#critlib: environmental and labor implications of library technology

Storify of the #critlib chat from 7/14/2015 on environmental sustainability in libraries, moderated by @ibeilin, & @cat_lager. For more information about #critlib, including past & future chats, please see http://tinyurl.com/critlibx

[The usual disclaimer: I tried to include all of Tweets from the chat and string Tweets from the same thread together as best as I could. Retweets, favorites, & tweets without the hashtag omitted on purpose. Lacunae, misreadings, or other mistakes my own.]

Recommended readings:


2) “Beyond Swag” by Dave Hudson. Mostly readable from the Google books link, ping @ibeilin or @cat_lager for pre-pub PDF. books.google.ca/books?id=GT...

Introductions

Welcome (back) to #critlib everyone! Let's start with intros! I'm Ian, academic librarian in NYC!

Tonight was billed as being about environmental & labor impacts of tech in libs, but the labor part will be picked up in a future #critlib

Hi #critlib! Ellen, pt circulation assistant at an academic library, last semester MLIS student from Virginia. They/them pronouns please. :)

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by Sveta Stoytcheva  3 years ago
Ellen MacInnis

Excited about tonight's #critlib topic. Both articles helped clarify a lot of questions I’d had re: environmental efficacy and LIS.

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Ellen MacInnis

Which is to say, they helped clarify WHAT my questions should be, not so much handed me the answers. #critlib

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Ryan P. Randall

@ecmacinnis That's so much of why I like #critlib — it helps me think of better questions I might not realize on my own.

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Heidy Berthoud

@heidylibrarian

Hi #critlib. I'm Heidy, academic librarian in NY state.

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Leanne

cat_lager

Evening, everyone! I’m Leanne, metadata person/cataloger in Philly. Co-modding this evening. #critlib

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Sveta Stoytcheva

oksvea@oksvea

Hi #critlib! Newbie librarian (currently) in Illinois. Super excited about the topic tonight.

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Gina Schlesselman-Ta

Hi #critlib, acad inst lib in SoCal

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Joanna Gadsby

@ibein Hi everyone in #critlib land. Putting kids to bed so I’ll be in & out. Joanna in Baltimore, UMBC!

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Lisa Hinchliffe

@ibein Hello! Lisa, info lit librarian in Illinois. #critlib

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Laura Mitchell

Hello #critlib, I’m Laura, library student working in children's services at a public library in Melbourne, Australia.

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Gina Murrell

Hello from Eugene! I’m Gina, project coordinator at University of Oregon Libraries. *waves* #GoDucks #critlib

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Elise Dunham

Hi #critlib! Elise here, data curator metadata person in Illinois. Probably lurking tonight.

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Aimee S. Goodson
Aimme, Library Specialist at a community college. Likely mostly lurking while on the Circ desk. #critlib

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Ryan P. Randall
Hi #critlib! Ryan here, finishing up MLS degree in ridiculously verdant Bloomington, IN

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Nora Almeida
Hi #critlib. I'm Nora, academic librarian from NYC

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Eira Tansey
Hi #critlib, archivist here dialing in from Cincinnati and keeping one eye on the All Star Game happening in our fair city

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Lauren Wallis
Hello, #critlib! I’m Lauren, instruction librarian in Virginia.

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Genna D
Good evening #critlib! I’m Genna, university archivist/spec coll librarian in RI.

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karen nicholson
Hi #critlib, Karen, IL librn from Guelph, Ontario. Didn’t do the readings so probably lurking more than participating)

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J. Turner Masland
@nicholsonkp (I didn’t do the readings either...) #critlib
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Ian Beilin
@nicholsonkp you don't have to lurk if you didn't read - you two should have plenty to say! #critlib
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ifrank
@nicholsonkp you don't have to lurk if you didn't read - you two should have plenty to say! #critlib
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Derrick
@geekandahalf
Hey #critlib, Derrick here. Lurking from the District of Columbia, reference and instruction lib at American U.
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Sarah
@s_green@s_green
Hi, #critlib. Sarah from Baltimore. I'm at a gov't library.
3 YEARS AGO

Kara Plamann Wagoner
@nicholsonkp KaraPW
Hi, #critlib! I just finished temp job as a ref lib @ a CC. #alaac15 inspired me to explore opportunities @ public libraries next.
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J. Turner Masland
@nicholsonkp (I didn’t do the readings either...) #critlib
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Hi #critlib. I'm Joshua, an instruction/reference/IR librarian in upstate NY. Lurking tonight.

