

# #critlib 9/8/2015: information and migrant populations

Storify of the September 8 2015 #critlib chat on "Information and migrant populations", moderated by @bembrarian. Discussion questions and suggested readings here: <http://critlib.org/information-and-migrant-populations> For more info about #critlib, including past and future chats, see [critlib.org](http://critlib.org).

## Preliminaries



**Kelly McElroy**

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#critlib tonight on the timely topic of information and migrant populations, hosted by @bembrarian : [critlib.org/twitter-chats/...](http://critlib.org/twitter-chats/)



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**kyle shockey**

kshockey04@kshockey04

Excited that @PLGCoordCom at @iuils will be joining us on the big board for #critlib tonight.



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**IU PLG-SC**

@iuplg

Join your PLG tonight at 8pm in the IQ Room of the East Tower @HermanBWells for a meet up! We'll display the #critlib chat starting at 9pm.



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**IU PLG-SC**

@iuplg

This weeks' chat topic is information & migrant populations, moderated by @bembrarian. For more about #critlib, see [critlib.org/twitter-chats/...](http://critlib.org/twitter-chats/)



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**IU ILS**  
iuils @iuils

#Critlib is in the house!!! Tonight's topic is information and migrant populations.  
[twitter.com/iuplg/status/6...](https://twitter.com/iuplg/status/6...)



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**James**  
modbrarian modbrarian

excited that we are talking about human migrants in #critlib tonight given the current state of the world.



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**  
bembrarian bembrarian

30 minutes until #critlib . . . take a look at the topic here: [critlib.org/information-an...](http://critlib.org/information-an...) I will start tweeting a bit leading up to the convo.



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I've got my #critlib moderator toolkit, which includes A/C, coffee, and dependable WiFi.  
[pic.twitter.com/qJyUzOqTsL](https://pic.twitter.com/qJyUzOqTsL)



GREG BEM, MLIS @BEMBRARIAN · 2 YEARS AGO



**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

Perhaps an appropriate soundtrack for tonight's [#critlib](#)? Elysia Crampton's American Drift: [pitchfork.com/reviews/albums...](https://pitchfork.com/reviews/albums/) [#queued](#)



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

I'll be collecting any links from the [#critlib](#) chat tonight and throwing them into a repository, which will be linked on the website.



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

T-minus 9 minutes until [#critlib](#) chat 41! Consider migrating yourself to a comfortable seat with appropriate lighting!



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**kyle adultman**

kshockey04

[#critlib](#) time come on, grab your friends we'll use a library critical lens



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## Introductions



**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

Okay, [#CritLib](#) Community! Let's see how this goes :) Before we jump to the questions, please introduce yourself to the group!



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

[@bembrarian](#) My own background being a librarian currently in Cambodia, to return to [@TheLWTech](#) [@learningcommons](#) in just a couple weeks!



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**Violet Fox**  
@violetbfox


Hi [#critlib](#), I'm Violet, an academic librarian/cataloger in the middle of Minnesota. Not sure if I'll have a lot to say, but I'm listening!

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**kyle adultman**  
kshockey04

kyle: funemployed mls, region rat, resident hater [#critlib](#)

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hello [#critlib](#) coming at you live from the IQ wall <http://t.co/J0yU9bZuWN>


hello [#critlib](#) coming at you live from the IQ wall [pic.twitter.com/J0yU9bZuWN](http://pic.twitter.com/J0yU9bZuWN)

 THOM SULLIVAN @THOMTHOMTHOM · 2 YEARS AGO



**Heidi Berthoud**  
@heidylibrarian

Hi [#critlib](#). Lurking academic librarian here...

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**Gina Schlesselman-Ta**  
ginaschless

Hi [#critlib](#), Gina in SoCal. Excited to learn tonight!

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Hi [#critlib](#), I'm an outreach librarian at a public university's, and my record just skipped because of this: [pic.twitter.com/gi213QWBcJ](https://pic.twitter.com/gi213QWBcJ)


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**Ryan P. Randall**

[foureyedsoul](#) ~~@foureyedsoul~~

Hi [#critlib](#), I'm Ryan, super excited for tonight's topic & that [@iuplg](#) is joining with us on a BIG SCREEN in [@HermanBWells](#) library.

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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

[bembrace](#) ~~@bembrace~~

[@foureyedsoul](#) [@iuplg](#) [@HermanBWells](#) I imagine [#CritLib](#) projected onto the sides of buildings next week!

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**Kimberly Britt**

[kimstercat](#) ~~@kimstercat~~

Hi [#critlib](#), it's Kimberly a library assistant/librarian in training from GA...I will be lurking today

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**Kaitlin Kehnemuyi**

kaitlinm ~~mlk~~ kaitlinmlk

Hi [#critlib](#) [@jessicahochman](#) student and [#critlib](#) lurker joining for the first time. (also former [@edrabinski](#) student too!)



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**Maura Smale**

mauraweb ~~mauraweb~~

Hi [#critlib](#), I'm Maura from an academic library in Brooklyn, in and out tonight prepping for my kid to start high school tomorrow (eee!).



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn ~~as~~ Sam\_Winn

Hello [#critlib](#)! I'm an archivist in Appalachia working with marginalized communities. Here to learn + listen.



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn ~~as~~ Sam\_Winn

I'm an archivist crashing the Crit Lib chat, and I'm not sorry.



