#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.

Preliminaries

Kelly McElroy
kellymc@kellymc

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

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kyle shockey
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/...
#Critlib is in the house!! Tonight's topic is information and migrant populations.
twitter.com/iuplg/status/6...

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James
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

30 minutes until #critlib . . . take a look at the topic here: 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

GREG BEM, MLIS @BEMBRARIAN · 2 YEARS AGO
Perhaps an appropriate soundtrack for tonight's #critlib? Elysia Crampton's American Drift: pitchfork.com/reviews/albums... #queued

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

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

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Introductions

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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@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

THOM SULLIVAN @THOMTHOMTHOM • 2 YEARS AGO

Heidy 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

@KELLYMCE - 2 YEARS AGO

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

@foureyedsoul @iupl @HermanBWells - 2 YEARS AGO

@foureyedsoul @iupl @HermanBWells I imagine #CritLib projected onto the sides of buildings next week!

@foureyedsoul @iupl @HermanBWells - 2 YEARS AGO

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

@kimster @timstercat - 2 YEARS AGO
Kaitlin Kehnmuyi
kaitlinmllk

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

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Maura Smale
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

Hello #critlib! I’m an archivist in Appalachia working with marginalized communities. Here to learn + listen.

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Samantha Winn
Sam_Winn

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

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Kyle Adultman
kshockey04

.@Sam_Winn you should. more should. how can we make it more appealing? #critlib

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Samantha Winn
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

Reasons for archivists to join #critlib chats: twitter.com/kshockey04/sta...

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Rebecca

@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

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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AnnaClutterbuck-Cook

I have enjoyed every #critlib chat I've been able to attend! Important work, y'all. <3 twitter.com/foureyedsoul/s...

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BarnardLibraryJenna

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

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/7kfqw Hi #critlib, I’m a reference librarian at a public library in California's Central Valley. I'll mostly be listening...

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

@bembrarian I’ll stay tuned into the Cambodian library I work at here. We have countless urban migrants who have to find information in PP

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

@bembrarian That certainly sounds like it poses problems for providing up to date information/access to information for their diff. fields
@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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a1) I don't work in a library #critlib ;)

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

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

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

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

@violetbfox @bembrarian any language collections? #critlib

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

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

@kellymce The College Town "location type" deserves its own conversation! What a vast expanse of churning information seeking beyond academe
Kelly McElroy
@bembrarian sure! And our students overwhelmingly move to Portland -- the one biggish city in OR -- after graduation. #critlib
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Kelly McElroy
A1: Which is in line with the demographics for our state. #critlib
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Kelly McElroy
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
@kellymce Do you find these students and their families engage the library often?
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Kelly McElroy
@bembrarian good question! We work with the CAMP program: oregonstate.edu/dept/camp/
#critlib
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Kelly McElroy
A1: at a uni level, we offer some services bilingually & there is this rad Mi Familia weekend, started by a student: facebook.com/MiFamiliaWeek...
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@kellymce
@bembrarian no, but many of our Latino students are Mexican-American. #critlib
2 YEARS AGO

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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@bembrarian Or 20 years ago... here's an article about one example in our county jstor.org/stable/4144562...

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

Maura Smale
mauraweb

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

James
modbrarian

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

James
modbrarian

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

James
modbrarian

A1: at the university, most of our migrant (international) students come from East Asia. Very few from elsewhere. #critlib
Greg Bem, MLIS
@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
@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
@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
@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
@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
@bembrarian certainly makes every fall feel like starting from scratch a lot in my work.

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Greg Bem, MLIS
@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
@modbrarian do you get students from those families? #critlib
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James
@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
@foureyedsoul 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
@foureyedsoul A1.1 Also Bloomington has a lot of regional (hey, @kshockey04)'s from The Region) migration, beyond int'l pros/students & families #critlib
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Thom Sullivan
@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
foureyed soul

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

Kelly McElroy
kellymce@kellymce

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

Ryan P. Randall
foureyed soul

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

Greg Bern, MLIS
bembrand@mlis

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

Amanda M Meeks
AcornElectric

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

Kimberly Britt
kimster@timster cat

A1) We also have a number of international students. I am unsure of what we do for them & where they go after graduation #critlib
A1: We have a large migrant population here as agriculture is an $8 billion industry in the county my library serves. #critlib

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

@lisa_raney Can undocumented farm workers get library cards? #CritLib #Curiosity

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

.@bembrarian 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

@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....
@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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@lisa_raney @bembrarian I just had to show a piece of mail w/ address #critlib

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@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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@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 @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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@lisa_raney @bembrarian @Sam_Winn Wow--a great alternative, but perhaps fairly challenging and off-putting in terms of process? Thoughts?

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

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

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

@lisa_raney @foureyedsole @Sam_Winn Librarians should, I think, work with admin on these foundational concepts often.

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

Or are we only looking for people moving to a new country? #critlib
Question 2: What are key components that define "place" and "community," and how can libraries/librarians embody those core qualities?
OK #CritLib: Q2: What are key components that define “place” and “community,” and how can libraries/librarians embody those core qualities?

