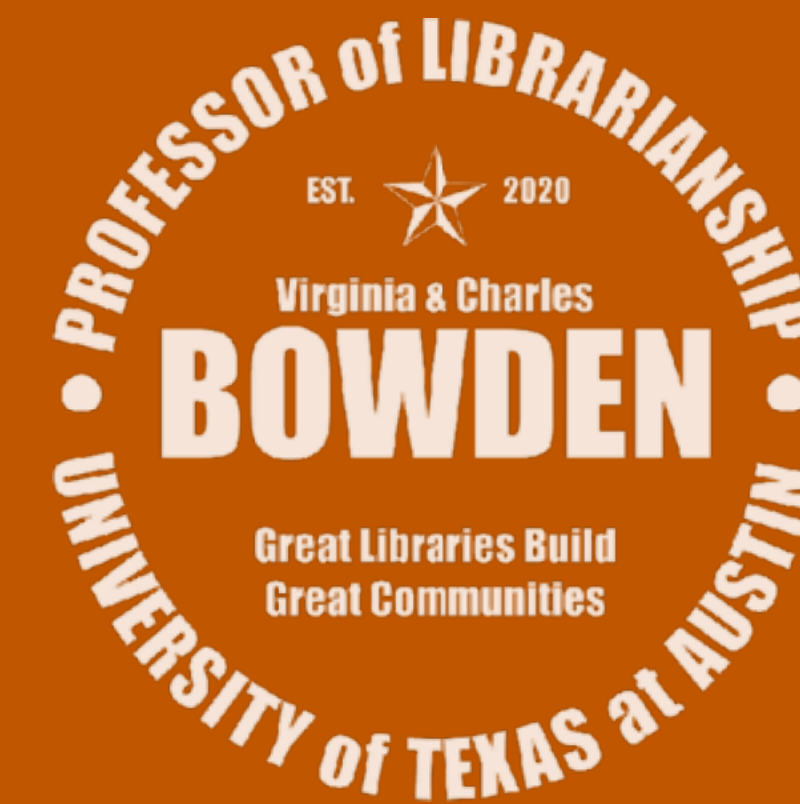


of the People

From Supporting Democracy to
Inspiring Democracy



The Only Constant is Change

- Legal Libraries in Direct Support of Legislation
 - Case of New York State Library
- Legal Repositories
- To...Public Libraries



The KB: Royal Library of the Netherlands

- Cultural Heritage
 - Extensive Digital Archives
 - Podcasts
 - Coverings
- Responsible for directing and coordinating the public libraries
 - Innovation and Design



Texas as Case Study

- The First Archive War
- Texas State Libraries and Archive (TSLAC)
- Half Korea's population twice the land
 - 80% of citizens served by 20% of libraries
 - 3 million Texans with no library service
 - 45th for per capita library funding
 - 53rd in items circulated
 - 51st in books per capita
 - 51st in full time library staff



TSLAC

- Broadband
- Workforce Development
- Consulting and Support
 - Book banning, legal issues
- Innovation grants
- Statewide resources
 - TexShare, TexCard, ILL
- NOT
 - Direct Funding or governance



Functions of Democracy's Libraries

Function	Examples
Library for the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborate with other LAMs• Library Exchange Program
Preparing Librarians as Facilitators on Democratic Conversations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional development (early as well as senior level)• Certification of knowledge not time• Building peer learning networks
Direct Confrontation of Mis/Disinformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital literacy and media literacy beyond legalistic approaches (elementary and beyond)• Direct engagement social media
Funding Community Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Connected communities weave together democratic countries• Supporting difficult conversations

