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LIBRARY MANAGEMENT in **DISRUPTIVE** **DISRUPTIVE** TIMES

Skills and knowledge for
an uncertain future

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AL4 :CLOSING ADDRESS

SUSTAINABILITY

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AL 4

- 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

Environment

Resources

Technologies

Services



Fit for purpose

Perception is reality

Future Position

** 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 stereotypes 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**

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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 Gretzky

**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 and 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 Gretzky 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

