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#critlib chat, August 26, 2014



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Tonight&apocritlibitlib about libs in social justice actions, 8 Central
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Rachel Fleming

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Gettin' ready for tonigcritlibitlib! Hoping for a good conversation about what librar*s can and
should do in social justice actions.



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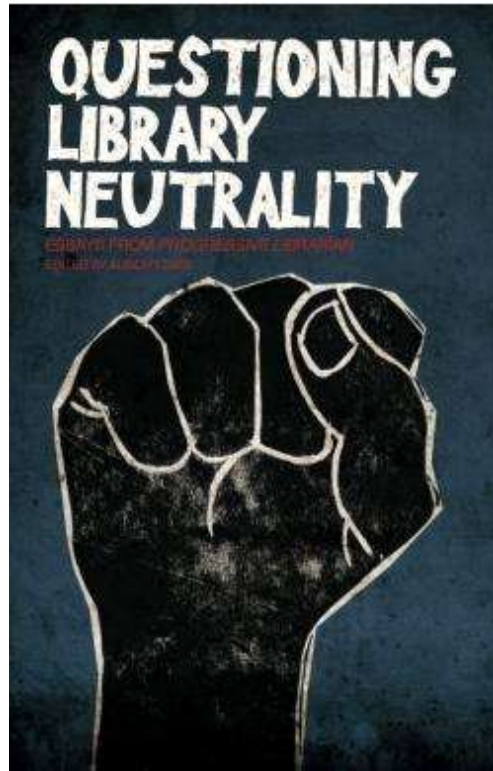
Rachel Fleming

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Are you excited for #critlib? I'm excited critlibitlib. We're talking about lib*s in quickly
developing social justice actions.



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Hey Everyone, I'll be your moderator [#critlib](https://twitter.com/critlib) tonight! I'm rachel, an acquisitions librarian in NC. Let's start introductions!

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[Introductions redacted]



Rachel Fleming
[@RachelMFleming](https://twitter.com/RachelMFleming)

the [#critlib](https://twitter.com/critlib) moderators were kind enough to adjust their schedule so we could have a Ferguson-inspired chat. Here's some background:

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[#Ferguson](#) has shown that SJ events can happen anywhere. Tonight's [#critlib](#) discussion is on how critical library practitioners can prepare.



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Local, national, & international organizers, news media, & politicians were suddenly looking somewhere they'd never looked [#critlib](#)



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I hope to ponder broadly how [#critlib](#) can/should act during such events, and what can we do as media turn their focus elsewhere.



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[#critlib](#) I'm using "social justice actions" to broadly define these types of events. If you've got something better, please help me out.



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Our [#critlib](#) discussion will be informed by Ferguson, but it doesn't need be ABOUT Ferguson. Something could happen in your town next week.



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Ian Beilin
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[#critlib](#) Something did happen in my town, too!



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Remember to use the [#critlib](#) tag and the question number (iQ1) to identify your answers. But don't let my questions limit your discussion!

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Apropos that many of us are mad busy bc injustices like [#Ferguson](#) don't wait for a lull. How do we respond when stressed ourselv[critlibitlib](#)

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Rachel Fleming
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Absolutely. Something is always happening. RT [@ibeilin](#) [#critlib](#) Something did happen in my town, too!

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Keep those introductions rolling in, and we'll get started with the prompt questi[ocritlibitlib](#)

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Q1: How can we prepare for social justice events? What do we need to provide critical service to communities & outside media/SJW? [#critlib](#)

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&[#BattleLibrary](#)Library: "Ferguson Libraries Step Up to Serve Community feedly.com/e/-Ut-1JzF//tcritlibz4r9Nal" [#critlib](#) article I posted earlier

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A1: Maybe prepare resources to help frame incidents in larger social/historical picture? i.e. how [#FergusonSyllabus](#) developed [#critlib](#)



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[#critlib](#) Q1: I think it's critical to know your patrons & community so that it's on the forefront of your mind...proactive vs reactive



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[#critlib](#) Q1: One thing is to be rigorous fact checkers/info shares & creators and not feed hysteria.



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Angie Manfredi

@misskubelik

A1 I think one of the best ways we can prepare for social justice events is having a comprehensive collection. [#critlib](#) [@RachelMFleming](#)



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Kevin Seeber

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[#critlib](#) A1- A big part of preparing students for SJ events is making them aware that they are always happening, almost always out of sight



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[#critlib](#) Q1: as we saw in [#Ferguson](#) a library served its community by staying open & being a safe place to go. Do we need policies for that?



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Maybe I'm naïve, but can libraries build into their action plans? Readiness for radical reference, emergency services? [critlib](#)? #critlib



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Q1 I got to thinking about how comprehensive lists of clergy, social organizations, etc, with contacts and detail would be useful [critlib](#)



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[critlib](#) Q1 For academic libraries, many of our students are great resources for education and insight at such times.



