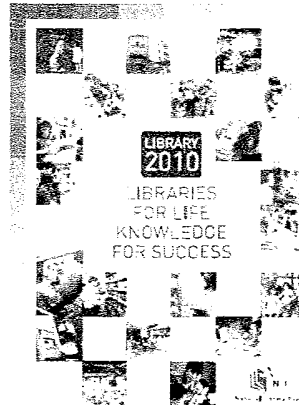
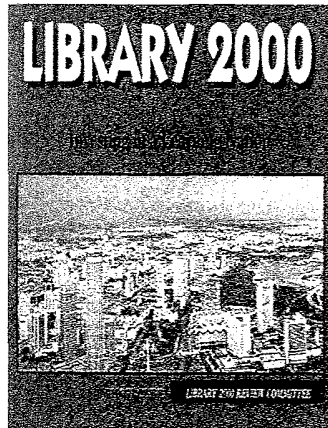


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Importance of Libraries in Nation Building



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Nation Building

"Nation-building is more than just state-building. The importance of ~~state~~ values, of the civic culture and civil society that develop and sustain them, the importance of increasing social, political, and economic equality, and of human development, are key in any successful strategy for long-term democratic nation-building. To be a sustainable force for peacebuilding, it must incorporate more than just the Western appendages of democracy. Voting systems and free market development and increasing the GNP per capita are not likely to bring stable peace"



Nation Building is a function of a nation's capacity to learn.

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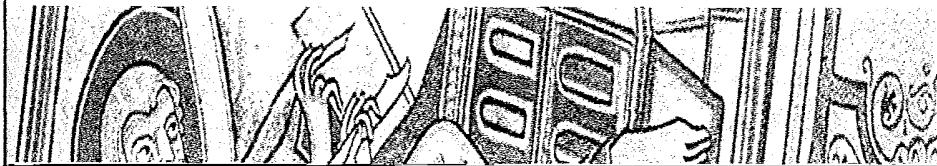
Carolyn Stephenson, *Beyond Intractability.Org*



What are Libraries for ?

"as comprehensive as the aims of life - a truth-filled literature whose golden light and genial warmth shall penetrate the individual, social, domestic, political, industrial, and pleasurable activities, and make them healthful and fruitful in all Heaven-approved usefulness and happiness. Such literature, our brave men have been accustomed to have."

