### Leadership



### Even more good news:

Strategies serve gamers better than "cheat codes."

Here are 4 to help you master your path as you choose your adventure.

### Strategy 1: Start with your core.



### Gratuitous "core" slide



### **Choosing and Using Technology**

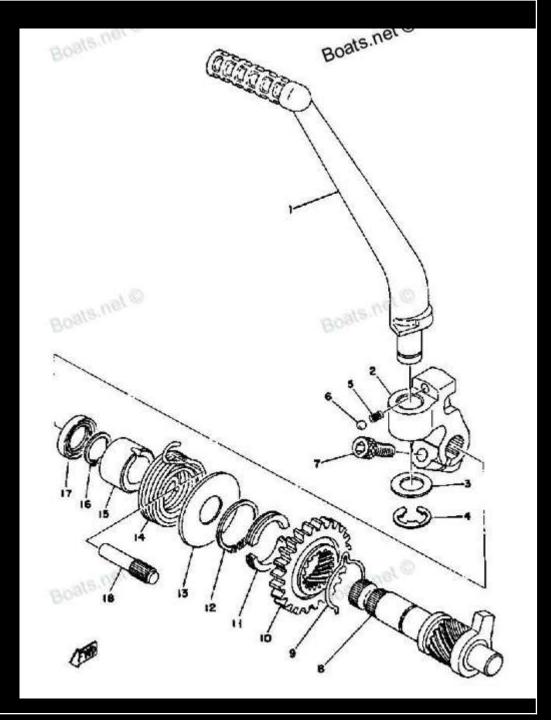


Great technological choices start with knowing who you are and what you want to do.

Technology is one tool to help realize your dreams...

...and never copy the "what" without first understanding the "why."

Strategy 2:
Kick-start
Collaboration



### Collaborations "R" Us

### @1 is the loneliest #

= #epicfail\*

\*#epicfail, in this case, is not the good kind of fail.

## Do you express your library's real mission in your community? \*

\*hint: the actual mission statement may be off somewhat.

Who else – with complementary skills or resources – has the same goals, hopes and dreams?

Find them and engage them!

### Strategy 3: Embrace Risk / Failure as the Path to Ultimate Success



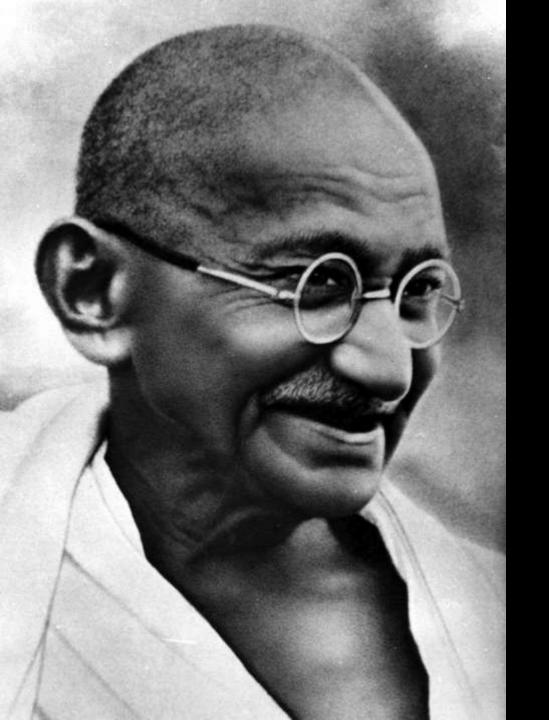
## Welcome to the world of the "perpetual pilot project"

## "Embracing Failure" does not mean being sloppy



## Don't make it failsafe. Make it safe to fail

## The example you set is fundamentally important to those watching you.



Be the change you wish to see in the world.

