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Brave New World:
Teaching and Learning Special Collections Librarianship

Exhibitions

"Laboratories"

Storytelling

Social media

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Relating to your audience

-How to identify your audience

-Learn that researching your audience is as important as the material you are presenting

-How to find connections between individuals and items selected (group interests, hobbies, etc.)



-How to develop activities which engage groups of all backgrounds

-How to relate to school-children, teenagers, working class adults, <u>and</u> academics and researchers



-How to talk to various academic groups; relating the story of a collection or an item to research or conferences



Don't aim too low

-some museums' captions and exhibition catalogues are too elementary to the point of offence

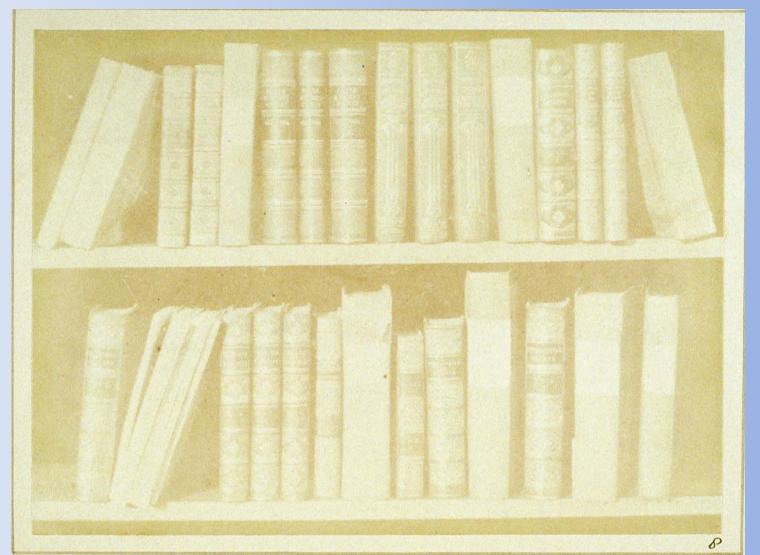
-by writing too generally, too simply, you can offend and alienate your audience

-teach how to speak or write clearly





Pictures speak thousands and thousands of words



-Pictures can describe 3D objects to a reader much quicker than words

-Teach how illustrations are 'universal' in their language

-Publicly accessible photographs in hires allow virtual readers to get 'upclose' to an object





-how to invoke the human element

images of historic material is seeing someone touching them





-scale, tactileness, sense of connection