Joseph C Thomas, 1864



National Agenda: Then & Now

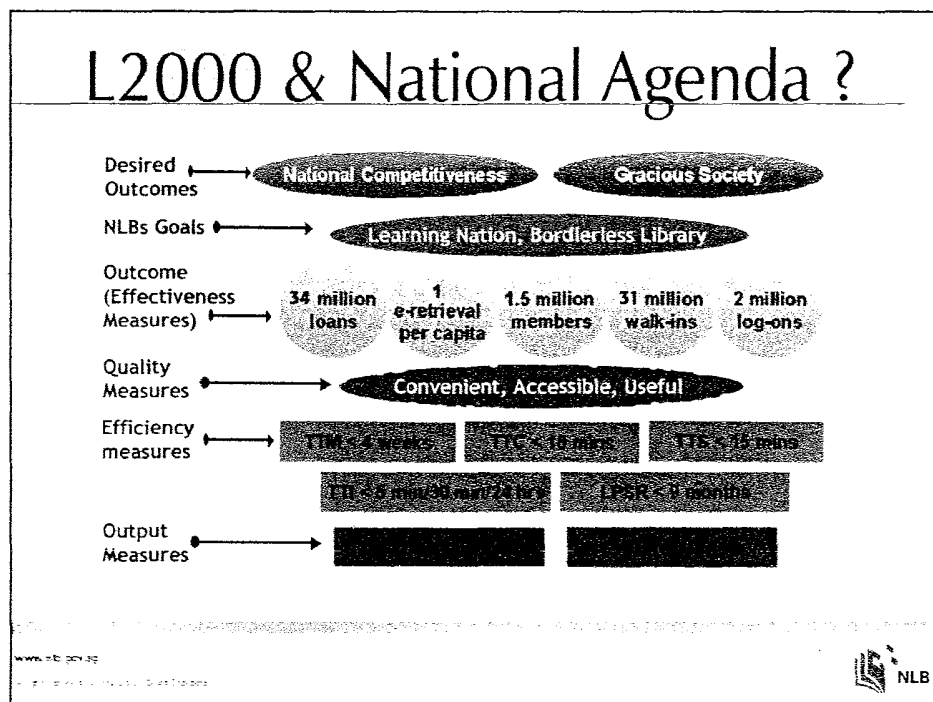
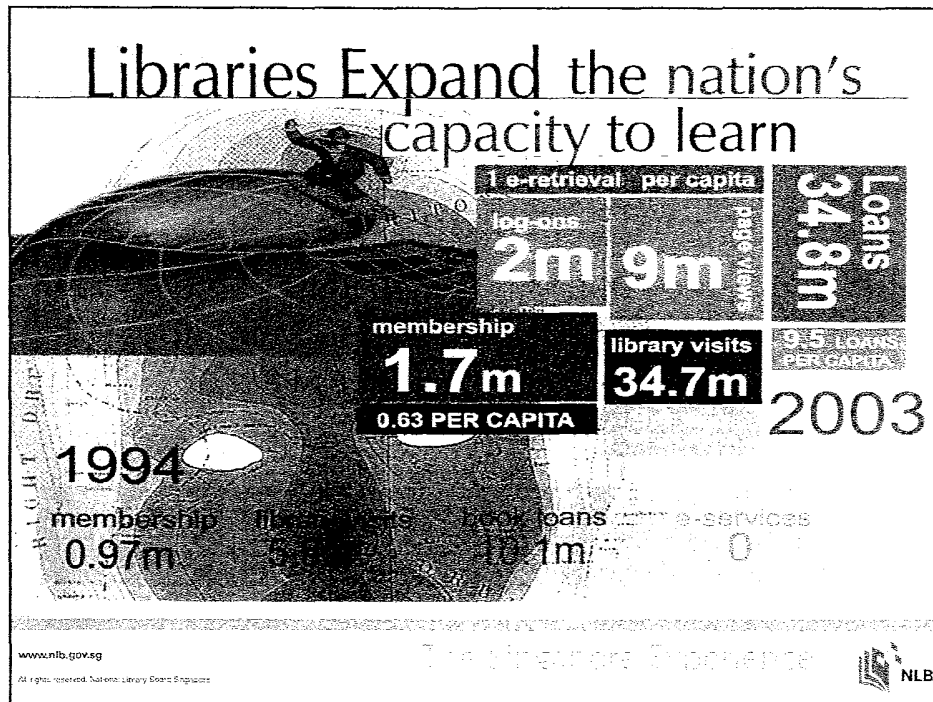
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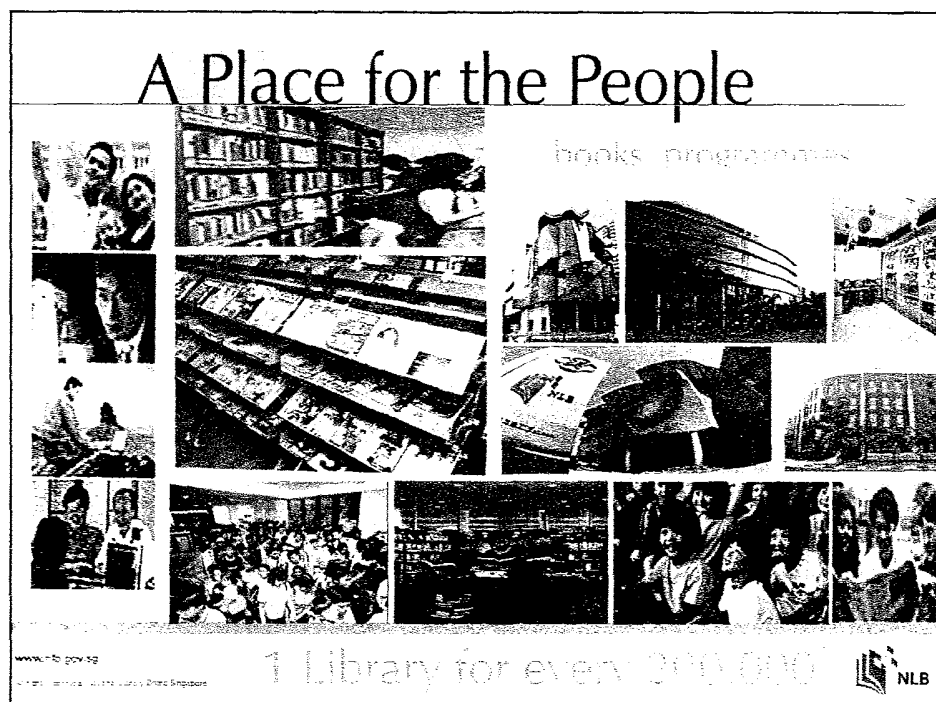
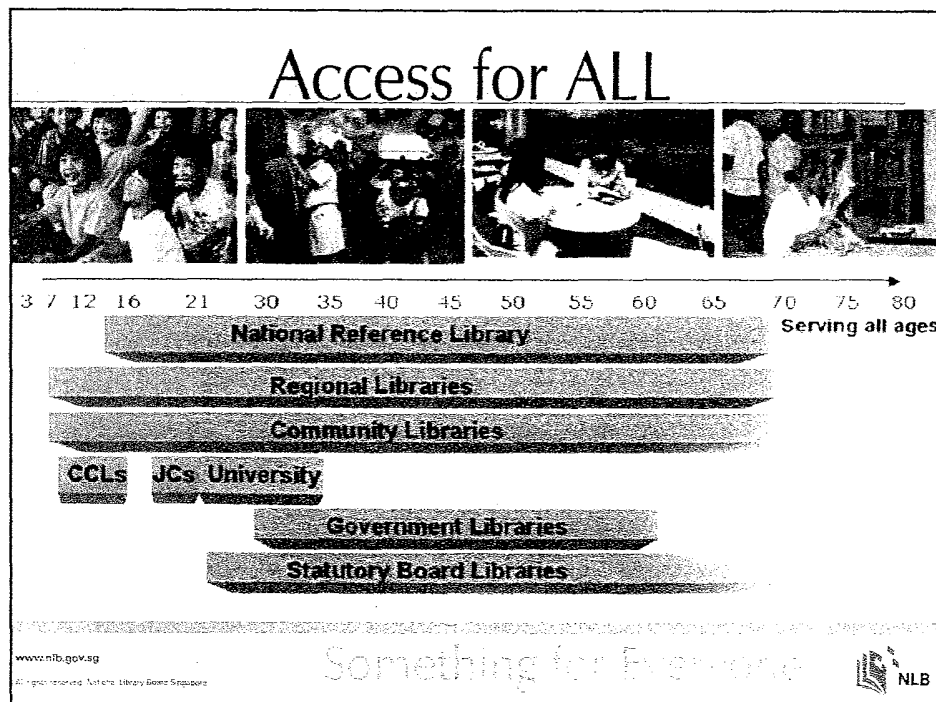
National Competitiveness
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A Place for the People

