

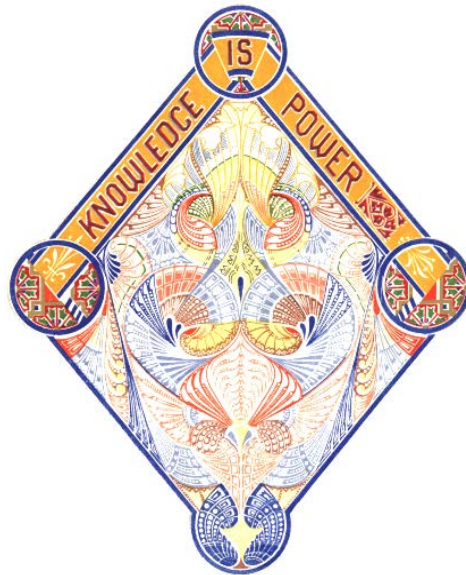
The Library in Our Future

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(40,000 Quotations - Charles Noel Douglas 1917, page 1058)

The all new eco-friendly, Green, eBook is here and where is the Library in the next few years? Libraries will, and many already

are, becoming museums and good students now work in the computer lab.

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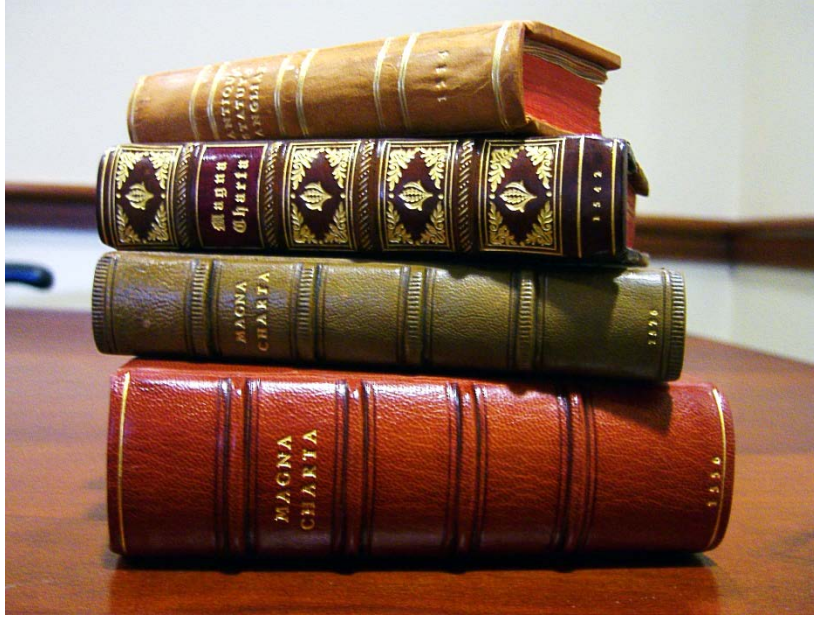
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