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# THE LIBRARY THINK TANK

**A hybrid seminar that calls on students from across the university to collaborate on trans-disciplinary proposals for the future of the library.**

Operating as a collaborative think-tank, students in this theory-practice seminar will tackle some of the challenges facing this essential, yet resource-poor institution. Collectively, we'll examine the library as a critical urban infrastructure, and study examples of past and current libraries that are re-envisioning their missions, services, programs, and environments. Workshop participants will develop multimedia dossiers — which may take traditional or unorthodox forms (a proposal, a case history, a narrative, a campaign, a portfolio) with the goal of hypothetically soliciting city and institutional support to launch a full-scale design project in the future.

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