

SELF-ORGANIZING COMMUNITIES

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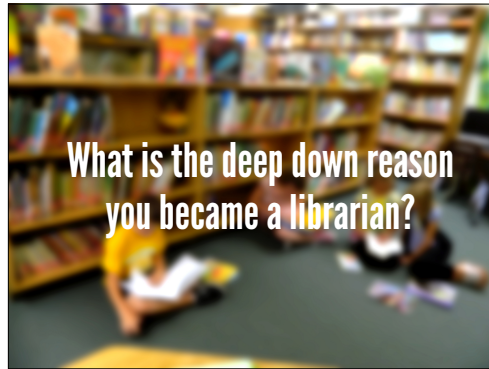
Your library as a HUB.

NOT what a library SHOULD be.

What do you WANT a library
to be, your library?

The one where you work.

The one you use.



**their community,
and to help others**

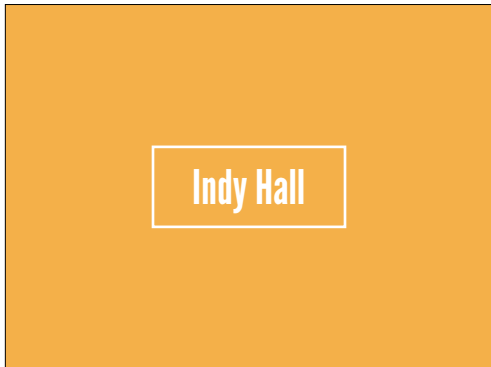
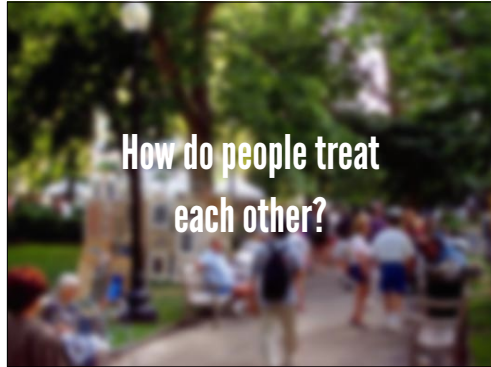
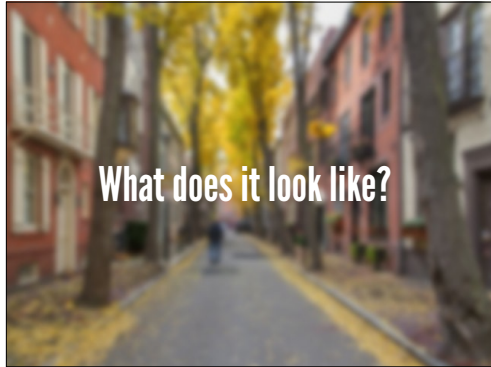
**Business as a tool to make
change in the world**

**A thriving city is
good for business**

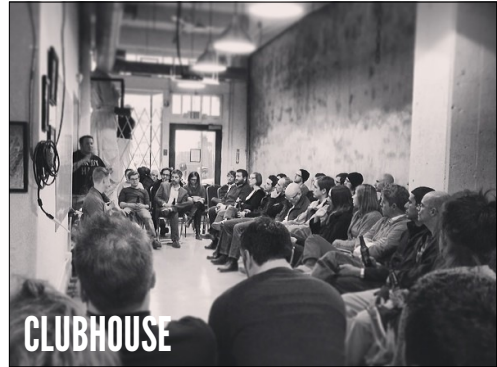
People are treated fairly.

The sick are cared for.

The masses are educated.













City of Philadelphia

 City Council
 Chief Clerk's Office
 452 City Hall
 Philadelphia, PA 19107

RESOLUTION NO. 140161
 Introduced March 6, 2014

**Councilmember Squilla, Council President Clarke
 and Councilmember Kenney**

RESOLUTION

Also naming 3rd Street between Market and Poplar Streets to "N3RD Street".

WHEREAS, Over the past decade, North 3rd Street has become home to a growing population of creative and technology businesses, as well as a variety of collaborative spaces and community initiatives. In the last few years alone, the area has seen organic growth beyond a handful of tech stalwarts to an increasingly connected community; and

WHEREAS, The "N3RD Street" (pronounced "nerd") name for the area began as a colloquial nickname, used by community anchors, including Jarv.us in Northern Liberties and Indy Hall in Old City, but it has caught on as others in the community began to use



ATTENDEES LEAD THE SESSIONS

PEER LEARNING

COMMUNITY MENTORING

APPRENTICING

NURTURING NEW SPEAKERS

PASSION & RESPONSIBILITY

COMMUNITY OF THE WILLING



GIVING IDEAS THE LIGHT OF DAY

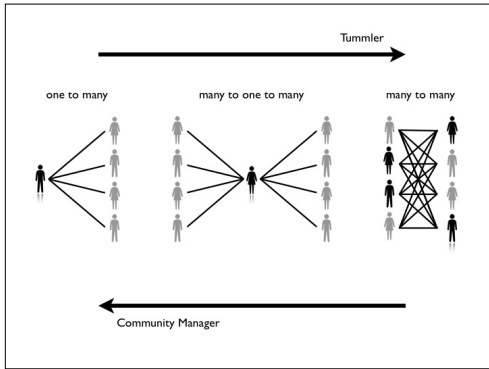




LIBRARY AS HUB

**You are experts at connecting
people to resources.**

Connecting people to people.



