## The Culture of Libraries

## How it can cause <br> Communication Breakdown



## IGNORANCE OF THE RULES IS NO EXCUSE!



## Information? Reference? Circulation?

## WHICH <br> DESK?



## To Pay or Not to Pay . . .

To use the computer? NO

To copy from microfilm? YES

To use the photocopier? YES

To return a book? MAYBE

To attend a library event? MAYBE


## Libraries are Self-Serve

- EXCEPT...
- Some Reference Books
- Some "Talking Books"
- Some books "In Storage"



## Libraries Let You Take Books Home

- Except:
- If they are
"reference" books
- If you don't take too many
- For some

"Talking Books" -
if you qualify


## SURPRISES!

## "This isn't Like my Library at Home"

- Libraries offer instruction - even homework help
- Books can be borrowed from other libraries
- Questions can be answered over the phone


## More SURPRISES

- Everything listed on the web page is not in the library
- Everything in the library is not in the catalogue

- Some books have call numbers, and some don't


## Even More SURPRISES

A book can be
reserved for me when it is returned

The library has more than books to lend

The library has books and other things in languages other than English


## WHAT'S THAT AGAIN??

Stacks?
Monographs?
Index? Journals?
Periodicals?
Collection?
Serials?
Holds?
Catalogue?
Microforms?
Call number?


## A reminder ...

Libraries can be:

- Complicated
- Intimidating
- Confusing

- Embarrassing