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**kyle adultman**

kshockey04 ~~04~~ kshockey04

.[@Sam\\_Winn](#) you should. more should. how can we make it more appealing? [#critlib](#)



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn ~~as~~ Sam\_Winn

.[@kshockey04](#) Hmm. I know many archivists who are deeply passionate/knowledgeable about theory. I'm sometimes reticent b/c it gets too deep



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn @Sam\_Winn

Reasons for archivists to join #critlib chats: [twitter.com/kshockey04/sta...](https://twitter.com/kshockey04/status/1000000000000000000)



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**Rebecca**

Deranged @Deranged Describe

@Sam\_Winn @kshockey04 Would be cool to see a special "let's get archs and libs working together" #critlib night



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**Ryan P. Randall**

foureyedsoul @foureyedsoul

I'm hereby rolling out the welcome mat for @Sam\_Winn, @HanaK89, @feministlib & any archivists interested in #critlib. You'll only enrich it!



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**Anna Clutterbuck-Cook**

feministlib @feministlib

I have enjoyed every #critlib chat I've been able to attend! Important work, y'all. <3 [twitter.com/foureyedsoul/s...](https://twitter.com/foureyedsoul/status/1000000000000000000)



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**Barnard Library Jenna**

barnlib @barnlib

Howdy #critlib I'm mostly out tonight-but wanted to pop in to say thx @bembrarian for leading this chat & new mod @violetbfox for wrangling.



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**James**

modbrarian @modbrarian

Hi #critlib James here reporting from the evening shift on the reference desk at the university I work at.



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**Amanda M Meeks**

AcornElectric

Hello #critlib I'm here, listening, and very interested in hearing what others have to say on this topic.



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**Kerry Elkins**

@kelkinslib

Hi #critlib! I'm a student of @jessicahochman joining for the first time.



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**Lisa Raney**

lisa\_raney

Hi #critlib, I'm a reference librarian at a public library in California's Central Valley. I'll mostly be listening (reading).



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**Jonathan Cope**

stupidplover

Hi #critlib I'm an academic librarian in Brooklyn who will be lurking with interest.



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**Jenny**

@jenejel

[goo.gl/7kifqw](https://goo.gl/7kifqw) Hi #critlib, I'm a reference librarian at a public library in California's Central Valley. I'll mostly be listenin...



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**Jessica Hochman**

@jessicahochman


Many technical difficulties, but finally here and psyched to learn more about tonight's topic! #critlib




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 **Debra**  
debmlucas  
[@debmlucas](#)

[#CritLib](#) I'm Debbie. Why are we closing research desks? Our students deserve services unlike the past. Stay open be different. Promote.


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 **Greg Bem, MLIS**  
bembrace  
[@bembrace](#)


I'll try & respond to all your [#CritLib](#) comments and thoughts.. if I overlook something, forgive me! Use the [#CritLib](#) hashtag when possible!


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Question 1: What migrant populations do you serve at your library? Does your library observe migration and how?


 **Greg Bem, MLIS**  
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Okay, let's get started! [#CritLib](#) Q1: What migrant populations do you serve at your library? Does your library observe migration and how?

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 **Greg Bem, MLIS**  
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[@bembrace](#) I'll stay tuned into the Cambodian library I work at here. We have countless urban migrants who have to find information in PP

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 **Greg Bem, MLIS**  
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[@bembrace](#)

Regarding my own A1 for [#CritLib](#), one of my gigs is at a research-based NGO, where scientists are constantly entering/exiting the space.

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 **Kerry Elkins**  
[@kelkinslib](#)

[@bembrace](#) That certainly sounds like it poses problems for providing up to date information/access to information for their diff. fields

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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

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@kelkinslib Absolutely. There's a huge need for core info for these researchers, esp consultants/students only working a couple months.



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**kyle adultman**

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a1) I don't work in a library #critlib ;)



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**kyle adultman**

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a1.1) I can say that the professionals that work in my area are serving majority black & migrant latinx populations, depending #critlib



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**Violet Fox**

@violetbfox

#critlib A1. I've only been here a month, but I know that my public library has programs for the significant Somali refugee population here.



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

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@violetbfox Is this population new? Also, does the library have public information how they are supported??



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**Kaitlin Kehnemuyi**

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@violetbfox Can you expand a little? what kind of programming? #critlib



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**Violet Fox**  
@violetbfox

@bembrarian I don't think it's particularly formal or spelled-out (in a public place). ESL, citizenship test help, etc. #critlib



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**Violet Fox**  
@violetbfox

@kaitlinmlk I think it's fairly limited. What I've heard about is ESL help, citizenship test help, Somali language materials. #critlib



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**Kelly McElroy**  
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@violetbfox @bembrarian any language collections? #critlib



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**Violet Fox**  
@violetbfox

@kellymce @bembrarian Fewer than 150 Arabic and Somali books, in a large multi-county regional public library. :( #critlib



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**Kelly McElroy**  
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A1: considering the broad definitions @bembrarian provided, many (temporary) migrants come to our college town. #critlib



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**  
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@kellymce The College Town "location type" deserves its own conversation! What a vast expanse of churning information seeking beyond academe



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**Kelly McElroy**

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@bembrarian sure! And our students overwhelmingly move to Portland -- the one biggish city in OR -- after graduation. #critlib



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**Kelly McElroy**

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A1: Which is in line with the demographics for our state. #critlib



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**Kelly McElroy**

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A2: there are a fair number of students who work as migrant workers, or who have family who do. #critlib



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

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@kellymce Do you find these students and their families engage the library often?