3 YEARS AGO

Seems to me that tonight's #critlib has representatives from a wider than usual variety of libraries... which is awesome

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Hi #critlib, I am Kimberly from GA. I will also be lurking.

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Q1 What are the problems with the idea of 'ethical consumerism' in general and for libraries in particular?

Alright all! Keep the intros coming, but let's get things started. #critlib

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Q1 What are the problems with the idea of 'ethical consumerism' in general and for libraries in particular? #critlib

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Love how consumerism & consumption are applicable across all lib environments & into personal realm. So excited to read other POV. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO
Nora Almeida
nora_almeida_almeida

A1. all those invisible parts of the supply chain make it easy to ignore reality of labor practices
CC: @jenpoggiali #critlib

Ellen MacInnis
ecmacinnis:macinnis

@nora_almeida @jenpoggiali Absolutely! Is staggering to think of who and what I rely on to
maintain my cushy life. #critlib

J. Turner Masland
deweynotdead

A1. Hmmm... I want to just blame capitalism. But is that too wide a target? #critlib

Ian Beilin
ibeilin @ibeilin

These readings made me more conscious of how consumerist much of the library world is/has
become #critlib

Nora Almeida
nora_almeida_almeida

@ibeilin and capitalism is sooo baked into the language #critlib

Ellen MacInnis
ecmacinnis:macinnis

@ibeilin So strange because I expected libraries to be inherently anti-consumerist and yet, here
we are. #critlib
@ecmacinnis @ibelin [side note, i love it when #critlib chats make me realize 'i guess i assumed x about libraries, but there's more to it]

@Eira Tansey eiratansyeiratansey

Q1 I'm skeptical of a lot of ethical consumerism for many of the reasons in the readings #critlib

@Ellen MacInnis emacinnis:macinnis

A1: 'Ethical consumerism' gives us (general professional community) an easy 'out' when dealing with enviromental or sj issues. #critlib

@Ryan P. Randall foureyedsouleyedsoul

A1 It skips over reduce, reuse, recycle hierarchy of cultural change to opt for product distinction (tho some choices are better!) #critlib

@Genna D historivist:historivist

Q1 I see conflict bt serving users & consuming ethically when latter is often more expensive (e.g. shopping cheaper not greener) #critlib

@Nora Almeida nora_almeida_almeida

@historivist Totally true. Reality of workflow and convenience also a factor. #critlib
Sveta Stoytcheva
oksveta@oksveta

A1 'ethical consumerism' limits frame of reference to individual action, closing doors to collective action [which is very needed] #critlib

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Eamon Tewell
@EamonTewell

A1 Consumption models remain intact. Instead of buying dozens of ipads to lend b/c you can, ask: What does it mean to buy this? #critlib

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Eamon Tewell
@EamonTewell

A1 Ethical consumerism individualizes the issue of environmental responsibility & says it's solvable by buying the "right" products #critlib

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Laura Mitchell
dignityjones

@EamonTewell Given ineffectiveness of ethical consumerism, I would prioritise a culture of shared access to prohibitively $$ tech #critlib

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Eamon Tewell
@EamonTewell

@dignityjones yes! Resharing and reusing are already core organizing principles of libraries—not a big stretch! #critlib

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Laura Mitchell
dignityjones

@EamonTewell sharing is the value of librarianship that most resonates with me, and I wonder why its not highlighted/extended more #critlib

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Sveta Stoytcheva
oksveta

...all while further perpetuating structural issues (capitalism) at the heart of the problem to begin with #critlib twitter.com/EamonTewell/st...