Already a geographic & subject matter hub of community.

BARCAMP EVERYDAY

Place for people to express their expertise.

Place for people to express their interests.

Index cards on a board?

room reservation system.

Frictionless
room reservation system.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Alternative University

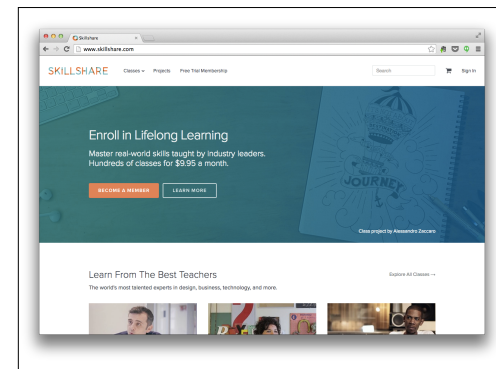
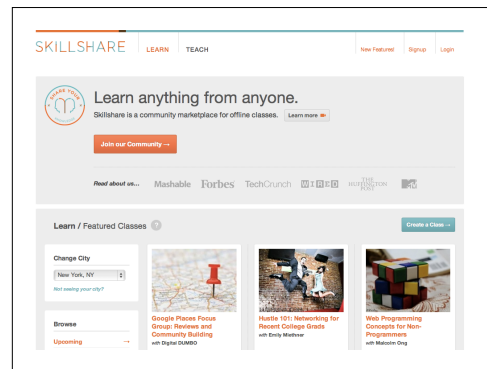
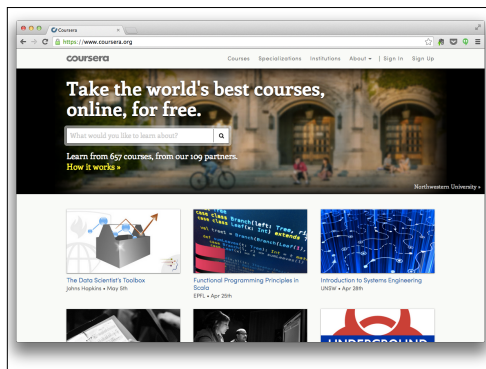
What is school after all?

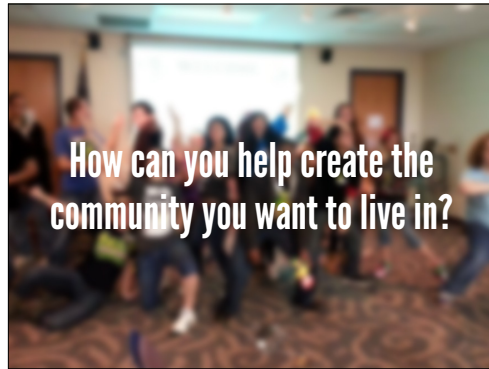
When broken down to its atomic components, the classroom is an agreement between an instructor and a set of students. The instructor agrees to offer expertise and mentorship, while the students offer their attention and dedication.

The question now becomes what role, if any, the educational institution plays in coordinating any of these components. Students can share their ratings online – why wouldn't they also share their educational goals? Once they've pooled their goals, what keeps them from recruiting their own instructor, booking their own classroom, indeed, just doing it all themselves?

-Mark Pesce, futurist

Why not at your library?





How can you help create the community you want to live in?



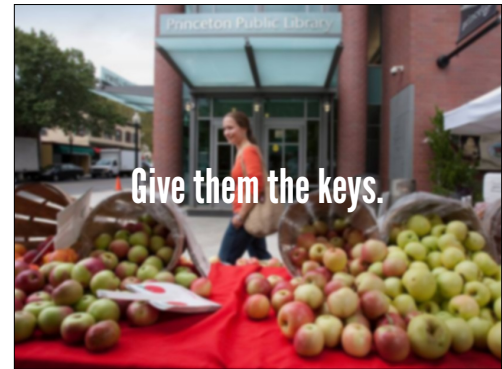
How can you do that as part of your vocation?



A thriving library is good for business, for community.



A thriving library is good for people.



Give them the keys.

Thank you.

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