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.
**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.