designing the library of the future for and with teens

librarians as the “connector” in connected learning

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presentation outline

- the changing landscape of learning
- teen and connected learning
- radical change
- examples of connected learning programs
- method - designing for teens with teens (7 methods)
- discussion
- departing thoughts
learning in the wild vs. learning in-situ
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disjuncture in learning

informal learning

formal learning
disjuncture in learning
teen’s life
it’s complicated*


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connected learning

interest-powered

peer-supported

academically oriented

Peer Culture

Interests

Academics

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radical change in programming (dresang, 1999)

librarian as the expert
seasonal
book based
place based
programs centered around “relationship”

- peer support
- adult mentor
- community partnerships

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designing w/teens for teens methods

- examined participatory design literature between 1995-2015
- extracted participatory design methods
- adapt method for designing space & programs w/teens for teens in libraries.

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participatory design
example 1: sci-dentity

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participatory design

example 2: dust

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cooperative inquiry
co-design

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adult voice

adult and teen voices

teens’ voice
co-design
sticky notes

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co-design bags of stuff

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co-design
big paper approach

adult
voice

adult and teen
voices

teens'
voice

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 Mission to Mars

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adult voice

adult and teen voices

teens' voice
storytelling group

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small group discussion

tweet your answers

think about one or two ways that you currently design your youth programs/services/spaces. how would you improve the way you design these activities, using the methods from this presentation today?
how will you convince your supervisors and library administration to allow the practice of such participatory design methods in your library?
thank you
and questions

red dot activity

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