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Renaine Julian

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(q1) most importantly, stay aware of quality real time info sources. Ex: good stuff from [@pewresearch people-press.org/2014/08/18/sta...](#) [critlib](#)



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Regina Renee

FriendRegina@Rsquared

Hi [critlib](#) My name is Regina Renee I'm a public librarian in Denver



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Jessica Critten

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[@foureyedsoul](#) +1, and work to help students frame the way that these events are covered and processed by the media [critlib](#)



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[#critlib](#) A1: also, building community and rapport and a reputation as a place of safety for the community.



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[#critlib](#) Many of our students have much more experience with certain types of injustices than we (largely, generally) privileged librarians.



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[@barnlib](#) I think that kind of (awesome) behavior is enshrined in the profession's past and code of ethics. Better than a police [#critlib](#)



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Jessica Critten

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[@aszingarelli](#) sigh, that would be glorious, huh? We've got a long way to go for this work to be an institutional priority [#critlib](#)



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[@JessicaCritten](#) Absolutely. Sad but powerful to see how students & others critiqued media representation with [#IfTheyGunnedMeDown](#) [#critlib](#)



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Erin Leach

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Q1: Identifying and building relationships with allies in the community. [#critlib](#)



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[@ibeilin](#) Exactly. Which is why our pedagogy should put them in charge of what happens in class. [#critlib](#)



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We'll be coming back to this in more detail, but it's [twitter.com/ibeilin/status...lwcritlibV](#) [#critlib](#)



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Jessica Critten

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[@ibeilin](#) This is so right-on; privilege their experiences to help them conceive of themselves as worthwhile contrib. to this convo [#critlib](#)



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Q1 One other random thing I thought about was having services ready to scale: for instance, with media attention come donations! [#critlib](#)



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[#critlib](#) A1: as teacher librarians it's imperative that we show students how to question and critically think about information we encounter



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[@JessicaCritten](#) And necessary contributors - for us just as much as anyone else. [#critlib](#)



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[@JessicaCritten](#) [@ibeilin](#) Overcome our impostor syndrome in order to overcome their impostor syndrome. [#meta](#) [#critlib](#)



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[@JessicaCritten](#) So maybe we need to be talking about librarians & their professional core values setting institutional priority [#critlib](#)



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Kevin Coleman

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[#critlib](#) provide resources about rights of protestors/media; have a written policy..



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[#critlib](#) RT [@TLT16](#) [@RachelMFleming](#) [@pumpedlibrarian](#) Know local resources so you can network and refer



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[@parody_bit](#) [@barnlib](#) (Respectfully) not sure I agree. I think ethics supercede policies. Policies get rewritten. Ethics go deeper. [#critlib](#)



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A1 A stellar resource on teaching [#Ferguson](#), good framework for teaching events (via [@johndwinmason](#)): dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/Files/dow... [#critlib](#)



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Jessica Critten

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[@aszingarelli](#) Such an important, but difficult convo given current focus on assessment regimes. Have to think there's common ground [#critlib](#)



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In my area, cultural institutions have a communal disaster-supply cache; maybe something similar for protest response? [#critlib](#)



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[@JessicaCritten](#) [@aszingarelli](#) use "assessment regime" - i.e. goal "library enables students to engage w contemporary [#critlib](#) xyz" [#critlib](#)



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[#critlib](#) For those of us who are organized, we have our union's resources and network to respond to SJ events.



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I'm thinking a cache of very basic protest needs like wireless hotspots and chargers, fliers w/ resources, even voter reg [#critlib](#)



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@JessicaCritten @aszingarelli identify inputs, outputs, and impacts. report it as assessment data of value of lib. #critlib



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Q2: During events, what actions can we take as libraries, what actions can we take as librarians? Are these the same/different? #critlib



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@kevinseeber @barnlib Well-written policies can give us freedom to live up to our ethics. Maybe this is a semantic disagreement? #critlib



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Kevin Seeber

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@JessicaCritten @aszingarelli Not all assessment is neoliberal crap, though. I think there's a way to do boocritlib



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Jennifer Anne

@kidsilkhaze

Also being a safe place when times are good. Trust needs to be there already to be a safe place in times of crisis. #critlib



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On the #critlib policy vs. ethics discussion, best results may vary by institution, administration, trustees. @parody_bit @kevinseeber



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A1 @RadReference has done gr8 things that cld serve as exams-libraries providing community resource info, protestors' rights, [ecritlib](#)critlib



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Absolutely voter registration info. Others great too, especially chargers. Saw many tweets about backup batteries*szingarelligacritlibcritlib



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There are a lot of things to talk about under all of our topics, so feel free to keep discussions going even as we move along! [#critlib](#)



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Always makes me happy to see the phrase &qneoliberalberal crap&critlibn [#critlib](#)
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actions as librarians can be hard, because we're affected personally if the crisis is in our community. We also need a safe [plcritlib](#)critlib



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[@barnlib](#) [@parody_bit](#) [@kevinseeber](#) wouldn't ethics inform policy, and policy is what gets followcritlibcritlib



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I feel like we should be providing device chargers even in good times. #critlib

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#critlib Acting as a library may be more difficult, depending on the issue at hand: all of us in the library not always on the same page.