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Ellen MacInnis
ecmacinnis

@oksveta Confronting capitalism is so much harder than buying yet another set of ultra-recyclo vegetarian shopping bags though! #critlib

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Heidy Berthoud
@heidylibrarian

@ecmacinnis @cat_lager @oksveta and it feels like a nearly impossible task when your institution doesn't support the confrontation #critlib

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Sveta Stoytcheva
oksveta

@heidylibrarian @ecmacinnis @cat_lager def. also think there's a distinction to make b/w what we do at level of institution [1/2] #critlib

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Sveta Stoytcheva
oksveta

@heidylibrarian @ecmacinnis @cat_lager vs. at some sort of professional level/as library workers collectively -- still pondering it #critlib

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A1 #critlib credit: 30 Rock pic.twitter.com/Chh6An6UCw
LAUREN WALLIS @LAURENMWALLIS · 3 YEARS AGO

karen nicholson
nicholsonkp

A1: feeling dumb asking this since I didn't do readings but Is there a distinction bet consumerism & consumption? Or is that naive? #critlib
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ian Beilin
ibeilin @ibeilin

@nicholsonkp good point -not really addressed explicitly in readings; though Dave does make point that consumtion itself is a prob #critlib
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Kara Plamann Wagoner
KaraPW

A1: "ethical consumerism" seems like a way to assuage the guilt of the consumer w/o cutting back on exploitation/production #critlib
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Sarah
s_green@s_green

A1: consumerism is focused more on how individuals should purchase/live, which means more guilt, less change #critlib
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Eira Tansey

eiratansey

A1 reading Klein's "This Changes Everything" for my climate change research and it's making me question consumer-based solutions #critlib

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karen nicholson

nicholsonkp

@eiratansey I was thinking along same lines in sense that some consumption is unavoidable #critlib

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Gina Murrell

GinaMurrell1

Desire for ethical consumerism in libraries might be curbed due to admin decisions, budget limitations & contract stipulations. #critlib

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Ellen MacInnis

ecmacinnis

A1: participating in ethical consumption is a privilege. allows a certain segment to feel like superheroes thru shopping choices. #critlib

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Ian Beilin

ibeilin @ibeilin

@ecmacinnis and the corollary for a library is that it feels virtuous for consuming (and producing) 'ethically' #critlib

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Ellen MacInnis

ecmacinnis

@ibeilin Yessss. Self righteousness is a heckuva drug. (I say this as a consumer regularly duped by ethical consumption.) #critlib

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J. Turner Masland

deweyes@notdead

A1. I think "ethical consumerism" is also a smoke screen for class privilege and corporate green washing... #critlib

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Gina Schleselman-Ta

ginaschless

ethical consumerism also available only to those w the means -- ethics only for the rich #critlib

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Nora Almeida

nora_almeida

@ginaschless Fair labor costs $ and if lib is trying to serve populations that don't otherwise have access what is priority? #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Ian Beilin

ibeilin @ibeilin

for some reason I keep picturing Whole Foods - is there a library version of that place? #critlib

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Eamon Tewell

@EamonTewell

@ibeilin I kept thinking of the "green" disposable cups on the campus here. Ethical consumption everywhere! #critlib

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Gina Murrell

GinaMurrell1

A1. How much support do you have within your department to be an ethical consumer? From within the larger library administration? #critlib

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Q2 Does a consumerist model of library service encourage a consumerist model of environmental responsibility in libraries?

