



# LIBRARY MANAGEMENT DISRUPTIVE TIMES

Skills and knowledge for an uncertain future

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## AL4 :CLOSING ADDRESS

SUSTAINABILITY

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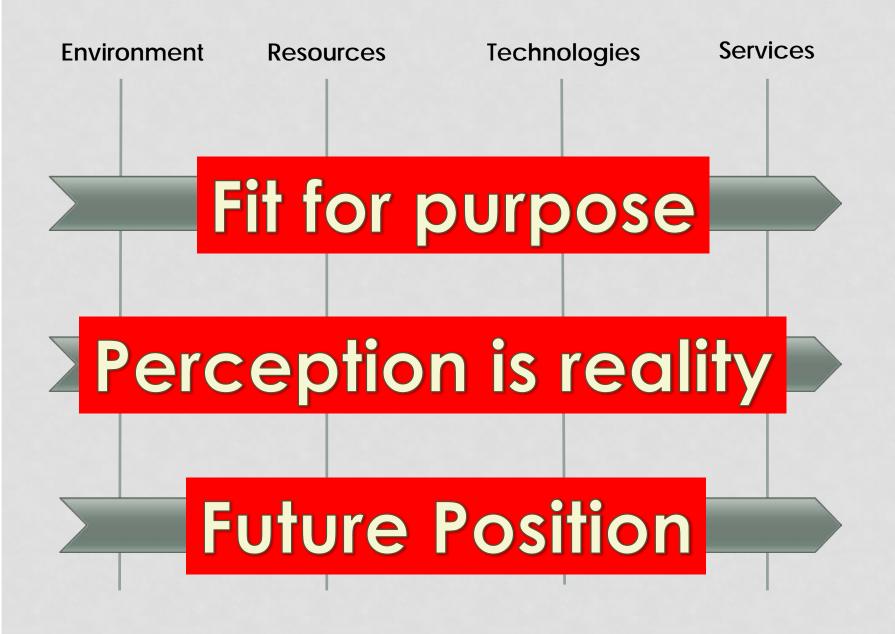
### AL4

- Excellent papers and participation
- International standard papers and presentations
- Diverse range of topics and perspectives
- AL conferences have and continue to reflect the life of academic libraries
- Unable to summarise all papers or choose better papers
- I want you
- to think about things you do not think about!



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- We are Insiders, need to be Outsiders
- Need to remember and understand what we have heard and learnt
- We will not know that something is sustainable until it is actually sustained



\*\* Regenerative is Preferred Thinking. Library Sustainability Plan and Communities of Practice **Charney** 

IFLA "asserted that library and information services promote sustainable development by ensuring freedom of access to information" Petra Hauke

If you build it....composting.... Hussong-Christian

Small things that make sense. Castle of light Vilks

Sustainability is the ability to continue a defined behavior indefinitely. **Spodick** 

\*\* ...create a culture of sustainability in the organisation. **Spodick** 

\*\* Sustainability and target setting Jones and Wong

Sustaining web materials for archive roles and boundaries The Right to be remembered!! **Helen Hockx-yu** 

## Tiered service delivery model and student employees training and engagement **Kealy and Oetomo**

- \*\* Reconcile the conflicts between growth and sustainability with finite human and financial resources **Kealy and Oetomo** 
  - \*\* Very thoughtful and thought through change and strategic management at Saskatchewan **Sorensen**
- \*\* Tennant's quip : only librarians like to search; everyone else likes to find. Now to delivery. **Meadow**
- \*\* Libraries are the steward of knowledge. Collaboration, partnerships, relationships will contribute to whether changing library and publishing Environments can offer greater sustainability as we invest more in a more intense digital world. **Meadow**
- \*\* The academic library environment progressively demands new librarian Roles.... Gained through sustainable leadership. **Williamson**

#### Perceptions of PS and TS librarians of each other Weng Ackerman

We get too siloed and developed steretypes and misconceptions of each other **Weng Ackerman** 

A reminder of the power of in-house metadata services Han

A single shared library management system for Wales Owen

Collaboration and Consortia Helmer

\*\* Librarians should draw from philosophies outside their field to inform their work **Beasley Rosseel** 

eLearning as a library strategy to enhance learning experiences Yates Han

Extended and experimenting library service integrations .. process King

LIS Professional re-imagine collections and services Foster Evans

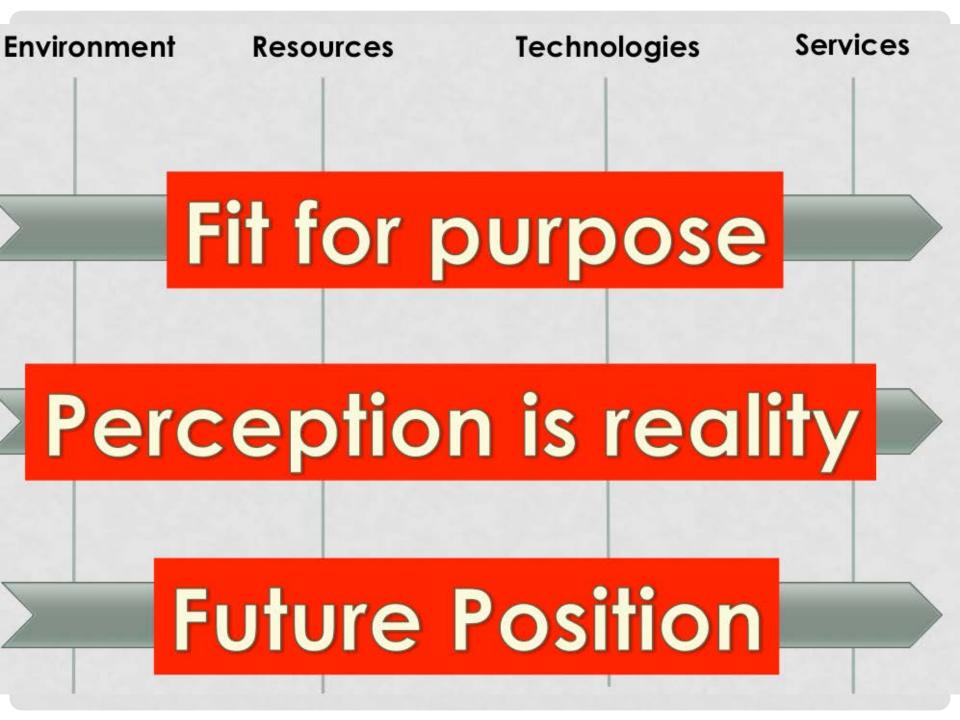
Digital Humanities journals research Wong

