

Scholarly Communication and Patron Services

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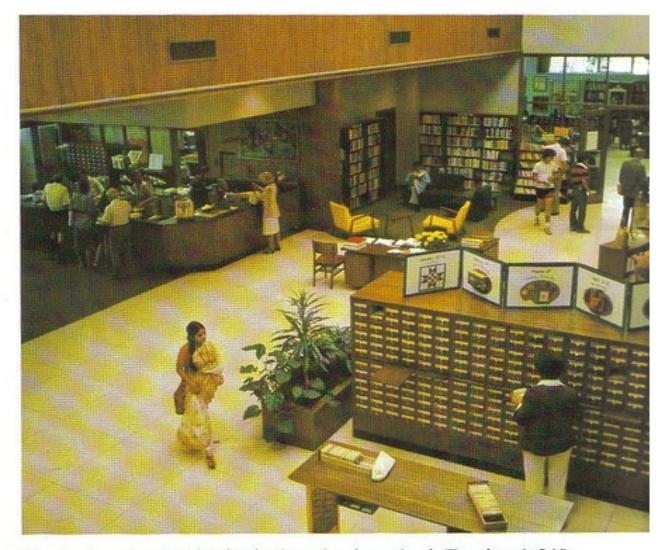
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4 questions:

- What are patron services?
- What is scholarly communication?
- What is a librarian?
- What is a library?



Libraries play an important role in the education, work, and recreation of millions of people. Public libraries, such as the one above, try to serve their communities by offering a wide variety of materials and services in attractive, helpful surroundings.

What are Patron Services?

In the 1970s:

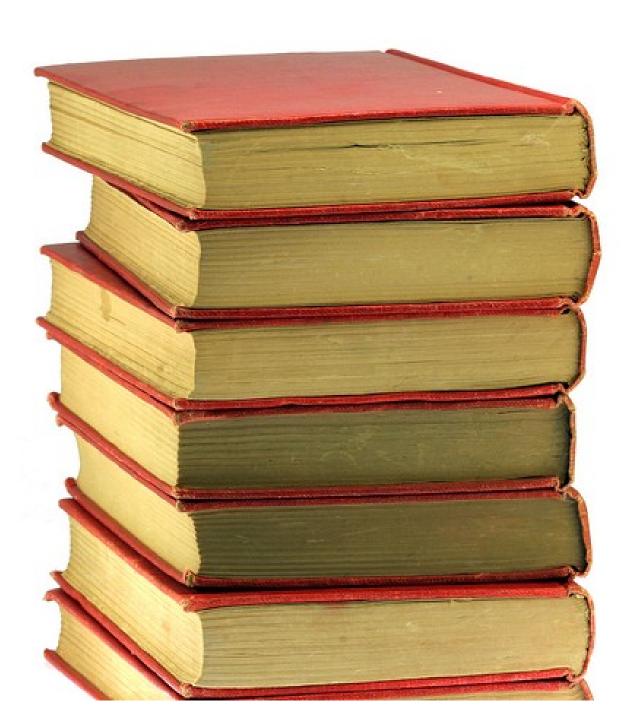
- Prominent catalogs!!
- "Wide variety of materials and services"
- "Attractive, helpful surroundings"

LIBRARY



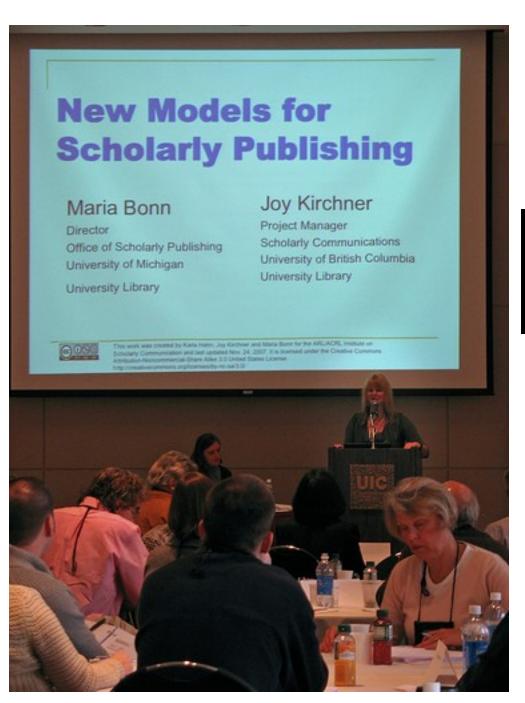
- Books are for use
- Every reader, his or her book
- Every book, its reader
- Save the time of the reader
- The library is a growing organism





Readers need our help – beyond cataloging to find out what resources are available...