"Be the change you wish to see in the world" (Mahatma Gandhi) is the simplest \*and\* toughest piece of advice to follow since "Love your enemies." (Jesus)

Strategy 4: Find Your Space, Own Your Space, and Make Good Things Happen



## Think like a servant and you will find opportunities \*everywhere\*

 ...but also make sure "no" or "stop doing" is in your leadership toolkit

## Group work: What risk should you take? What strategy should you use?



### The library is filled with awesome

## Libraries serve communities in times of crisis.





#### Lauren Bradley

The Center for Jewish History is collecting winter coats, blankets, and warm winter clothing for Hurricane Sandy victims. If you live or work in the NYC tri-state area and want to help, please bring items to our front desk at 15 W. 16th Street.

Like - Comment - Follow Post - Tuesday at 2:10pm near New York, NY

3 people like this.

Public Library (NYPL) is donating food that would have been :k-tie fundraising gala to feed Staten Islanders who have ses in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.

rary Lions gala was scheduled to take place on Monday, Nov. en A. Schwarzman Building on 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue, he storm disrupted power to the building.

'orkers in desperate need after Hurricane Sandy, the Library ala food - which can feed about 600 people - to the recovery



Where's My Library?



Thanks Queens Library, for letting us and other staff open up the book bus on a Sunday!

Staff held story book time for children whose parents were choosing donated clothing, next to the Book Bus at Queens Library at Peninsula. A comforting story helped stressed kids and gave the adults a needed rest.



#### Sandy Children's Book Relief

Posted on November 5, 2012 by Bullhorn



## Libraries serve communities in times of crisis.

Houston Public Library – Hurricane Ike Mobile Express Technology Lab



#### Libraries Weather the Superstorm

By George M. Eberhart

Many served as lifelines to residents without power

Posted Sun, 11/04/2012 - 16:00

Beyond temporary power outages and minor wind and water damage, libraries along the Atlantic coast weathered Superstorm Sandy

ig all the flooding and in homes and some areas of central without power six days public libraries in owered up and serving t centers for residents

nage occurred on the New York, just across JFK International s of Oueens Library

ternet access, or heat.



The Plainsboro (N.J.) Public Library was packed with patrons seeking electrical outlets and an internet connection. Photo by New Jersey Library Association, used CC BY-NC-ND 3.0.



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Queens Library shared a link via HootSuite. Tuesday

Tens of thousands of Queens residents are suffering due to Sandy and we are here to help:

Providing internet and Wi-Fi and places to recharge cell phones;

Assisting with FEMA applications;

Bringing programs to children and families in temporary shelters;

Reaching out to all our homebound customers to find out what they need.

http://www.queenslibraryfoundation.org/site/PageServer? pagename=Help\_Us\_Help\_Our\_Neighborsv1



Help us Help Our Neighbors www.queenslibraryfoundation.org

Tens of thousands of Queens residents are suffering due to Sandy. You can help today! We urgently need books to restore those that

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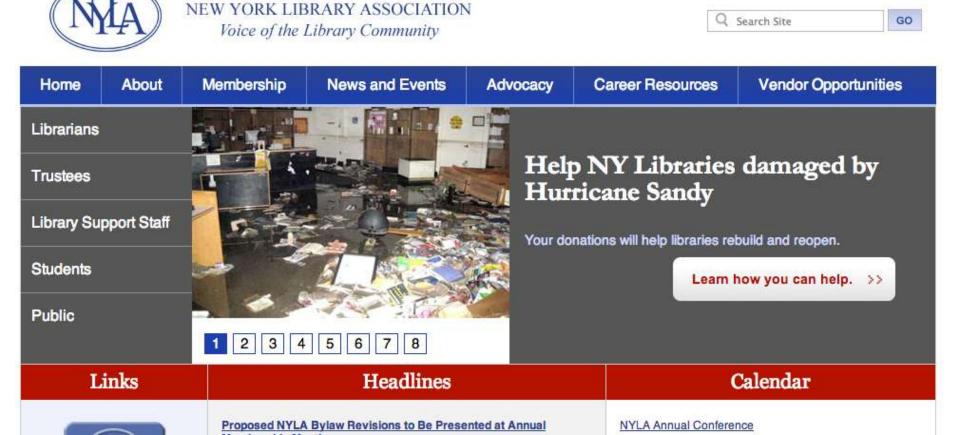




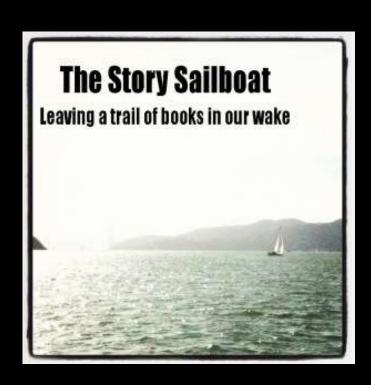
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## Libraries serve each other in times of crisis.

