

(re)Imagining the Gering Public Library

A community meeting was held on 12 January 2017 at the Gering Public Library to discuss ideas on how the existing library might be expanded/renovated or a new library considered.

The meeting was led by library architect Humphries Poli Architects and local architect Joseph R. Hewgley and Associates.

The following slide show was shared to solicit ideas from the community.

We would appreciate your taking the time to review the presentation and forward your thoughts about ideas that might be incorporated into a (re)Imagined Gering Public Library.

Thanks!

*(re)*IMAGINING

The Gering Public Library



Why are we doing this?



LIBRARY

**BECAUSE NOT
EVERYTHING ON THE
INTERNET IS TRUE**

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**The time has come for a new vision
of public libraries.**

**Communities need libraries—
more people are visiting,
using their services, materials
and programs than ever before.**

**But communities' needs
continue to change.**

**Libraries are like Starbucks
without coffee— An important place
to build social connections.
And anyone can use it.**

A cultural shift is occurring:
*The library in the digital age
Is moving from a warehouse
of materials to a participatory
learning organization.*

**What is one space or area
of the Gering Public Library
that should NOT change?**

or

**What is your *FAVORITE*
place in GPL?**

**Libraries have
evolved over the
recent past.....**



The classic Carnegie Library



1980s:

Bon Jovi

Big hair

Compact Shelving



1990s:

