



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 16.11.2023

Article link : [Link](#) (Why We Need Public Libraries Now More than Ever)

1. According to the author, we need public libraries now more than ever because:

- A. Giving people access to knowledge is the best way to create even more knowledge and make the overall community richer and more productive
- B. Public libraries provides spaces for public discourse, spaces that are free and spaces that are truly meant for all
- C. These libraries have extended their reach beyond literacy to meeting broader community needs for skill development, activities, wellness and other resources, even co-working spaces
- D. All the above

Explanation : D

All given points are mentioned in the article.

2. The author lists all the following as challenges of running a library like the BPL except:

- A. The compounding problem of storing stuff, books, drawings, recordings, tapes and more
- B. The possibility of being made obsolete, with the amount of information we can quickly get online
- C. The struggle of knowing and making everyone know the depth of information available to access for free, including information that is behind a paywall online
- D. The work of curating the huge volume of information available , to give people the most accurate, up-to-date information possible, especially in case of situations like the pandemic

Explanation: B

Note the lines, 'If you're wondering whether all of this has the potential to make public libraries obsolete, or merely reduce them to a bunch of routers and computer terminals, the short answer

is: Let's hope not. The amount of information we can get online—quickly!—is beyond measure, but there are, as we all discuss constantly now, questions about the quality of that information.'

3. What, according to the author, prompted him to write about libraries and their relevance today?

- A. The author believes they have something to tell us about where we've been, where we are, and where we need to go
- B. Coming from a family of librarians, the author is alarmed by their dropping popularity
- C. The author wants to highlight their importance given the falling budgets for public libraries, especially BPL
- D. All the above

Explanation: A

Option A is clearly stated in the article. Options B and C are factually incorrect. The author talks about how popular libraries like BPL are and how well they are funded in the article.