

New Librarianship

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A Library Renaissance?

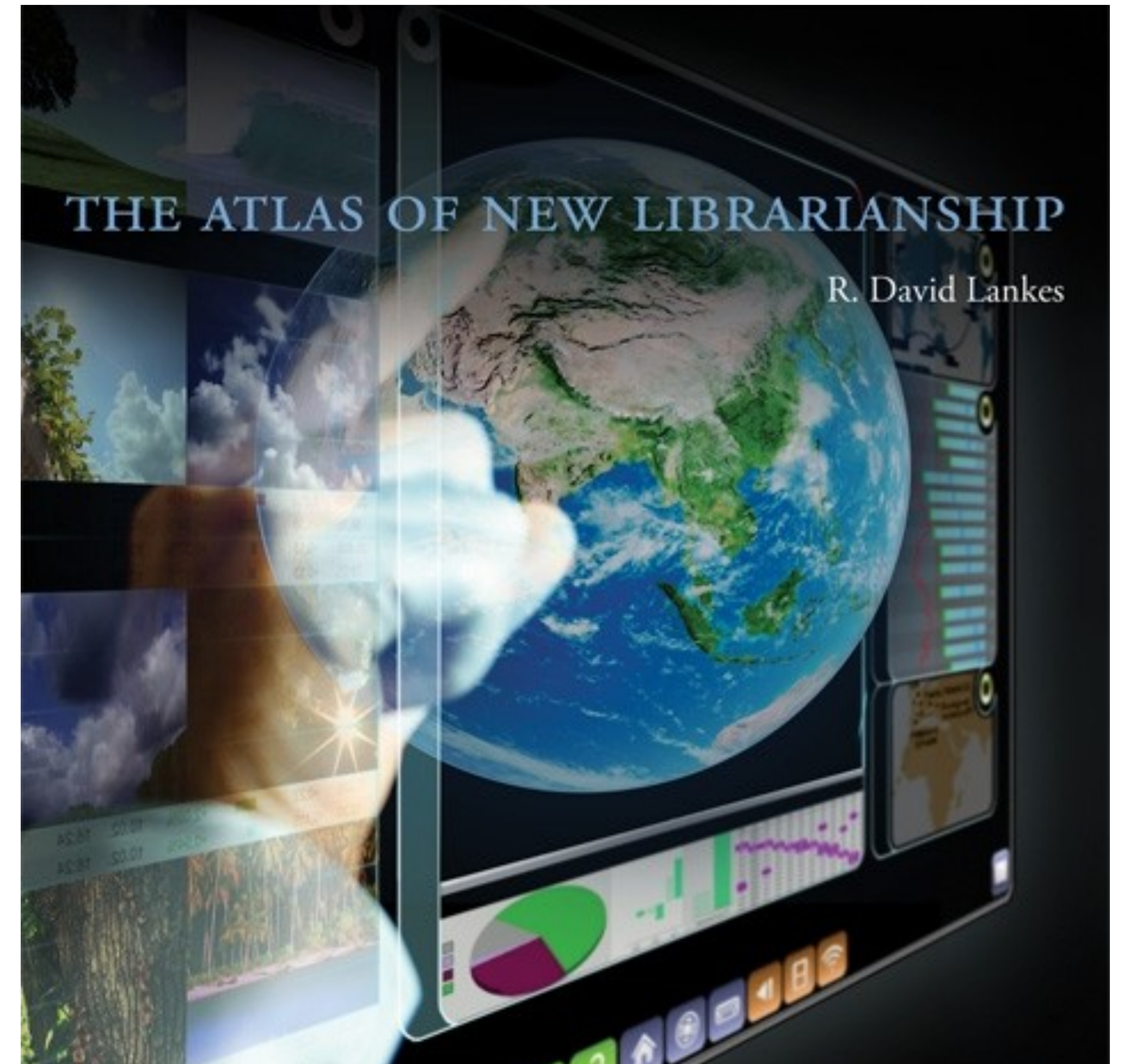


Drivers of Change

- Collaboration
- Community
- Learning
- Democratic Participation
 - Norway, Finland Library Legislation
- Push for Digital First
 - ALMPUB – Archives, libraries and museums and the public space

What is New Librarianship?

- A High-Level Framework to Navigate the Present and Future Beyond Functions, Media, and Spaces
- Knowledge is created through conversation. Librarians are in the knowledge business; therefore librarians are in the conversation business. New librarians approach their work as facilitators of conversation.



New Librarianship

- Puts community and the individual at the center of librarianship
- Focus on librarians and their impact facilitating learning
 - A library is a librarian serving their community
- Based in learning and learning theory
 - If you are in the knowledge business, you are in the conversation business



What is a Librarian?

- Mission: The mission of librarians is to improve society through facilitating knowledge creation in their communities
- Values: Learning, Openness, Diversity, Intellectual Freedom and Safety, Intellectually Honest not Unbiased
- Means of Facilitating Learning: Access, Knowledge, Environment, Motivation





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GOAL 1

Help create a strong and resilient economy.

Outcomes:

- Community leaders view us as a vital part of what makes our community more livable and attractive to business and economic development.
- Artists, designers and makers have access to the tools, resources and knowledge needed to turn their talents and passions into business opportunities.

GOAL 2

Strengthen community cohesion.

Outcomes:

- Residents have access to safe spaces and trusted, competent facilitators that encourage courageous conversations.
- We support problem-solving at the local level, empowering residents with the knowledge and skills they need to advocate for themselves and fully participate in democracy.
- We are a part of what attracts, grows and retains talent in Columbia and Richland County, building partnerships with welcoming, vibrant community groups.

GOAL 3

Transform educational outcomes for youth.

Outcomes:

- Beginning and struggling readers and their caregivers gain valuable support, knowledge and inspiration from the resources and expertise on our team.
- We support teens, helping them build confidence and skills as they achieve their personal, professional and educational goals.

GOAL 4

Increase equity, inclusion and opportunity.

Outcomes:

- Regardless of a person’s circumstance, neighborhood or background, the library is an accessible and supportive community anchor.
- We are part of an ecosystem of service providers and advocates for marginalized and underserved communities, eliminating barriers and strengthening support for those who need us most.

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