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Transforming Library Space for Community Engagement
Using the check mark

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Engaging Flexible
Libraries are mostly about:

Books & study

Community events & making things
What percentage of the public thinks libraries are all about books?
(according to the 2010 OCLC Library Perceptions report)

☐ 50%
☐ 62%
☐ 75%
☐ 87%
A Bookless Library!
“People may go to the library looking mainly for information, but they find each other there.”

place-making

—Robert Putnam, Better Together: Restoring the American Community
IdeaBox at Oak Park Public Library
Makerspace: Fayetteville Fab Lab

“The learning and the satisfaction that takes place when you do it yourself is the whole point.”

—Jim Semmelroth
“Our whole library is a MakerSpace, but the 20' X 16' space in the middle of the library serves to SHOUT ‘Libraries are also about creating—not just consuming!’”

—Bill Derry
Building capacity for community engagement

“Explore the evolution of physical space and services in the library to create opportunities that connect people with the community.”

Pilot libraries:
- Bellingham Public Library (pop 82,000)
- Everson branch, Whatcom County Library System (pop 3,000)
SkillShare
Bellingham Public Library
READ LEARN MEET DISCOVER
Before SkillShare

“Are we really talking about DIY—it’s starting to feel like ‘do it together.’
Now what does that look like?”

—Beth Farley
SkillShare at Bellingham Public Library

—coming soon
Marmoleum rolls out
Let the programs begin!

Tech coaching
Creative crafting
Qigong class
Nooksack Valley Heritage Center
Everson Branch
Whatcom County Library System
Before the Heritage Center
“Undoubtedly the shelves have heaved a collective sigh of relief after being liberated from too much weight.”

—Eileen Shaw
Community planning meeting
Construction begins
Welcome to the Heritage Center
Patrons using the new NVHC
Making Changes

to

Invite the Community In
Flexibility: removing barriers

Get rid of “Fort Circulation”

...and other immovable objects
Flexibility: multi-use space

The caster is your friend
Flexibility: oh the noise and chaos

Holiday Tech Fair at BPL
Opening up space

5 items per square foot
Before ... and after transformation
Technology is all about power

Data and electrical connections everywhere
Community as Resource

Your community has expertise
Conquering the Cost Barrier

$400 media lab
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Engaging

Flexible
What do you need to let go of?

- “Fort Circulation” is necessary
- Activity and noise will disturb our patrons
- Projects get too messy and dirty
- Community events should be separate from the main library space
- The collection shall not be diminished
- No room to do anything new
- No money for innovation
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