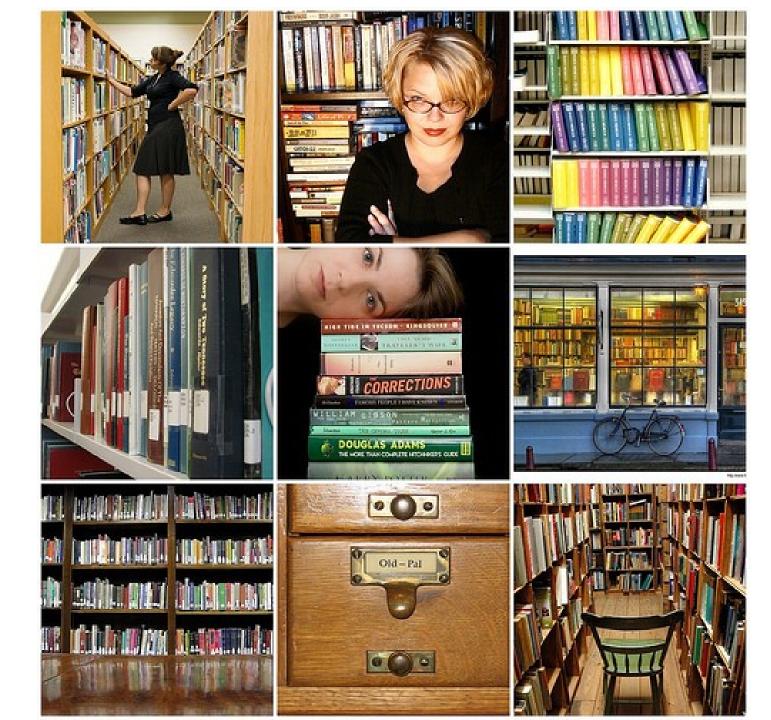
Now more than ever...



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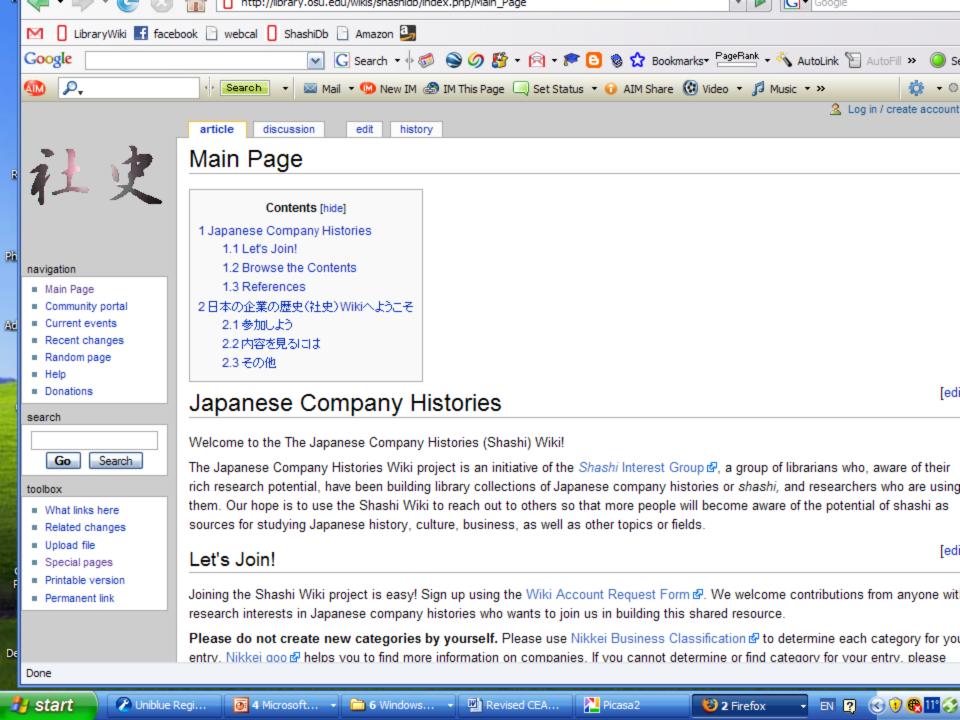


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Reach out to potential readers through blogs, wikis, Squidoo, del.icio.us, LibraryThing, etc, etc --







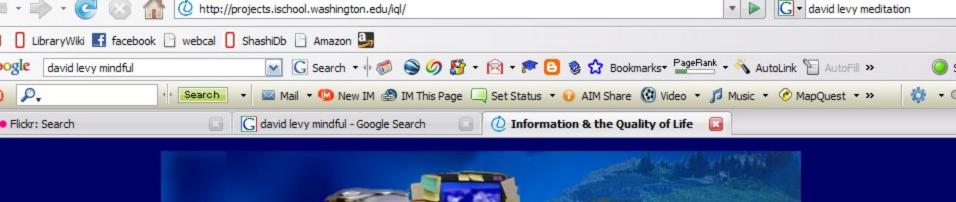
What is a librarian?

