Libraries in a Post-Print World

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We're not psychic

Scenario planning

- Note a trend
- Extend that trend into the future
- Extend our current practices into the future
- Compare the two
- Assess vulnerabilities
- Increase our capacity to address the vulnerabilities
- Realign our practices as necessary
- Persist until the changes take hold

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The ground is shifting

No one is asking our permission

Stephen King To Release "Mile 81" In EBook-Only Format

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Kindle ebook sales now higher than paperbacks on Amazon

What does the library without books look like?

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The civilians have a point

- Inventory control
- Transactions
- Rules
- Rationing
- Anonymity
- Remedial advocacy

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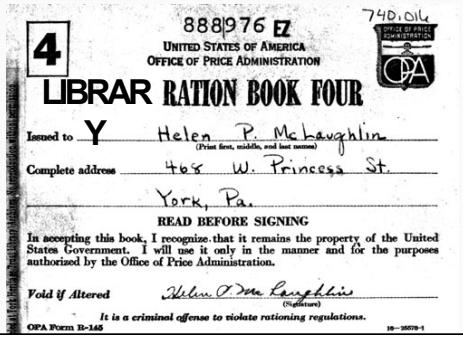
Current practice: Transactions

Current practice: Rules

Current practice: Rationing



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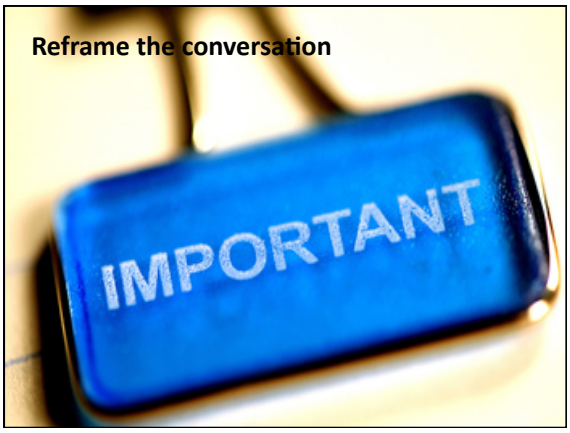
It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.
--Aristotle

Reframe the conversation



Access

Content curation

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Coaching

Co-creation

Community convening

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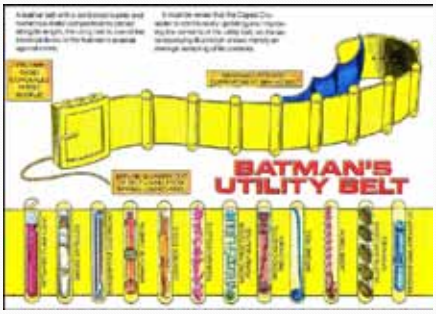
Convergence

Infiltration

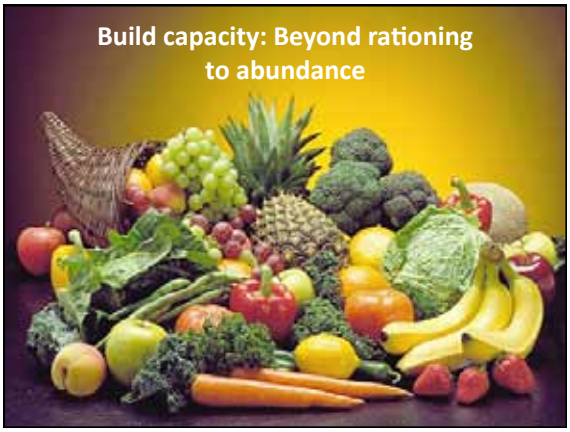
Build capacity:
Beyond inventory control
to support for
learning and creativity

Build capacity: Beyond transactions to outcomes

Build capacity: Beyond rules to tools



Build capacity: Beyond rationing to abundance



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Build capacity: Beyond remedial advocacy to peer engagement

Let's continue the conversation

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