



#critlib 2018-06-05: public libraries and #critlib redux

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Abigail Phillips

@abigailleigh



Please join [@izag](#) and I as we co-moderate tonight's [#critlib](#) chat focusing on public libraries. Excited to hear what everything one is thinking! Times: 6 pm Pacific / 7 pm Mountain / 8 pm Central / 9 pm Eastern critlib.org/public-librari...

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Abigail Phillips

@abigailleigh



Almost time for tonight's [#critlib](#) with me and [@izag](#) where we'll dig into public libraries and librarianship!! If you would like to join anonymously, you can share your tweets here: critlib.org/anon/.

♥ 12:50 AM - Jun 6, 2018



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and a former public librarian! #critlib

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Iza

@izag



Hi #critlib! I am Izabel Gronski and I am the young adult librarian serving high school students in a mid-size public library in a suburb of Chicago.

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Abigail Phillips

@abigailleigh



Q1 Public librarians engage in critical librarianship all the time, even if it's not called #critlib. What does that look like in the public library? Where does it happen (in person and online)? #critlib

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Iza
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A1 For me, this happens in a number of places. Primarily in the workroom when my coworkers and I work through an issue or topic. At conferences (not every sessions, but there's usually one that fits the bill) whether state or PLA or YALSA [#critlib](#)

♡ 1 1:12 AM - Jun 6, 2018



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A1 Recently, I've thought of this while I'm instructing MLIS interested in public librarianship. I began reflecting on my own background as a librarians, my practices, and how those have shifted since I became a researcher. [#critlib](#)

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A1 cont'd it happens online in fb groups or twitter threads. If theory is involved, I would call it [#critlib](#) at heart, even if it's not formally called that. As a colleague mentioned, she doesn't just promote reading because it's fun (although it is).

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Abigail Phillips
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Replying to @abigailleigh @yalsa

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Abigail Phillips

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I wonder why/if some of these documents and resources are overlooked when talking about #critlib. Maybe regarded as something strictly "practitioner" without the theory or reflective thinking that is really there.

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Kristin Lanz

@WitBeyndMehsure



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Q2. What topics of critical librarianship are public librarians discussing? #critlib

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A1 cont. and think about what voices are being privileged, what narratives are being centered, and how we can find ways to diverse our collections in addition to promote those materials for reading to patrons. #critlib

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Iza
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We are very lucky (in our dept) to have a supportive manager. Granted, they are juggling a management team that's not 100% on board with progress. So tell them there are places out there that will support them - and also that they will be management someday ;)

#critlib

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Kristin Lanz
@WitBeyndMehsure



#critlib A1 I also think it's in the programming that happens in public libraries. I recently saw a Think Tank post about a Library Director who was against non-book related programming. What does that say about the type of knowledge that's valued?

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Abigail Phillips
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A2 I think we're already hitting on some of the #critlib topics among public librarians. Among them Inclusivity, theoretically engaged professional resources, library neutrality (see ALA MW panel).

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Iza
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I didn't have one either. I learned on the job but I feel that there's so much more I could have done as a young librarian. I think either more formal education or prof development would help demonstrate how involved and engaged collection dev is. #critlib

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Iza

@izag



A2 More generally, what is the roll of the public library in helping people experiencing homelessness or part of the opioid crisis. At my library we are trying to be prepared, but that's not always met with enthusiasm... #critlib

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Q3 How can other (public, academic, school) librarians encourage public librarians/library staff to participate in the [#critlib](#) conversation? What might be some barriers for participation?

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Replying to @izag

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Iza
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Yeah, the shift in the [@YALSA](#) Futures Report is a huge change for a lot of people [#critlib](#)

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Abigail Phillips
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A1 My gut response is that one barrier is a lack of knowledge (actual or perceived) regarding theory, critical thinking, etc. It's intimidating to come to a conversation where you feel lacking. [#critlib](#)

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A3 At last year's [@YALSA](#) symposium, we were talking about membership and how do we get the word out about the amazing resources, etc. It seems like a no-brainer when you're involved, but you can't assume everyone knows about a thing and wonder why they're not there [#critlib](#)

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Abigail Phillips
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A1 But really maybe public librarians already have all these insights and are doing [#critlib](#) work without recognizing it as such.