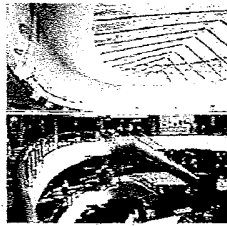
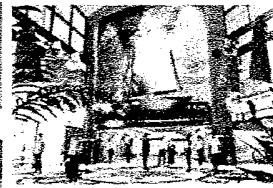


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Winning space designers (from left) Charisse Tang,
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*Library by teens
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The Straits Times
April 6 2002



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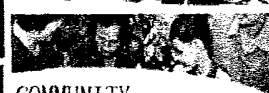


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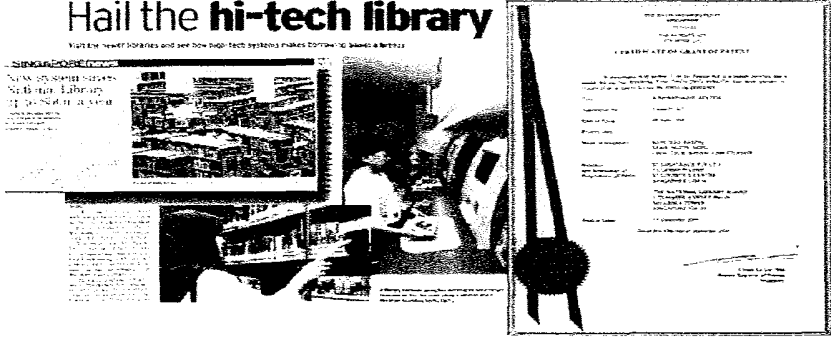


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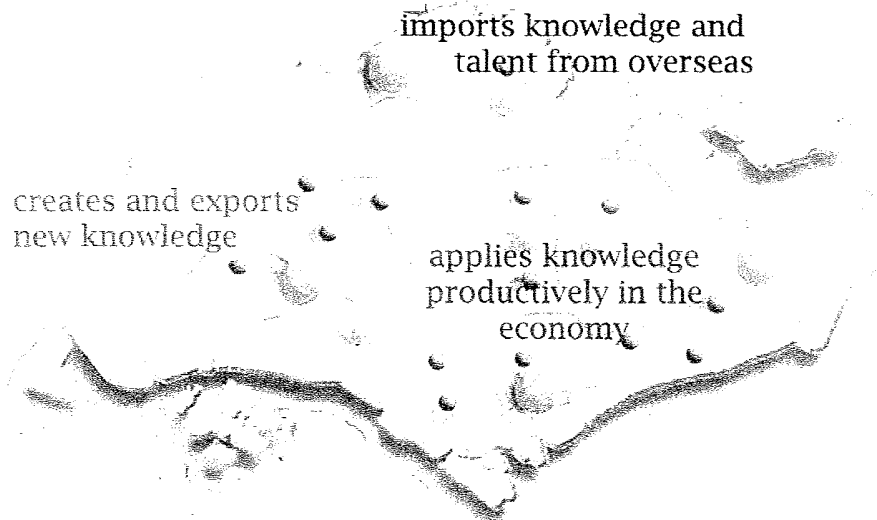
a new economy
maturing society
40 years
as a nation

