Despite the challenges and disruptions librarians face, many of the skills, talents and attributes that we possess are prized in the current business and organizational world. This new framework relies not on functional areas, but benefits, positive results and outcomes.

1. Serendipity and “aha” moments

2. The Power of Questions

3. Packaging and “selling” relevance

4. Curation of Data, Information and Knowledge

5. Sensemaking Skills

6. The Power of Introverts and “Quiet”

7. Servant Leadership: The Power of Service

8. Discovery

9. Architecture

10. Healing

We must embrace, express and “own” these attributes, abilities and qualities for future success. Librarians should consider repositioning their work within this framework, which could turn into a major advantage for the profession.

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