From My-Opia to You-Topia

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Map to Today's Session

- How Community-led is designed at BPL
- Theory! – Yes, you need it
- How we listen to teens
- What we're doing
- Where we're going

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Burlington Public Library's Community Led Model

- Community Librarian, Diversity
- Community Librarian, Youth
- Community Librarian, Teen
- Community Librarian, Technology

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Theory

- Human Centered Design
- Design Thinking
- Connected Learning

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Human Centered Design

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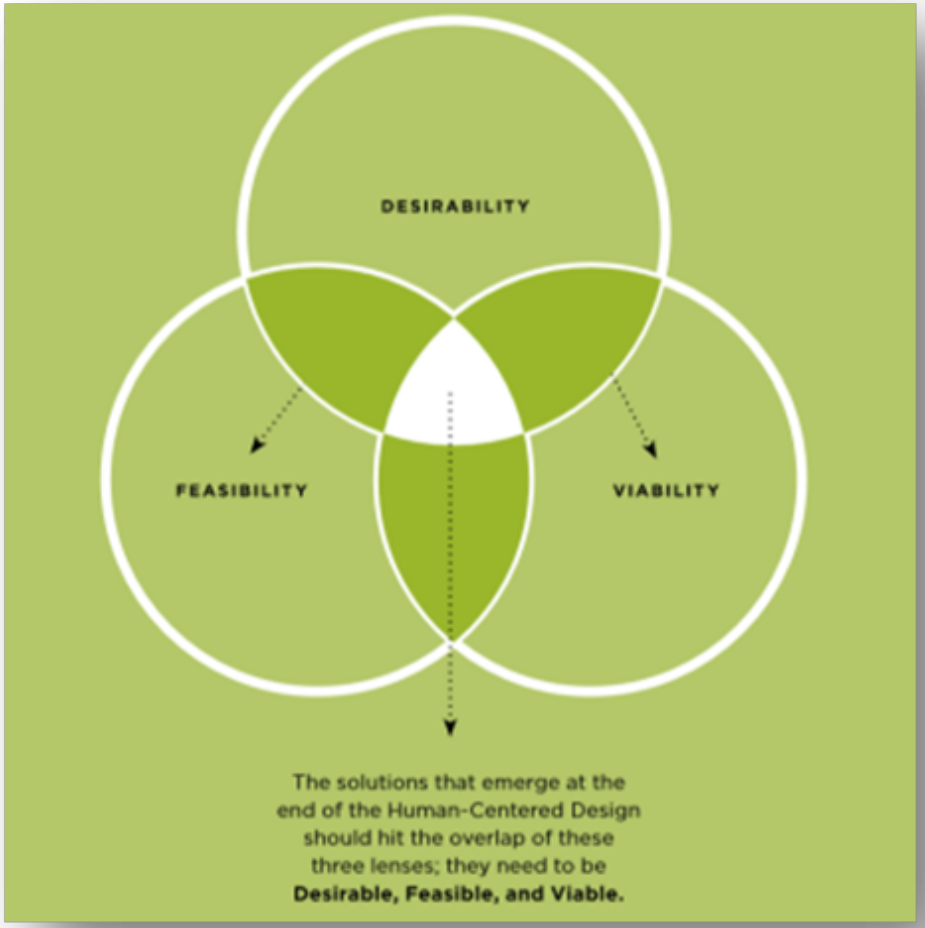

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Design Thinking

- **Research:** Observation, Understanding, Talking to People
- **Find Patterns:** What story is being told?
- **Ideate:** "How might we…" "What if…"
- **Prototype:** Make it visual
- **Iterate:** Keep trying!