@ibeilin A2: At the very least it doesn’t HELP things. Assumptions that libraries = good mean no questioning implications. #critlib

@deweysnotdead I know we are not talking about labor tonight but... A2 addressing neoliberal administrative structures, policies and practices #critlib

@eiratansy tbh it's hard to separate environmental justice from labor justice #critlib
@deweysnotdead lots of research showing that shitty labor laws track with massive environmental destruction #critlib

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@eiratansey exactly. My undergrad was environmental sociology. in my studies, I was amazed how much they were intertwined #critlib

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@eiratansey evidence showing strong correlations between ecological degradation and social degradation throughout history :-( #critlib

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@deweysnotdead @eiratansey discourse of ethical consumerism obscures exactly these kinds of connections b/w issues structurally #critlib

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@flippychippynip What was the impetus to "go green"? Were implications not discussed? #critlib

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A2: I keep wondering how this conversation relates to the library scrambling to "stay relevant" and seem "cool" conversation #critlib

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@nora_almeida yes - I had the same thought; I think we're very much pressured all the time to get all the shiny new things #critlib

@ibeilin @nora_almeida 3-D printers for everyone everywhere. :P #critlib

i think someone said it somewhere in a previous #critlib but the whole makerspace emphasis on printing plastic tchotchkes to be "cool"...

@eiratansey Is that part of the push to use PLA instead of ABS? So they're biodegradable tchotchkes? #critlib

@nora_almeida buschman may talk about this: he's done a bunch of work rel to generational mkting and neoliberalism in libraries #critlib

@nicholsonkp Maybe anti-capitalism will become cool soon? #critlib
A2 Seems likely. More we encourage our publics to see us as access points instead of stewards/guides, more expectation of *stuff* ~ #critlib

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A2.1 That said, our efforts probably most legible through consumerist lens because it’s dominant social frame & patron need #critlib

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@foureyedsoul I agree. This is the same reason that Bernie Sanders will never be president. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

a2: I think "user experience" while perhaps? a worthy pursuit also falls into consumption paradigm #critlib

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A2 When we assume students are consumers of education, all that matters is what they're consuming—pencils, ipads, instruction, etc #critlib

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@LaurenMWallis Also matters what institution consumes from the students? I really resent the time the uni consumes fr me in S role. #critlib

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@LaurenMWallis If you have insights as to how I to do this as a student when the uni has procedures that demand consumption ... :) #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Yup #critlib twitter.com/laurenmwallis/...

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A2 The phrase "romanticized notions of innovation" from Poggiali reading sticks out for me as a dangerous trend in librarianship #critlib

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A2: Where does the idea of teaching consumer literacy fall in our professional duty? #questioningconsumption #critlib

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Q2.5 Does this tendency undermine the 'core values' of librarianship?

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A2.5: I think there is a lot of compromising. We don’t have a real sounding board. Thinking of this: laurenwallis.wordpress.com/2015/05/12/sma... #critlib

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**Ellen MacInnis**
@ibeilin A2.5: Can/should we assume the core values of librarianship are automatically anti-consumerist? #critlib
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**Ian Beilin**
@ibeilin @ecmacinnis no I guess not - but maybe they're 'neutral' (?!!) on consumerism? #critlib
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**Ellen MacInnis**
@ibeilin My immediate response to that was 'but nothing is ever neutral!' Librarianship developed in a consumerist context, ergo.#critlib
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**Leanne**
cat_lager
The marriage of "green" and consumerist ideas seems really prevalent in the lit on new lib bldg construction these days. #critlib
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**Leanne**
cat_lager
Like, here's this new LEED certified building complete with an Apple store-like service model. Thanks. #critlib
3 YEARS AGO

**Sarah**
s_green
Related to recycling, there was a great WaPo article on how it's changed since the '90s: washingtonpost.com/local/dc-polit... #critlib
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A2.5 We should consider the impacts our purchases have on other communities in terms of "the public good," not just on our own #critlib

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A2.5 Contributing to oppressive working conditions in China by purchasing Apple products is a problem in terms of "public good" #critlib

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This is great. So much to chew on. Next question! #critlib

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Q3 How can libraries not only be more environmentally responsible but also consume and produce less?