Nirvana

Flannel shirts

Netscape

Interlibrary Loan

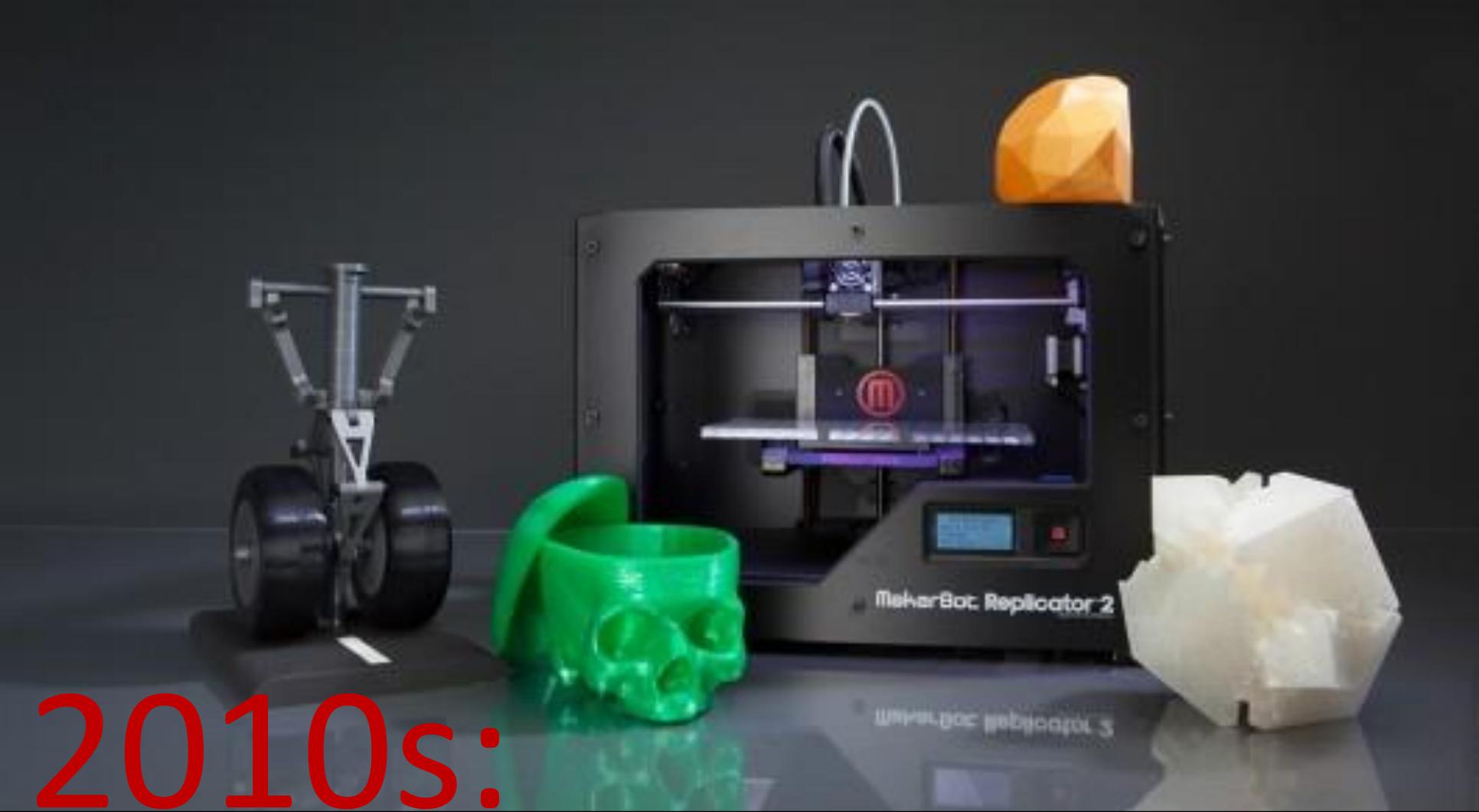




2000s:

Eminent
Hoodies

Desktop Computers
Retail Style



2010s:

Lady Gaga

iPad

Nerd Glasses

'makerspace'

2015:

