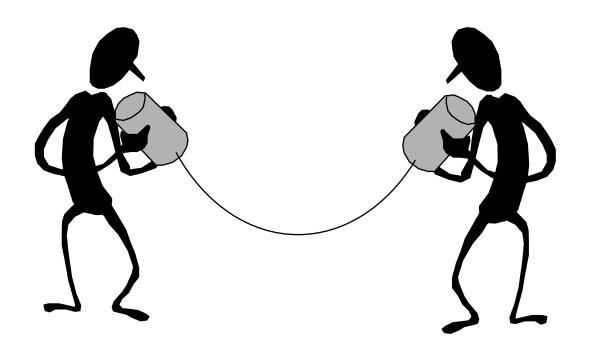
The Culture of Libraries

How it can cause Communication Breakdown

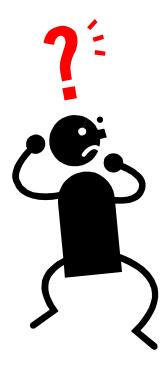


IGNORANCE OF THE RULES IS NO EXCUSE!



Information? Reference? Circulation?

WHICH DESK?



To Pay or Not to Pay . . .

To use the computer?

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 ReferenceBooks
 - 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"

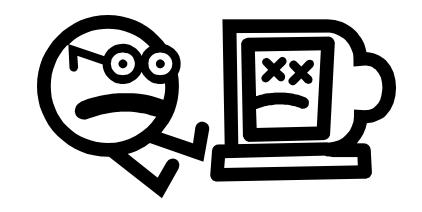
- Libraries offer instruction – even homework help
- Books can be borrowed from other libraries
- Questions can be answered over the phone



More SURPRISES

 Everything listed on the web page is not in the library

 Everything in the library is not in the catalogue



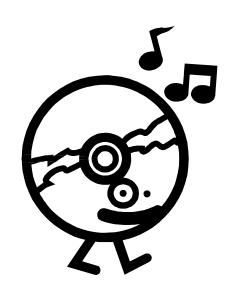
 Some books have call numbers, and some don't

Even More SURPRISES

A book can be reserved for me when it is returned

The library has more than books to lend

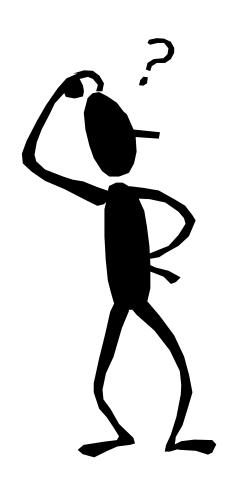
The library has books and other things in languages other than English



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

