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SHAKER HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARIES WERE....
Libraries were repositories.
Libraries were transactional.
Libraries were quiet.

SILENCE IS REQUESTED IN THE READING ROOM.
Libraries were solitary.
Libraries were monumental
LIBRARIES ARE CHANGING
In 2013, there were **1.5 billion** in-person visits to public libraries across the U.S., the equivalent of more than 4 million visits each day.

There were **96.5 million attendees at public library programs** in 2013, more than all Major League Baseball and NBA games combined.

What are 21st century libraries?

- Libraries are **play rooms**
- Libraries are **safe spaces**
- Libraries are **co-working spaces**
- Libraries are **online 24/7**
- Libraries are **maker spaces**
- Libraries are **art galleries**
- Libraries are **on your mobile device**
- Libraries are **classrooms**

...they are whatever their community needs them to be.
A rebalancing of space from collections to people allows the library to reinforce a sense of community with engaging gathering spaces that promote interaction.
Reorganizing buildings to be structured around a central gathering area focuses the spatial configuration of the library on the people rather than the collection.
Removing barriers between people, knowledge, and resources, the library supports inclusive spaces that accommodate learning opportunities for people of all socioeconomic backgrounds.
Reconfiguration allows the library to embrace change and continue to find innovative ways to deliver service that supports the shifting needs of the community.
LIBRARIES ARE...
Libraries are communal space
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LocHal | Tilburg, Netherlands
Architect: Civic Architects
Libraries are social
Libraries are refuge
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Fort York Branch | Toronto, Ontario
Architect: KPMB Architects
Libraries are refuge
Libraries are flexible

Trommen Cultural Center | Horsholm, Denmark
Architect: Arkitema
Libraries are flexible

Tacony Library | Philadelphia, PA
Architect: James R. Keller
Libraries are visible
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Helsinki Central Library | Helsinki, Finland
Architect: ALA Architects
Libraries are browsable
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Klostergarden Public Library | Lund, Sweden
Architect: MDD
Libraries are browsable
Libraries are retail influenced

West Loop Branch | Chicago, IL
Architect: SOM
Libraries are retail influenced
Libraries are workspace
Libraries are **collaborative**

West Loop Branch | Chicago, IL
Architect: SOM
Libraries are collaborative
Libraries are creative
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Libraries are learning
Libraries are outside

Albion Branch | Toronto, Ontario
Architect: Perkins & Will
Libraries are outside

Albion Branch | Toronto, Ontario
Architect: Perkins & Will
Libraries are colorful

St Louis Main Library | St Louis, MO
Architect: Cannon Design
Libraries are galleries

Northtown Library | Chicago, IL
Architect: Perkins & Will
Libraries are galleries

Dokk1 | Aarhus, Denmark
Architect: Schmidt, Hammer, Lasen
LIBRARIES ARE...

WHATEVER THEIR COMMUNITY NEEDS THEM TO BE
KEEP LEARNING
Summer Reading List

- **Rising to the Challenge: Re-Envisioning Public Libraries**

- **American Library Association Trends Guide & Quotable Facts**
  [http://www.ala.org/advocacy/quotable-facts](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/quotable-facts)

- **Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life**
  by Eric Klinenberg
See things locally

Columbus Main Library
Architect: Gund Partnership

King Road Library
Architect: HBM Architects

Dayton Main Library
Architect: Group 4

Middleburg Heights Library
Architect: HBM Architects

Dayton

Cuyahoga County

Toledo

Columbus
See things regionally

Chinatown Branch Library
Architect: SOM

St Louis Main Library
Architect: Cannon Design

Albion Branch Library
Architect: Perkins & Will

Southwest Regional Library
Architect: MS&R

Chicago

Louisville

St Louis

Toronto
See things **globally**

The Netherlands
Architect: Civic Architects

New Zealand

Canada
Architect: Snøhetta

Christchurch Library
Architect: Schmidt Hammer Lassen

Calgary Central Library
Architect: Snøhetta

Dokk1
Architect: Schmidt Hammer Lassen

Denmark
Thank You!

ANY QUESTIONS?