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Anyone got an environmental sustainability initiative on their campus? #critlib

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@ifrank #critlib @univofdayton does. Big time one

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@ifrank at my previous POW, the library had one. It kind of sputtered tho but it was a good idea #critlib

@ifrank and current POW dies as well. Also ethical investing of endowment funds etc. #critlib

@ifrank Yes and in fact our library was awarded two of the campus awards last spring. #critlib

@ifrank It's a big deal here at @Portland_State with initiatives, programs, classes, etc. pdx.edu/sustainability... #critlib

@cat_lager A3 serve as ROLE MODELS examining consumption habits. Model real change to each other, to our patrons. #critlib

A3: I think too learning to model sustainability w/out being preachy or condescending. Being honest w/ourselves about our impact. #critlib
Kara Plamann Wagoner
KaraPW
My stepmom is watching a video on "Amazon Prime Day" as we speak! I think it's a good reflection of consumer mindset #critlib
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Nora Almeida
@KaraPW Yes! Ethical consumerism as pedagogy. Perhaps unrealistic to expect systematic changes in how/what we consume #critlib
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Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta Need to learn to balance professional drive to preserve/acquire as much as we can afford to w/concerns re sustainability #critlib
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Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta A3.1 & these are sometimes [often] conflicting concerns/values & we have to learn to live with/acknowledge/work with this tension #critlib
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Gina Murrell
GinaMurrell1
A3 Within my library department, we compost and have different receptacles for recycling printer paper, glass & plastic, etc. #critlib
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Eira Tansey
eiratansy@eiratansey
A3 I think Mandy Henk's book on sustainability & libs suggested that lib admins should subsidize greener transportation to confs #critlib
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Eira Tansey

A3 I'd love to see a funding model that incentivizes better transit, inc more time off work to do longer-form transport like trains #critlib

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Nora Almeida

A3 Aside from taking discarded books home for art projects? #critlib

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J. Turner Masland

deweys@snotdead

A3. Awareness is essential. And learning and teaching each other. Two things I think librarians are already pretty good at. #critlib

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J. Turner Masland

deweys@snotdead

A3 Fight global warming, circulate bicycles! #critlib

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Lauren Wallis

@LaurenMWallis

Seek out student groups interested in the environment and listen to their ideas about e-waste issues on campus #critlib

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Lauren Wallis

@LaurenMWallis

A3: Straight to librarian jail for anyone who prints an email :D #critlib

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Andrew Kosmowski

@BroAJK

@LaurenMWallis #critlib (psst...I do print off copyright permissions I receive via email)

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Sveta Stoytcheva
oksveta@oksveta
@LaurenMWallis haha yes! but also must remember that 'limitless' cloud storage also has a carbon footprint, not better by default #critlib
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J. Turner Masland
deweyssnotdead
@oksveta @LaurenMWallis Yes!! The internet uses up a lot of energy!! youtube.be/iuZDylVFbhs @SciShow #critlib
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Eamon Tewell
@EamonTewell
A3 Don't always assume more collections or tech=better. Instead, how can we achieve our goals through means other than consumption? #critlib
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Ian Beilin
ibeilin @ibeilin
what do you think libraries consume too much of? #critlib - what can we cut out more of or entirely?
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Nora Almeida
nora_almeida_almeida
@ibeilin we consume (read: perpetuate) products of unethical labor. There's a reason #OA has adopted enviro speak. #critlib
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Ian Beilin
ibeilin @ibeilin
@nora_almeida yes, the labor issues are inextricably entwined, hence the original plan for this #critlib convo!
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@ibeilin some colleagues' work: digital preservation is often done at a higher quality than needed #critlib [s/o @_karin_jones_ :)]

@cat_lager I'm an acq person, so my brain immediately goes to collaborative coll dev and shared print archives. #critlib

#critlib 1/2 Also sometimes accessibility and sustainability conflict. I process onscreen words slower than printed - should not stigmatize

#critlib 2/2 resources being used to make materials and services more accessible. We can't all "be green" in the same way.

