Trends, Signals, and the Future of Libraries

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The act of imagining a different tomorrow might not seem like a radical practice, but it is.

Or, it can be.

“Foresight is thinking ahead to how trends, issues, and developments that can be observed in the present are likely to shape alternative futures.”

Foresight is fundamentally about the study of change.
Organizational Change
Environmental Change

Autonomous Cars
Values, Before Trends

ACCESS  CIVIC COMMONS  CREATION & EXPRESSION  DEMOCRACY  DISCOVERY

DIVERSITY  EDUCATION  INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM  LITERACY  PLACE

PRESERVATION  PRIVACY  PUBLIC DISCOURSE  SERVICE  TRUST
The fierce urgency of now.
The signals for the future arrive as **inbound change** (change that happens to us) and we build our future through **outbound change** (change that we create ourselves).
Genderless
Creative Placemaking
Robots
“We don’t have to figure out completely what the future looks like, but a key step...is asking how do we want to be. How do we want to be, individually and collectively?”

“Envisioning and making the future must be a massively public endeavor....everyone needs to be a part of the conversation about the future and become actively engaged in making that future.”

“Interactions between strangers increase when there is something to talk about, something to make an observation about, a third thing to close the triangle between two people who don’t know each other.”

The goal isn’t to know the future but to be knowledgeable and prepared for whatever futures may occur.
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