## RADICAL COLLABORATION

#### LIBRARIES WORKING TOGETHER IN NEW WAYS

James G. Neal ARL Hot Topics/IFLA 2014 20 August 2014

# EVOLVING CONTEXT FOR LIBRARY COOPERATION

- Rapidly Shifting User Behaviors / Expectations
- Redundant Inefficient Library Operations
- Aging Service Paradigms / ATM Expectations
- Increasing Emphasis on Unique Resources
- Need to Achieve Scale and Network Effects
   Through Aggregation

# EVOLVING CONTEXT FOR LIBRARY COOPERATION

- Permanent Beta/Mutability
- Advanced Open Architecture
- Mandate for Systemic Change
- Acceleration of Collective Innovation
- New Economic Context

# CORE RESPONSIBILITIES AND LIBRARY COOPERATION

- Information Selection
- Information Acquisition
- Information Synthesis
- Information Navigation
- Information Dissemination

- Information Interpretation
- Information Understanding
- Information Use
- Information Application
- Information Archiving
- In Support of Teaching and Learning
- In Support of Research and Scholarship
- In Support of Community Development

#### ACADEMIC LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

-1950 Period of EXCLUSIVITY

1950-1970 Period of POPULARIZATION

1970-1990 Period of DISCORD

1990-2010 Period of DECADENCE

2010-2015 Period of POLYGAMY/KUMBAYA

2015-2020 Period of PARABIOSIS/SYNERGY

2020- Period of PARTICULARISM

#### FORUMS FOR COOPERATION

- Library Systems
- Local and Regional Cooperation
- State Projects
- Multi-State Projects
- National Consortia/Projects
- International Partnerships

- Researcher Collaboration
- Publisher Collaboration
- Collaboration with Technology Organizations
- Corporate Partnerships
- Business Partnerships

REACHING OUT TO CULTURAL COMMUNITY

PROMOTING NEW COMBINATIONS THRU PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

#### AREAS OF SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION

- Licensing of Electronic Resources
- Cooperative Cataloging
- Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery
- Information Policy Advocacy
- Offsite Shelving Facilities
- Digital Archiving

#### ARENAS FOR RADICAL COLLABORATION

- Centers for Excellence
- Mass Production
- New Infrastructures
- New Initiatives

Quality/Productivity/Innovation

#### THE COLUMBIA LIBRARIES EXPERIENCE

- Research Collections and Preservation Consortium (ReCAP)
- Manhattan Research Library Alliance (MaRLI)
- 2CUL (Columbia and Cornell University Libraries)
- Ivies Plus/Borrow Direct
- HathiTrust
- Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)
- Digital Preservation Network/Atlantic Preservation Trust
- Sakai Collaboration and Learning Environment
- DuraSpace (Dspace, Fedora, VIVO)
- International Internet Preservation Consortium
- Built Works Registry (BWR)
- Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC)

### KEY QUESTIONS

- 1. How are new forms of collaboration different from the traditions of academic library cooperation?
- 2. How do academic libraries need to change in order to participate effectively in these new relationships?
- 3. How is library collaboration evaluated in terms of service improvements, user success, and financial cost/benefits?