

# MISSION IMPOSSIBLE?

## HOW AN ARTS & HUMANITIES LIBRARIAN OVERCOMES CHALLENGES AS A SCIENCE LIBRARIAN

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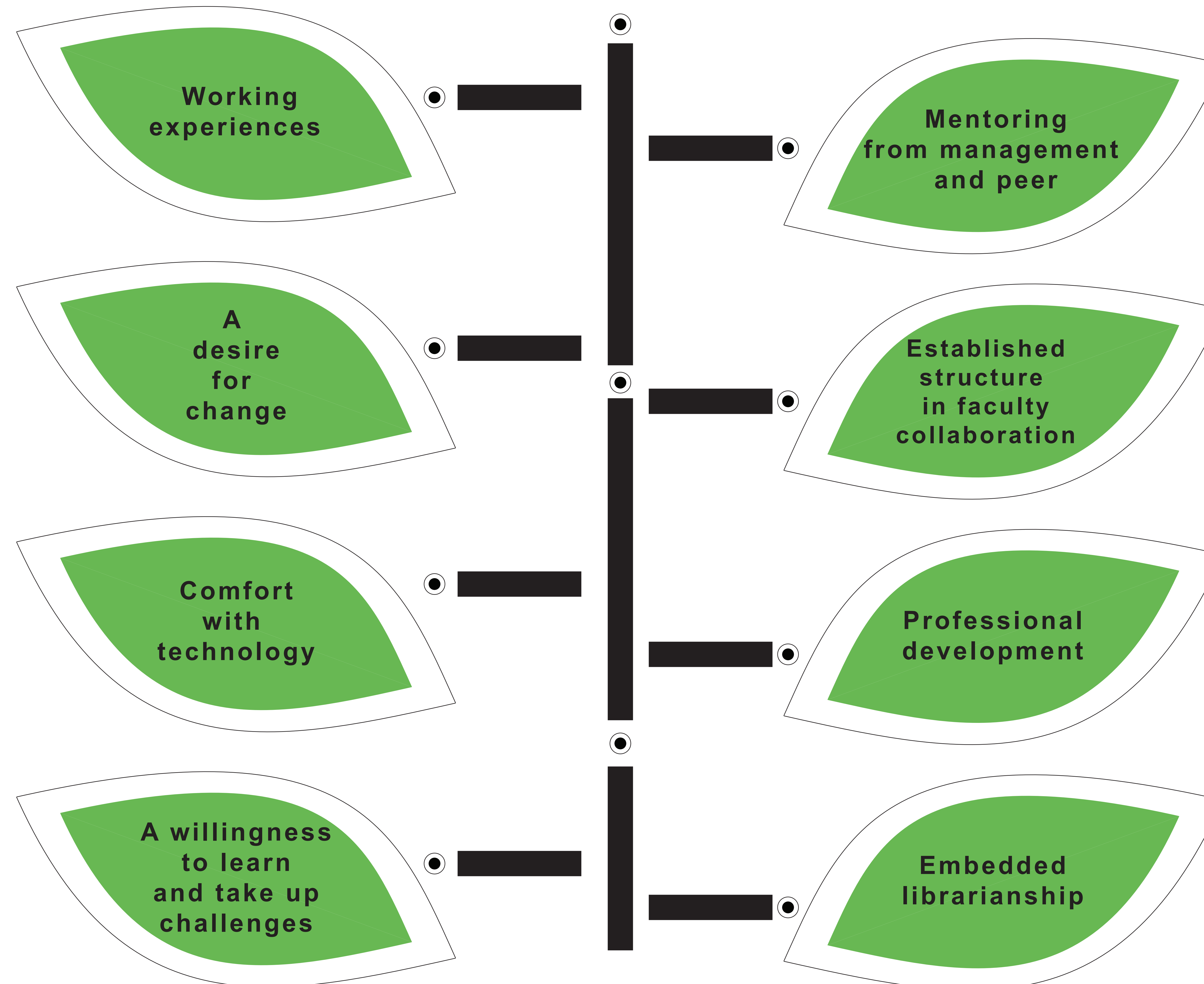
### ● ABSTRACT

Taking up the role as a science librarian in an academic library without background in relevant subjects could be a daunting and stress-inducing task.

This presentation highlights how a new librarian accepted the seemed to be impossible role in liaising with faculty, managing the collections and teaching in completely new subject areas; outlines challenges, discusses strategies and tips in overcoming barriers, and leading to new discoveries and successful navigation in the world of information profession.

### ● ROLE OF A SCIENCE LIBRARIAN

- Teaching, learning and research activities
- Develop and manage collection development and plan services
- Enhance research activities
- Facilitate student's instruction and reference services
- Provide information literacy instruction
- Outreach and marketing



### ● CHALLENGES

- Learning curve is steep
- Perception as “unqualified”
- High expectation of knowledge and expertise in digital scholarship initiatives and copyright

### ● CONCLUSION

- Be flexible
- A persistency for life-long learning and training
- Do not give up!

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