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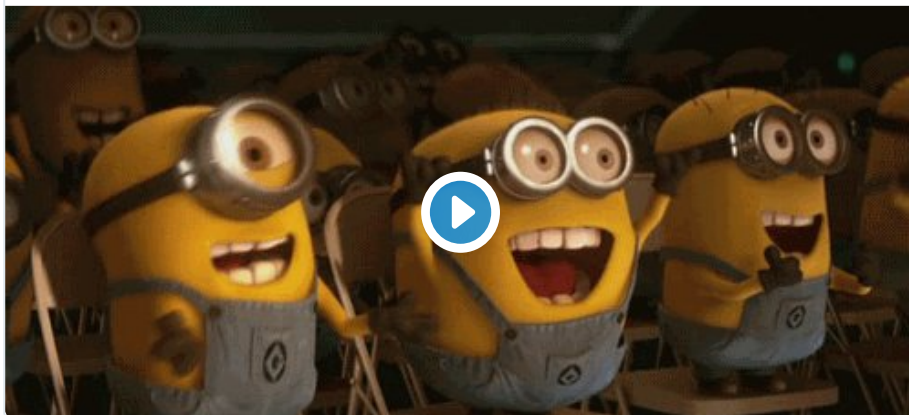
Dr Marc Forster
@MarcForster18



Highlights: [#critlib](#) from Lee Webster/Helen Gunter 'How power relations affect the distribution of authority'. 'Flipping the classroom for information literacy instruction' Jing Shen. A newly popular method but not widely discussed in the context of [#infolit](#) as far as I'm aware. [twitter.com/JInfoLit/statu...](https://twitter.com/JInfoLit/status...)

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It's here! New issue of the Journal of Information Literacy - ojs.lboro.ac.uk/JIL/



♡ 1 1:42 AM - Jun 6, 2018



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Iza
@izag



A3 cont'd I only know about [#critlib](#) bc I met a bunch of Chicago librarians who happen to be academics at a tumblr meetup. Also, it's scary to join something when you're not sure you're welcome.

♡ 1:43 AM - Jun 6, 2018



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Melissa Morrone
@InfAgit



Hi [#critlib](#), public librarian in Brooklyn here. Catching up on the tweets...

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anonymous critlib
@critlib_anon



Q3 I think the barriers are pretty evident by the fact that no one seems to be discussing this. I don't know what participation other chats get, but.... [#critlib](#)

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Q3 cont. I think public librarians aren't often encouraged to view their work through a critlib lens, even if they're engaging in it. [#critlib](#)

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Melissa Morrone
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That's a good point. I think a lot of public librarians also do not consider themselves educators, but even if you show someone how to use the catalog, you are teaching! [#critlib](#)

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Abigail Phillips
@abigailleigh

Very true! Maybe it doesn't seem to be critical or even needed as part of the everyday library work. [#critlib](#)

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Melissa Morrone

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Abigail Phillips
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Q4. How can [#critlib](#) become a more all encompassing LIS conversation to include all types of librarianship (academic, law, school, public, etc)?

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Replying to @InfAgit

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Iza
@izag

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Abigail Phillips
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A4 Well.... this chat is a solid example. There are four of us here? [#critlib](#)

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Melissa Morrone
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Sorta A4 but sorta general: Given that the "about" says [#critlib](#) is "a movement of library workers dedicated to bringing social justice principles into our work," then, yeah, I think it happens all the time in PLs! There are just fewer eggheads there. :) critlib.org/about/

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Abigail Phillips
@abigailleigh



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♡ 1 1:59 AM - Jun 6, 2018



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Iza
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Replying to @abigailleigh

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Iza
@izag

Yep, there are so many times that I do not comment on FB or twitter because of the group or people involved, despite wanting to join in! #critlib

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Iza
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I'm gonna copy/paste a private response to this: "I completely 100% agree with this. It's also not the job of the missing voice to somehow find the conversation and be heard. The missing voice may not even know it's missing. If that makes sense." #critlib

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Abigail Phillips
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Well, that's a wrap for tonight's #critlib chat! Thank you to everyone who joined us! please continue the conversation. I know I will! There's so much more to digest and think about. Please let me or @izag know if you have questions or comments.

