Libraries as Change Agents

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Abstract: *In the modern era, the value of libraries is much more than one can imagine. However, the libraries must also go through certain changes. An agent of change, that's the expectation set for the libraries of today's world. In this paper we will try to highlight some of the major requirements that can secure the status of the libraries across the world as a Change Agent. In order for the libraries to remain an important factor and a changing agent in the society, this paper will discuss how important it is for the them to implement stretching along with focusing on discussing, soliciting, targeting, teaming and targeting.*

Change and transition aren't just buzzwords. Whether it is technology or politics or economy, each one has the capability to change how the world works and therefore is changing the social and political scenario around us as well. In the academic world, libraries are also embracing and adapting to the changes and gradually are coming up with their own set of strategies to not only increase but to maintain their relevance and importance in the society.

In the truest sense, the libraries need to realize that in order to become a driving force for individuals or society, they need to have the skills to cope up with the fast and ever-changing communities. In this paper, we will strive to explore a proactive approach in explaining the differences between libraries being able to maintain their role as a change agent and barely coping up or handling the changes responsibly. We will also discuss the strategies that the libraries need to adopt and the need for the change in personal attributes as well as mindsets in order to be able to achieve the status of a Change Agent in various societies of the world.

We will face several questions while writing this paper such as what traits are needed for a modern-day library to be able to become a bearer of change. Also, how ready, as a society are we to build a librarian who plays a crucial role in building a library as a factor causing the change.

Through this paper, we will try to define the crucial and important skill sets coupled with mindsets that a librarian is required to have in order to make the whole library system in the community, evolve..

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