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**Kelly McElroy**

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@bembrarian good question! We work with the CAMP program: [oregonstate.edu/dept/camp/](http://oregonstate.edu/dept/camp/) #critlib



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**Kelly McElroy**

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A1: at a uni level, we offer some services bilingually & there is this rad Mi Familia weekend, started by a student: [facebook.com/MiFamiliaWeeke...](https://facebook.com/MiFamiliaWeeke...)



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

@kellymce Woah, love that concept. Does it specifically work to be inclusive of a specific migrant population?



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**Kelly McElroy**

kellymce

@bembrarian no, but many of our Latino students are Mexican-American. #critlib



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn

A1 - we serve a constantly fluctuating population of international students and faculty, but my real exp w/ migration comes from... #critlib



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn

... coll dev work w/ archives, as I trace remnants + rumors of long-lost communities in our area [A1 - part 2]. #critlib



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

@Sam\_Winn "long-lost communities" has a certain poetic flair to it, like you're on some deep question to find them and recover them.



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn

@bembrarian It really feels like it. Even a community that was displaced for development 10 yrs ago, totally forgotten by locals.



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**Samantha Winn**

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@bembrarian Or 20 years ago... here's an article about one example in our county  
[jstor.org/stable/4144562...](https://www.jstor.org/stable/4144562)



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**Samantha Winn**

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Our past failure to document these marginalized communities + their migrations is 1 reason this job exists, also huge challenge [#critlib](#) A1



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**Maura Smale**

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A1 We don't have programming specifically for migrant groups in my lib, but as a public college in NYC we likely serve migrants. [#critlib](#)



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**James**

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A1: in the small town where my university is. There is a large population of migrant workers for the ag industry. [#critlib](#)



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**James**

modbrarian@modbrarian

A1: Also maybe a bit unsurprising. This population is almost entirely Latino. And they live on the outskirts of town. [#critlib](#)



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**James**

modbrarian@modbrarian

A1: at the university, most of our migrant (international) students come from East Asia. Very few from elsewhere. [#critlib](#)



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

@modbrarian So Asian and then locals to the town? Any migration from local towns, cities, etc? I'm interested in the granularity.



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**James**

modbrarian

@bembrarian well sure. I am at a medium sized state university in Wisconsin. You could say all the students are migrants to and from here.



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

@modbrarian That's what I was getting at ;) But not sure how helpful generalizing everyone as a migrant is or isn't. Still need to ponder..



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**James**

modbrarian

@bembrarian it's different for college students imo. Most have a perm. home to return to when school is out with family.



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

@modbrarian Good point. I am fascinated by the "integration" and "orientation" all college students face when they arrive to the campus.



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**James**

modbrarian

@bembrarian certainly makes every fall feel like starting from scratch a lot in my work.



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

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@modbrarian That's the same space I'm in with the NGO here. A lot of retelling and recycling old materials and processes.



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**Kelly McElroy**

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@modbrarian do you get students from those families? #critlib



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**James**

modbrarian@modbrarian

@kellymce I would have to look into more. I don't believe many do when I look around campus.



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**Ryan P. Randall**

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A1 At IU, substantial migrants from East Asia, Eastern Europe, Middle East (ie international students becoming US professionals) #critlib



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**Ryan P. Randall**

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A1.1 Also Bloomington has a lot of regional (hey, @kshockey04's from The Region) migration, beyond int'l profs/students & families #critlib



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**Thom Sullivan**

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@foureyedsoul I'm wondering how many folks stay in US, vs go elsewhere after graduating, if there are stats? #critlib



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**Ryan P. Randall**

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foureyedsoul

@thomthomthom Fantastic question! @aasher knows many IU stats, so he may know where to source those numbers / where they might be? #critlib



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**Kelly McElroy**

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kellymce

@thomthomthom @foureyedsoul great question! Or move on to still other countries, too. And how does it break down by nationality? #critlib



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**Ryan P. Randall**

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foureyedsoul

@kellymce @thomthomthom Anecdotally, one of my undergraduate co-workers is from Indonesia and applied for many US & UK jobs #critlib



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

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Regarding my own A1 for #CritLib, one of my gigs is at a research-based NGO, where scientists are constantly entering/exiting the space.



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**Amanda M Meeks**

~~AcornElectric~~  
AcornElectric

My private academic lib does have a significant population of international students, but I'm unsure how many stay after graduation #critlib



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**Kimberly Britt**

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kimstercat

A1) We also have a number of international students. I am unsure of what we do for them & where they go after graduation #critlib



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**Lisa Raney**

[lisa\\_raney](#) [@lisa\\_raney](#)

A1: We have a large migrant population here as agriculture is an \$8 billion industry in the county my library serves.. [#critlib](#)



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**Lisa Raney**

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Q1: I'm not aware that we track it, especially as many of the migrants are undocumented farm workers... [#critlib](#)



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

[bembrace](#) [@bembrace](#)

[@lisa\\_raney](#) Can undocumented farm workers get library cards? [#CritLib](#) [#Curiosity](#)



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**Lisa Raney**

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.[@bembrace](#) Maybe? We ask for a photo ID and proof of current address when registering. Most people use their DL for both. [#critlib](#)



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**Lisa Raney**

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.[@bembrace](#) I was thinking of a patron having a Non US Citizen DL and using that to apply, but now am not so sure. Good question. [#critlib](#)



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**Kaitlin Kehnemuyi**

[kaitlinm](#) [@kaitlinmlk](#)

[@lisa\\_raney](#) plus you can give them lots of resources and help w/o the card. I know that doesn't help outside of library....



