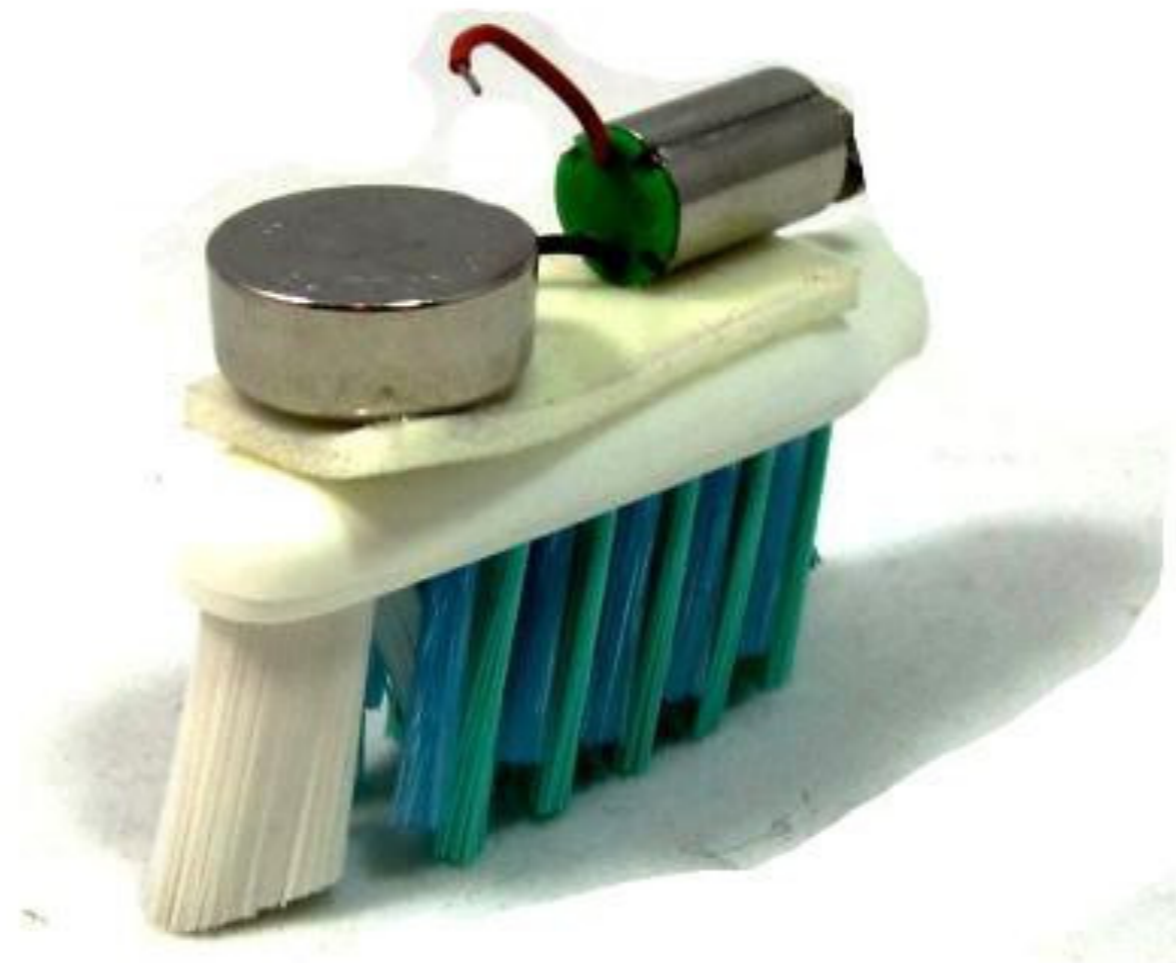
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- Building, Books, Databases Are Tools
- Like A Scalpel To A Surgeon Those Tools May Change But The Profession Remains.



Bad Libraries Build
Collections,
Good Libraries Build
Services,
Great Libraries Build
Community



**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?

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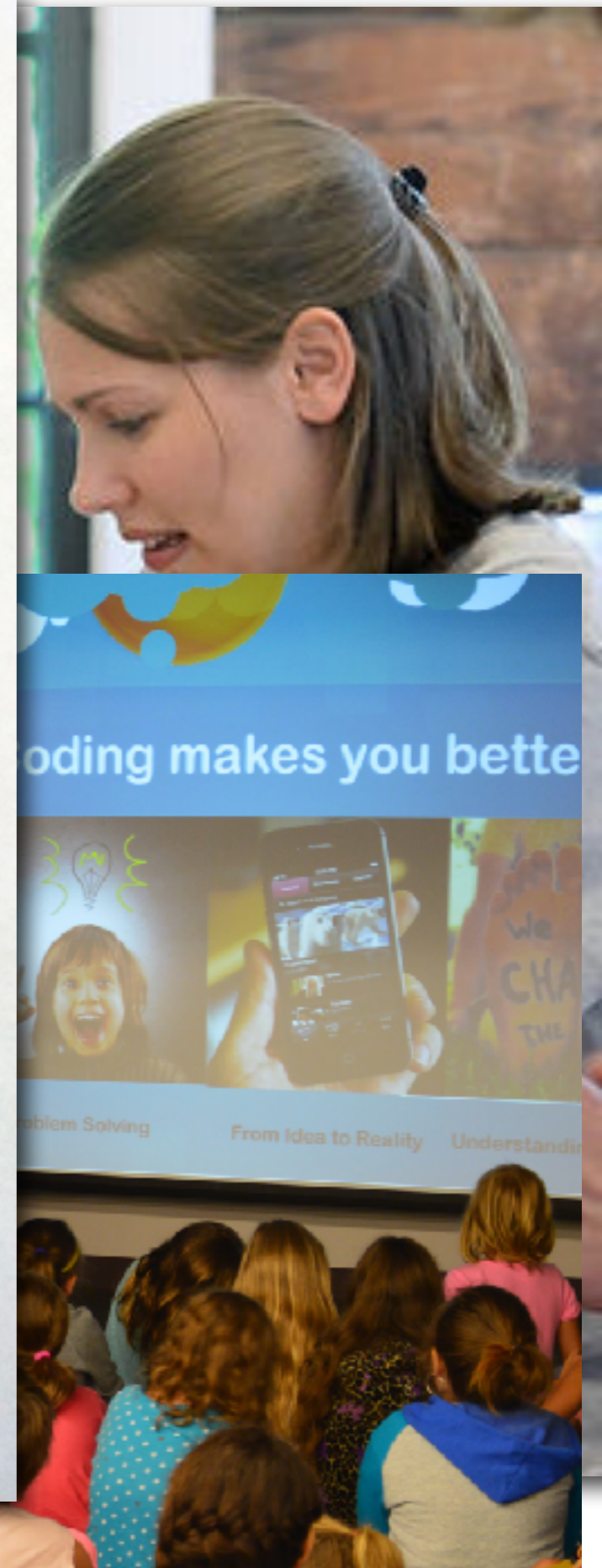
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Sewing and Knitting
Civil War Lectures
Community Gardening
Lego & Robotics Competition
Digital Video Production
Minecraft Competitions
Gaming Tournaments

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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