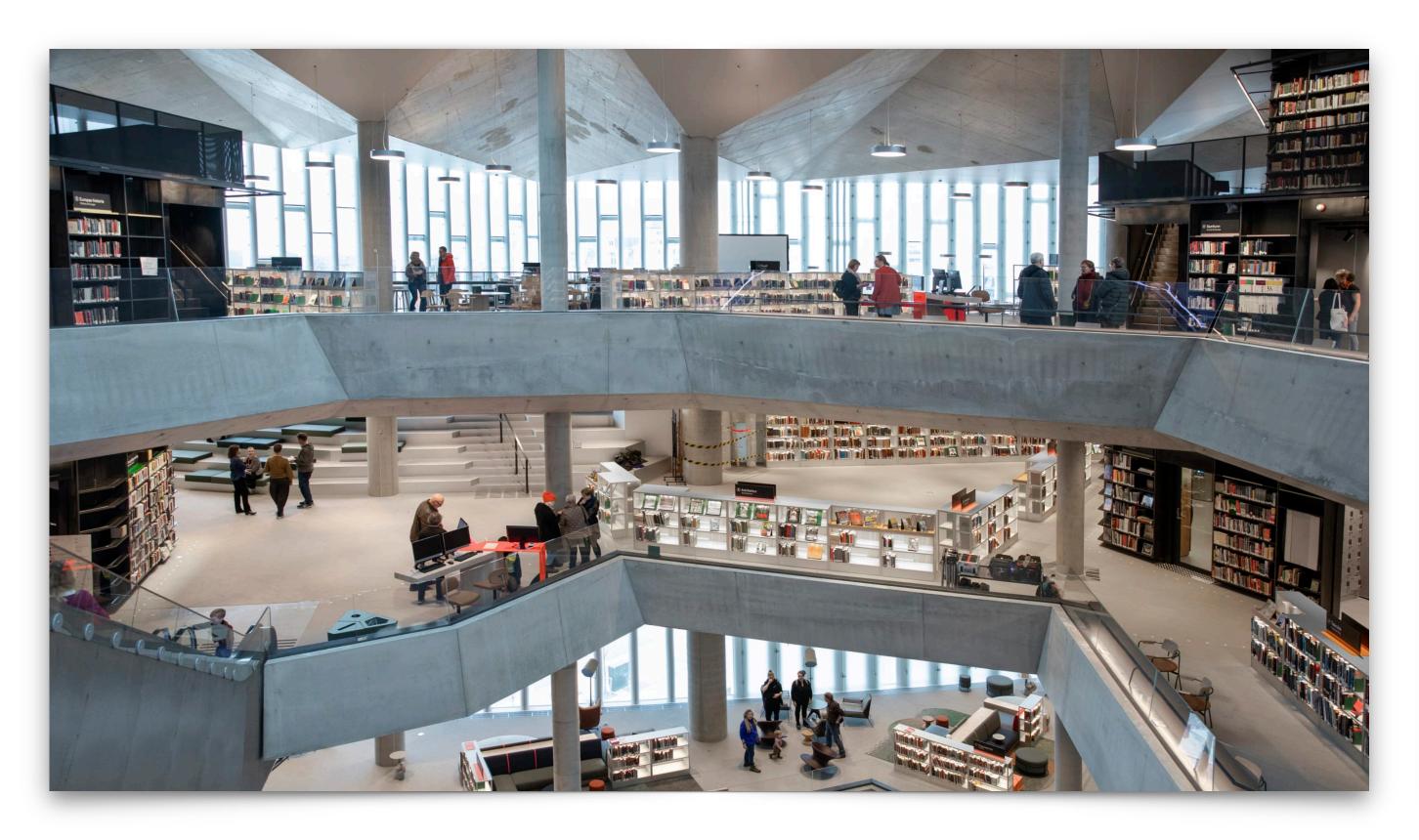
What is a Library if the Building is Closed?

Why This Question Matters

Pandemic "Closures"

- Most libraries never closed their online operations
 - WiFi in the parking lot is the least we can do
 - Online story times (and copyright violations)
 - Member check-ins and contact tracing (San Francisco and Los Angeles)
 - Digital Collections and Digital Reference Services
- Tension over Reopening Facilities
 - COVID response reinforcing nostalgic views of libraries





I have long contended that a room full of books is simply a closet but that an empty room with a librarian in it serving his or her community is a library

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The "New Normal" Agenda for Librarianship

- Universal Broadband
- Workforce Development and Training
- Expanding Voter Access to Democratic Participation
- Ensure the Health and Well Being of Our Communities
- Essential Crisis Response Capacity