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THIS IS TO CREATE AN EX-LIBRIS

THIS IS (NOT) A ZINE

{ OR MAYBE (NOT) } AN EX-LIBRIS



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Leaving the closed, monochrome, masculine-connoted, allegoric, and metaphoric symbols marking books as objects of status.

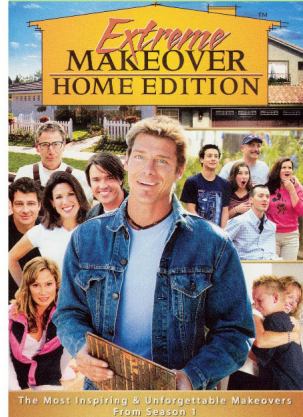


Arriving at a visual expression that avoids metaphors.

Focus on an ongoing process of creating a heterogeneous, colourful, tactile and social infrastructure.

An infrastructuring that harbour difference and hope in a caring manner with the possibilities of otherness.

"The whole world is my home country"

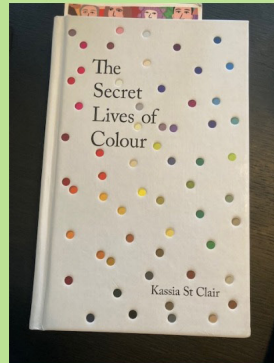


what will come from the renovations? who has a space in the new library? whose home country will it become?

^^ will it be the most inspiring and unforgettable makeover?



GREEN blue and yellow make green



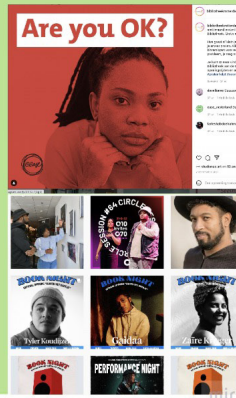
"(-) who wants to know more should eat words..."

Is the library a place of silence?



What is the role of a library?

- enabler
- connector
- cultural refuge in the city
- de facto community centers
- too much to provide?
- pick up slack of other institutions?
- homelessness
- community building
- reading
- studying
- hanging out





de Bibliotheek



Rotterdam

Investigating libraries as social infrastructure and spaces of empowerment
Action research: both studying *and* cultivating a sense of community

"Sterker door strijd"/stronger through combat
"Niet lullen, maar poetsen"/no talking but action
Library mission: Helping citizens to participate consciously, critically and actively in society

