



REdesign: **Libraries**

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“a library should be ‘like home
room for your community.’”

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Describe your **ideal** library

*“a **comfortable place** where you could focus and get work done, but also feel like a part of their community”*

*“where even if you’re by yourself, you **don’t feel like you’re by yourself**”*

*“a sort of ‘**coffee shop**’ feel or living room atmosphere”*

*“a safe and affordable **hangout location**”*

Renewed Focus

- Specialization of activities + services
- Amenities
- Comfort

Audience Driven

Libraries are moving from being “libraries”
to “Learning Commons”



Major Trends

- Off Site Storage
- Bookless Libraries



Specialization of libraries

Seed Library (Hardwick, MA) / Tools (Oakland, CA)

YOUmedia Lab (Chicago, IL) / Street Press (Sacramento, CA)



< Blind date with a book,
Multiple Libraries



< A hog butchering
demonstration at the
Overland Park, Kan.



Artists interpret libraries





Librarians, describe your ideal library:

“Sometimes people just need a place to go to escape from their hectic lives. **What if we could melt together Starbucks, Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Red box, and the gym together?** A place where the majority of the population could say they use on a weekly, if not daily, basis.”

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“If you want to shift the paradigm,
you have to be willing to do bold
things...it will be controversial,
but it will also be catalytic.”

– John Mackey, Whole Foods Founder & President

Thank you