A3 I wonder how we can share more resources w/o increasing dependence on electronics or fossil fuels for ILL delivery #critlib

Q3: ask vendors & assocs not to produce print flyers, conf programs; same for #PD programs (thinking of Immersion @lisalibrarian) #critlib
Q4 How can libraries/librarians take collective approaches, rather than consumerist-individualist ones, to environmental problems?
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Nora Almeida
nora_almeida

A4: Stop the textbooks. Lifecycle problem. Sustainability problem. Pedagogy problem. #critlib

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Ellen MacInnis
ecmacinnis

@nora_almeida Reminds me of issue w/planned obsolescence in the readings. Consumerism sustains itself easily. #critlib

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Ian Beilin
ibeilin

@ecmacinnis and we have SO MUCH planned obsolescence in our library tech! #critlib

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Nora Almeida
nora_almeida

@ecmacinnis For sure. I think it's about resistance and about alternative pathways. #critlib

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Sarah
s_green@s_green

A3: libraries could continue to do what they do well: enabling people through education, showing how to contact their reps, etc. #critlib

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A4 consortial purchasing allows for fewer materials to be shared among a group of materials #critlib

A4: Library-wide recycling (& composting) initiatives. At some academic libraries, I've seen limits enforced on printer output. #critlib

@GinaMurrell1 that's such a hard one to enforce! patrons get angry about it. But it needs to be done #critlib

@ibeilin @GinaMurrell1 challenge-cuts against addressing inequality. some students have $ to copy/print elsewhere but some don't #critlib

@GinaMurrell1 Have experienced conflict between professors' expectations and libraries' limits.. can be rough as a student. #critlib

@GinaMurrell1 uni where I taught before had limits on number if photocopies/printouts faculty could make for courses #critlib
Aimee S. Goodson
asgoodson
@GinaMurrell1 We have a per-printjob limit & someday will have a per student per semester limit (unless they buy more). #critlib

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Ryan P. Randall
foureyedfoureyedsoul
A4 Consortial purchasing/use, esp of specialized/"demo" devices? Also workshops to teach patrons how to reuse tech, how to ILL, etc #critlib

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Sveta Stoytcheva
oksveta@oksveta
@foureyedsoul & our maker spaces/labs/etc should have tools & emphasis on maintenance, repair, and reuse #critlib

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J. Turner Masland
deweyssnotdead
@oksveta @foureyedsoul excellent point! We need to remember how much energy is consumed in the recycling process... #critlib

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Ryan P. Randall
foureyedfoureyedsoul
@oksveta Absolutely! #makerspace folks, please incorporate/prioritize repair & reuse into your previously-scheduled awesomeness. #critlib

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Sveta Stoytcheva
oksveta@oksveta
a4 build relationships/provide resources & expertise to activists & scholars working on climate change & enviro justice issues #critlib

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Leanne

cat_lager@cat_lager

Great example of sharing resources to reduce waste, but getting stuff from one place to another takes fuel! #critlib twitter.com/historivist/st...

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J. Turner Masland
deweyssnotdead

@cat_lager @historivist electric drones? maybe amazon had the right idea.... #critlib

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Laura Mitchell
dignityjones

A4. Collaboration with community based activist groups? Offering of support/space/solidarity? #critlib

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Ellen MacInnis
ecmacinnis

So much of the 'green movement' is inherently classist, ableist, etc. I suspicion 'ethical consumption' is part of the reason why. #critlib

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Ian Beilin
ibeilin @ibeilin

I learned last week (at ReCAP) that shared offsite storage can actually save a lot of energy and waste, and preserve #critlib

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Ian Beilin
ibeilin @ibeilin

...of course, ReCAP required a massive investment from rich institutions first... #critlib

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**Genna D**

Small step: find avenues (preferably local) other than the Dumpster for weeded materials or donations outside coll policy #critlib

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**Ryan P. Randall**

A good place for weeded materials would be pagestoprisoners.org — perhaps similar or start near other libraries? #critlib @historivist

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**Lisa Hinchliffe**

@foureyedsoul @historivist challenge for state institutions. not always allowed to transfer state property. #ethicalquandry #critlib