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#critlib A2- Library = safe place; Librarians = advocates.

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Q2 (corollary): What actions can we take as critical practitioners from outside the immediate area of the event? #critlib

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@kevinseeber @aszingarelli @lisalibrarian oh, for sure. Thinking this is harder to get buy-in in the professional discourse, tho. #critlib

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#critlib MT @bfister Q2 - promoting campus conversations about issues is a natural role for libraries/librarians

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[@RachelMFleming](#) [#critlib](#) We co-sponsored a teach-in about Katrina, for instance. it was needed. We couldn't ignore it.



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A1 also when crisis happens, "what do we do?" is issue, so also provide resources, info, support for community to organ[critlibf](#) [#critlib](#)



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We have a role in helping find reliable sources of breaking news as well as background information [#critlib](#)



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[@JessicaCritten](#) why? seriously curious bc I dont see it that way. but, my experience may differ. [@kevinseeber](#) [@aszingarelli](#) [#critlib](#)



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[@JessicaCritten](#) [@kevinseeber](#) [@aszingarelli](#) [@lisalibrarian](#) So [#critlib](#) can try to reframe asmnt culture => social needs, not just individual?



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Jessica Critten

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[@lisalibrarian](#) [@kevinseeber](#) [@aszingarelli](#) Assess. is more your focus, would love to hear how this plays out in your experience [#critlib](#) +



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Q2 I think it's important to balance the "refuge" idea with the "resource" idea. People [critlib](#) both in a crisis [#critlib](#)



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Erin Leach

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Q2: I feel like if your community is watching from a distance, libraries are a safe space to have hard conversations about issues. [#critlib](#)



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[@foureyedsoul](#) [@JessicaCritten](#) [@kevinseeber](#) [@aszingarelli](#) absolutely. [#critlib](#)



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[#critlib](#) A2 (corollary) Again, in acad. lib. we work with faculty who share our critical standpoint; est. relationships w/them.



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[@JessicaCritten](#) [@kevinseeber](#) [@aszingarelli](#) Seems to me libs are v able to frame their values-based efforts in light of outcomes + [#critlib](#)



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concern for neutrality may prevent libraries from taking action [#critlib](#)



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#critlib Taking a more active, critical role in a crisis involves some risks: we need partners and allies within and beyond the institution.



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@JessicaCritten @kevinseeber @aszingarelli related to global awareness, diversity, etc. Almost all institutions have these. #critlib



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@JessicaCritten @kevinseeber @aszingarelli IL can be much more than "how to search&critlib) #critlib



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From a distance we can also help organize help/relief to affected area. #critlib



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@ibeilin #critlib Also, we often know people's expertise, Can draw in scholars who can comment knowledgeably about issues.



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Q3: Where should library services be located on a range from palliative to transformative during and after events? #critlib



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@kevinseeber @foureyedsoul @JessicaCritten @aszingarelli exactly #critlib



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I'm concerned about the "library=neutrality" concept because... well, nothing is neutral. If we do nothing, that's not neutral. #critlib



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is the role of the library to make things better? or to raise critical awareness? what's the sweet spot? #critlib



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Here's the big one: Q4: Does the position of the library within an institution of authority limit our ability to act? How? #critlib



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#critlib MT @constancezaber: such a difference between being neutral & being accessible to all (partic. pub libs) & we confuse acc. for neut.



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Erin Leach

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Q3: I feel like a library's greatest strength in times of crisis is creating networks to get people plugged into what they need. #critlib



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Administrators. Defend staff publicly, chastise privately. RT @bfister @barnlib #critlib This is really important: have each other's backs.



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It's the Tim Wise effect. Critical change more palatable from Tim Wise than bell hooks. Everyone not in same boat with risk/rewacritlibitlib



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@RachelMFleming #critlib I think libraries have lots to gain by being activist about issues. More gain than risk.



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As per request, my critical thinking rubric for campus, incorporating #critlib & #acrllrevisions pumpedlibrarian.blogspot.com/2014/08/a-shor... (cc @lisalibrarian)



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Most important thing to take away from tonight&apocritlibitlib is that apathy is its own kind of violence. May not be much but must do something.



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A short post on #critlib outcomes and assessment pumpedlibrarian.blogspot.com/2014/08/a-shor... via @pumpedlibrarian #libraries



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