Stronger Together

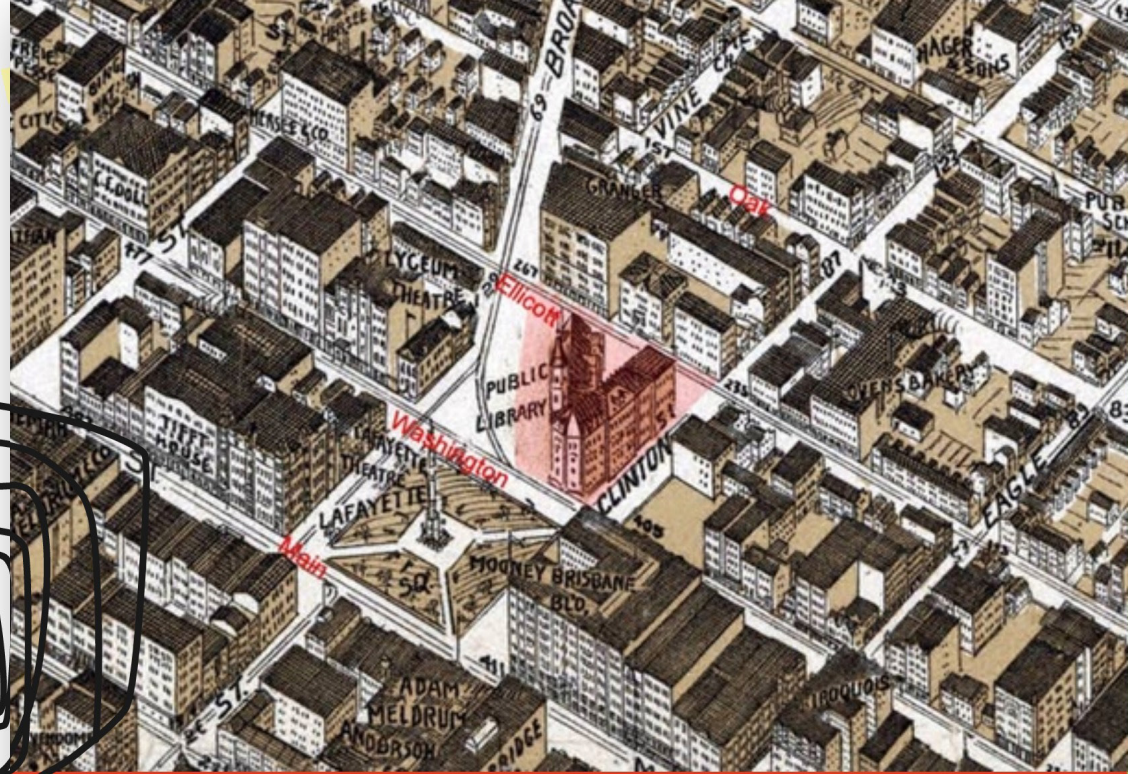




...libraries are long-acknowledged places for information provision and knowledge transmission, but they increasingly also function as important social infrastructures

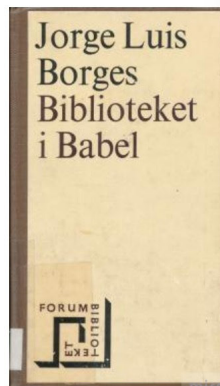
... and also

power, exclusion



intersecting trajectories.
trajectories of history.
trajectories of personal life.
trajectories of conflict.

the potential of libraries as infrastructures accomodating all these paths, providing solid ground and fluid boundaries.





ingredient 1: infrastructures are articulated as pastel-coloured chewing gums



ingredient 2: infrastructures are growing in and out of urban spaces, they are partially visible, leaking, sticky, ugly

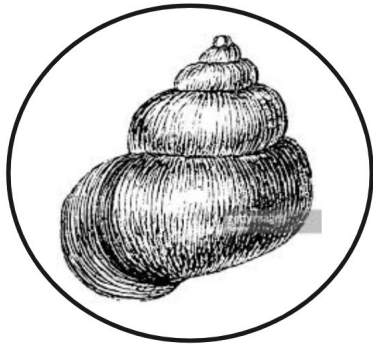
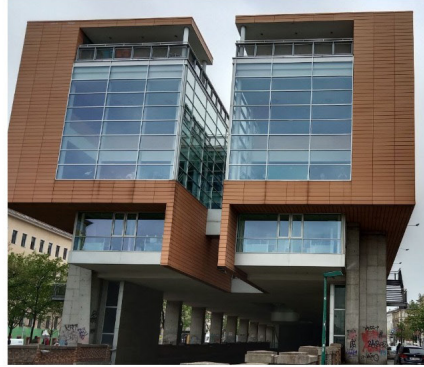


it crackles, it grows
it stumbles, it flows
it sticks, it flips beyond itself

it crumples it strikes
it juggles it whines
the library. haptic. smelly. empty. rewritten.

library as mushroom[ing] metabolic mushroom library





*Qui liber fuit amant de a bozoz
 ex dono dñi Joseph decani lei bona
 rioni in Brugg. Si quis ablatit u'
 fuit decider. lei decayerit
 Anathema sit. A. 1500*

"If anyone take away this book,
 let him die the death;
 let him be fried in a pan;
 let the falling sickness and fever sei
 let him be broken on the wheel, and
 Amen" Buchfluch - Book curse
 Predecessor of Copyright and Exlibris

Abbie Hoffman
steal this book

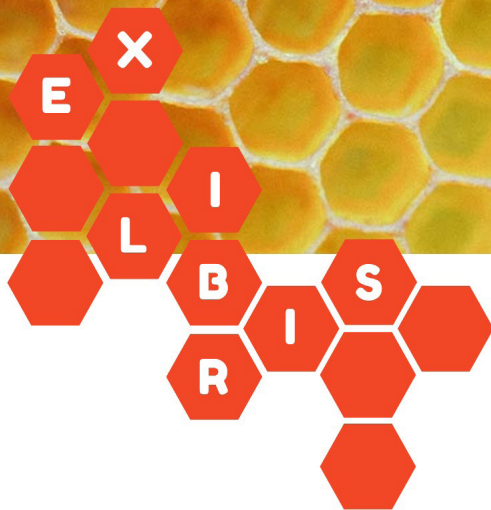
"To begin with, it was the libraries that wanted to mark their books as their property."

"Nowadays, people use Exlibris to depict things that remind them of others. There is a change here in preference, from commercial art to free graphics."

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