



Transforming Libraries

The First Knowledge-Sharing Tool Designed for Specialized Libraries

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Future Ready!

Today's Talking Points:

- 1. Do you agree that the specialized library/research management staff are the company's "hidden jewels"—the company's true knowledge experts, its knowledge thought leaders?
- 2. If you—as the specialist librarian—had access to the expertise of the company's best thinkers, what would you do to approach them?
- 3. With that access, how would you capitalize on their expertise and the value of their knowledge in support of knowledge services? How would you use that expertise and knowledge?

<u>Transforming Libraries into</u> <u>Digital Information Resource Centers</u>

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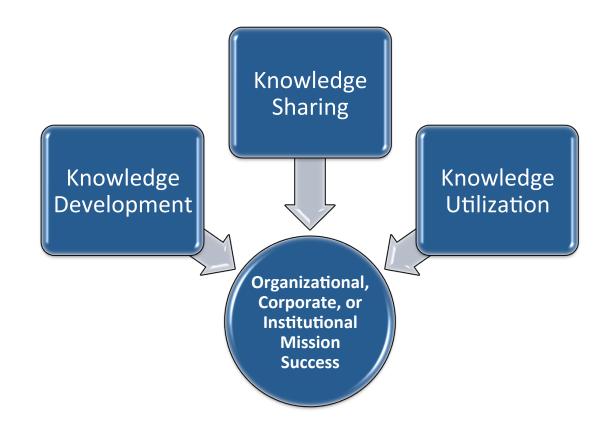


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Your Role in the KD/KS/KU Process

Do You Lead/Manage Knowledge Services by:

- Developing: providing guidance?
- Sharing: providing the link people-to-people connections?
- Using: oversight (when required) to ensure that shared knowledge is not compromised?





The Specialist Librarian's Special Job

Uniquely Positioned for:

- Understanding the company's communication and knowledge-sharing habits
- Using professional expertise and background for evaluating how information and knowledge are managed
- Providing particular strengths for aligning knowledge value and use with corporate goals.





KD/KS/KU: Builds on Knowledge Services

Knowledge Services: the management and service-delivery methodology that converges information management, knowledge management, and strategic learning into a single over-arching operational function





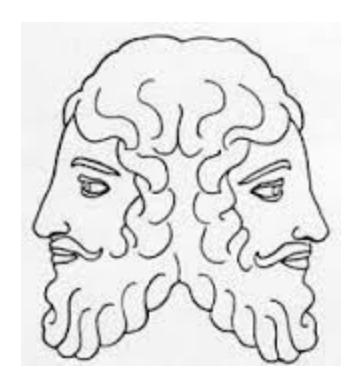
An Easy Approach to Getting Recognized

Ian Thorpe: Put Your Name on It

Why? Thorpe identifies four reasons:

- Enables you to be in touch with people you might need to contact (and they can be in touch with you
- Public visibility is an "important motivator" for getting people to share
- Good for accountability and the quality of your work
- Identifies your work as good work, valuable to the organization

KM on a Dollar a Day (June 3, 2015)



JANUS—Looking Both Ways



Your Knowledge-Sharing Tool (The Skills and Expertise Database)

Experts database:

A searchable directory of specialists in a defined organizational framework (company at large, division or other large-scale working environment, or a department or other individual and specific business unit), together with selected relational content as desired.





Your Knowledge-Sharing Tool (The Skills and Expertise Database)

Purpose = Networking

Pretty much depends on the current working definition of "organization" in the entity under discussion (company or other established working group or functional structure).

Knowledge sharing grows out of networking....





KD/KS/KU – Your Best Tool Your Organization's Skills and Expertise Database

"People Connections are as equally important as Resource Collections. When assessing how to develop and implement a knowledge services strategy don't ignore the benefits of managing your internal **Knowledge Sharing**."

- Guy St. Clair





KD/KS/KU - Who Do You Ask?

How do you identify the people who can best describe the knowledge services "situation"?

