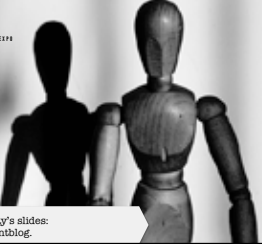


REDEFINING THE ROLE(S) OF THE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

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"Massive Disruption"

HANGING ON BY YOUR FINGERTIPS




STINKS

**WHICH FEELS MORE TRUE FOR YOU?
 (A CHORAL READING)**

A I'm doing more than I ever have before. It has had a dramatic impact on the quality of my students' learning. My efforts may wear me out, but it's worth it.

B I'm doing more than I ever have before, but it is hard to see how my efforts directly impact the quality of my students' learning. My efforts wear me out. It's barely worth it.

BEWARE THE SMORGASBORD APPROACH TO LIBRARIANSHIP.



ARTISANAL LIBRARIANSHIP

ARTISANAL LIBRARY PRACTICE =

GREAT PROCESS +

GREAT INGREDIENTS +

GREAT VISION

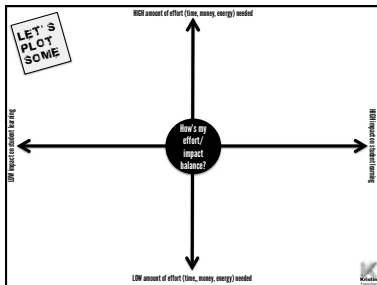
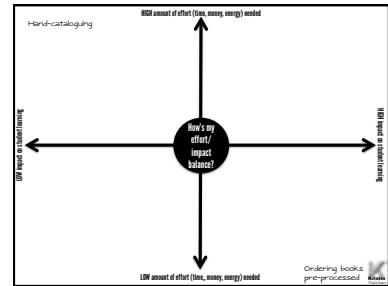
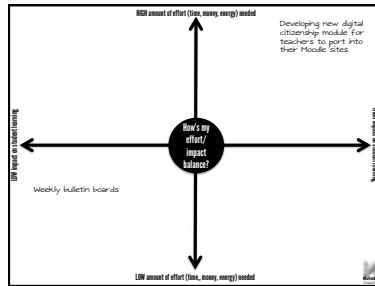
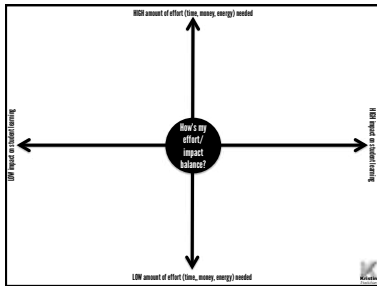



HOW CAN WE MAKE MORE ARTISANAL CHOICES?

HOW DO WE DO LESS, BUT DO THAT "LESS" BETTER?

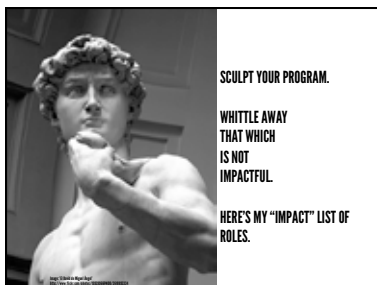
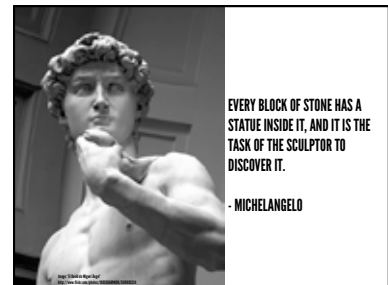
IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT EFFORT. IT'S ABOUT IMPACT.





YOUR AHA MOMENTS?

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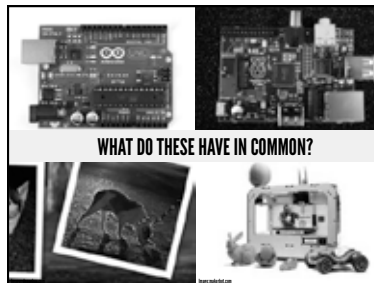
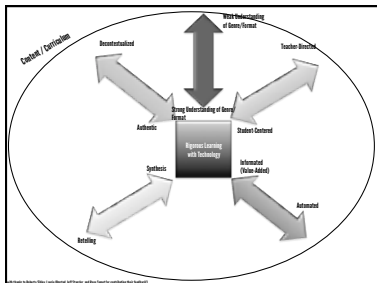


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Identify and connect to local needs.



