



# Community: Core or Edge

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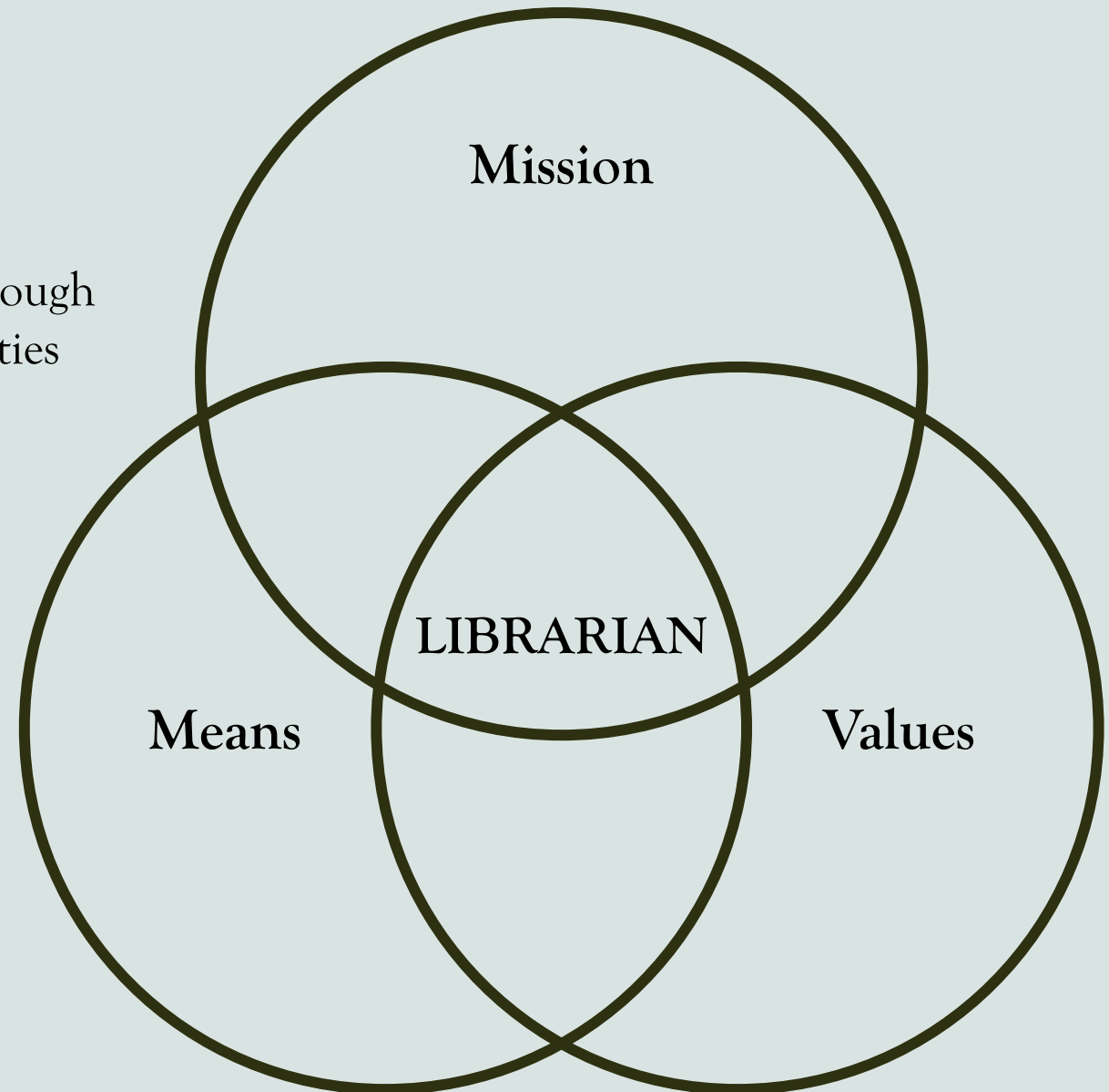
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# Definition of a Librarian

The mission of librarians is to improve society through facilitating *knowledge* creation in their communities

Access, Knowledge, Environment, Motivation

Learning, Openness, Diversity, Intellectual Honesty (not Unbiased), Intellectual Freedom and Safety





# Knowledge

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- Conversants  
*cognizing agents*
- Language  
*L0 (negotiation and general) and L1 (expertise and domain specific)*
- Agreement  
*including agreeing not to agree*
- Memory  
*Relational and complex*



## What Do You Love?

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- Pick something you love
- Turn it into a library program



# Therefore

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- If we are in the knowledge business we are in the conversation business
- If we are centered on knowledge (conversation and people) then we are centered on the community, NOT the tools used in learning:  
*Books, buildings, databases*
- Our success is measured by our community's success, not our tools
- Our entire success not just the community outreach portion.



## The Tweet

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- Bad libraries build collections
- Good libraries build services
- Great libraries build communities