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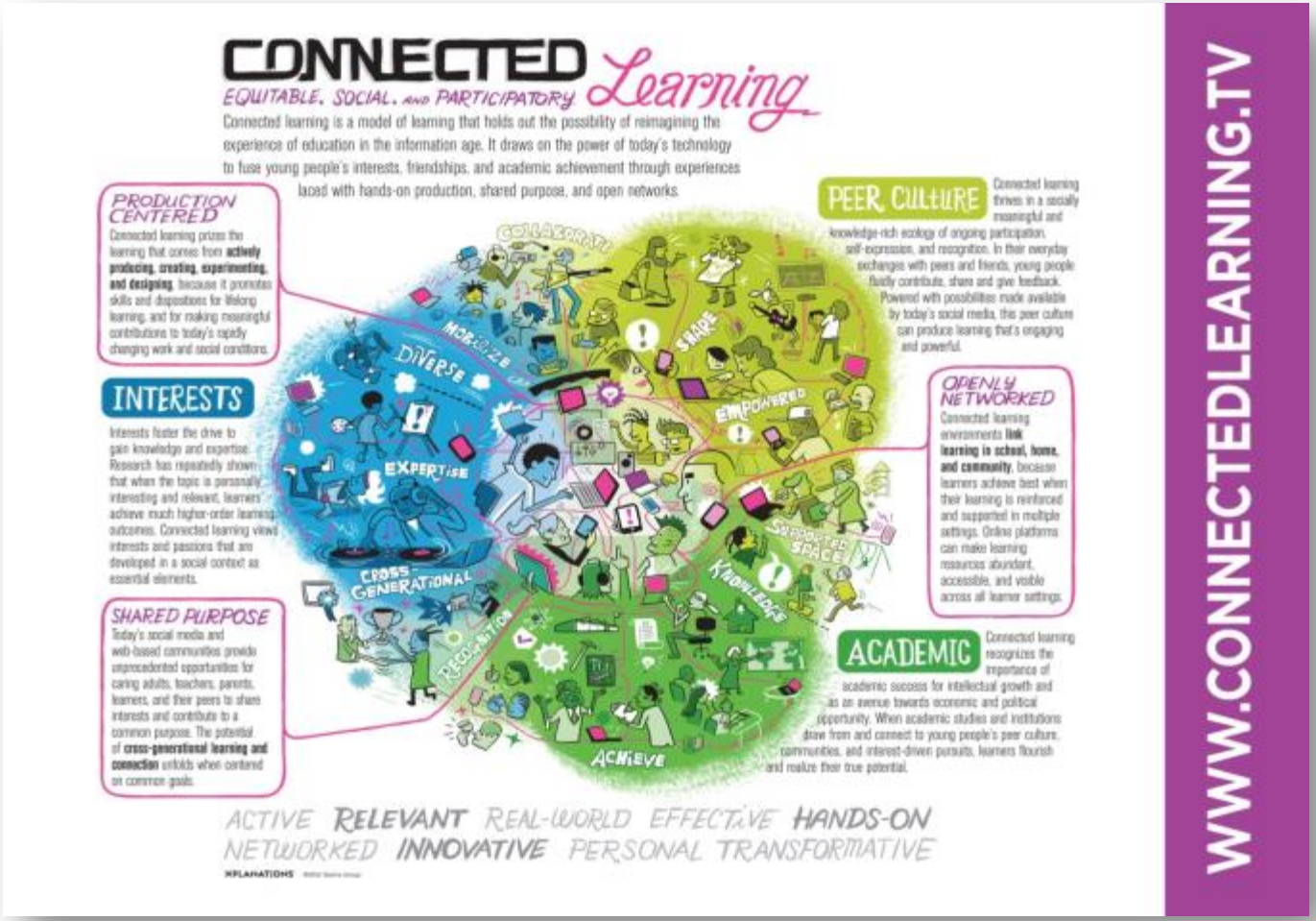

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Listening to & Working with Teens

- Meetings
- Programs
- Building relationships outside of library walls

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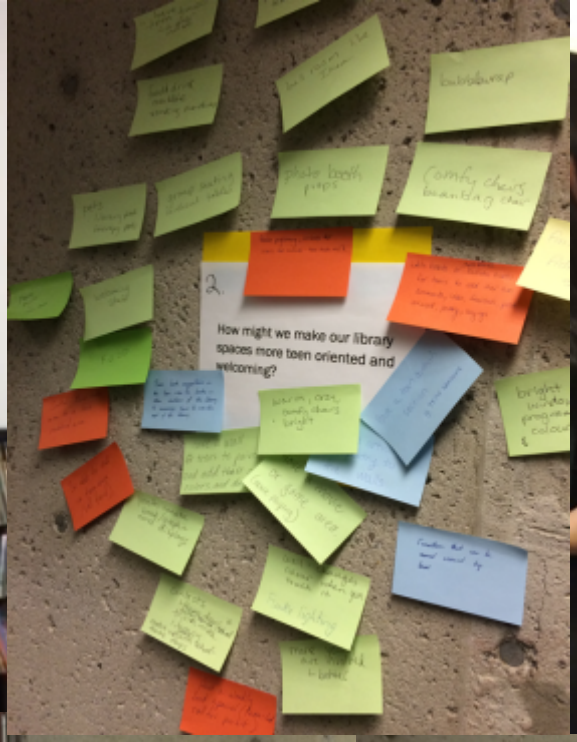
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How might we make our library spaces more teen oriented and welcoming?