Contact Us I Login I Join



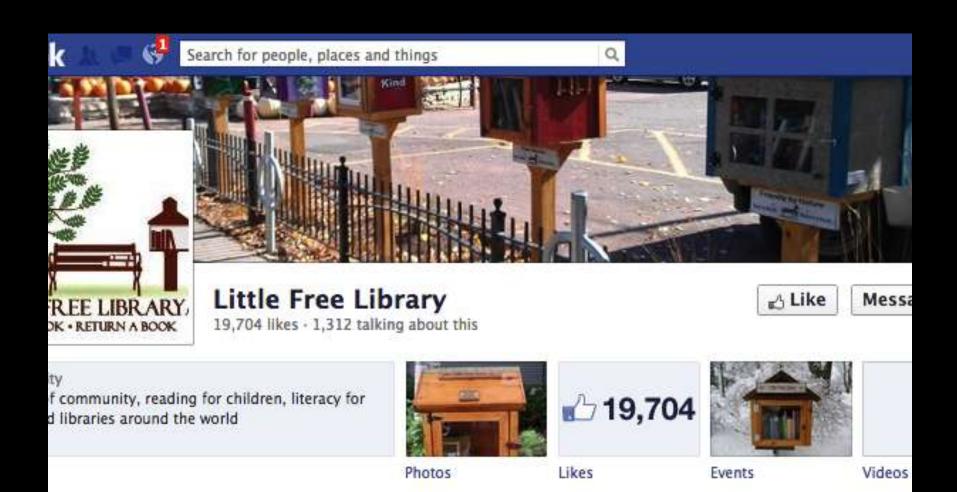
## Librarians do their thing everywhere.



http://thestorysailboat.com/



### Little Free Libraries

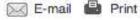


#### Tulsa Gets Pop-Up Library at Bus Terminal











#### By KWGS NEWS

At Tulsa City-County Library's new popup library in Tulsa Transit's Denver Avenue Station, families can now see and read "The Wheels on the Bus."

Funding from the Tulsa Library Trust will establish a collection of children's books to create a pop-up library in the new play area at the Denver Avenue Station. Families waiting for their bus are encouraged to browse the collection and discover their new favorite story or find a familiar classic. Riders are asked to leave the books to enjoy during their next visit.



Credit Tulsa Transit

Enlarge image Q

The downtown station is across the street from the **BOK Center** 

Pop-Up Libraries

> "Studies continually show that reading aloud to your children just 20 minutes a day will help them build essential skills for success in school and life," said Shaffer. "The more we can encourage parents and caregivers to emphasize the importance of establishing strong literacy skills, the greater ability their children will have to compete globally."

Librarybox





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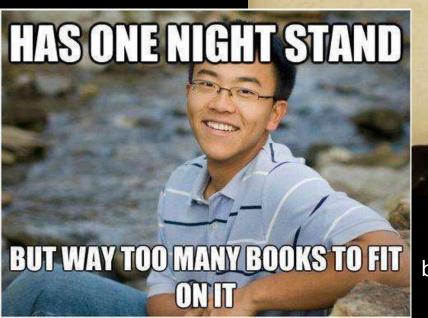
#### **Building Voter Support for Libraries**

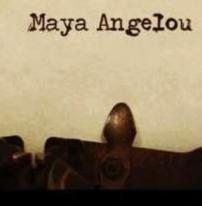
Libraries need to talk to voters directly about the bonds, levys, milliages, and referendum that build, renovate, or expand library services for the next generation. Any library initiative anywhere matters to every library everywhere. Make your pledge today.

