

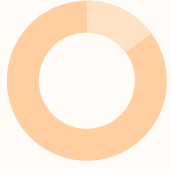


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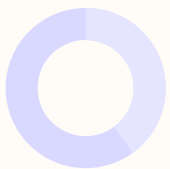
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Throughout the Hyperlinked Library course, there has been lots of opportunity to explore the role of information professional in providing access to resources. This infographic will outline how the hyperlinked library has shaped my understanding in 3 new ways, explore 2 new ideas for innovation and future learning and development, as well as an action that I will prioritize moving forward.



### Diverse Library Models - 3 "AHA" Moments

When considering libraries, the idea of repository of books comes to mind, however, the evolutions of libraries has made the impact even greater on the community. New library models are up and coming, bringing in groundbreaking technology and services that might not have been possible in the past. For example, more and more libraries have been offering makerspaces that allow greater hands-on experience with different tools and materials. Libraries have further expanded their services to bring new resources, where "things, animals, seeds, or even people" can be checked out, going beyond books (Everett, 2023). Chaos is further embraced in libraries, encouraging play and help children build skills need to prepare them for school, and encourage imagination, creativity and development (Creative Library Concepts, 2022). The idea of Open+Access is challenging the issue of time to bring resources and services beyond operating hours (Bibliotheca, n.d.). The idea of new and diverse library models, specifically models that bring new resources and expands the idea of traditional, quiet library models to bring more to the community.



### Learning and Access - 3 "AHA" Moments

As informational professionals, we need to value learning and access. Specifically, we need to value providing the opportunities for this to the patrons. Through this, it is important to recognize our responsibility in creating an environment that supports and caters to the diverse informational needs of the patrons. However, reflecting on this, I believe through the hyperlinked library, we can prioritize learning and access to individuals so that they can grow intellectually, socially, and emotionally. The library is about creating opportunities for learning and utilizing their spaces as a bridge to the community and information. Information is connected and the library needs to consider the unique needs of individuals. Through this, information can be dynamic and navigable for supporting and fostering this environment for all.

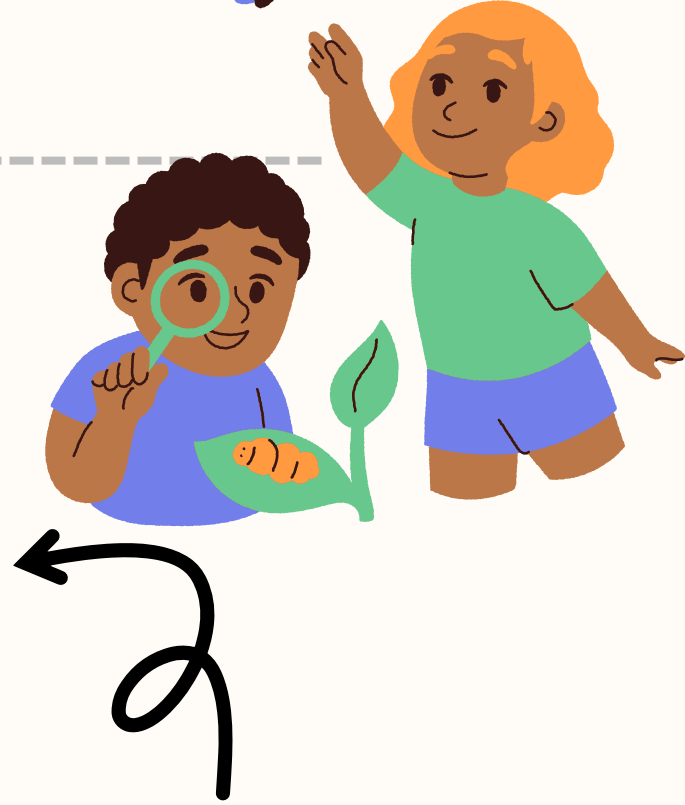
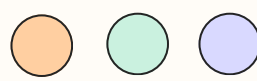


### The Barriers are Not Equal - 3 "AHA" Moments

Libraries are built on the community and with each community, barriers will differ. As technology has become a greater necessity, the library has a role in bridging present gaps and limitations on person's ability (Stephens, 2019). It is important to recognize that different demographics and different individuals have diverse informational needs and face different restrictions, therefore information professional must not the barriers to learning. For example, communities can face issues such as digital divide, or periods of time, such as summertime for children can cause divides in literacy. By recognizing barriers are not equal, we can better utilize the hyperlinked library to increase connections, and encourage participation amongst individuals, better promoting and fostering a library where the library as a space for all.



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### Artificial Intelligence - 2 Exploration of Learning Ideas

The impact of artificial intelligence (AI) is changing the scope of how the internet is being utilized. This is also applying to library services. Libraries are beginning to explore how AI can be integrated into their services, and this can influence how patron interactions occur and the overall user experience. AI has become so relevant in society and how it is being used in society. Considering the implications and exploring advancements both in AI and library services, it can lead to increased efficiency.

### Physical Spaces - 2 Exploration of Learning Ideas



I am interested in explore how library space can better equip their spaces to better accommodate to the different requirements of the hyperlinked library. Understanding the library space can mean a variety of different things. For example, considering design in the physical library space. There can be a lot of focus on resources that are needed to advance, but that cannot be considered if the spaces that the resources will be placed in or used in are not optimized for the device itself. By exploring the physical library space, accessibility, diversity and inclusion can be addressed to cater to all individuals using the library space.

## ADVOCATE, ADVOCATE, ADVOCATE - 1 Implementation



Facilitating an environment as a staff member and to patrons is so important. Providing supports and initiatives, such as new workshops is integral to the evolution of libraries and society. Therefore, something that is important to implement and act on is advocating for both the library, library patrons, and staff. Libraries are "palaces of the people" and "for the people" (Stephens, 2022). By advocating for learning, new initiatives can foster innovation and these new pilots can influence future developments for the library.

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