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

@lisa\_raney Proof of address has been tricky for me to agree with as a librarian. There are a lot of homeless in Seattle to provide it.



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**Kaitlin Kehnemuyi**

kaitlinmlk

@lisa\_raney @bembrarian I just had to show a piece of mail w/ address #critlib



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn

@bembrarian @lisa\_raney In my prev public lib, we issued lib cards to ppl w/ Mexican consulate ID + utility bill. Some were undoc'd #critlib



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**Ryan P. Randall**

foureyedsoul

@lisa\_raney @bembrarian At MCPL an official letter saying holder is participating in social services works #critlib mcpl.info/checkout/check...



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**Lisa Raney**

lisa\_raney

@foureyedsoul @bembrarian @Sam\_Winn These are all such great ideas!! Am saving them so I can bring them up with admin. #critlib



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

@foureyedsoul @lisa\_raney Wow--a great alternative, but perhaps fairly challenging and off-putting in terms of process? Thoughts?



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Ryan P. Randall

four-eyed soul  
four-eyed soul

@bembrarian @lisa\_raney I agree—it's perhaps less than ideal, but far better than nothing. I know zilch about process & use count. #critlib



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Lisa Raney

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lisa\_raney

@kaitlinmlk Definitely. We've been trying to increase our outreach efforts actually. That's step 1. #critlib



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Lisa Raney

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lisa\_raney

@kaitlinmlk They're mostly using our rural branches, but we have many more services (and staff) at our main branch in town. #critlib



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Greg Bem, MLIS

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@lisa\_raney @four-eyed soul @Sam\_Winn Librarians should, I think, work with admin on these foundational concepts often.



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Kaitlin Kehnemuyi

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kaitlinmlk

What about serving populations that migrate w/i the country? Post 2008 economic crash people moved to new places for economy. #critlib



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Kaitlin Kehnemuyi

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kaitlinmlk

Or are we only looking for people moving to a new country? #critlib



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

@kaitlinmlk Love this q. I don't believe migration has to be international/immigration. A lot of populations move for different reasons.



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

@kaitlinmlk Depends on the librarian to define migration. Where it gets tricky is how the community defines it.



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**Kerry Elkins**

@kelkinslib

@kaitlinmlk There's also today's major migration issues in the EU #critlib



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn

I think @modbrarian captures it. "Borders" may be ephemeral, self-defined or defined by others. Not always locative. #critlib



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn

.@kaitlinmlk I think this is key too. Many of our "hidden" communities were economic migrants w/in US. #critlib



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn

.@kaitlinmlk From archival standpoint, they present unique documentation challenges. Our peers at #aranz2015 have been discussing #critlib



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Question 2: What are key components that define "place" and "community," and how can libraries/librarians embody those core qualities?



**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

OK [#CritLib](#): Q2: What are key components that define “place” and “community,” and how can libraries/librarians embody those core qualities?



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

(Just for those who are antsy . . . Q1 is still on the digital table!) [#CritLib](#)



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**Jennie Rose Halperin**

little\_wow

Q2: interested in how libraries can provide "place" + place and community and "community" through resource sharing + free access



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**James**

modbrarian

A2: This can be as broad as any place that brings people together 4 a shared experience. churches, rec centers, student unions, etc [#critlib](#)



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

[@modbrarian](#) "Shared Experience" touches on a fundamental concept re: migration. How can we look at breaking down outsider/insider? [#CritLib](#)



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**Kelly McElroy**

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A2: I am thinking abt this gr8 session I went to at [#AMC2015](#) about linguistic justice. [#critlib](#)



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**Kelly McElroy**

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...and the principle that people shd be able to speak whatever language they want to at any given moment. [#critlib](#)



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**Kelly McElroy**

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I would LOVE to see libraries like that. [#critlib](#)



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**Heidi Berthoud**

@heidylibrarian

[@kellymce](#) Career goals. [#critlib](#)



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**Kelly McElroy**

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This was the session, for anyone interested: [amc2015.alliedmedia.org/event/933305a3...](http://amc2015.alliedmedia.org/event/933305a3...)  
[#critlib](#) cc: [@bembrarian](#)



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**Amanda M Meeks**

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A2 I agree about being able to speak any language at any time and created a libguide that allows for google translate on every page [#critlib](#)



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**Samantha Winn**

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.@AcornElectric And prioritizing mobile friendly/accesible sites, since many folks rely on phones for Internet [#critlib](#)



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**Samantha Winn**

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.@kellymce Ties in to some relevant IR too - UNESCO/WSIS uphold same principle of lang diversity for access to ICTs #critlib



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**Samantha Winn**

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.@kellymce And lang component can be key barrier to access, in addition to deficits of basic infrastructure + fiscal resources #critlib



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**Samantha Winn**

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.@kellymce Which is not to imply that all migrants are impoverished, but maybe we don't do a great job of serving those who are #critlib



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**Kelly McElroy**

kellymce@kellymce

@Sam\_Winn totally! This seems relevant for catalogers, like @violetbfox #critlib



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**Kelly McElroy**

kellymce@kellymce

@Sam\_Winn and other poor folks, often, for that matter. #critlib



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**Violet Fox**

@violetbfox

@kellymce @Sam\_Winn This has got my mind going for the last couple of minutes! Lots to consider, thank you! #critlib



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**kyle adultman**

~~kshockey04~~ kshockey04

a2) this is always a struggle personally - space/place/community is really intertwined [#critlib](#)



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**kyle adultman**

~~kshockey04~~ kshockey04

a2.1) embodiment of those qualities means being in the space/place/community - activity with, among, around people [#critlib](#)



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

~~bembrarian~~ bembrarian

[@kshockey04](#) Is it intertwined for migrating populations? How does someone new to a place identify (or not) with a community?



