Not Your Dream Library – The One After That

*Creating the “Library-as-Place” suffused with appropriate technologies.*
THE Library of Alexandria …remembered for its import as a repository for virtually all contemporary recorded human knowledge.
It was the ancient world's Internet.

Libraries … all their contents can be accessed through a smart phone in seconds.

…fact that nearly every manuscript printed has been scanned into an instantly accessible database.
accessible racks of books → remote racks of servers
“If you fill up all the shelves, it's just a bookcase. But if you leave it part empty, it is full of potential.”
? Library ≠ Books
Digital Age ≠ Threat to Physical Library
technology
A Day Made of Glass
flexible future - digitally enhanced (conjecture)

Perceptive Pixel
flexible future - digitally enhanced (available)
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Library Ingredients:

- Quality Collections
- Appropriate Technology
- Interesting Events
- Compelling Spaces
Library Space in a Changing Paradigm
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Book-Centric + People-Centric
Compelling Space?

- Not just “WOW” Space

Interaction Space

Introspection Space

Spaces supporting:
- meaningful
- delightful
- repeatable
- experiences
Spectrum of Spaces
Library ≠ Space for People

Collaboration, Events

Information, Production

Interaction, Learning

Technology, Experiences

Transformation
building understanding