Commentary and Response

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“The future is already here, it’s just unevenly distributed.”

William Gibson
JARGON WATCH

**Patternicity n.** “The tendency to find patterns where there are none. According to a recent study, evolution favors patternicity because it’s safer to detect false threat than to ignore a real one and become a bogeyman’s lunch meat.”

Jonathan Keats (jargon@)
Society
Technology
Economy
Ecology
Politics

• Reminder that the future doesn’t happen in a vacuum
• Use to ponder possible implications and possibilities

Source: tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Main/Zeerust
Scenarios for the future

Variables: physical, virtual, individual, community, portal, archive
5 Questions

1. How do people know things?
2. How do people find and use information?
3. What is community?
4. What is learning?
5. What is entertainment & leisure?
Challenge our Assumptions

- Will we really be guides in 10 years? How many people in our communities use us as guides to information now?

- Do we need to do more of the same – just different? Or do we transform ourselves into something that may be more meaningful for our communities?

- Will it be enough to have stuff? Or do we become the designers of information and connection?
Possibilities

- Designers of information
- Hackers of data and interfaces
- Content packagers
- Community futurists
- Skill builders
- Keepers of collective memory
- Retro quiet zones
“We must determine our future.”

Jennifer Hendrix
“People don’t change because they see the light, they change because they feel the heat.”
--Mary Jane Naquin