Foyers, facades and fenestrations: new library spaces in Europe and Scandinavia

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Why

• Inspiration for the new Central library and other new library projects

• Discover how other countries are meeting the challenges of the 21\textsuperscript{st} Century library

• Meet and network with the leaders and followers at the NEXT Library Conference
Birmingham
• an ambitious … change in the concept of the library as a focus of learning and participation….. educationally focused brief as a place of learning and community rather than a ‘traditional library model’

Francine Houben lead architect
Brian Gambles “We wanted to create a building that shouts out learning and culture.”
What are people saying

• Politicians have realised that they get more bang for their buck if they spend money on libraries rather than museum and gallery projects - *the Guardian*

• can there...be any economic justification for such a huge capital outlay on one building? “There isn’t a metric but there are a lot of arguments,” *Financial Times*
Almere
Newcastle
Pat Losinski

- Mobile devices are taking hold and people still come to our libraries embrace the beauty of mobile devices

- Moving away from library outputs to community based outcomes. What community goals are we trying it impact with our libraries?
Techy Austrian Guy

• The amazing technology that was our friend is now becoming something we fear. Be careful what you wish for

• The greatness of the interfaces of technology...tablet computers of the future will be smaller, thinner

• Something in the human nature needs books. Books and electronics working together still
Tio Tretton
Hjorring
Jens Thorhauge

• Be open minded and honest about the fluidity of the changes

• Embrace them and don't be looking back all the time

• Bring the best with us but actively

• Life is complex
Rentemestervej
Subway library
Tidningar
från hela världen
Future Library….how far away is the future?

• 'Future Library‘ … aims to transform public libraries into media labs and hubs of creativity, innovation and learning, attracting many groups who now spend little time there - entrepreneurs, students, unemployed, and immigrants.

• 'Some … imagined that the Internet would make libraries superfluous or irrelevant…reality looks like quite the opposite - the Internet can help libraries become a centre for new digital learning and a point of reference for local communities.‘

Greek National Library
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