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Melissa Morrone
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Melissa Morrone
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See e.g. datasociety.net/research/media...#critlib



Media Manipulation

The Media Manipulation Initiative (MMI) examines how different groups use the participatory culture of the internet
datasociety.net

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Iza
@izag



Thanks [#critlib](#), it's been real. If you wanna talk public libraries, YA, astrology or cute puppies, hit me up.

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Thank you everyone who joined our discussion (or lurked! You're awesome too!): [#critlib](#)

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A4 unpopular opinion probably, but [#critlib](#) doesn't always feel welcoming to newcomers and especially non academic folks. Not sure how this can get better.



Andrea Snyder
@alsnyder02

The few times a participated in [#critlib](#) to try to bring a public perspective, it was not the best experience. For me, there are other places where I can have these convos & walk away with practical, useful tools and info. It's hard to find the balance of work, life & prof dev!

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kelly
@klthoreson



A3. There is no time or resources. Research and publishing are not built into most public libs jobs. We do not have institutional subscriptions to journals. Most public libs core focus is on how to keep the library open and running. [#critlib](#)

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Abigail Phillips @abigailleigh · Jun 6, 2018



A4 I wonder (a lot apparently) if part of the responsibility to share this discussion is on LIS educators like me. To incorporate it into MLIS courses, especially those with a public library focus. I'll be teaching one this Fall so I have plans :) #critlib



kelly
@klthoreson

I only heard about #critlib through my MLIS, from an instructor who was previously a public librarian. 🙋

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A4. I find most of the chats are focused specifically on an academic library topic. I join in when it's broad. I joined in late (the next morning) for this one because public librarians also work nights! #critlib

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anonymous critlib
@critlib_anon



#critlib public library austerity cuts have been huge in the UK, with frankly not enough criticism from the academic lis community, how can #critlib counteract class divides and enact solidarity?

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I would also like to push back against this notion that public librarians aren't aware of #critlib. Maybe people don't call it that, but we are on the front lines of delivering services that critlib talks about.

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kelly
@klthoreson

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Replying to @klthoreson

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@klthoreson

AND research that is open and available without a subscription / paywall. [#critlib](#)

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Das Storch
@kalifstorch25



Weniger als eine Woche bis zum [#bibtag18](#) . Ich habe gehört, da soll es ein super Projectlab zum Thema [#critlib](#) geben.

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Chelsea Sims @Ms_ChelseaSims · Jun 6, 2018



Replying to @abigailleigh

School Librarian here- had never heard of this group/chat until I just read an article (from 2015) that mentioned it.



Abigail Phillips

@abigailleigh

I think I heard about it from tweets during a conference (?). Definitely not something I remember from my MLIS program or practice. [#critlib](#)

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Ean Henninger

@rhymewithzinger



A1. I think it looks like making [#critlib](#) an everyday thing that informs your interactions with patrons and coworkers. conferences are also good, and there's still some stuff happening every so often on tumblr.

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Ean Henninger

@rhymewithzinger



A2. (when we discuss it,) there's a strong focus on social justice, especially diversity, equity, and inclusion re: marginalized groups. [#critlib](#)

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Ean Henninger

@rhymewithzinger



A3. I would counter your question with another question...what are the benefits of being involved in [#critlib](#) conversations for public library workers? do they outweigh the time pressures felt on the job? the work of engaging off the job?

♡ 3 4:41 AM - Jun 7, 2018



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Ean Henninger
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A4. I'm not sure this is possible short of drastic changes in how time is allotted to public and school library workers and what is seen as their goals (I suspect this holds for special library workers as well). [#critlib](#)

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