In the future Libraries will build
Social Capital and yield Knowledge Dividends
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Knowledge-based Economies (KBE)

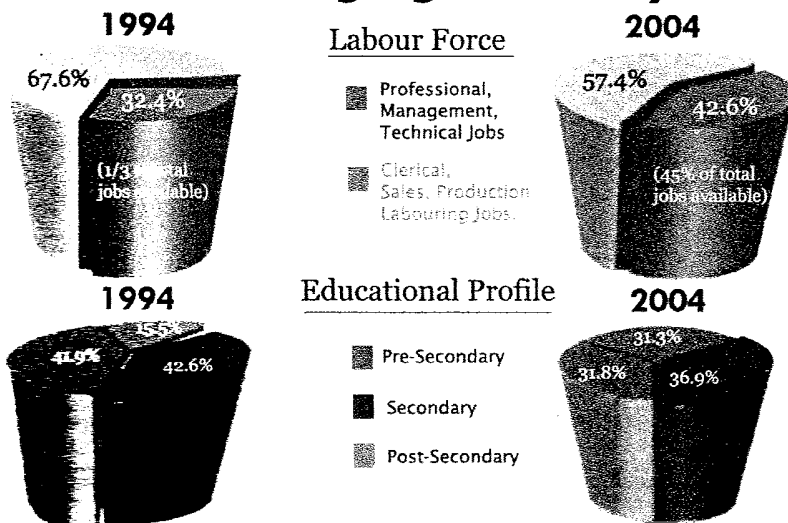


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Singapore Society has new needs



- 1/3 of the working population have below secondary qualifications.
- 4/10 unemployed have below secondary education.
- It will take 20 years for the under-educated to reach retirement.

Singaporeans
need to be
learning
constantly

Access to
information
and knowledge
should be
easy fast and
cheap

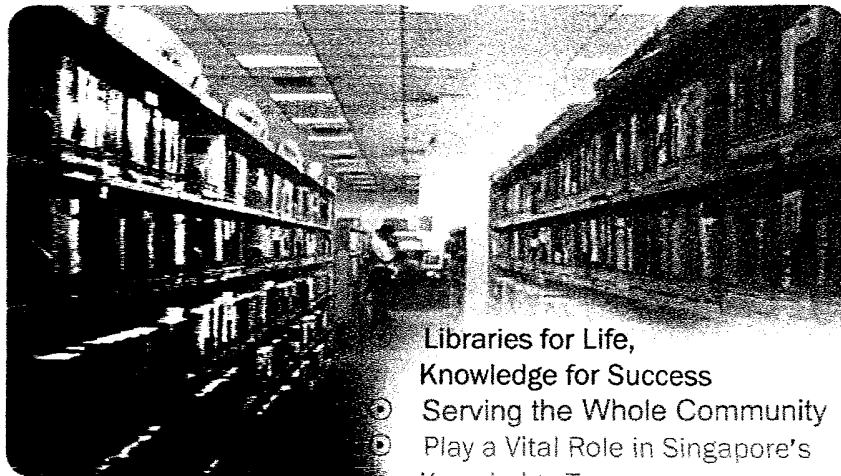
Social cohesison
and equitable
access to knowledge
is critical

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Libraries for Life,
Knowledge for Success

- Serving the Whole Community
- Play a Vital Role in Singapore's Knowledge Team





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self-discovery	self-reliance	self-fulfilment	competitive edge
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -develop curiosity -joy of discovery -love of learning -pedagogies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -mental stimulation -social engagement -productive leisure -basic technical competency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -personal growth -research and scholarship -upgrading skills -professional and career enhancement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -enhance competitiveness -open possibilities -seizing opportunities -on-time information and intelligence 

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Make technology more accessible to the disadvantaged and libraries more inclusive

Create social spaces for community learning, ownership and integration


Broaden programmes to meet individual aspirations

Make access to knowledge and information competitive and affordable


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2 FOREIGN COMPANIES, SMES & ENTREPRENEURS, BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS




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