

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE THIRD LIBRARY

or, Hacking the Tools of Digital Scholarship to Decolonize the University

- Steer students towards **real-world research** that is relevant to one of the layered communities they are a part of: local to the campus or connected to an aspect of their own identities.
- Prioritize working on and supporting digital scholarship that **brings the library into the community** virtually, as many digital mapping projects do.
- Center individual and organizational mission statements in **collaboration**.
- Actively seek out **potential campus partners** to build stronger community connections.

We want to create the **Third Library** out of the **First** (and **Second**) Library. How do you think we ought to get started?

- Resist the **self-limiting narrative** of the scope of librarianship.
- While recognizing our own capacity limits, **advocate for labor equity** within and beyond the library.
- Weave **strong internal networks** of collaborators to support and nurture you while you do this work.
- Center **community impact** in your project development, management, and prioritization workflows.
- Prompt conversations across your organizational hierarchies about **expanding your definitions** of “patron” and “community.”

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