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**kyle adultman**

~~kshockey04~~ kshockey04

.[@bembrarian](#) absolutely. communities are constellations. you're leaving your spaces, your place, your id'd communities (1/?) [#critlib](#)



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

~~bembrarian~~ bembrarian

[@kshockey04](#) This is where marketing/advertising/outreach becomes fascinating to me re: new members of a community. How do they see options?



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**Kaitlin Kehnemuyi**

~~kaitlinmlk~~ kaitlinmlk

[@bembrarian](#) [@kshockey04](#) great to have resources but how do raise awareness of them? It speaks more to our outreach into community [#critlib](#)



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

@kaitlinmlk @kshockey04 I know many libraries (including my hometown library in Maine) that are very, very bad at any outreach whatsoever.



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**Jennie Rose Halperin**

little\_wow

@bembrarian @kshockey04 working with post office to make library offerings known as part of registering address? (maybe idealistic)



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**Jennie Rose Halperin**

little\_wow

@bembrarian @kshockey04 (I also just moved, so I know what you get when you register and it's all crappy ads)



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

@little\_wow @kshockey04 Actually that's a great idea. I know the post office is super busy so I'm not sure how feasible that would be.



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

@little\_wow @kshockey04 Also, what happens when the post office (in the USA) shuts down, which they have threatened to do due to debt?



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**Jennie Rose Halperin**

little\_wow

@bembrarian @kshockey04 also now that I think about it, is a struggle for undocumented or homeless folks. Is handflyering the answer?



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**Jennie Rose Halperin**

little\_wow

@bembrarian @kshockey04 local papers?



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**Jennie Rose Halperin**

little\_wow

@bembrarian @kshockey04 never underestimate the power of flyers! Provide them to patrons and ask them to hang them



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrace

@little\_wow @kshockey04 Fliers can work if done appropriately. Word of mouth when it comes to strangers to the community is also important!



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**kyle adultman**

kshockey04

.@bembrarian almost like an electron, you land in another place and learn how that space defines its spaces and places and comms #critlib



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**kyle adultman**

kshockey04

.@bembrarian the same applies to a librarian serving a new community after migration. #critlib



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrace

@kshockey04 The librarian as migrant would be interesting to think about. Consultants and contractors are, in their nature, migratory.



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembr@bembrarian

@kshockey04 And USA jobs lately seem to be moving toward a more "temporary" or "temporal" contract model.



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**Maura Smale**

mauraweb@mauraweb

A2 I wonder if experiences in libraries in the country of birth impacts expectations/use of libraries in the new place/country? #critlib



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**Heidi Berthoud**

@heidylibrarian

@mauraweb @kellymce I would say yes! My personal experience using libs abroad is always colored by what I'm accustomed to at home. #critlib



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**margy maclibrarian**

@margymaclibrary

A2 #critlib @mauraweb (Margy MacMillan, in Calgary, lurking - see for some related info [commons.emich.edu/cgi/viewcontent...](https://commons.emich.edu/cgi/viewcontent...))



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**Thom Sullivan**

thomthomthom

A2 thinking abt places as spaces with norms, how do those norms work w expectations of new users (any) #critlib



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**Jessica Hochman**

@jessicahochman

@thomthomthom great point, how do norms of access and use limit the welcome new community members might feel, unintentionally? #critlib



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**Kerry Elkins**  
@kelkinslib

[@thomthomthom](#) Maybe by allowing them to use those spaces for their cultural norms? or as meeting space for similar communities? [#critlib](#)

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**Thom Sullivan**  
thomthomthom

[@kelkinslib](#) definitely! creating accessible spaces and promoting access to communities [#critlib](#)

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**James**  
modbrarian

A2: thinking back 2 a workshop at one of my first jobs at age 20. We were asked if our lib workers reflected community they served. [#critlib](#)

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**James**  
modbrarian

A2: It made me realize how often this was not the case. And made me think critically about my privilege and place in society. [#critlib](#)

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**Jessica Hochman**  
@jessicahochman

[@modbrarian](#) this comes up in schools too: white teachers in schools serving minority youth; big (oft-overlooked) power imbalance. [#critlib](#)

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**Kelly McElroy**  
kellymce

A2: on our campus, strong trad. of cultural ctrs serving marginalized student groups, most of whom are also migrants in broad sense [#critlib](#)

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**Kelly McElroy**

kellymce@kellymce

A2: in terms of place, seems relevant to note that first gen students, even local, may feel out of place on a college campus. #critlib



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**Heidi Berthoud**

@heidylibrarian

@kellymce Yes! My campus has a Transitions program geared to 1st gen coll students that includes library sessions. #critlib



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**kyle adultman**

kshockey04@kshockey04

Good question. Ask, if you can. I am weak in this part of my game. #critlib  
[twitter.com/bembrarian/sta...](https://twitter.com/bembrarian/status/1044444444)



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**Ryan P. Randall**

foureyed@soureyedsoul

A2 Places & communities involve many sets of practices. Hope libr\* intentionally make ours open to newcomers, migrant or otherwise #critlib



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**karen nicholson**

nicholson@nicholsonkp

#critlib relevant to tonight's chat [twitter.com/mcgilllib/stat...](https://twitter.com/mcgilllib/status/1044444444)



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**Emily Drabinski**

@edrabinski

(Reproductive labor has me lurking in #critlib tonight, thx for great convo so far @bembrarian)



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Question 3: How can the library provide culture support to migrant populations during crises in information seeking?