# Who is a Librarian?

Someone who holds the mission, means, and values of librarianship



# Thank you

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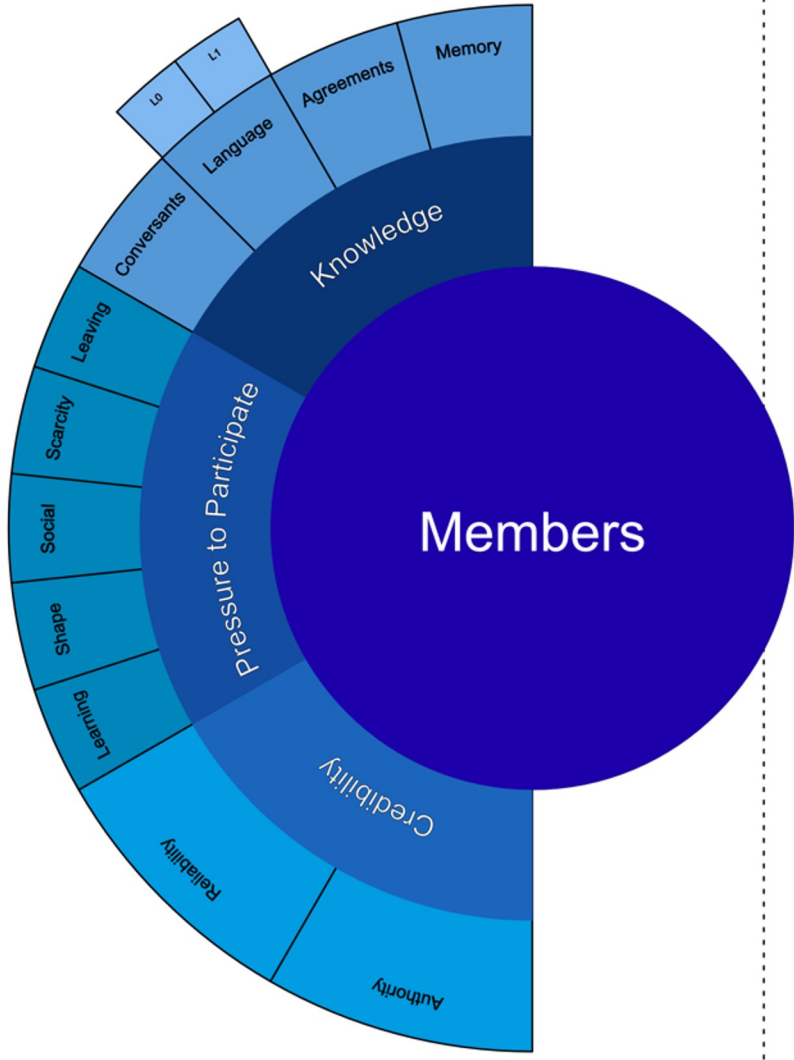
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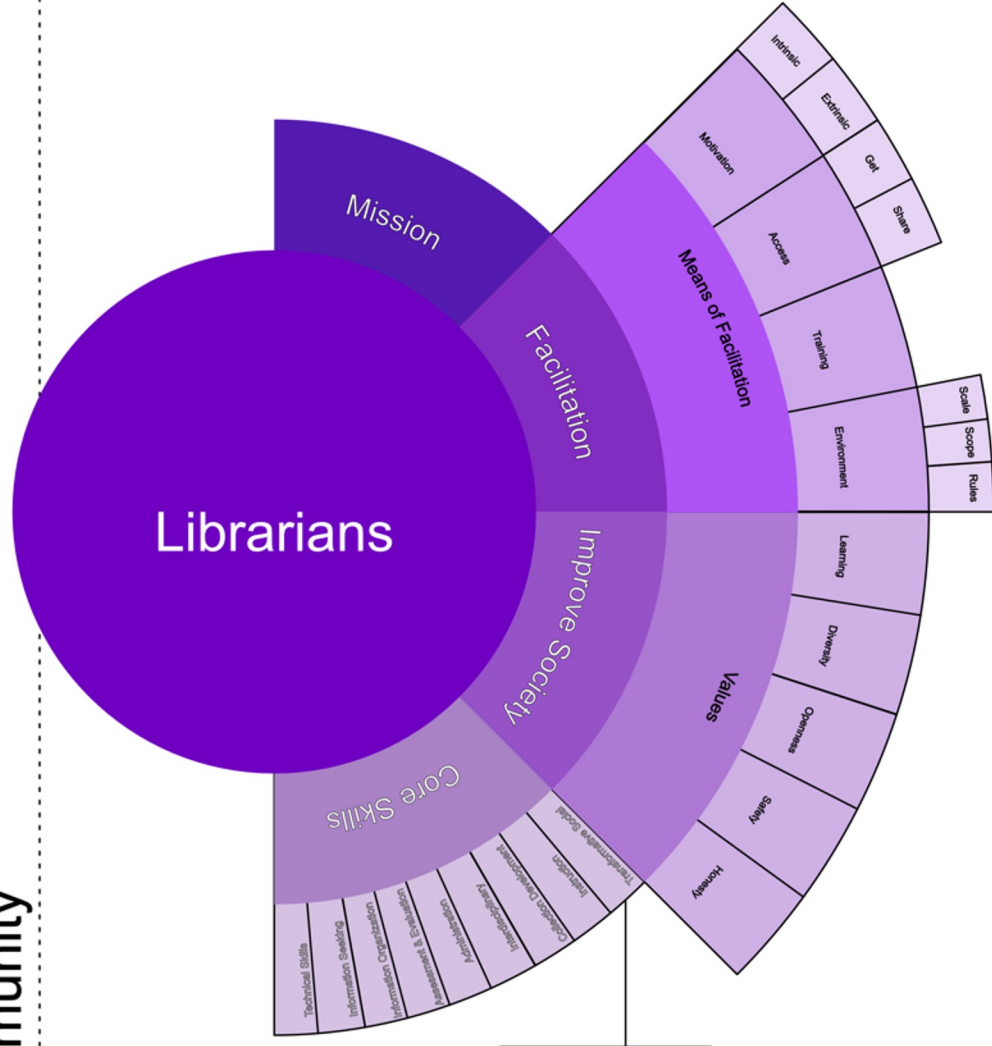
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Community



System Creation in Context  
 Sustainability of Social Mission  
 Conflict Management  
 Activism and Advocacy  
 Critical Social Analysis