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What keeps you up at night?
- MOOCs fail, credentialing people through MOOCs, high attrition
- has never finished a MOOC, just trying to pick up skills
- high school to college transition: students familiar with tools
- getting buy-in from other librarians
- how to find time to create tool that will replicate himself
- dark side: plug and play education that is consumer driven
- do badges keep student oppressed
- technology as "black box" or algorithmic culture
- surveillance issues
- enterprise IT: contracts and corruption, FOIAable
- time issue: learning technology, how long it takes to learn it and then do it "play with this" hard to quantify
- technology related assignment: takes time to figure out the tech
- if don't embrace tech viewed as fuddy dudgy, tech is where the money is
- librarians vs. techies (puppet show people vs. info architecture/early adopters)

Discussion
- badges as fundable outcome, but the money meant ability to do research behind the badges. doesn't actually care about the badges themselves.
- Archivist Toolkit project: open source, replicable—what would a comparable tech tool look like
- merged library and systems, convos that are with whole group are better than the ones just with librarians
- time is always an issue, we don't have time
- there's no time for play, if there's no product, nothing to assess it's not worthwhile, no time to fail
- librarians aren't as into playing with a new tool and breaking it the way technologists/developers are
- QR codes LOL
- students "I don't want your badges."
- ability to try out new things and to ask forgiveness instead of permission is a privilege
- make a state of the library statement: a critlibtechfesto (as a guiding principle behind acrl framework)
- when we use an open source tool which is more ethical, but requires learning that makes it less accessible to many users
- accessibility is on back burner in terms of web development

Works Cited
- @Tressiemphd
- Leesa Wheelahan (?)
- feminist MOOC
- Liz Losh at San Diego, FemTechNet (MOOC moment)
- FreeGeek resource in PDX
- Lumio: online consensus tool