Slow Library

or...
Think Globally
Build Locally
Inspiration...
“Why Haven’t We Seen a Photograph of the Whole Earth Yet?”
“the problem was how to generate a low-maintenance high-yield self-sustaining critical information service”
Conor Leggott

“I love Lego because you never run out of ideas and the parts always work together - you can build an awesome Library of Lego...”
The Real Conor Leggott

“Librarians are a lot like Lego, less plastic, but just as colourful. And if you try hard enough, you can mold them to your will to create something useful.”
Trina O’Brien Leggott

“Don’t you think it’s time to put the laptop away?”
Carl Honore

“The Slow philosophy can be summed up in a single word: balance...seek to live at what the musicians call the the tempo giusto - the right speed.”
Not About Speed...
But
People
&
Balance
Slow Food
Educating about risks of monoculture
Preserving & promoting local
Small-scale processing & craftsmanship
Teaching and learning from all
Enjoying friends & community
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Slow Library is...

- A Philosophy
- A Movement
- An Approach
- A Community
- Unfettered
Everyone & Everywhere

Education
Community
Participate & Preserve
Local

Small-Scale & Granular
Craftsmanship

Open & Sustainable
People

Capacity & Passion
Enjoyment

Savor the Unexpected
Current Landscape

- 32 million books
- 750 million articles and essays
- 25 million songs
- 500 million images
- 500,000 movies, 3 million videos/shorts
- 100 billion public Web pages
“Once text is digital, books seep out of their bindings and weave themselves together. The collective intelligence of a library allows us to see things we can't see in a single, isolated book.”
Web 2.0
Leveraging the Net as a framework to build *community* and *knowledge*, with *data* as the *bricks* enabling creation of *durable* services and resources accessible to all systems and people, resulting in an ever-evolving and *rich* *user-centric* experience.
UPEI Focus:

Staff: Education and Lego
MyCybrary: Course-Level Services and Resources
VRE: Virtual Research Environment
use open source
grow local staff
build communities
touch user
embrace open
use bricks & mortar
share tags & links
create landscapes
Slow in Practice

- E-Mail - answer all, most not right away
- Cellphone - don’t have one
- Innovate - LS students when possible
- Community - OS projects & blogs
- Enjoy - Potato Heads & Lego
slowlibrary.org