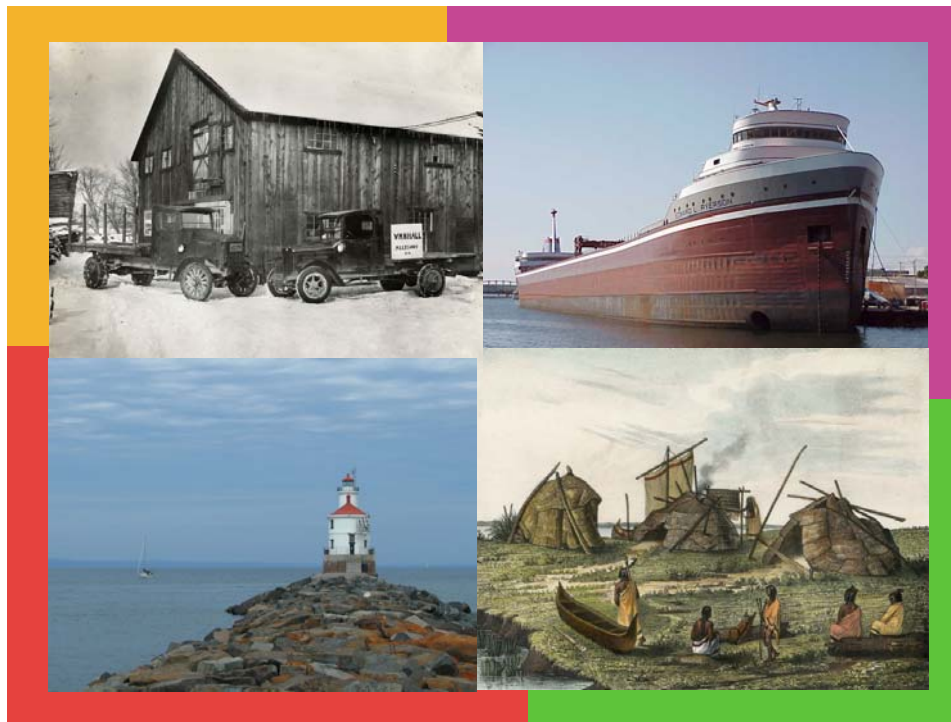


How will the library of the future contribute to the preservation of heritage and culture of our communities?

The Library of the Future Will:

- “Contribute by celebrating diversity and individual cultures, and honoring those of all races, cultures, and backgrounds through special showcases and programs.”
- “Preserve heritage not so much by being “the place” where stuff is kept, as by being the hub where things connect, and where there is expert guidance in pulling information and resources together.”
- “Be thought of as a cultural center or at least an organizer of cultural and historical events that take place in other venues throughout the community.”
- “Have resources which educate about history, culture, and geography to help us understand one another and value lessons of the past to impact life in the present and future.”
- “Digital archives will become important to the library and community of the future.”



The library of the future will engage in partnerships that enable the full use of technology in order to store, preserve, and provide Web access to historical materials.

The library of the future will be proactive in promoting educational awareness of cultural differences.

- Library meeting rooms for community gatherings
- Library displays, programs and speakers
- Library collections that explore national, state, and local cultures.

The library of the future will be robust online depositories of historical documents.

Digitized collections will preserve county histories, local histories and photographs.