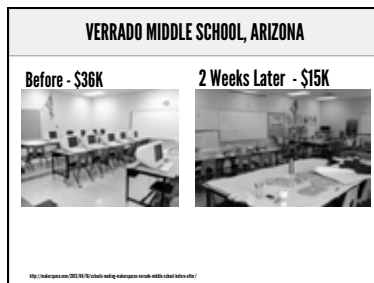
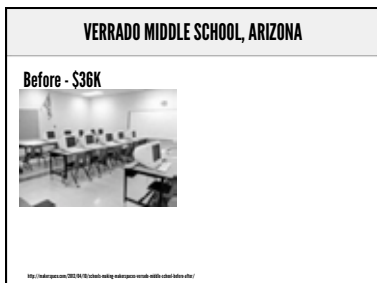
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 Define success as what your students and staff can do without your mediation.



IS IT TIME TO REBUILD & RETOOL PUBLIC LIBRARIES? AND MAKE TECHSHOPS?

MAKERSPACE.COM (DARPA-FUNDED)

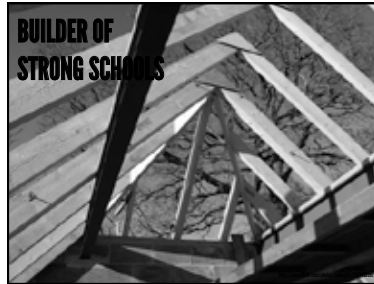
[Don't let getting everything exactly "right" deter you from getting your Makerspace going... Consider repurposing an existing space at your school. Partner with an existing, possibly underused or disused room yearning to be used as the portal to 21st-century innovation. The Computer Lab... The Library... is already used by many departments at your school. Some public libraries have started fundraising to get Maker tools and hackerspaces into their libraries; school libraries may be close behind!



{action step}

Stay nimble.

Put collection development and evaluation skills to work with technology use.



- For What Should Librarians Advocate?**
- Library Spaces
 - Library Programs
 - Library Materials
 - Library Databases
 - Library Scheduling
 - Library Co-Teaching
 - Appropriate class sizes
 - Democratic decision-making for schools
 - Rich, multidimensional learning for students
 - Learning that is rich and deep
 - Teacher Empowerment
 - Resonant professional development

Libraries
ARE A means
NOT AN end

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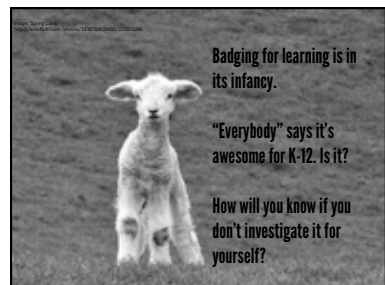
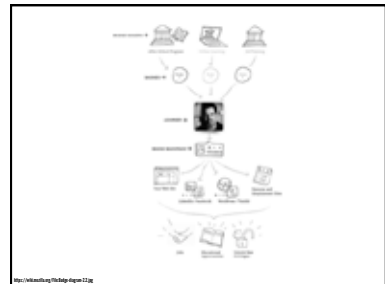
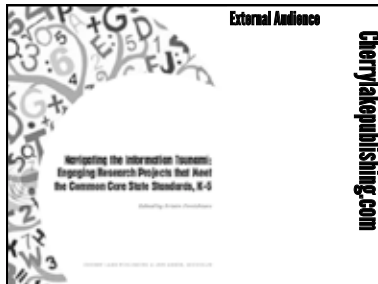
Speak up as individuals for quality, holistic, multidimensional public education.

Keep education dollars local.



Parents	Community and political leaders	Administrators
Students	Classroom colleagues	Administrative programs in higher ed
Not-for profits	Vendors and publishers	Professional Colleagues





{action steps}

Reach out to colleges of education (to show more than tell).

Share inside and outside LibraryLand.

Actively evaluate education "reforms."



"The mission of librarians is to improve society by facilitating knowledge creation in their communities."

- R. David Lankes
The Atlas of New Librarianship

{action step}
Prioritize.
Choose fewer high-impact activities instead of numerous diffuse ones.

