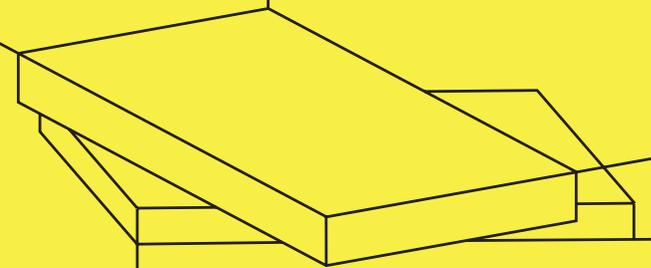


Public Knowledge

Re-Imagining the Public Library



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5:00-7:00pm

Gensler | Studio 53

1700 Broadway, Suite 400
New York, NY 10019

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Gensler's research project, *Public Knowledge*, is aimed at exploring emerging trends in public library use, function and design. Join us for a thoughtful conversation as we explore the current state of the public library, and how we can re-imagine its evolving role.

Moderator



Anthony Harris, AIA
Architect
Gensler

Anthony Harris is an architect at Gensler, where he is an active participant in the firm's Arts and Culture and Education Practice Areas. He's a leader and contributor to a number of office and firmwide research initiatives. He serves on the Board of Trustees at the Amber Charter School in New York, and has participated in numerous community design and social outreach programs.

Anthony has worked as an architect for 13 years in Washington, DC and New York, where he has been a key component in designing and producing large institutional and cultural projects – working with clients ranging from the New York Public Library to the Smithsonian Institute's Museum of Natural History. He was part of a design team exhibiting a mixed media installation at the Studio Museum in Harlem.

Anthony holds a B.S. in Architecture from Catholic University and a Master of Architecture from the University of Michigan.

“The site was a palimpsest, as was all the city, written, erased, rewritten.”

- Teju Cole, Open City

Panelists



Nate Hill
Executive Director, Metropolitan
New York Library Council (METRO)

Nate Hill is the Executive Director of the Metropolitan New York Library Council (METRO), a multitype library consortium serving over 250 organizations in New York City and Westchester County.

After almost ten years of service and several different roles within Brooklyn Public Library, Nate relocated to Silicon Valley as a web designer and developer for the San Jose Public Library. Before joining METRO in 2015, Nate served as Deputy Director of the Chattanooga Public Library, where he led the 4th Floor project, a 12,000 square foot library loft space featuring a public access makerspace, civic laboratory, and gigabit laboratory.

Nate was named a “Mover and Shaker” by Library Journal in 2012. He earned his undergraduate degree in art from Skidmore College and an MLIS from Pratt Institute's School of Information. Nate currently serves on the New York State Board of Regents Advisory Committee on Libraries, the advisory board for Pratt's School of Information, and the advisory board for the American Library Association's Office for Information Technology Policy.



Terry Kirchner
Executive Director,
Westchester Library System

Dr. Terry Kirchner joined the Westchester Library System as Executive Director in January 2009 and oversees all aspects of the 38-member public library system. His experience in various management positions at public and academic libraries spans 25 years.

Previously, Dr. Kirchner served as Director for Access Services at Columbia University Libraries, overseeing system-wide interaction across 22 campus libraries. In his prior position at the New York Public Library, Dr. Kirchner managed numerous public service, inter library loan, inventory, and storage operations.

Skilled in fostering collaborative and cooperative team-based work groups, Dr. Kirchner is certified as an executive coach and earned his doctorate in Human and Organizational Systems from Fielding Graduate University. He holds an MBA in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Baruch College and an MLS degree from Rutgers University.



Shannon Mattern
Associate Professor,
The New School

Shannon Mattern is an Associate Professor of Media Studies at The New School. Her writing and teaching focus on archives, libraries, and other media spaces; media infrastructures; and spatial epistemologies. She is the author of *The New Downtown Library: Designing with Communities*; *Deep Mapping the Media City*; and *Code and Clay, Data and Dirt: Five Thousand Years of Urban Media* (forthcoming). She contributes a regular long-form column about urban data and mediated infrastructures to Places, a journal focusing on architecture, urbanism, and landscape, and she collaborates on public design and interactive projects and exhibitions. You can find her at wordsinspace.net.



Lisa Rosenblum
Director and Chief Librarian,
Brooklyn Public Library

Lisa G. Rosenblum is director and chief librarian at the Brooklyn Public Library where she oversees the activities, personnel and services offered at all the systems 59 branches as well as the Central Library. Prior to this position, she managed libraries in the Silicon Valley area for 25 years as the director of library and community services for the City of Sunnyvale, California and as the director of library and neighborhood services for the City of Hayward, California. Lisa earned a BA in Liberal Arts from St. John's College and a Master of Library and Information Science from San Jose State University. She teaches a master's-level course on strategic leadership at the Pratt Institute School of Information in Manhattan. Lisa is a Metropolitan New York Library Council trustee.