Greg Bem, MLIS

bembrarian

Great chat so far! #CritLib Q3. How can the library provide culture support to migrant populations during \*crises\* in information seeking?



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kyle adultman

kshockey04

a3) we had a lot of displaced families using the library after they moved here post-Kartina.  
#critlib



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kyle adultman

kshockey04

a3.1) for many people, was the only phone and computer they had bc of property damage.  
#critlib



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Greg Bem, MLIS

bembrarian

@kshockey04 Great example!



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Kerry Elkins

@kelkinslib

@kshockey04 I feel like public libraries are often the first place people think to seek refuge/use as a safe space... #critlib



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Kerry Elkins

@kelkinslib

@kshockey04 ...a good example would be Ferguson. The libraries stayed open, I believe.



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**kyle adultman**

kshockey04

.@kelkinslib sometimes. it's hard for people in low-income communities to approach classy-looking libraries too. #critlib



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn

Man, #critlib Q3 is such an important question. I have to take a minute to think on it. [twitter.com/bembrarian/sta...](https://twitter.com/bembrarian/sta...)



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn

I think our ideal response should reflect any crisis plans. Be available/flexible/compassionate. @fergusonlibrary was great model. #critlib



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn

No great suggestions, but I love idea that libs can provide info as a service in crisis, like food/shelter/med care #critlib



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**James**

modbrarian

A3 want to say doing what we do best + serving everyone at our best. Need more tangible example than the generic 1 i just said tho. #critlib



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**Kaitlin Kehnemuyi**

kaitlinmk

@modbrarian sometimes we are the only gov't (assuming public libraries) resource that can help in a lot of situations



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James

modbrarian@modbrarian

@kaitlinmlk Don't disagree with this statement. Although I might say "willing to help" instead of "can help."



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Greg Bem, MLIS

bembrarian@bembrarian

For #CritLib Q3, crises may be due to natural disasters, but other factors may also be faced. I just thought of foster children/adoptees.



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Kelly McElroy

kellymce@kellymce

A3: I am a little stuck on the idea of crises of info-seeking, the! But. Language seems like an obvious thing, and also access. #critlib



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Greg Bem, MLIS

bembrarian@bembrarian

It was an intentionally broad, psychological #CritLib question. I think I encounter an information crisis every time I turn on my computer.



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Kelly McElroy

kellymce@kellymce

A3: speaking of #AMC2015, this was an awesome and relevant session abt serving users who are in crisis: [amc2015.alliedmedia.org/event/ae9be8d2...](http://amc2015.alliedmedia.org/event/ae9be8d2...) #critlib



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Kelly McElroy

kellymce@kellymce

In case you haven't figured it out, @AlliedMediaConf is pretty dang gr8, and if you're lucky, there will be a lib track again! #critlib



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Thom Sullivan

thomthomthomthom

A3 having trouble with this question, re:wording tbh but having staff/librarians/volunteers from populations they serve [#critlib](#)



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Thom Sullivan

thomthomthomthom

ex: lots of international students here, few international library folks in public positions [#critlib](#)



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Samantha Winn

Sam\_Winn

A3 - one small thing I did at public library was keep a list of local + reputable resources for undoc'd families [#critlib](#)



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Greg Bem, MLIS

bembrarian

[@Sam\\_Winn](#) I think that's really important. Despite the issue of binary between doc'd/undoc'd, legal status alone means the resources exist.



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Samantha Winn

Sam\_Winn

[@bembrarian](#) yes, and many of our families had varying legal status within same house. Was v important to id orgs willing to help them



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Samantha Winn

Sam\_Winn


A3 - things like immigration lawyers, trafficking hotlines (sadly relevant), friendly business/churches. [#critlib](#)



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 **Samantha Winn**  
Sam\_Winn@Sam\_Winn


A3 - list was made possible by a) learning some Spanish b) talking to people c) listening to their stories d) relying on community. [#critlib](#)

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 **Kaitlin Kehnemuyi**  
kaitlinmkkaitlinmlk


[@Sam\\_Winn](#) Oh all those resources that aren't covered in my reference class? [#critlib](#)

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 **Greg Bem, MLIS**  
bembracebembrarian


[@Sam\\_Winn](#) This might be a great webinar topic alone--something that could follow out of this [#CritLib](#) chat?

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 **Samantha Winn**  
Sam\_Winn@Sam\_Winn

[@bembrarian](#) I would love to hear from other people who did it on a bigger scale. It wasn't something my then supervisor supported...


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 **Samantha Winn**  
Sam\_Winn@Sam\_Winn


[@bembrarian](#) So I kind of went rogue! Nonetheless, it has informed my practice + experience going forward.

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Question 4: How can libraries become more welcoming in general to new individuals and populations in the community?

 **Greg Bem, MLIS**  
bembracebembrarian

Feels rushed, but [#CritLib](#) Q4: How can libraries become more welcoming in general to new individuals and populations in the community?

