‘Books do furnish a room’
The differences between making exhibitions in museums and libraries

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1. The problems of exhibitions as a form of engagement in libraries

2. Combining exhibitions with the wider practices of library engagement

3. How we might contextualise exhibitions within the work cycles of research libraries.
Three strands of programming

• Research

• Treasures

• Community
‘We invite our visitors in and let them wander as they wish. They make their own way through our collections as they wish... They, our visitors, and not the museum, are the authors of their experiences with our collections.’

James Cuno, *Museums Matter*
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