

COMMUNITY LIBRARIAN

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COMMUNITY = PEOPLE



COMMUNITY = CONNECTION



COMMUNITY HAS CONTENT TO CONNECT PEOPLE



- Since 2017, the transition to a 'community library' has been underway, with the library taking on the role of facilitating the 'neighbourhood' in access to literature, education & development, culture, information and digital skills.
- This means a more proactive role in providing open access to information

DEFINITION

- On- and offline platform(s) where people with common interests meet regularly and experience a sense of community.
- They share experiences together and undertake activities to achieve a common goal.

Which
community are
you in?



1. Community of interest: shared interest



2. Community of circumstances: shared life stage



3. Community of location: place of living



4. Community of action: focused on change



5. Community of practice: shared professional practice




6. Community of purpose: reach a target together



Some of the communities built

- One-day meeting in the Lochal
- Dilemmas in Kerkrade
- Together for Someren
- Dordt reads
- Human library in Almere
- Digital 65+ in Deventer
- Cancelled in Deventer
- Minibiebs Bunnik
- Living room of Goes Huiskamer van Goes
- Smart babies in Rotterdam
- Water in Epe
- Getting to know each other (Teenagers do read) in Nunspeet
- Language development opportunities for 0-4 year olds in Altena municipality
- From walk and talk to work



Characteristics of a community

- Common ambition
- Core group: frontrunners and initiators
- Meaningful relationships:
- Taking an interest in others
- Adding something of value
- Being a member, being part of
- Feeling like an owner
- Sharing knowledge and skills

Stepping stones in our course

- Doing research
- Defining strategy
- Developing the knowledge cycle and co-creation
- Make a plan
- Divide tasks, roles and responsibilities (community management)

A successful community

- Ambition and strategy
- Plan with a knowledge cycle and co-creation
- Community management

the community builder

- Social educational service provider
- The programme maker
- The front office staff member
- Back office assistant
- How about you?

Distinctive knowledge and skills

- Source knowledge
- Environmentally aware and entrepreneurial attitude
- Ability to co-create
- Learning ability
- Communicative and networking skills
- Planning and organising

COMMUNITY
LIBRARIAN,
who are you?

To be a librarian is not to be neutral, or passive, or waiting for a question. It is to be a radical positive change agent within your community.

R. David Larkes

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A photograph of a library interior. The background is filled with wooden bookshelves packed with books of various colors and sizes. In the foreground, a dark, tufted leather chair is partially visible, showing its curved backrest and armrest. A white rectangular box is superimposed over the middle of the image, containing the text.

'Librarians? We call them missionaries!'

Ready to connect ?

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