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**Kelly McElroy**

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A4: seems key to make connections with others who serve these folks. [#critlib](#)



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**kyle adultman**

kshockey04@kshockey04

collab among civic institutions is so key. reminded of [#critlibsf15](#) [#critlib](#) [@kellymce](#)



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**kyle adultman**

kshockey04@kshockey04

i personally want to see more collab between university libraries and civic institutions. [#critlib](#)



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn@Sam\_Winn

[@kshockey04](#) [@kellymce](#) Yes, exactly this. We don't have to do all the things, but our role as info hub is powerful. [#critlib](#)



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**Jessica Hochman**

@jessicahochman

[@kshockey04](#) ditto. So needed. [#critlib](#)



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian@bembrarian

[@kshockey04](#) I'd love [#CritLib](#) folks and otherwise to identify some key civic institutions beyond the library that work with migrating pops.



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**Ryan P. Randall**

foureyedsoul@foureyedsoul

[@bembrarian](#) [@kshockey04](#) I've seen museums—Minneapolis' art mus.? Toronto's ROM? LACMA? can't recall right now—do migrant outreach [#critlib](#)



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**Kelly McElroy**

kellymce@kellymce

@bembrarian yeah! I have worked at two public unis where anyone who lives in the state can get a card, and almost no one knows. #critlib



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**Ryan P. Randall**

foureyeds@foureyedsoul

@kellymce @bembrarian I'll start working at a comm. college lib come October, & I'm aiming at some kinda cross promo w public lib #critlib



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**Ryan P. Randall**

foureyeds@foureyedsoul

@kellymce @bembrarian This institution serves 2 counties & is a young college/libr\*, so I imagine PL v convenient for many students #critlib



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**James**

modbrarian@modbrarian

@foureyedsoul @kellymce @bembrarian worked at a CC lib last job. Partnership with the local pub lib was a big deal. and great for both.



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**James**

modbrarian@modbrarian

@foureyedsoul @kellymce @bembrarian [lj.libraryjournal.com/2014/08/academ...](http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2014/08/academ...) here was the library journal write up about. Happy to answer questions.



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**Kelly McElroy**

kellymce@kellymce

@foureyedsoul @bembrarian I think abt this a lot, cuz we don't have much rec rdg, but students seem reluctant to walk to the PL. #critlib



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Samantha Winn

Sam\_Winn

[@bembrarian](#) [@kshockey04](#) Also look for centers that offer vocational training, literacy councils [#critlib](#)



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Samantha Winn

Sam\_Winn

[. @bembrarian](#) [@kshockey04](#) MHMR centers. Legal advocacy groups. Culture-based social orgs. Faith orgs. Food kitchens etc [#critlib](#)



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Greg Bem, MLIS

bembrace

[@Sam\\_Winn](#) [@kshockey04](#) Is the library the keystone organization here? The "One Ring" of all of these resources?



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kyle adultman

kshockey04

[@bembrarian](#) [@Sam\\_Winn](#) no one is the one ring. constellations.



@Sam\_Winn · 2 YEARS AGO



Greg Bem, MLIS

bembrace

[@kellymce](#) [@kshockey04](#) [@Sam\\_Winn](#) A certain decentralization. I'm curious about [#leadership](#) and how to facilitate visions to respond to need.



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Samantha Winn

Sam\_Winn

[@bembrarian](#) [@kellymce](#) [@kshockey04](#) I favor model where multi orgs point ppl to other orgs in network. Lots of access points. [#critlib](#)



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**Kelly McElroy**

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@Sam\_Winn @bembrarian @kshockey04 yeah, we will all catch diff folks at diff times. #critlib



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn@Sam\_Winn

@kellymce @bembrarian @kshockey04 I will say in my exp that having engaged leadership is ideal. But I'd do it again regardless.



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

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@Sam\_Winn @kellymce @kshockey04 There is potential for members of the migrating population to be part of that leadership.



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn@Sam\_Winn

@bembrarian @kellymce @kshockey04 hmm, yes. Community ownership/selection of resources is ideal. I was thinking of unhelpful lib supervisor.



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**Samantha Winn**

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@bembrarian @kellymce @kshockey04 not that his/her unhelpfulness stopped the community members from helping each other, thankfully.



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**Kelly McElroy**

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A4: make it very, very easy to log onto the computers, and to get a library card. #critlib




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 **Maura Smale**  
mauraweb@mauraweb

Yes x 1 trillion. [twitter.com/kellymce/statu...](https://twitter.com/kellymce/status/1111111111111111111)

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 **Kelly McElroy**  
kellymce@kellymce

A4: and go to where the people are. Don't make them come to you. [#CritLib](#)

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 **Greg Bem, MLIS**  
bembrace@bembrace


[@kellymce](#) Cambodian libraries are really, really bad about advertising library cards even exist.

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 **Greg Bem, MLIS**  
bembrace@bembrace

[@kellymce](#) The two USA libraries I work for could be a little more proactive about registration as well.


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 **Amanda M Meeks**  
AcornElectric@AcornElectric


A4 [#critlib](#) work closely with and find willing partners who are already helping the individuals and communities around you; fill gaps.

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Question 5: For groups and individuals who will leave the community for elsewhere, what support can the library provide?

 **Greg Bem, MLIS**  
bembrace@bembrace

Here's [#CritLib](#) Q5: For groups and individuals who will leave the place/community for elsewhere, what support can the library provide?

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**kyle adultman**

kshockey04

.@bembrarian first things that come to mind: ethnic civic groups (e.g. "slovak center" here), housing admin, employment agency #critlib



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

@kshockey04 These are great ideas! I like the idea of collaborating with local law enforcement, emergency/rescue, and health groups.