\*\* Understanding and researching library users experience **Priestner** 

Redefining Enquiry services for sustainability **Hockey**Information Literacy across diverse disciplines **Caplan**Library services to support research programs **McRostie**Educating increasing numbers of students about libraries **Phillips** 

Library sustainable services Pionke

\*\* Strategies: Sustaining value .. Listening and learning Cmor

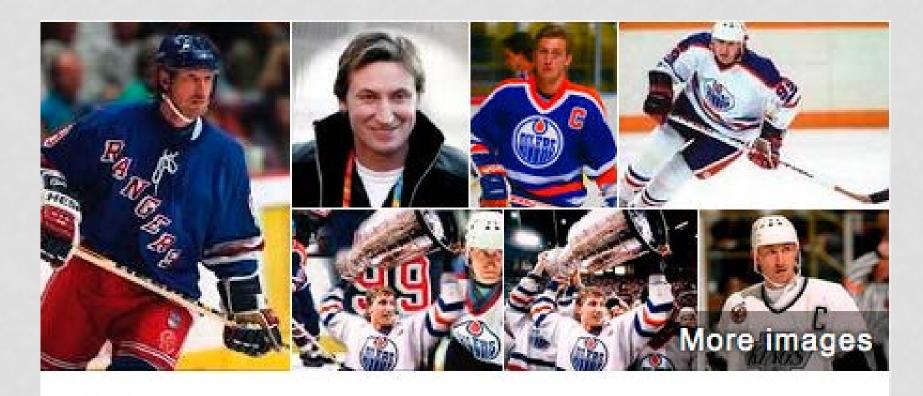


### THE CONVERSATION...

- The definitions of Sustainability as the 'ability to continue a defined behavior indefinitely'... will always allow for change
- Each of the papers concerning Sustainability discussed new modes of operation, new processes and new roles in response to challenges, crises but changed strategic circumstance
- Sustainability has many many facets
- Our Conversation can only be validated by looking from or imagining the end point

#### TWO FINAL POINTS

- If it has been sustained...
- Then we will have understood 'Big Data'
  - Departmental stores know where we go and what we do
  - Need to understand information user behaviours beyond libraries. We leave a lot of data trails.....
  - Jaron Lanier Who owns the future
  - We do not know where our own paths lead.... Or
  - Will hugely affect the sustainability of libraries and indeed publishers
  - How this intersects with our sustainability strategies will be the Future
- Then we will have understood the direction....



## Wayne Gretzky

Ice hockey player



"A good hockey player plays where the puck is.

A great hockey player plays where the puck is going to be"

**Wayne Gredzky** 

# Libraries need to be where the puck will be....

Think about things you do not think about!



## Thank You

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## I never lose. I either win or learn. Nelson Mandela INSIGHTTIMER

### OPEN THE CLOSING

- Nimen hao
- Lao pen yao
- Great conference only one peer AL2
- Thanks to Diane and Louise for chairing and leading this conference. To the Program Committee for constructing such an excellent program and of course to all of the Speakers.
- As Editor of LM I am an observer of trends and developments

- Climate Change
  - Who believes?
- Sustainability arose as a concept because of diminishing resources
- Library Change
  - UK Public Libraries 25% reduction in past 1 to 2 years
  - Who believes that libraries are vulnerable?
- Sustainability
  - Environment
  - Resources
  - Technologies
  - Services

- Have to believe that Climate Change/Library Change is real an commit to action
- Have to know how to address the problems
  - This conference has been very helpful
  - The papers have been exceptionally good in the four themes
  - But how do each of us choose where to place the emphases in our own library operations

 This provides you a filter because not every good idea will work in every library

- Already one issue of LM and probably another 2 to come.
- Many papers accepted already and rest under author review after review
- A fine addition to the AL tradition since 2007 and Colin Storey's initiative

#### One Observation:

- We do not know really what our users are doing and we need to take BIG DATA in a systematic fashion to really understand who will own the Future as Jaron Janier eloquently points out
- To predict the future we need to be great. Need to be like famous Wayne Gredzky the great famous ice hockey player

- I thank and congratulate the authors on their vital and often insightful contributions
- Intellectually it has been very worthwhile
- Lets be Gredzky like
- Lets find where that puck will be and lets be there to meet it...PREPARED

- Intersection
- Charney Regenerative
- Sustainability is about the present for the institution; more about the profession future
- Library Sustainability Plan to move to where the puck will be.....
- Community of practice
- Haipeng Li Triple zero Commitment
  - Zero net Energy
  - Zero net Waste
  - Zero net emissions

