

Library As People

# Mission

*Libraries are catalysts* for individual success and civic engagement that provide a trusted and persistent context to our world, our communities, and to ourselves. They do this by creating linkages between the past, present, and future. These linkages take a variety of forms, and extend beyond the book to include media, tools, people, and even communities themselves. The institution of libraries must embrace creativity and flexibility to remain a relevant engine of social good and the individual pursuit of happiness.

# Context

Information is becoming more abundant while the means of production are becoming more accessible. This is opening new channels for the sharing and the distribution of knowledge outside of traditionally held forms. An ability to exploit these means of production have become the new "literacy". *The institution of the library is uniquely positioned to provide access, skills, context, and trusted platforms for sharing in this new society.*

*Trust*

*Democracy*

*Creativity*

*Openness*

*Neutrality*

*Adaptability*

*Inclusivity*

*Community reflection*

*Safety*

# Approach















Manifestations

# Physical

The physical library must undergo a transition which embraces a *new understanding of literacy* and provides the flexibility needed to be able to thrive in a world which now changes at an ever more rapid pace. Central to this flexibility is creating spaces which can be adapted by individuals and communities to enhance the libraries value to society.

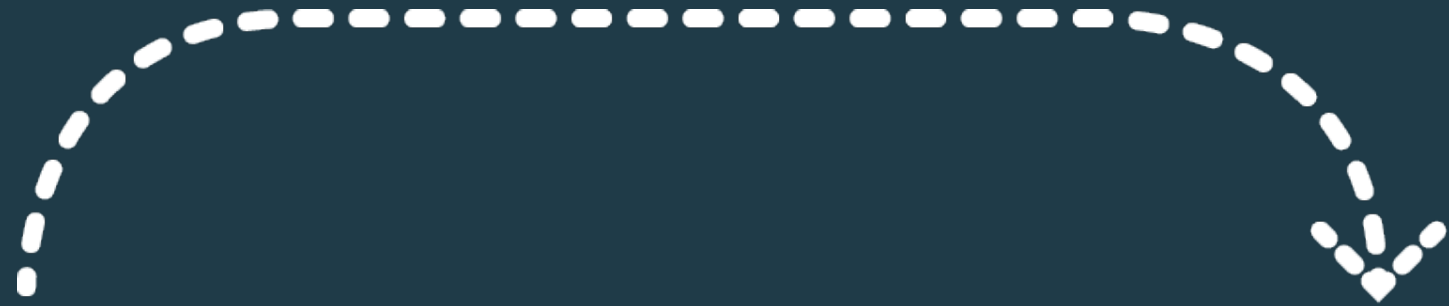
# Virtual

The library as it exists within virtual space must be considered as a wholly *independent but highly integrated experience*. Platforms must be conceived which not only address the operational and practical benefits of libraries, but also those which are *emotional* and highly *social*.

# Ecology of Civil Society

Provider

Consumer





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Facilitator

Creator



