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LIBRARY AS A CLASSROOM

Hyperlinked libraries emphasize lifelong learning and through programming and services, make the library a “classroom.” As a children’s librarian I am constantly facilitating learning, but this course and articles about the use of makerspaces and intentional collection development helped me understand how library work makes learning fun.



PARTICIPATORY SERVICE

This course also helped me realize the importance of participatory service in libraries. Participatory service makes patrons active members of the information retrieval, creation, and promotion process. This style of service made me think about my library’s Teen Advisory Board differently and this is a direct example of and way for patrons to control library services.

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USE OF SPACE

A library’s use of space and organization directly impacts patron’s relationship with the library. For example, the four space model helps create a hyperlinked environment by giving patrons the space to respond to all their information needs.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

I plan to learn more about the use of emerging technologies in libraries. This course explained how makerspace tools and tech like AI help create hyperlinked environments, but I intend to learn more about how I can incorporate these tools in children’s programs. For example, how I can introduce ethical AI use to young patrons.

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CREATIVITY IN THE LIBRARY

I want to explore the idea of creativity in hyperlinked environments more in-depth. Hyperlinked librarians encourage creativity in the information retrieval process and in people’s interactions with library services. I hope to learn more about how I can encourage creativity during children’s explorations of the library materials and play in the library.



THE POWER OF STORIES

This course has taught me so much about how to be a hyperlinked librarian and encourage genuine interactions with libraries, but one thing I will implement in my current library work is the power of stories. In my library, I will attempt to encourage community connection by highlighting the stories of those around the library. Specifically, I will highlight multigenerational connections by giving children and adults the space to share their experiences and knowledge.

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HYPERLINKED LIBRARIES