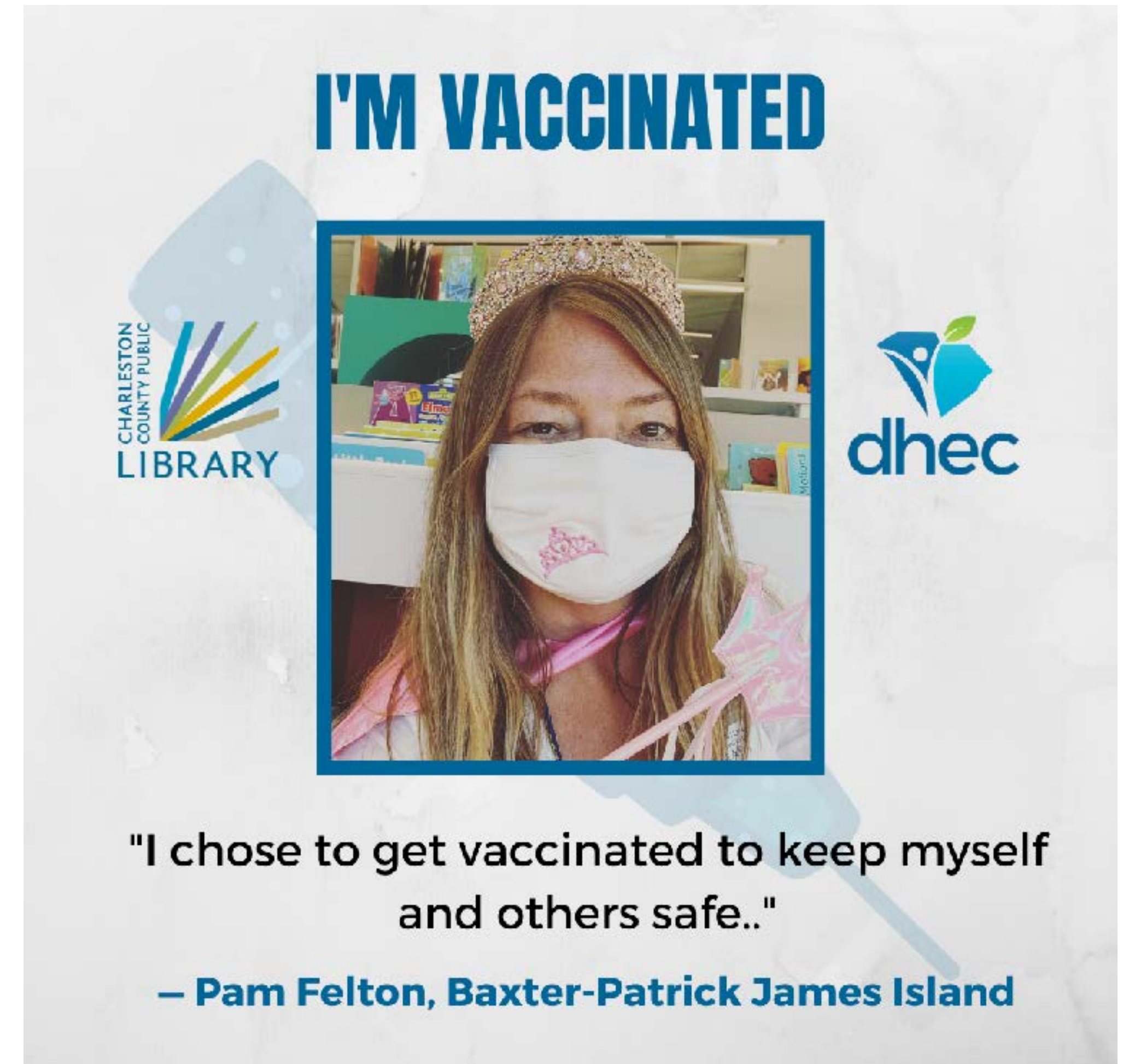
Supporting Difficult Conversations

- Richland Library
 - Let's Talk Race
 - Facilitator Training
 - Continued through COVID



Supporting Difficult Conversations

- Charleston County Public Library
 - Community request
 - book club to discuss titles focused on racial issues and social justice
 - Direct Support of minority communities
 - Voting
 - Vaccination
 - Health



Professional Makerspace for Librarians

- Innovation Grant Programs
 - “Copy Cat” grants for first timers
- Hybrid makeover sessions
 - Real case with diverse (library, architecture, community organizers, international) expertise and then concrete intervention -example
 - No Tool Kits, No Best Practices: Adapt Don't Adopt







Librarians as Agents of Democracy

- Issues are Great
- “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”
- Margaret Mead



Of the People

[HTTP://DavidLankes.org](http://DavidLankes.org)