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**Ryan P. Randall**

@lisalibrarian @historivist So state sometimes _requires_ discarding rather than transferring, even to another state facility? #critlib

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**Lisa Hinchliffe**

@foureyedsoul @historivist Can transfer (sometimes) to another state institution. But recall that most jails/prisons aren't "state" #critlib

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**Lisa Hinchliffe**

@historivist @foureyedsoul Yes, if donated materials, can refer. But, not weeded which was what @foureyedsoul had mentioned #critlib

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Lisa Hinchliffe
lisalibrarian
@foureyedsoul @historivist and those volunteer organizations that serve prisoners definitely are not state institutions #critlib

Ryan P. Randall
foureyedsoul
@lisalibrarian @historivist Far too many private/for-profit prisons. The state-run ones wld probably rely on 3rd party progs like p2p #critlib

Ryan P. Randall
foureyedsoul
@lisalibrarian @historivist ARGH! I intended donated as well but only so many characters. Good to know at least those can be. #critlib

Lisa Hinchliffe
lisalibrarian
@foureyedsoul @historivist I just mean that they are county or federal rather than state. But, yes. #critlib

Lisa Hinchliffe
lisalibrarian
@foureyedsoul @historivist The library's labor costs for donated materials is HUGE tho. Very expensive to accept donations. #critlib

Ian Beilin
ibeilin @ibeilin
@lisalibrarian yes, I'm learning that now as I field all kinds of requests to donate in my new job! @foureyedsoul @historivist #critlib
Q5 What are some ‘ethical quandaries’ that could become learning experiences for students, as Jennifer Poggiali suggests?

Leanne
cat_lager@cat_lager
Alright, last one. #critlib

Leanne
cat_lager@cat_lager
Q5 What are some ‘ethical quandaries’ that could become learning experiences for students, as Jennifer Poggiali suggests? #critlib

Ellen MacInnis
ecmacinnis@ecmacinnis
A5: Tracking the life cycle of resources is a good place to start. Which people, which resources, were sacrificed for my laptop? #critlib

Ellen MacInnis
ecmacinnis@ecmacinnis
A5: Challenge the fuzzy feel-good of 'going green.' Are we doing it for activist cookies, or because the world's falling apart? #critlib

Ellen MacInnis
ecmacinnis@ecmacinnis
A5: But at the same time, there are and should be different levels of engagement for different abilities and interest levels. #critlib
@ecmacinnis yes, because it can so easily become another cudgel wielded by the privileged to maintain their superiority #critlib

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Ellen MacInnis

@ibeilin Exactly! Dehumanizing to have to defend my choices. Puts systemic blame squarely on individuals’ shoulders. #critlib

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Andrew Kosmowski

@BroAJK Or do we do this to promote human dignity? #critlib twitter.com/ecmacinnis/sta...

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Nora Almeida

@BroAJK I know that modeling + advocacy doesn’t = collective action but I feel like it's a start #critlib

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Andrew Kosmowski

@nora_almeida I concur but I’m challenging why we do some things #critlib

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Nora Almeida

@BroAJK I think it’s easy to lose sight of the why. (ethical) consumerism is also about lifestyle. It's automatic (or not). #critlib

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Lisa Hinchliffe
lisalibrarian
@cat_lager A5 re-use of paper printed on one-side can accidentally violate privacy #critlib

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Leanne
cat_lager@cat_lager
Eek. I've totally seen this happen before. #critlib twitter.com/lisalibrarian/...

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Nora Almeida
nora_almeida_almeida
A5: Quandary to provide access using systems in place v. rejecting corrupt systems and not serving those in need (info, food, etc). #critlib

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Sveta Stoytcheva
oksveta@oksveta
a4 obviously there are 1,000,000 things we need to consider 4 any decision, but sustainability shld be priority & not afterthought #critlib

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Eira Tansey
eiratansyeiratansey
a library's carbon footprint is arguably much larger than "how many pages can students print?" look at building energy use... #critlib

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Eira Tansey
eiratansyeiratansey
because I didn’t see it a lot in this #critlib... libraries must consider how climate change threatens our missions in many concrete ways

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J. Turner Masland  
deweysnotdead

@eiratansey as we see more extreme weather from climate change, libs are going to play an essential role in disaster response #critlib

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Ellen MacInnis  
ecmacinnis

@deweysnotdead @eiratansey Would love to see a #critlib chat about disaster response and libraries' roles.

