

The knowledge community

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The community of practice

A group of people who

- share an interest,
- a craft,
- and/or a profession

(Lave & Wenger, 1991)

Knowledge management

- moving the right knowledge
- to the right people
- at the right time

(O'Dell & Grayson, 1997)

The librarian

Delivering knowledge in the health setting

- At the point of care (Where needed)
- Just in time (When needed)

(Kronenfeld, 2005)

What I want from *my* librarian

- To do what can't be done
- To find what can't be found
- To show me what I'm not aware that exists

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- Experience *versus*
- Empathy

Librarian



**I AM THE ONLY
SPECIALIST
IN YOU**

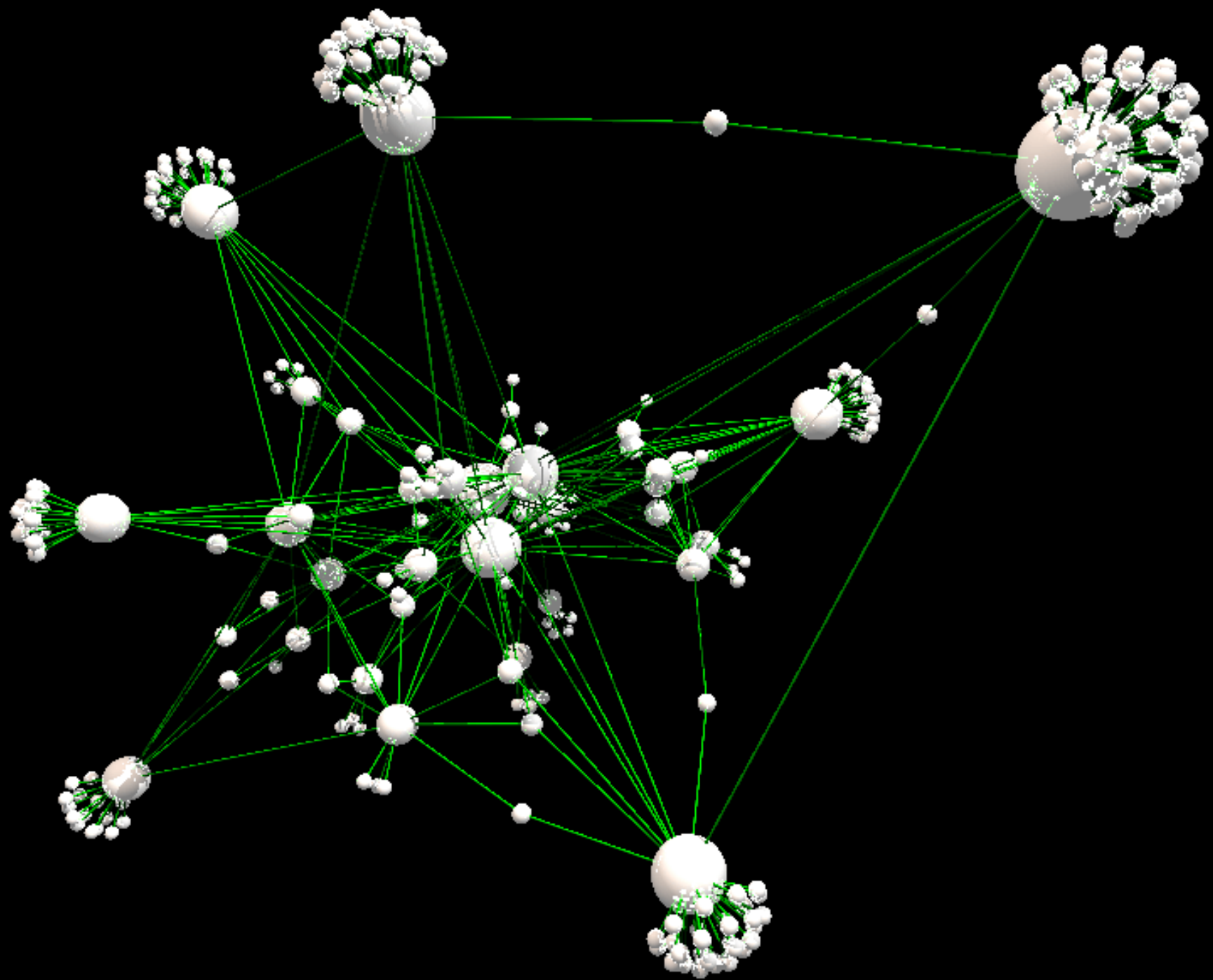
Communication technology





Libraries





“With a larger virtual collection, less physical space is used. Thus there is more space for students and computers. So despite more electronic information being available, the library as a physical place is still highly in demand.”

(Lindberg & Humphreys, 2005; *in* Stein & De Wee, 1997)



Evolution

Depth

Scope

Focus



The Naked Librarian

"The only constant is change, continuing change, inevitable change that is the dominant factor in society today.

- Isaac Asimov¹

(Stein & De Wee, 1997)

Christelle Steyn & Janice De Wee

From naked librarian to
formidable information
force!

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Thank you

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