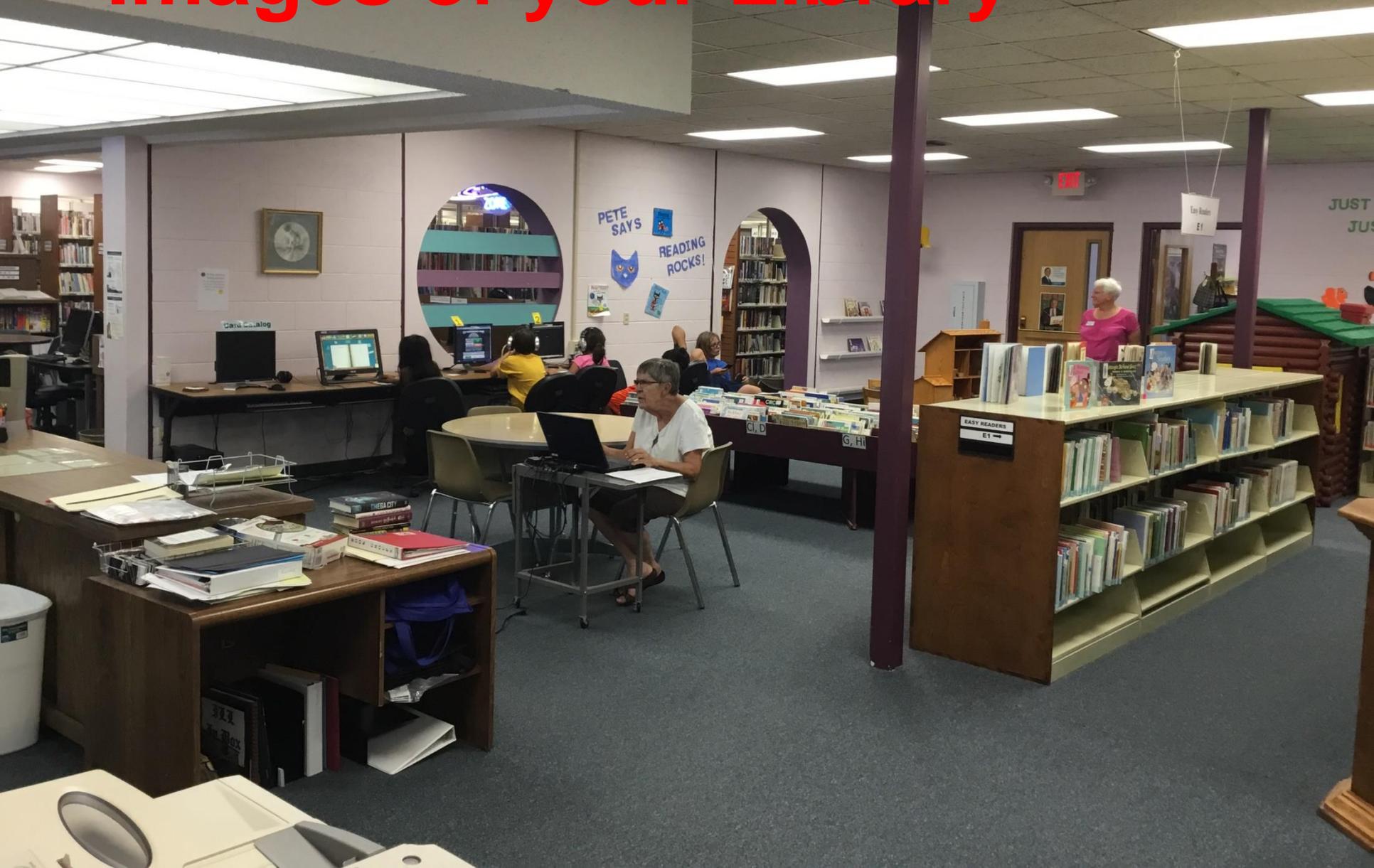


People
Activities

Technology
Books

Community

Images of your Library



Teen Zone/Computers



Stacks



Children's Area



Story Time Space



Staff Work Areas



Collection Storage



Handicapped Accessibility



Community Meeting Room



Things you can do in the **LIBRARY**

read magazines

access information

do homework

send email

make a mess

pay taxes

draw pictures

build model airplanes

drink wine

read books

snack

make a phone call

buy/sell/shop for anything in the
world

place a hold

get coffee

dream

build a fort

experience

learn to make music

play cards

people-watch

learn about sustainability

look at art

download e-books

geek out

hear a lecture

knit

stitch

sew

craft

learn English

contemplate

learn computers

get help

enjoy the view

start a business

change the world

talk

A 21st Century Library is defined as reinforcing the following eight criteria:

empowerment

flexibility

creativity

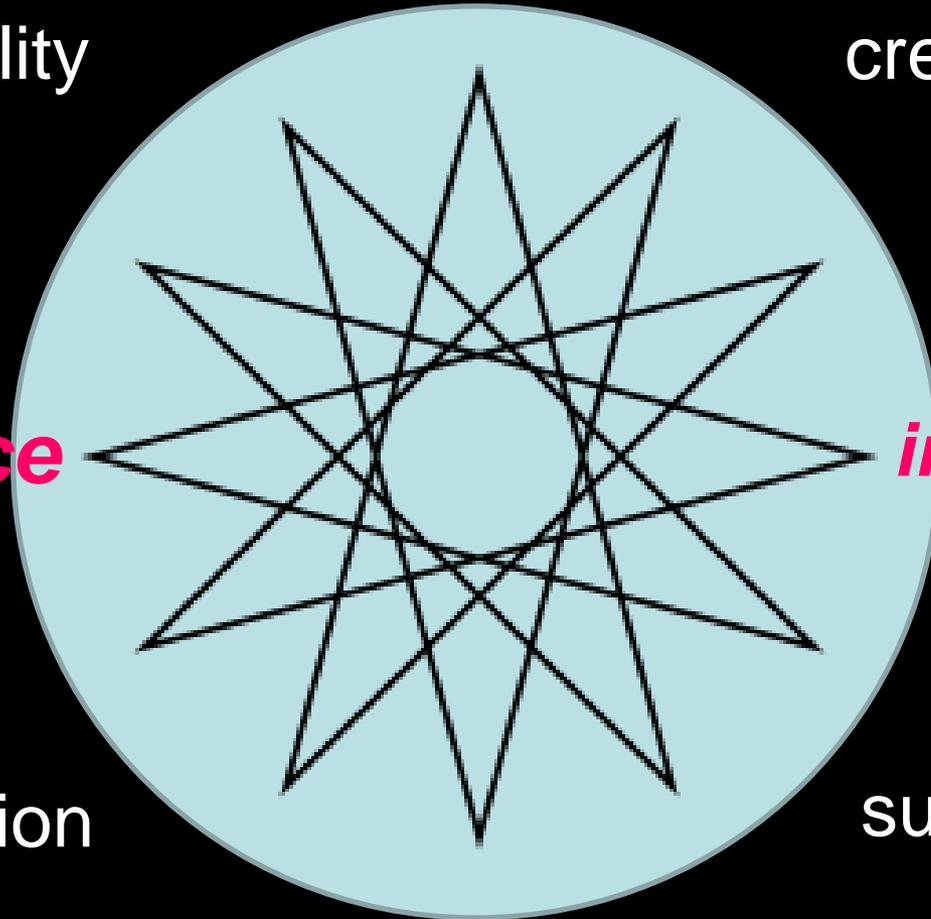
experience

innovation

collaboration

sustainability

involvement



Please select images from the following slides of libraries from around the world that you might like to see replicated in the Gering Public Library:

experience