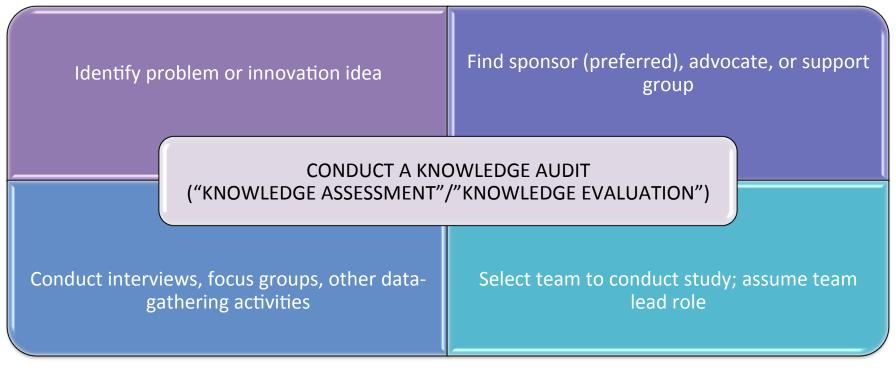
- Clients, information/knowledge seekers throughout the organization
- Management leaders asking questions (including research managers in business units)
- Product development/ administration staff





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Making Use of Your KD/KS/KU Skills

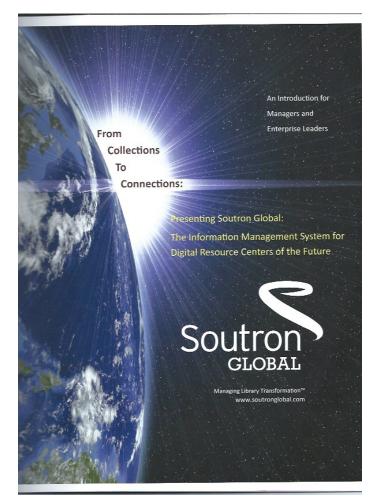




Moving from Collections to Connections

Four Conditions Apply:

- Enterprise-wide leadership and senior management recognize the value of well-managed information, knowledge, and strategic learning in corporate success
- The company's specialized library transitions into the company's strategic knowledge function, becoming the organization's strategic knowledge business unit/ operational function





Moving from Collections to Connections

Four Conditions Apply:

- 3. The organization's specialist librarian becomes the company's strategic knowledge professional, the knowledge thought leader for the company.
- 4. KM/knowledge services tools support enterprise-wide (or departmental) content management and enable collaboration throughout the corporate knowledge domain.





Knowledge Sharing = Collaboration

Principle-based

The way people naturally want to work

Replaces (or challenges) hierarchy



KD/KS/KU – Your Leadership Role

It's your road to success with knowledge sharing, if you are prepared to:

Influence—Visualize—Innovate

Know Your People: Develop personal relationships: know each person's talents —each person is a *knowledge asset*

Know Your Industry: What's important? Why? What knowledge is valued?

Know Yourself: What are your strengths? What's your expertise? Do you *want* to lead others?





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Put Yourself Out There

When a problem is identified or an innovation is discussed, how is the librarian involved in solving them or working within the initiative?

Identify people "who know":

- People identified with problem or innovation
- 2. Organizational affiliates listed in the skills and expertise database

Engage in conversation

- 1. What are the issues?
- What's the link to KD/KS/KU (knowledge services)

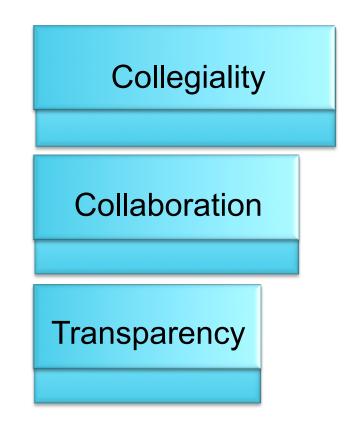




Taking a Hard Look at How We're Perceived

Is the specialist librarian/research manager **positioned** to lead the company's knowledge-sharing?

- Objective: how are audit and/or measurement results received? what actions are taken?
- Subjective: how do you rank the organization in these three critical elements? how do your colleagues in other business units rank the organization?
- Subjective: what's your perception of the prospects for the specialist librarian as knowledge-sharing leader?





We Move from Collaboration to Collegiality

Collegiality is more than:

- Commonality
- Agreement
- Coactivity
- Concurrence
- Collaboration

Collegiality is the defined relationship between (among) colleagues, built on respect, sincerity, cordiality, and courtesy.



