

From Futuring to Innovation

Focus in on 1 - 3 trends that you feel are important for the library of the future or your community's future. Write them down.

TRENDS

SIGNALS

What are the signals - news stories, anecdotes, experiences - that show these trends working in our world? Write down a few signals for each.

How do our values interact with the selected trends? Pick 1 - 2 library values that might be positively affected by these trends (and can be used to our benefit) or negatively affected (and warrant a response)?

VALUES

creation & expression / democracy / discovery / diversity / equity of access
intellectual freedom / learning / literacy / place / preservation / privacy
public discourse / service

INNOVATE

Play with the future! Imagine a creative solution that brings together the selected trends and values into the library of the future (5 - 10 years). Propose a specific service, space, partnership, or program that could develop out of the trends and advance library values. Write it. Draw it. Sketch it. Outline it.

As you complete your innovation - and especially if its an innovation that excites you - think about what you could do today or in the next few months to start making that innovation a reality.