



Marcell Mars

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Public Library

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Arte Útil archive nr:
526

Initiator:
Marcell Mars

Location:
online

Category:
pedagogical, politics, social

Users:
scholars, students, artists, cultural workers, wider public

Maintained by:
memoryoftheworld.org

Duration:
2012 – ongoing

Description:

The artist/hacker Marcell Mars argues that the concept of the public library is right up there with public education, public health care and the scientific method as a both a great achievement and social good to which almost everybody subscribes to as a non-negotiable public good. Taking the concept of the public library as a benchmark against which to measure what society and culture should be like and an indication that an economy of contribution is possible. Where there is a will there is a way. Mars's project has taken this broad consensus as the basis for Public Library and on-line book sharing project which promulgates the utopian hacker ethic of the universal space of free ex-change of all knowledge by seeking to fuse a number of existing internet based projects for either managing or exchanging electronic publications (such as Calibre) along with his own plug ins to create a peer 2 peer culture for the exchange of books.

Goals:

To make a place where all people can get access to all knowledge that can be collected.

Beneficial Outcomes:

Public Library makes the case for the institution of public library and its principle of universal access to knowledge. It is an exploration and development of distributed in-ternet infrastructure for amateur librarians.

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