

Academic and Public Libraries: Synergies That Build and Strengthen Relationships

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A word cloud of library-related terms. The words are arranged in a roughly triangular shape, with 'Libraries' at the top left and 'development' at the bottom right. The words vary in size and color, with larger words being more prominent. The colors range from dark red to brown. The background is white with a light blue and green gradient on the left side.

Libraries
Social Location Economic
Marriage Resources
College Multilingual Academic
professional Users Shared
staff Space training Technology Collections
Convergence Demographics Indigenous Community
Engagement Access Co-management Services
governance Lifelong
Bilingual Joint-Use development
School Public Personal Merger
Political

Where 2 libraries...



“jointly invest resources, experience mutual benefit and share risk, responsibility, authority and accountability”

Introduction

- History of Joint Use Libraries: Public Libraries and...
 - School Libraries
 - Community College Libraries
 - Academic Libraries
 - Binational Libraries
- One plus One: Partnerships and Collaboration
 - Rationale for Joint Use Libraries
 - Global Snapshot of Joint Use
 - On the Horizon
 - Challenges of Joint Use Libraries

Public Library and School Library

- Franklin Library – California USA
 - Joint Use Public/Middle/High School Library
- Smaller communities
 - More multi grade joint use
 - Some combine all into one library
 - Homework centers
 - After school programs



Public Library & Community College Library



- Middle ground between high school and academic libraries
- Prepare students for the rigors of research level universities
- Wide range of users

Public Library & Academic Library

- San Jose State University & San Jose Public (CA, USA) Library
- Most ambitious project – “Not to merge but to marry” – “In a merger some loses; in a good marriage, both partners retain their own personalities while at eh same time supporting and enriching each other’s lives.”

Binational Library – Quebec & Vermont



Rationale for Joint Use Libraries

- Economically driven
- Socially beneficial
- Community focused
- Space related
- Technology centered
- Politically motivated

Global Snapshot of Joint Use Libraries: Goals



- Rural
- Urban
- Community
- Indigenous Resources
- Multilingual
- Inclusiveness

Hamad Bin Khalifa University & Library



Building the 21st Century Library

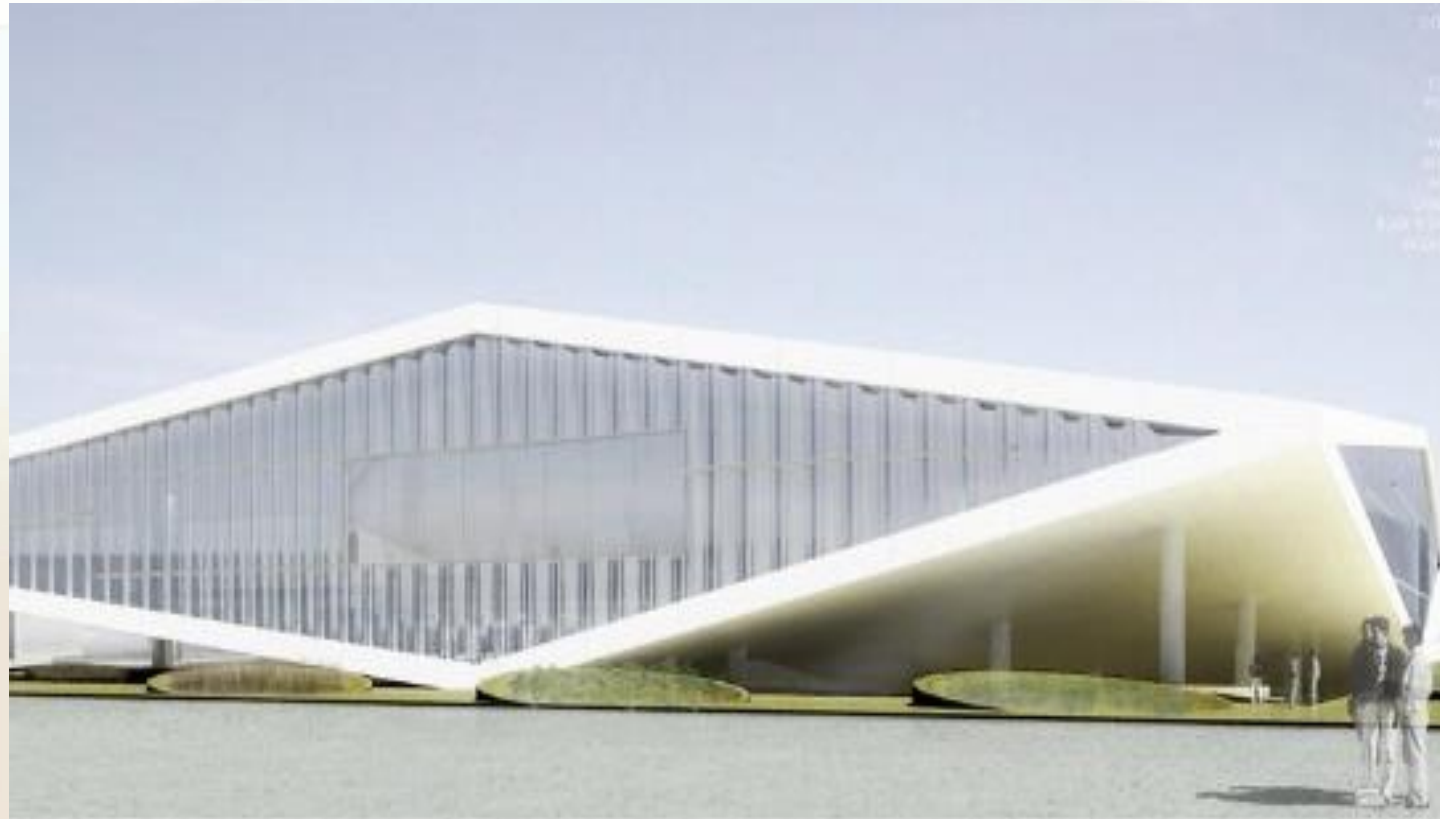
Building the 21st Century Library Collocation—Combined School/Public Libraries

POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES	POSSIBLE DISADVANTAGES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• improved collection• better services• less duplication• more electronic/media programs and services• better use of funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• governance and management issues• fewer adults [and some “out-of-area” students] willing to use the “school”• more limited facilities

COMMON PROBLEMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• basic differences in purpose, resulting in role conflict• location• neglect of the public library component• students from other schools do not use the combined facility• restricted circulation• censorship• increased crowding

Haycock, 2001

Next Gen Joint Use Library: QNL & National Libraries



Conclusions: About Joint Use Libraries

- One size doesn't fit all joint use experiences
- Serves users across lifespan & connects generations
- Digital Library preserves cultural & historical heritage
- Extends reach
- Promotes community
- Bridges arts & sciences
- Reinforces partnerships
- Multi-use venue

And...

- Addresses personal development of library staff
- Requires ongoing training
- Fosters staff development
- Calls for constant assessment and reinvention
- Successes, challenges, & some broken relationships
- Still synergistic

Thank you for your attention.
Questions and comments?

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