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Stories as Knowledge

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Self

Wisdom

Personal Connection

Expertise

Motivations and Passions

Development

Roots (People and Places)

Accountability

Stories as Knowledge

Affiliation

Challenge/ Resist

Solidarity

Invitation

Demonstrate /Shed Light

Celebrate

Relationships

Vision

Diagesis: Reflection 6



Loriene Roy's talk was such a wonderful way to bring our learning events for this class to a close. One thing that really amazed me was the range of purposes for which Roy (seemingly) effortlessly used her stories across her talk. I noticed that some would speak to her own development as she navigated different spaces and relationships, others spoke about where she'd come from, still others spoke about work to be done. She brought to

life networks of people and works through her stories and she gave faces to almost everyone she spoke about. Her stories allowed her to make personal connections, to demonstrate her motivations, to show her expertise and depth of experience, and to challenge the field of LIS as it changes and develops. Well after her talk, I kept thinking about the thousands of stories that Roy holds and the generosity of spirit with which she shares them. I decided that I wanted to try to illustrate the richness and power of her stories and some of their functions for this week's reflection.

In my attempt, I've roughly divided the impact of the stories as knowledge into four quadrants, that themselves roughly correspond to ideas of wisdom, self, relationships, and vision/progress. These quadrants are inspired by, but are not directly mappable, to some of the Medicine Wheel models that we have learned about in this class.

