DPC Student Conference

What I wish I knew before I started Yeah, right

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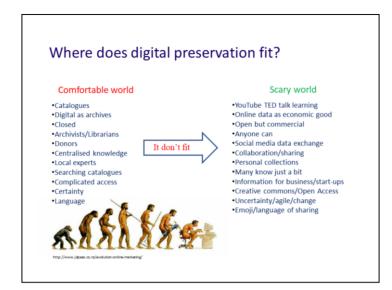
Everything you are being told about digital is wrong

Do you know how information is used?

- 1. Just in time research on the bus using Google
- 2. Are totally prepared to ignore you & all you offer
- 3. Become their own gatekeepers
- 4. Rely on social media as a source
- 5. Will focustrate to learn
- 6. Have no idea how to use a computer



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Where is the user in digital preservation?

- 1. It's not an institutional collection, it lives in the community
- 2. It's not on the shelf, it's information that is distributed
- 3. It's not our context, its their cultural identity
- 4. It's not about collections, it's about community
- 5. It's not about holding on, it's about letting go
- 6. Information is no longer owned



ttp://kerryannmorgan.com/2014/08/10-surprising-things-ive-leamed-while-working-at-the-library.htm

Looking out of the rear window

What we do is based on a rear window view of the world

We fit the present around the past or stay fixed in the past

We spend a lot of time working on the minutiae of files, formats, systems, metadata and process

Why? For whom?



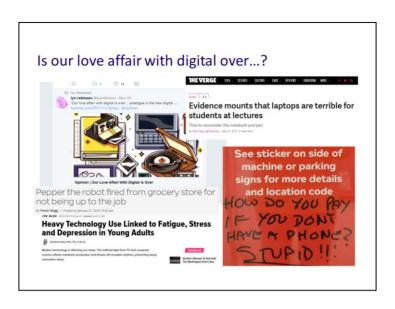
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John Sheridan talks of 'Disruption'

John Sheridan, Digital Director, The National Archives, Kew

https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ab out/our-role/executive-team/johnsheridan/





You are listening to the wrong people

Talking 'bout my g-g-g-generation

- 1. Lets talk baggage my generation has way too much
- Preconceived (analogue) ideas, attitudes & (analogue) approaches
- 3. What do we know about how social media has changed information, we don't get WhatsApp
- We're good with tools/process, less with the 'why' we do digital preservation





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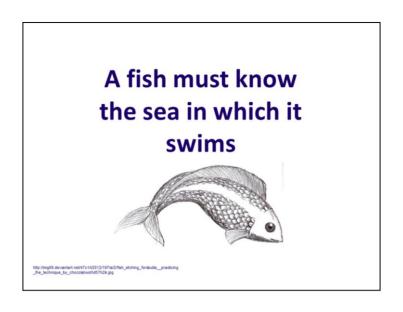
"My use of social media is not presidential – it's MODERN DAY PRESIDENTIAL. Make America Great Again!"

http://www.marieclaire.co.uk/entertainment/people/donald-trump-quotes-572

'The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn'

Alvin Toffler, 'Rethinking the Future' http://blog.commlabindia.com/elearning-design/how_can_you_unlearn Does this change the way you work...?





Having shared values is important - but get them right

Digital Preservation[a][b][c][d][e][f][a][h] Declaration of Shared Values

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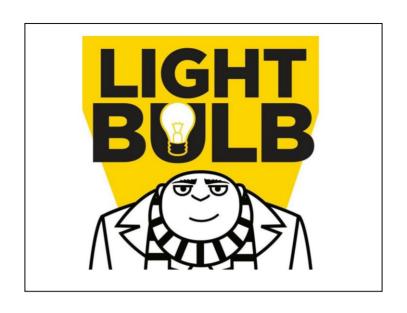
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Fails to address the context of digital preservation:

- 1. Why do we do it?
- 2. Who do we do it for?
- 3. How do we do it?

You need to work out why & who. It's your future, not mine



Don't tell me I'm wrong, how will you become a disruptive change agent & make digital great again

But then what do I know? I'm just some old bloke in a suit

