Community: Core or Edge

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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

- 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?

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

- 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

- 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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