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

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

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

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

A2: I am thinking abt this gr8 session I went to at #AMC2015 about linguistic justice. #critlib
...and the principle that people shd be able to speak whatever language they want to at any given moment. #critlib

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I would LOVE to see libraries like that. #critlib

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@kellymce Career goals. #critlib

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

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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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@AcornElectric And prioritizing mobile friendly/accessible sites, since many folks rely on phones for Internet #critlib

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Samantha Winn
Sam_Winn

@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
Sam_Winn

@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
Sam_Winn

@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
kellymc@kellymce

@Sam_Winn totally! This seems relevant for catalogers, like @violetbfox #critlib

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Kelly McElroy
kellymc@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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a2) this is always a struggle personally - space/place/community is really intertwined #critlib

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

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

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

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

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@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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@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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@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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@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
bembrarian
@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
bembrarian
@kshockey04 The librarian as migrant would be interesting to think about. Consultants and contractors are, in their nature, migratory.
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@kshockey04 And USA jobs lately seem to be moving toward a more "temporary" or "temporal" contract model.

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

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

@mauraweb @kellymce (Margy MacMillan, in Calgary, lurking - see for some related info commons.emich.edu/cgi/viewcontent...

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

@thomthomthom great point, how do norms of access and use limit the welcome new community members might feel, unintentionally? #critlib
@thomthomthom Maybe by allowing them to use those spaces for their cultural norms? or as meeting space for similar communities? #critlib

@kelkinslib definitely! creating accessible spaces and promoting access to communities #critlib

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

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

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

A2: on our campus, strong trad. of cultural ctrs serving marginalized student groups, most of whom are also migrants in broad sense #critlib
Question 3: How can the library provide culture support to migrant populations during crises in information seeking?
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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a3) we had a lot of displaced families using the library after they moved here post-Kartina. #critlib

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

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@kshockey04 Great example!

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@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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@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...

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

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

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

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

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

@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.

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

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

@Sam_Winn Oh all those resources that aren’t covered in my reference class? #critlib

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Greg Bem, MLIS

@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

@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

@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

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
kellymcke

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

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kyle adultman
kshockey04

collab among civic institutions is so key. reminded of #critlibsf15 #critlib @kellymce

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kyle adultman
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

@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
foureyedfoureyedsoul

@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

Ryan P. Randall
foureyed @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

Ryan P. Randall
foureyed @foureyedsoul

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

James
modbrad @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.

James
modbrad @modbrarian

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

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

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

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@Sam_Winn @kshockey04 Is the library the keystone organization here? The "One Ring" of all of these resources?

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@bembrarian @Sam_Winn no one is the one ring. constellations.

@Sam_Winn · 2 YEARS AGO

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

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

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

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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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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
Yes x 1 trillion. twitter.com/kellymce/status...
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Kelly McElroy
kellymce
A4: and go to where the people are. Don’t make them come to you. #CritLib
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Greg Bem, MLIS
@kellymce Cambodian libraries are really, really bad about advertising library cards even exist.
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Greg Bem, MLIS
@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
@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
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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@bembrarian first things that come to mind: ethnic civic groups (e.g. "slovak center" here), housing admin, employment agency #critlib

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

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

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

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

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Kelly McElroy
@kellymc
@mauraweb @bembrarian ooh excellent idea! I'm guessing more of your students stay in town than here... #critlib
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Greg Bem, MLIS
@bembrarian
@kellymc @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
@bembrarian
@mauraweb @kellymc That kind of collaboration could potentially create a better transition between academic lib. and PL resources.
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James
@modbrarian
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
@modbrarian
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
@bembrarian
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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Also, I've been informed by the ethereal #CritLib anti-lords that new topics for future chats may be proposed at this time :)

@bembrarian

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Just a reminder: you can stay on the up and up with everything #CritLib by checking out critlib.org

@bembrarian

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

@kshockey04

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

@AcornElectric

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

@mauraw@mauraweb

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My #critlib pitch is to go to @AlliedMediaConf next year, obvs

@kellymce@kellymce

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Thanks, @bembrarian! for a great chat. #critlib

@jessicaehochman

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Thanks, #critlib. This was a great topic

Thanks @bembrarian for a stimulating #critlib -- lots of good ideas!

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

Thank you @bembrarian! Lots to think about... #critlib

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

thank you @bembrarian for moderating the inaugural #critlib @ wells for this fall semester!

@jessicaehochman @kaitlinmlk @kelkinslib @PrattSILS More students more often! Thanks for everyone’s participation!
Samantha Winn
@bembrarian You’ve been a wonderful host. Thank you for a compelling chat.

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Kellie Barbato
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
@kshockey04 @kelliebarbato Yep! Check out critlib.org for more formal descriptions! Conversations are on Tuesdays.

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James
@kelliebarbato It just started formally with the twitter chats in April of last year. Read up at critlib.org

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

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

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Greg Bem, MLIS
@kaitlinmlk #CritLib is all about the no-scary :) At least while I’m in the digital room!

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Ryan P. Randall
foureyesdoureyedsoul

Thanks for a great #critlib topic & moderation effort by @bembrarian tonight! And cheers to @thomthomthom & @lупл for making it an event!

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Ryan P. Randall
foureyesdoureyedsoul

@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

Re: tonight's #critlib chat and always a good reminder. twitter.com/neilhimself/st...

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

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