We chase new roles, but are we still defined by books? No matter how fast we go, it seems they stay with us...





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Information and the Quality of Life

For more information, contact Prof. David Levy, The Information School, University of Washington (tel. 206-616-2545, email: dmlevy@u.washington.edu)

Too much information and too little time to digest it. Attention pulled in a thousand directions, and by the very technologies - cell phones and handhelds, email and the Web, cable TV and satellite radio - that promise to inform and connect us. An accelerating pace of life leaving no time to relax or reflect. These are some of today's common complaints in our information-rich, technology-infused society. Increasingly, people express a longing for a more harmonious life, a life better balanced between work, family, and community; between fast-paced productivity and leisurely reflection; between compulsive consumption and just plain living.

Why is life speeding up and what can we do about it? How can we find a more balanced life in the midst of these changes? To address these questions, the Information School of the University of Washington has























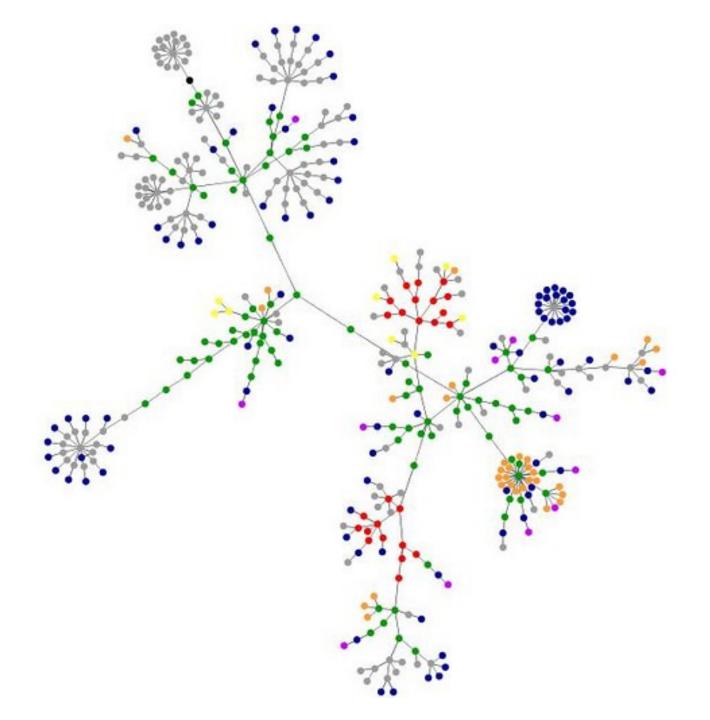




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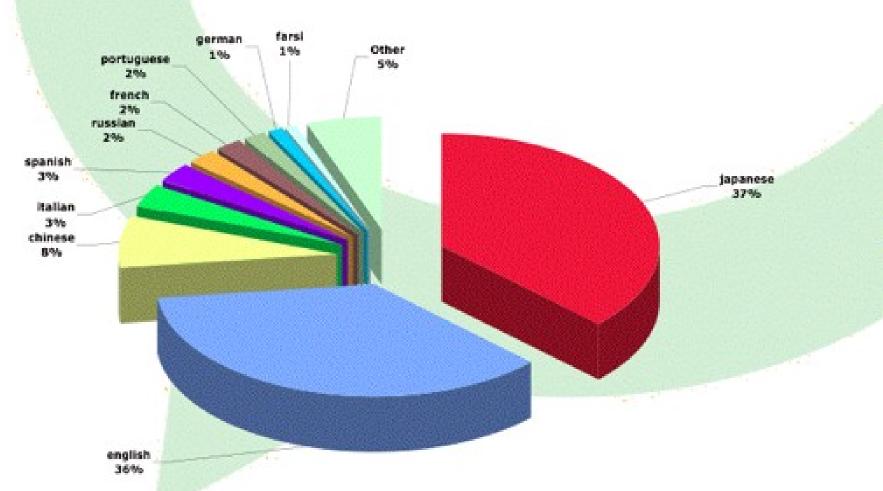


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