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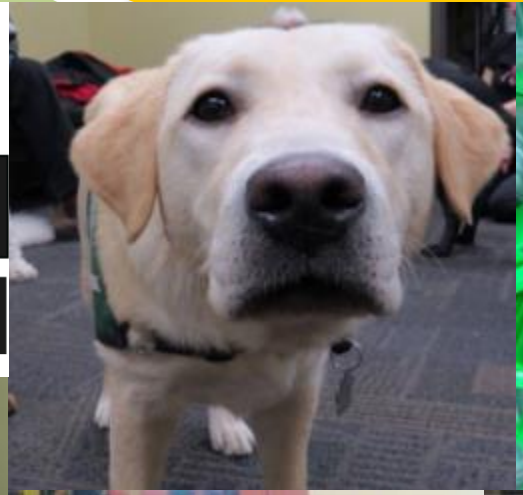

Why are we working with (not for) teens? We want to:

- Allow teens to develop emotional, workforce development, learning and innovation skills
- Create a welcoming, inclusive environment
- Enable teens to develop a sense of ownership over library space
- Present an authentic teen voice to our audience
- Allow teens to share their work, receive feedback, and build community
- Ensure the library is responsive to community needs

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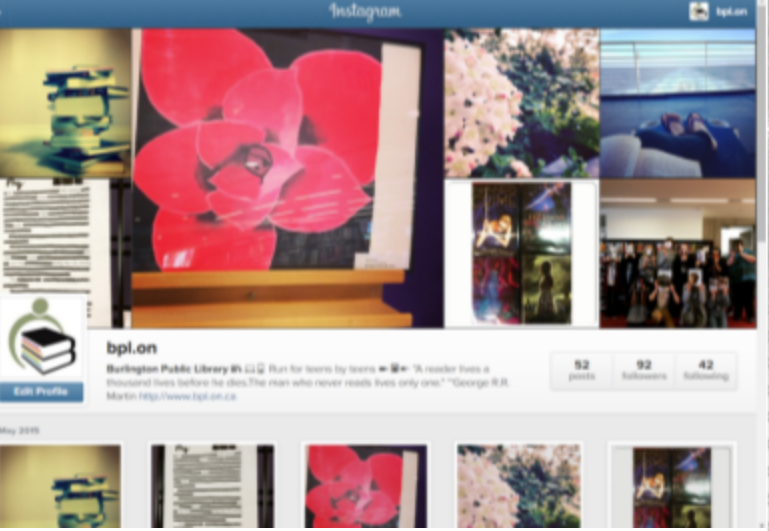
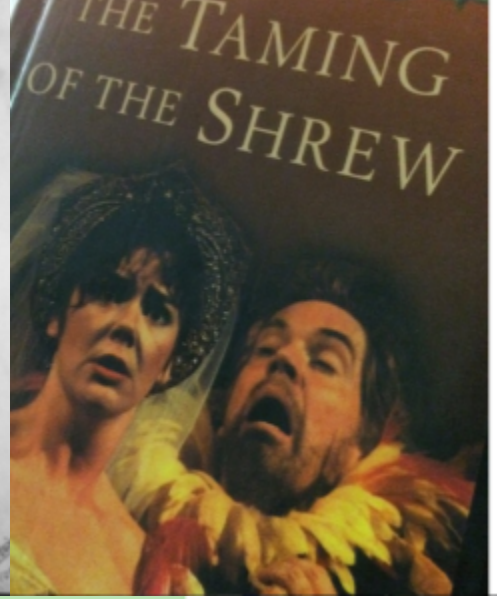
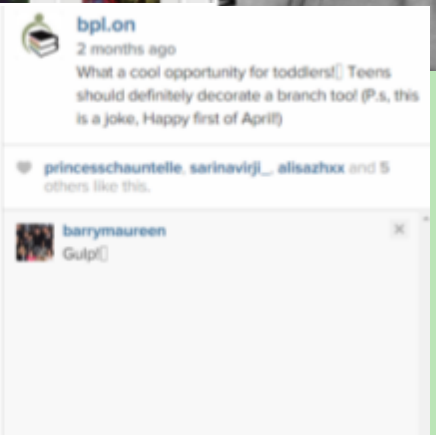






BPL Teen Scene

Amongst your daily internet travels, you have stumbled upon the Tumblr account for Burlington Public Library. So rest your weary mind, stay a while, and enjoy...

