ACCELERATION AGENDA
ABOUT THE INVENTORY

A resource for visioning and planning.

Provides answers to the question: “What are we accelerating away from?”

Lets us explore the causes and consequences of acceleration.

Provides a starting point for answering the question: “What comes next?”

The key word is “acceleration,” the force that is propelling us past where we have been and where we are now.

It’s counterpart would be the Directional Inventory – describing what we’re moving towards – but that’s a later step.
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It’s a process; it’s a way of thinking.

You won’t create a full Acceleration Inventory today, maybe you will start one.

Ultimately, your Acceleration Inventory has to be built around topics that you have identified. And answer questions that are vital to where you are and what you need to do.
PART 1: CAPABILITIES

Which always-on, do-from-anywhere capabilities have libraries done the best job of supporting?
Which always-on, do-from-anywhere capabilities do libraries need to support better? (For patrons or for the library itself?)
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What new / emerging capabilities do libraries most need?
For libraries, the terms that best describe our current era are post-______, post-______, and post-______. Explain.
PART 3: SCARCITY

What are the major scarcities that libraries are contending with now? How can those resources be liberated to demonstrate abundance?
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How have libraries served as a resource for post-scarcity up to now? How can they do so in the future?
Have libraries achieved post-frailty? If not, how can they do so?
Chances are your library has some plans in place to serve an aging population. How about a rapidly de-aging population?
PART 4: MORTALITY

If librarians are going to have patrons with indefinite lifespans, will we need librarians who have them, too? Who is ready to volunteer?
Do libraries have a special responsibility to fulfill in the face of the various Post-Human futures described? If so, what is that responsibility?
PART 5: HUMANITY

In the future, will people be able to access “the library” using just their augmented/web-connected brains? Will you be a participant in that scenario?
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What’s the best strategy regarding a (potentially) imminent machine takeover? Fight to the end? Join up now?
PART 6: REALITY

Should libraries focus on helping people to build a better reality? If so, how?
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If not, what is the correct response for libraries in the face of the growing reality crisis?
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How does your reality rate?

Works well with real reality

Gets along with other realities

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TOPIC:

Question:
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