Color, Light, and Signage

First impressions
Corrales Public Library, Albuquerque NM

First impressions
Acocks Green Library, Birmingham UK

Bold Color
Hoover Public Library by ESwift on Flickr

Bold Color
Newcastle branch of KCLS (WA)
Natural Light

Low shelving and a variety of seating options

Sechelt Public Library, Sechelt BC

Natural Light, but...


Artificial Light

Lighting at Arabian Library by Ellen forsythe on Flickr

Lighting at Phoenix PL by Ellen forsythe on Flickr

Newcastle branch of KCLS

Artificial Light

Santa Fe Public Library, Santa Fe NM

Signage: why do kids and teens have all the fun?

Children’s at Minneapolis PL by Schu on Flickr

teen entry by anneheathen on Flickr

Signage for grownups

Un-library like signage by The Shifted Librarian on flickr
Declutter and Diet

Too many choices

Too many choices?

5 items per square foot

Before ...

and after transformation
Flexible Use

Flexibility: removing barriers
Get rid of "Fort Circulation"
...and other immovable objects

Flexibility: multi-use space
The caster is your friend

Flexibility: makerwagon

Flexibility: wheels on everything

Flexibility: oh the noise and chaos
Holiday Tech Fair in the library
Technology is all about power
Data and electrical connections everywhere

What's wrong with this picture?

Better?

But I don't have the skills...
Your community is your resource

But I don't have the money...
$400 media lab
Rooms that Rock Image Credits

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- Corrales Public Library (NM) foyer by B Gutsche
- Acocks Green Library (UK) entrance by DynaMickinAcocksGreen: [https://www.flickr.com/photos/dynamickinacocksgreen/3717023059](https://www.flickr.com/photos/dynamickinacocksgreen/3717023059)

Bold color
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- Newcastle branch of King County Library System by B Gutsche

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- Un-library like signage by The Shifted Librarian: [https://www.flickr.com/photos/shifted/2341587187](https://www.flickr.com/photos/shifted/2341587187) (Delft Public Library (Netherlands))

Too many choices
- too many choices by Elvis Kennedy: [https://www.flickr.com/photos/elviskennedy/4556605516](https://www.flickr.com/photos/elviskennedy/4556605516)

Collections diet
- Everson Library before and after by B Gutsche

Flexibility
- Circulation desk by Boston PL: [https://www.flickr.com/photos/boston_public_library/5243505279](https://www.flickr.com/photos/boston_public_library/5243505279)
- Covington library (WA) by King County Library System
- Children’s bookshelves on wheels by The Shifted Librarian; Delft Public Library (Netherlands): [https://www.flickr.com/photos/shifted/2342418466/in/set-72157604142377648](https://www.flickr.com/photos/shifted/2342418466/in/set-72157604142377648)
- Makerwagon by TeachThought.com on Flickr
- Holiday tech fair at Bellingham PL (WA) by Beth Farley

Power outlets
- Renton Public Library (WA) design concept from KCLS
- Library before/after set from Z Smith Reynolds Library at Wake Forest Univ by vanherdehaag: [https://www.flickr.com/photos/vanherdehaage/sets/72157604939581955](https://www.flickr.com/photos/vanherdehaage/sets/72157604939581955)

Barriers
- Community volunteer group at Everson Library (WA) by Eileen Shaw
- Media Lab at Laurel Public Library (DE) by Tameca Beckett