Seach BPL's Catalogue
Teen Programs at the Library
Writing Reading Art DIY
Science History Ask a Question!
Submit Archive Tumblr Themes

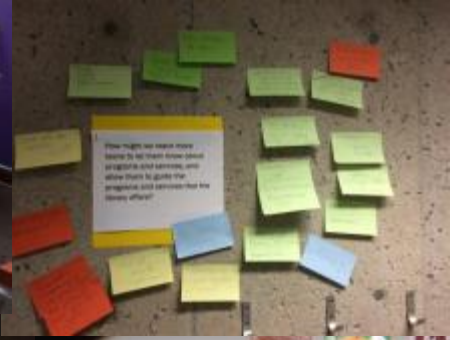
A BBC Sherlock portrait drawn on Photoshop CS4 by K. Thierry (aka Kasia Millard), estimated 11 hours to complete.

Aldershot School

Members of the 3 Things for Burlington youth steering committee and their adult mentors celebrate the launch of
new initiative all about random acts of kindness and making the city an even better place to call hom
| photo courtesy of Lauren Arku

Residents called upon to perform three acts of kindness in '3 Things for Burlington'

A new youth-led project designed to make Burlington an even more attractive city has
steering committee is inviting residents of a
ages to participate by performing three acts



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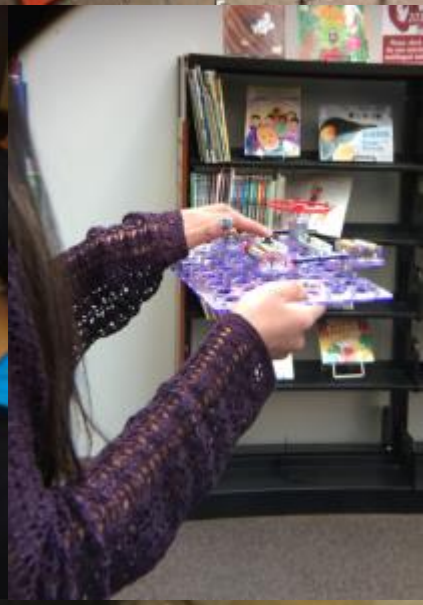
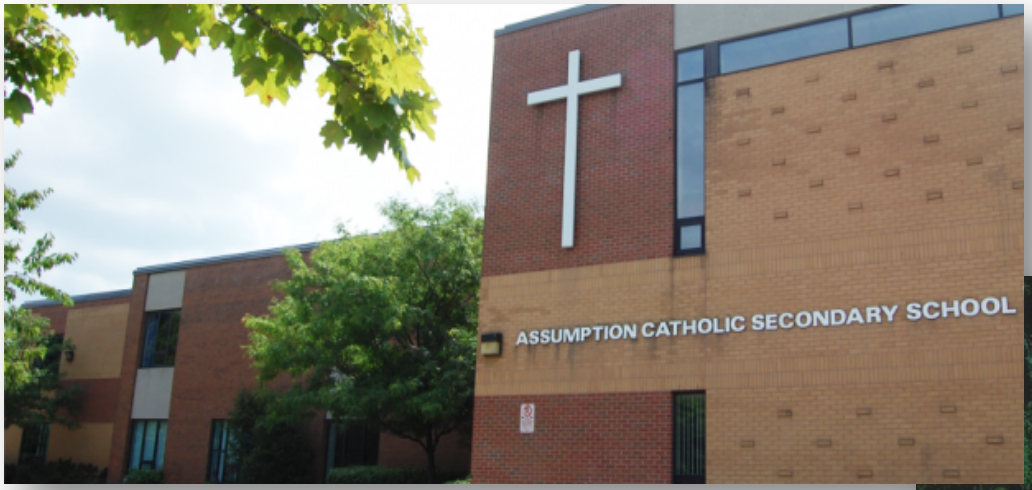


Student Co-ops



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Teen Tech Team

In Conclusion

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