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LIBRARIANS AS PLANNERS AND PREPPERS

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Topics for Today

Ok, Doomer
Library Redesigned
Library Prepping
Changed Roles
1816: The Year Without a Summer

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KNOWN KNOWNS, KNOWN UNKNOWNS & UNKNOWN UNKNOWNS

Donald Rumsfeld
Planning for an Uncertain Future

**KKs**
- COVID-19 will still be an issue this fall
- Schools will have to find new models of student interaction

**KUs**
- How long will this pandemic last?
- How will budget cuts impact my school library?

**UUs**
- ???

This is why we plan now!
COVID-19 Reading List
or, How I Prepare to Plan

■ “Why the Coronavirus Is So Confusing” 4/29/20, The Atlantic

■ “The Dangerous Coronavirus Conspiracy Theories Targeting 5G Technology, Bill Gates, and a World of Fear” 4/24/20, The New Yorker

■ “Our Pandemic Summer” 4/14/20, The Atlantic
Library Redesign

Everything is possible.

https://www.reddit.com/r/EngineeringPorn/comments/gbg145/tensegrity_stable/
The Conversations are Happening…

Just remember that while we can make use of common ideas, all planning is local.

https://www.tricider.com/admin/2TXhTs3hd8N/9c38itGNm0P
Physical Space
Can we use the library space as a communal area?
Maintaining distance in seating/movement.

Service Modifications
Circulation changes:
Pick list for requests?
Book quarantine?
Touchless self checkout?

Staying Safe
Disinfecting books, computers, surfaces per district plans.
Thinking about safety and perceptions.
Operational Needs Assessment Lessons Learned from MITRE

- Beware solutions masquerading as needs.
- State needs unambiguously.
- Get all relevant views.
- One size may (or may not) fit all.
- The educated consumer is the best consumer.

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Explore Systems Thinking

What if we distributed library books to classrooms so books are accessible if the communal space is closed?

What if we treated each classroom as a branch of the school library and had inter-library loan in the building?

What if we just went ahead and called “fair use” on the things that we actually need in order to teach online?
SCHOOL LIBRARIAN PREPPING

Prepping for the future
What’s in your bag?

If you had to put together a “go bag” of essentials for continuing work from home in the case of a local flare up, what would you keep in the bag? What have you been wanting these last weeks?
What I wish I had from my office…

- Good Microphone
- Tabletop Tripod
- Family Games
- ???
Advocacy tools in a bag

Plan A: Be so awesome that districts could never even imagine cutting librarians

Plan B: Emergency advocacy toolkit

https://www.saveschoollibrarians.org/
https://studentsneedschoollibraries.org.au/
The changing roles of school librarians

How can we leverage our unique skill set to make the biggest difference in our schools and communities?
New Role: Advocate for Allowed Use of Content

A more progressive view of fair use combined with the provisions of the TEACH Act will let librarians help teachers find a way to get to yes when it comes to using content for teaching.

https://guides.lib.utexas.edu/copyright/teachact
New Role: Instructional Design Consultant

There is a big difference between emergency remote teaching and online learning. With most school buildings closed for the rest of the school year, we have time to plan for the fall.

https://www.h5p.org
New Role: Parent Outreach Coordinator

Parents are going to continue to struggle with helping children who are learning at home. Librarians can provide outreach, technical support, and resources for parents.
New Role: Manager of the Unknown Unknowns

New things are going to come up. Things we never anticipated. It is going to be kind of crazy for the next year or two. So buckle up and get ready to ride the unknown unknowns.
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