1. I’ve written 2 books, corresponding screenplay

Along with 2 books in progress and their corresponding screenplays

I run a meetup at local libraries

WNBA asked me to be their leader. I said, “You realize I’m an engineer”

OK, there’s going to be some changes

1. Librarian spoke at my Jan meetup. I was furious when I found out that publishers bill libraries extra – after they’ve already purchased the books – as books become more popular.

How many of your local libraries have cut hours due to budget cuts?

Several library systems are suing publishers over changing contract terms.

1. Ben Franklin didn’t invent libraries to collect printed paper.
2. WHAT LIBRARIES ARE

Pre-internet, libraries were the place to go for knowledge shared among citizens.

Still a PLACE where knowledge is shared

1. FRIEND

Publishers are cutting off their nose to spite their face by ripping off libraries.

Instead of thinking of ways that libraries could help them achieve their goals, they’re alienating their customers. & suppliers – authors.

1. I didn’t put the word SOCIAL here because I needed a token buzzword.

Tech enables reading to be something we socialize around.

Not that bookclubs are anything new, but we have different ways of sharing and communicating.

1. AUTHOR-READER

Tech enables authors to also be part of the social process.

1. EVERYWHERE

Not just by appearing at libraries but by connecting with laptop webcam, mobile, skype From wherever they are

1. 2032

In 20 years tech will be our native environment.

It won’t be phones.

Output displays will be in our glasses or holographs projected from our collar. It will be right in our field of vision.

Input devices will be something we don’t have to carry & stare at.

U of Central FL device measures brain signals and uses thoughts as input.

1. MONEYBAG

We need a People to People library.

1. PEOPLE-PEOPLE

I’m applying for a grant.

To create ebook-sharing technology and form a community.

Find who wants to belong to this grassroots community

of people who want to socialize online & in person around books

1. LINK

We’ll start by linking English Institutes & university English classes in Afghanistan with people gathering in the US at libraries and universities.

1. PEOPLE-PEOPLE

An online library where people upload stories/books they’ve written.

People can go there to check out or purchase ebooks from each other.

Writers will give live talks about their stories while people can ask questions.

1. GURUTAPAS

Amazon is a store. GuruTapas will be a town center. Where people gather online to socialize and learn.

GuruTapas.com is what I have up so far for authors – not necessarily from Afghanistan – to sign up for their own web site.

1. AUTHOR SITE

Today authors can embed their blog, Ustream.

Eventually GuruTapas will have offline conversations, fan referrals through social networking, book ratings, book sales, a calendar of online events & a whole bunch of features similar to what other web sites have. In one hub.

1. ONLINE EVENTS @ LIBRARY

Authors could give talks from a mountaintop. Not just to people sitting at home or on the metro, but to

Thousands of small groups who gather to participate in author events

1. WHY LIBRARIES

Libraries grow the readership community locally to share knowledge globally.

When developing something around books, it would be foolish not to consider how to bring libraries in as an ally.

1. SHAREWARE

What would libraries get out of this?

For everyone who shows up at a library event, the 1. library gets free licenses for their

2. patrons to check out a book and

3. authors get a book review. Win-win-win.

1. SAVE LIBRARIES

Local and worldwide authors contribute material and have a platform for engaging readers.

Patrons crowdsource book evaluation, not done by an intern at a publishing company.

A grassroots movement of local authors and patrons bring people together in a PLACE to talk about what goes on online.

1. You can work toward Saving the Libraries today.

Sign up for a bookworm or author site at GuruTapas.

Register for the Future of Books meetup & contribute to the book community.