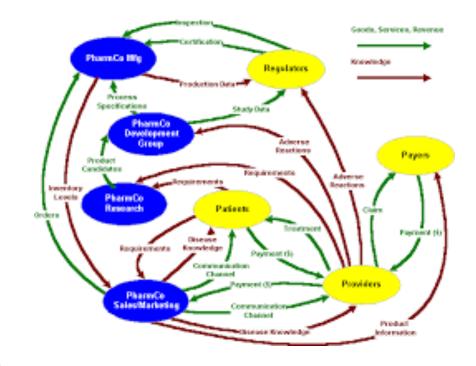


Value Network Analysis

Value Network: "any web of relationships that generates both tangible and intangible value through complex dynamic exchanges between two or more individuals, groups or organizations."

Value Network Analysis: "a whole systems mapping and analysis approach ...reveals hidden network patterns for predictive intelligence ... can lead to shifts in perception of problem situations and mobilize collective action to implement change.

—Verna Allee ValueNet Works®





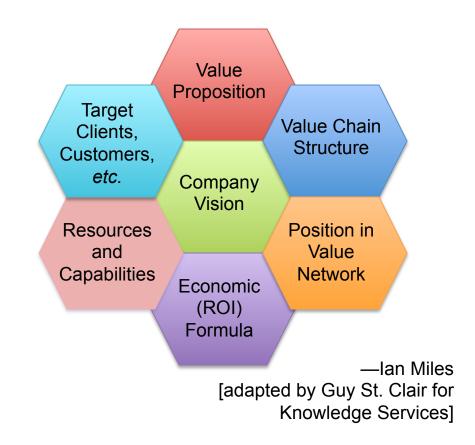
Value Network Analysis

Value Network:

"...how the firm interacts with stakeholders ... and chooses how far to specialize in one or another location in the value network."

—lan Miles
Higher School of Economics

<u>Manchester Institute of</u>
Innovation Research





Knowledge Services

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Information Knowledge Management

Strategic Learning

Approaches:
From Reactive to
Proactive to
Interactive and Integrated

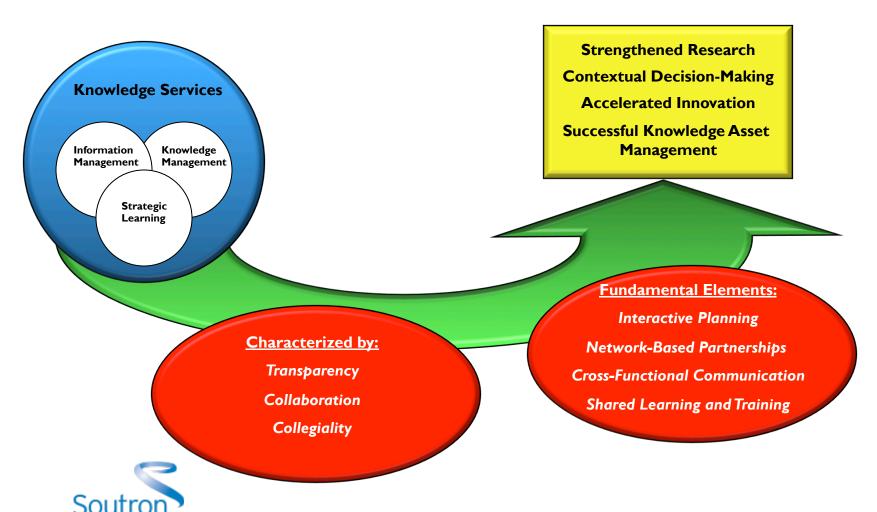
Strengthened Research
Contextual Decision-Making
Accelerated Innovation
Successful Knowledge Asset
Management

Strategic Knowledge Professional
Knowledge Facilitator / Consultant
Knowledge Thought Leader
Knowledge Strategist

Practitioners:



Knowledge Services



Cloud-based Library, Information, and KM/Knowledge Services Solutions

Knowledge Services = Knowledge-Sharing The Specialist Librarian's Role

You are your organization's knowledge sharing expert:

- You are at the core or center of the organization knowledge structure
- you provide a means of knowledge connection between members within the company.





Knowledge Thought Leaders: The Specialist Librarian as Knowledge-Sharing Expert

Make No Small Plans.
They Have No Magic to Stir Men's Blood.

Daniel Hudson Burnham American Architect (1846-1932)



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