

You Say You Want a Revolution...

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Become a Catalyst for Change

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Your Library

Facility

Indoor Spaces

Outdoor Spaces

Collections

Technology

Programs

In-house Library

Mobile

Outreach

People

Staff & Volunteers

Community

Partners

Library Facility

Indoor Spaces

White boards, white board walls

Chalkboard walls

Movie walls

SMART Board

Fireplace

Living creatures

Music room

Art and/or craft room





Library Facility

Outdoor Spaces

Greenhouse

Community garden

Straw bale tool shed with living roof

Bee hive

Outdoor learning areas

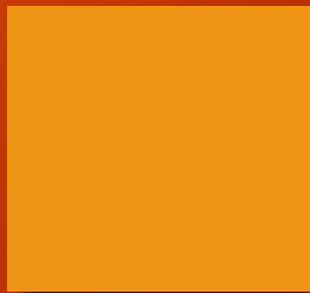
Fruit orchard

Outdoor seating area with fire pit

Outdoor movie wall







Library Facility

Collections

“Dewey-free” collection

Shift your acquisitions focus

Rewrite your collection development policy

Circulating Technology

Circulating “things”

Library Facility

Technology

Circulating tech items

Convert to RFID

Increase access for patrons

Add Mac/Apple to public computers



Programs

Unique and innovative programs such as:

- Yoga, Pilates, Self Defense, Karate
- Cooking, canning, preserving
- Movie nights (indoor & outdoor)
- Gadget training
- Soap making
- Beekeeping
- Painting
- Composting
- Resumé Writing
- Web design
- Sing-alongs
- Self publishing
- Drumming
- Photography
- Recycled Art
- Magic tricks
- ComiCon at the Library
- Cake decorating

People

Staff & Volunteers

Creative

Energetic

Eager to serve the public

Connected to the community

Experimental & willing to learn

Sense of humor

People

Community

School District

Parks & Rec

Family Center

American Red Cross

Community and/or Senior Center

Law Enforcement

Fire District

Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts

American Legion, VFW, DAV, etc.

Service Clubs (Rotary, Kiwanis)

Partners

Friends of the Library

Library Foundation

Library Garden Club

Library volunteers

Summer Reading Captains

City & County Departments

Other libraries

State Library

NLA, MPLA, PLA & ALA

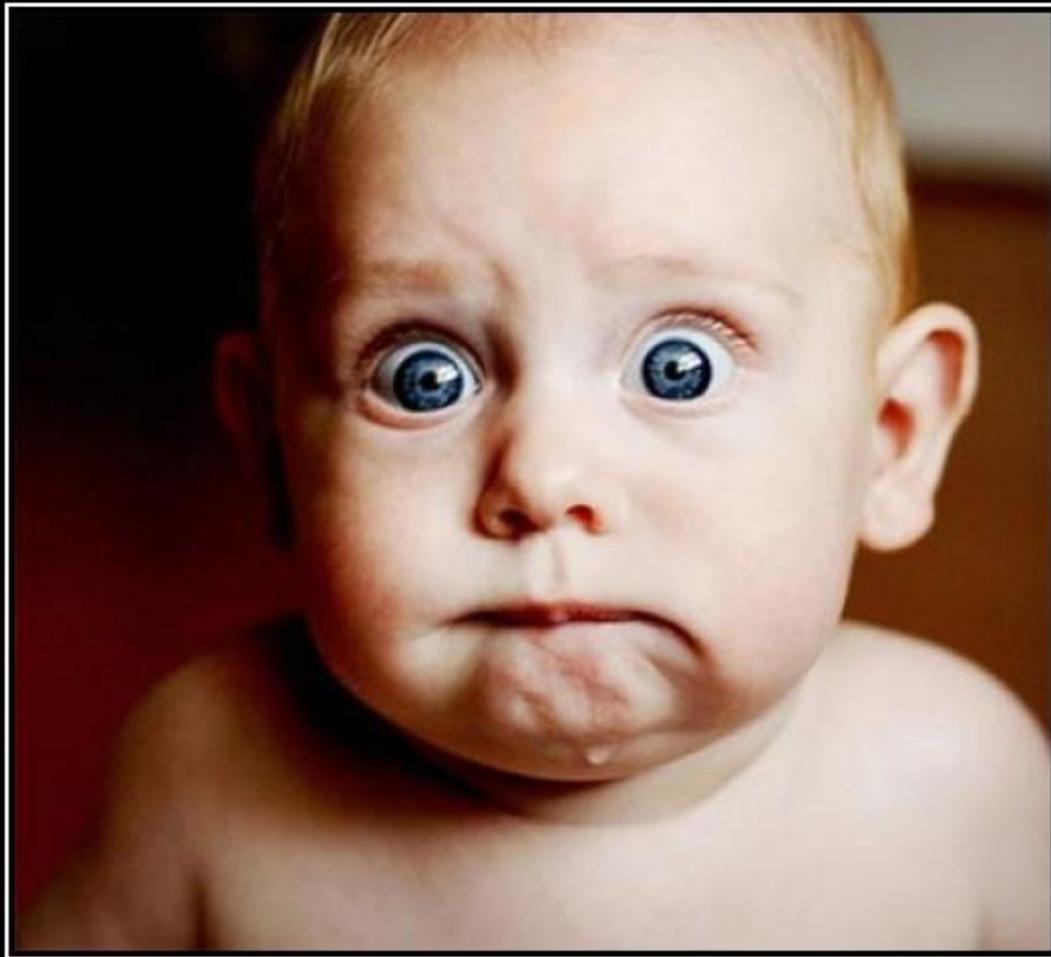
What is holding you back?

Money?

Time?

Supplies/Equipment?

Staff?



FEAR

it'll make you dirty your pants

Fears of the “what ifs”

What if no one shows up?

What if it doesn't run smoothly?

What if patrons don't love it?



What do you do?

Ignore your fear of failure

Have confidence in yourself and your library

Redefine success for your library

Get the conversation started

Take risks! Say “why not?” instead of “why?”

Success

What is “success” in a public library?

What does it mean to be successful, to be the best?

Is it really measurable?

What about statistics?

Success

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

Winston Churchill