

Forum on Librarianship 1

- Issues are as old as librarianship.
 - In Schools
 - How do we take back the technology?
 - Used to have control of cataloging, now the machines are taking over.
 - Why are libraries hiring technology experienced students?
 - We need librarians to be in those positions.
 - We need people who understand how people are using information.
 - Librarians are users of technology not developing technology.
 - We were the gatekeepers and now we are not.
 - We need to be teaching students to be school technology coordinators.

- Censorship in School and Public Libraries
 - Google images blocked because of CIPA.
 - But Google images are a limited research tool.
 - 70% of libraries in rural areas do not have librarians that have the MLS.
 - Create blended librarian/Hybrid librarian
 - Combination = Techie Librarian
 - Technology victim – we cannot allow ourselves to be a technology victim.
 - Educators are under pressure to raise money to fund their programs.
 - Students are coming into programs with radically different level of skill levels.
 - Corporatization and capitalization of the university
 - Making money: Pulling in money is as important as teaching students
 - SLIS Programs are feeling pressure from the larger university
 - U of Michigan and U of Texas are both totally traditional leading schools.
 - Getting to be a glut of DE graduates.
 - Some are having trouble getting jobs.
 - There are some fine people who got there degrees online.
 - Online classes are getting larger. 65 students in a class or more.

- Money driving these issues
 - More adjuncts – less tenure track
 - Part time librarians vs. Full time
 - Online vs. traditional

- People are getting graded on reading email and bulletin boards.
- Drucker - what are we really learning?
- More paid internships
- Are we fully committed to the idea that the MLS is a terminal degree?
- Maybe it should be a Bachelor's as a degree for being a librarian.
- Needs are different
- Small rural library – one stop shop
- Academic libraries that need subject specialty.
- Combinations
- The edge – is where the library is combining different focuses – computer tech – children's librarian.
- There is a difference between getting an education and learning a trade.
- Need an Associate Degree for library science. A technical degree approach. They would work at a middle school or rural town.
- Goals of APA are some of the goals we are teaching here.