The Library as Incubator Project
past, present, future

Arts Reference Round Table
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Who am I?

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The mission of the Library as Incubator Project is to promote and facilitate creative collaboration between libraries and artists of all types, and to advocate for libraries as incubators of the arts.

- Active online 2010-2017
- Blog / website chock full of resources
- Social media
- Presentations and consulting work
- A book! *The Artist’s Library: a field guide from the Library as Incubator Project* (Coffee House Press, 2014)
On the website, you’ll find:

- Hundreds of artist interviews (writers, visual artists, designers, performers)
- Interviews with libraries doing cool work with their communities
- How-to’s and lots of resources
Upcoming book from ALA Editions!

*Incubating Creativity at Your Library: A Sourcebook for Connecting with Communities*

by Erinn Batykefer & Laura Damon-Moore

- Emphasis on working with what you have in the library and what exists in the community already
- A platform approach, rather than initiatives happening in silos
- Practical, scalable ideas you can put to use right away
- An action plan you can customize to work in and with your community
Resources we dig

Articles

- Aspen Institute, PEOPLE, PLACE, AND PLATFORM, 2014
- R. D. Lankes, Library as Platform, 2015

Books

- Pigza, Jessica. Bibliocraft.
- Barry, Lynda. What It Is. (or any of her books or lectures online!)
- Robinson, Kenneth. The Element. (and all of his TED Talks!)

Web resources

- Library ArtsLink
- Madison Bubbler
- Programming Librarian
- Book to Art Club
- Digital Public Library of America
- Smithsonian Resources
- NYPL Digital Collections
- Library of Congress (bow down to Carla Hayden!)
- Biodiversity Heritage Library
Keep in touch!

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