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Ryan P. Randall  
foureysoule yeedsoul

@ecmacinnis @deweysnotdead @eiratansey I know @TheresaQuill has led awesome workshops on mapping to help 1st responders #critlib

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Eira Tansey  
eiratansyeiratansey

@foureysoule @ecmacinnis @deweysnotdead @TheresaQuill oooh I'd be interested in (co-?)leading a #critlib on this several months from now

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J. Turner Masland  
deweysnotdead

@eiratansey @foureysoule @ecmacinnis @TheresaQuill I would be happy to help out with that #critlib

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Leanne  
cat_lagercat_lager

At old POW we argued to shut down on Fridays during summer for this very reason. #critlib twitter.com/eiratansey/sta...

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A5 excellent q 4 instruction/programming librarians, but I would say promote awareness building/cognitive dissonance #critlib

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A5 By purchasing this product/service or engaging in this initiative, what are my actions really supporting? And am I OK with that? #critlib

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Maybe ultimate sustainability questions: what actions preserve the most social good and how the heck do we tell? #critlib

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@ecmacinnis & how do we cope w/ the fact that there is no neutral/objective way to measure social good while still working for it? #critlib

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@oksveta @ecmacinnis future #critlib topic!

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A5 Quandary: environmental impacts stemming from desire to teach/learn new technologies or do DH work #critlib

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@historivist Topic opens up really rich conversations around enviro issues IMO #critlib — esp. as tech is oft marketed as ‘green’

#critlib pitches & thanks to our excellent moderators

Yikes! the hour has almost passed. Keep on going, but please share your pitches! #critlib

Pitching for @projectARCC tonight - a dynamic group of archivists coming together to respond to climate change #critlib

Thanks, #critlib. Great Chat @cat_lager & @ibeilin

@nora_almeida Thanks for joining! @ibeilin #critlib

Thank you everyone for new resources to check out and new questions to consider. #critlib
Ian Beilin
ibeilin @ibeilin

This is another #critlib topic that should be revisited soon, as well as the labor connection...

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Sarah
s_green @s_green

Thanks for the chat, #critlib.

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J. Turner Masland
deweysnotdead

A'right, #critlib - thanks for the great chat, as always! Hope you all have a great night :) 

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Ian Beilin
ibeilin @ibeilin

@deweysnotdead thanks for coming out of the urker position! #critlib

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Leanne
cat_lager @cat_lager

Thanks everyone for coming tonight! Again, if you'd be willing to storify, just holler. #critlib

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Gina Murrell
GinaMurrell1

Another great #critlib chat! Thanks @cat_lager & @ibeilin for some very excellent moderating!

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Nancy Foasberg
@nfoasberg

thanks for an informative #critlib on a subject I find totally overwhelming...

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Sveta Stoytcheva
oksveta
@cat_lager I can do it tomorrow evening while powering through last few episodes Twin Peaks #critlib
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Laura Mitchell
dignity@rignitaryjones
Thank you #critlib, thank you @cat_lager & @ibeilin. Plenty to ponder as always!
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Eira Tansey
eiratansey
Thanks #critlib and @ibeilin and @cat_lager
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Ryan P. Randall
foureyedsoul
Thanks for all the new people for participating in a great #critlib tonight. And thanks for topic & moderating, @cat_lager & @ibeilin!
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Genna D
historivist
First time turning up at #critlib was very enjoyable. My thoughts are provoked. Thanks all!
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Heidy Berthoud
@heidylibrarian
Fun #critlib tonight! Looking forward to next time.
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