A New Librarianship

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Carolina’s Knowledge School
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...of Thought
Schools of Thought

- Chicago School of Architecture
- Dewey and Efficiency at the Center
- Information at the Center
  - Access ≠ Impact
- Users with a Focus on Technology and Data
  - User is Defined as a Person in Relation to Data or System Not Why
Knowledge School

- What Happens When we Put Knowledge at the Center
  - Knowledge is Uniquely Human
  - A Lens of Meaning, Learning, and Pragmatic Humanism
    - Passion, Bias, and Socially Shaped
Not Ideology, but Idealism
### U.S. Illiteracy Statistics

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<td>Percent of prison inmates who can't read</td>
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Overall Grades & Scores (2016)

The Grading Scale:  
- A+ to A-  
- B+ to B-  
- C+ to C-  
- D+ to D-  
- F  
- N/A

U.S. Score = C (74.4)

Percent of Adults with at Least a High School Diploma by Age Group, 2004

U.S. ranks 11th among OECD countries in percent of young adults with a high school diploma—the only country in which younger adults are less educated than the previous generation.

http://www.nationalcommissiononadultliteracy.org/content/nchemspresentation.pdf

Incarceration Rates By State

View information as a: List Chart

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Twenty percent of (community college) students reported being hungry, 13 percent homeless


58,000 homeless students on campuses nationwide

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Residents applying for FEMA assistance at Florence County Library’s Johnsonville branch
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Or More Simply
The mission of librarians is to improve society through facilitating knowledge creation in their communities

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To create the world our communities deserve
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