**Donate Now** 

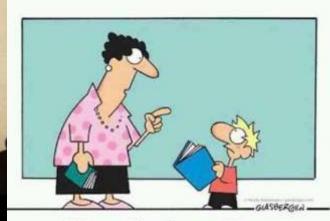
### Ben Bizzle's Dropbox of Library Promotional Images (200+ Libraries)

People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.





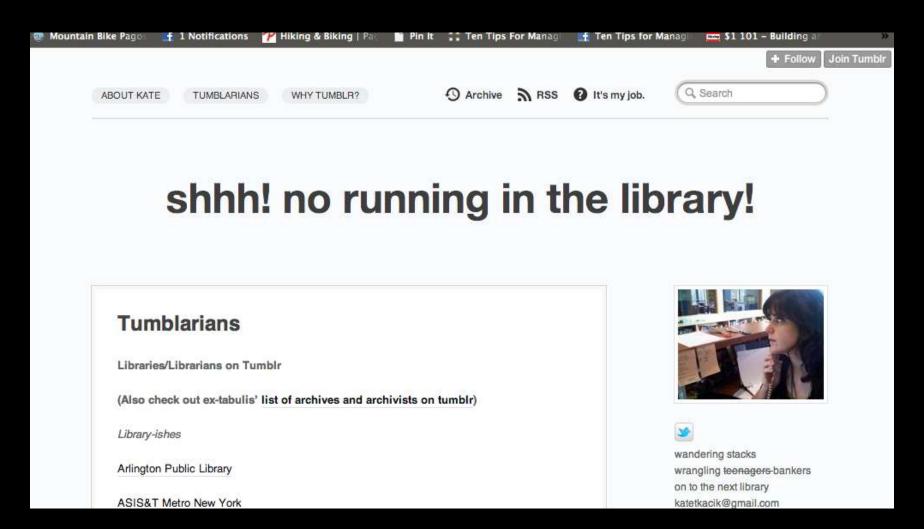
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It's called **reading**.

It's how people install new software into their brains.

#### "Tumblarians" (Librarians on Tumblr)



## "Libraries" spring up everywhere.

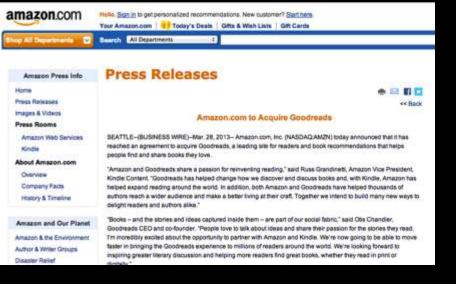
Klagenfurt, Austria QR Code Electronic Library (70 titles)



http://www.smartplanet.com/blog/cities/a-public-library-that-only-uses-qr-codes/3905

### Reading is **HOT**

### Amazon thinks so. And so does TED...



### Amazon acquires Goodreads

March 2013

"Amazon and Goodreads share a passion for reinventing reading," said Russ Grandinetti, Amazon Vice President, Kindle Content. "Goodreads has helped change how we discover and discuss books and, with Kindle, Amazon has helped expand reading around the world. In addition, both Amazon and Goodreads have helped thousands of authors reach a wider audience and make a better living at their craft. Together we intend to build many new ways to delight readers and authors alike."

- Free app w/ \$2.99/title or via subscription
- Interactive content
- New publishing model: 50/50 split with authors





# "...download the app...and help us reinvent the future of reading."

- TED curator Chris Anderson http://blog.ted.com/2012/07/20/9-reasons-to-be-excited-by-the-new-ted-books-app/

### Shouldn't libraries own reading? Librarian, Take it Back!

# Libraries care about the right to access information confidentially...

...by culture, and by statute.

## Libraries curate local and unique content and send it back to the hive.

## Libraries are a community anchor.

## Libraries are an economic anchor.

Librarians care about the success of individuals and the success of our communities.

### Choose your adventure: what will your library of the future be?



#### Thank You!



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