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**Kelly McElroy**

kellymce

A5: was just talking with a coworker today about pitching OA to graduating students who will no longer have access to stuff. #critlib



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**Kelly McElroy**

kellymce

This would work for other groups, too, obviously, #critlib



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian

@kellymce A certain "survival kit" on how to find key resources in the next community/location a person winds up, perhaps?



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**Maura Smale**



mauraweb



Me too & I've also wondered if we could do a joint workshop w/pub lib to help folks after graduation. #critlib @bembrarian @kellymce







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 **Kelly McElroy**  
kellymce@kellymce  
[@mauraweb](#) [@bembrarian](#) oooh excellent idea! I'm guessing more of your students stay in town than here... [#critlib](#)  
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 **Greg Bem, MLIS**  
bembrace@bembrace  
[@kellymce](#) [@mauraweb](#) 3 systems, each with their own history and established relationships. Can get messy and tricky with the differences.  
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 **Greg Bem, MLIS**  
bembrace@bembrace  
[@mauraweb](#) [@kellymce](#) That kind of collaboration could potentially create a better transition between academic lib. and PL resources.  
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 **James**  
modbrace@modbrace  
A5: Creating a legacy for these communities is vital for migrants or any transient community. Let them know libraries are great. [#critlib](#)  
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 **James**  
modbrace@modbrace  
A5: They will seek out other libraries in their next community if they have good history with prior ones. [#critlib](#)  
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## Pitches and sign offs

 **Greg Bem, MLIS**  
bembrace@bembrace  
It's been an hour (but it felt like 5 seconds)! You've all been a great [#CritLib](#) group this week. Please stick around and keep chatting!  
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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

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Also, I've been informed by the ethereal [#CritLib](#) anti-lords that new topics for future chats may be proposed at this time :)



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian@bembrarian

Just a reminder: you can stay on the up and up with everything [#CritLib](#) by checking out [critlib.org](http://critlib.org)



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**kyle adultman**

kshockey04@kshockey04

[#critlib](#) pitch: want me to work for you? send some job ads this way.



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**Amanda M Meeks**

AcornElectric@AcornElectric

[#critlib](#) I've enjoyed this conversation; thank you for sharing! Have a good night :)



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**Maura Smale**

mauraweb@mauraweb

Gotta run [#critlib](#), thx to [@bembrarian](#) for a great job moderating, awesome chat!



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**Kelly McElroy**

kellymce@kellymce

My [#critlib](#) pitch is to go to [@AlliedMediaConf](#) next year, obvs



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**Jessica Hochman**

@jessicahochman

Thanks, @bembebrarian! for a great chat. [#critlib](#)



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**Kerry Elkins**

@kelkinslib

Thanks, [#critlib](#). This was a great topic



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**Kelly McElroy**

kellymce@kellymce

Thanks [@bembrarian](#) for a stimulating [#critlib](#) -- lots of good ideas!



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**Jessica Hochman**

@jessicahochman

(And welcome to [@kaitlinmlk](#) and [@kelkinslib](#)! Hooray, [@PrattSILS](#) students are critlibbing it up!) [#critlib](#)



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**Heidi Berthoud**

@heidylibrarian

Thank you [@bembrarian](#)! Lots to think about... [#critlib](#)



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian@bembrarian

[@heidylibrarian](#) Thanks for migrating into the conversation. See you at a future [#CritLib](#)!



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**Thom Sullivan**

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thank you [@bembrarian](#) for moderating the inaugural [#critlib](#) @ wells for this fall semester!



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrarian@bembrarian

[@jessicahochman](#) [@kaitlinmlk](#) [@kelkinslib](#) [@PrattSILS](#) More students more often! Thanks for everyone's participation!



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**Samantha Winn**

Sam\_Winn

@bembrarian You've been a wonderful host. Thank you for a compelling chat.



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**Kellie Barbato**

kelliebarbato

Someone fill me in on what #critlib is all about...I don't think it was a thing when I was in library school (2009-2011)...



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrace

@kshockeyo4 @kelliebarbato Yep! Check out [critlib.org](http://critlib.org) for more formal descriptions! Conversations are on Tuesdays.



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**James**

modbrarian

@kelliebarbato It just started formally with the twitter chats in April of last year. Read up at [critlib.org](http://critlib.org)



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**Kellie Barbato**

kelliebarbato

Totally digging the ideology behind #critlib ...see y'all for the next Tuesday chat in two weeks!



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**Kaitlin Kehnemuyi**

kaitlinmlk

@bembrarian Thanks for a great #critlib not as scary as I thought it would be!



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

bembrace

@kaitlinmlk #CritLib is all about the no-scary :) At least while I'm in the digital room!



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**Ryan P. Randall**

~~foureyed~~ foureyedsoul

Thanks for a great [#critlib](#) topic & moderation effort by [@bembrarian](#) tonight! And cheers to [@thomthomthom](#) & [@iuplg](#) for making it an event!



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**Ryan P. Randall**

~~foureyed~~ foureyedsoul

[@kelliebarbato](#) There's a running [#critlib](#) joke about critical potatoes, so have a tater tot garbage plate or [@lepetitpoutine](#) while you join!



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**Amanda M Meeks**

~~AcornElectric~~ AcornElectric

Re: tonight's [#critlib](#) chat and always a good reminder. [twitter.com/neilhimsel/st...](https://twitter.com/neilhimsel/st...)



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**Greg Bem, MLIS**

~~bembrarian~~ bembrarian

[@kaitlinmlk](#) [#CritLib](#) is all about the no-scary :) At least while I'm in the digital room!



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