

“But I’m not an Engineer” ...
Collaboration between a
Librarian and an Upper Division
Project-Based Engineering
Program

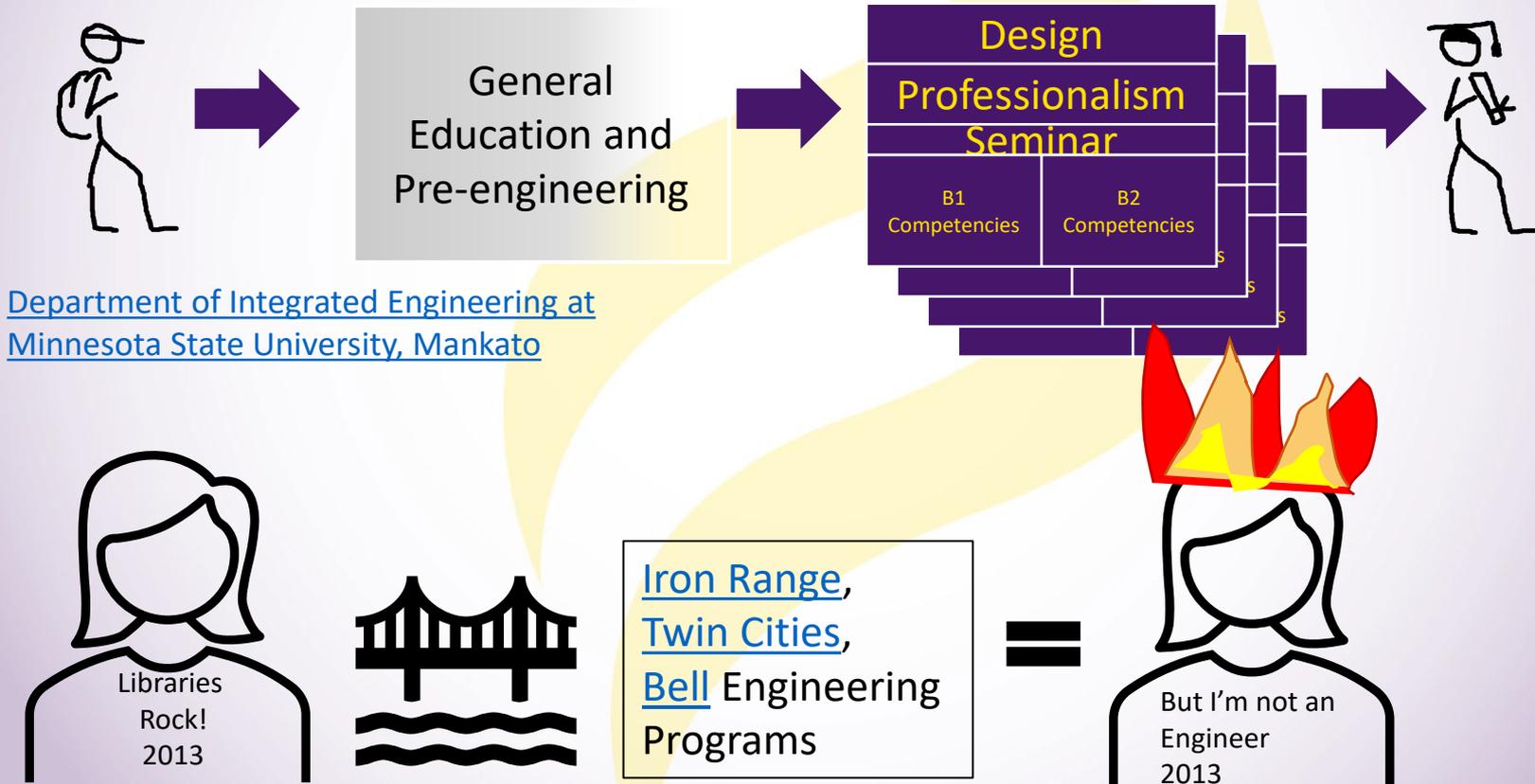
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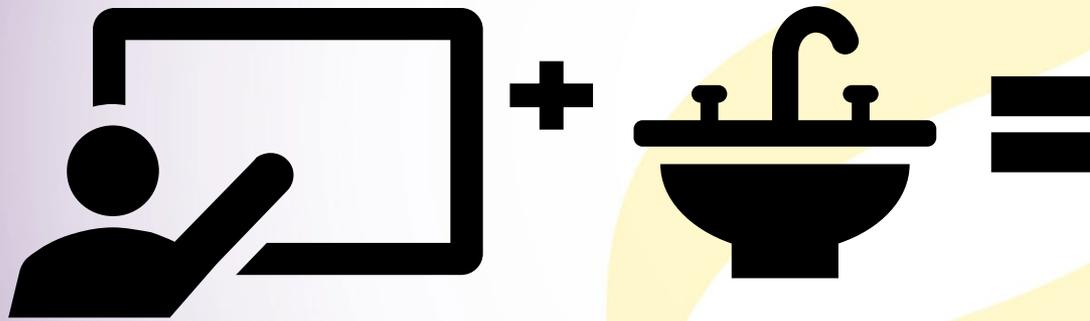
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A new librarian assigned to support project-based engineering programs provided an interesting case for study.



Standard library interventions had nominal impact.



Too much information; I can just use Google; Why are you showing me this when it doesn't relate to my topic?





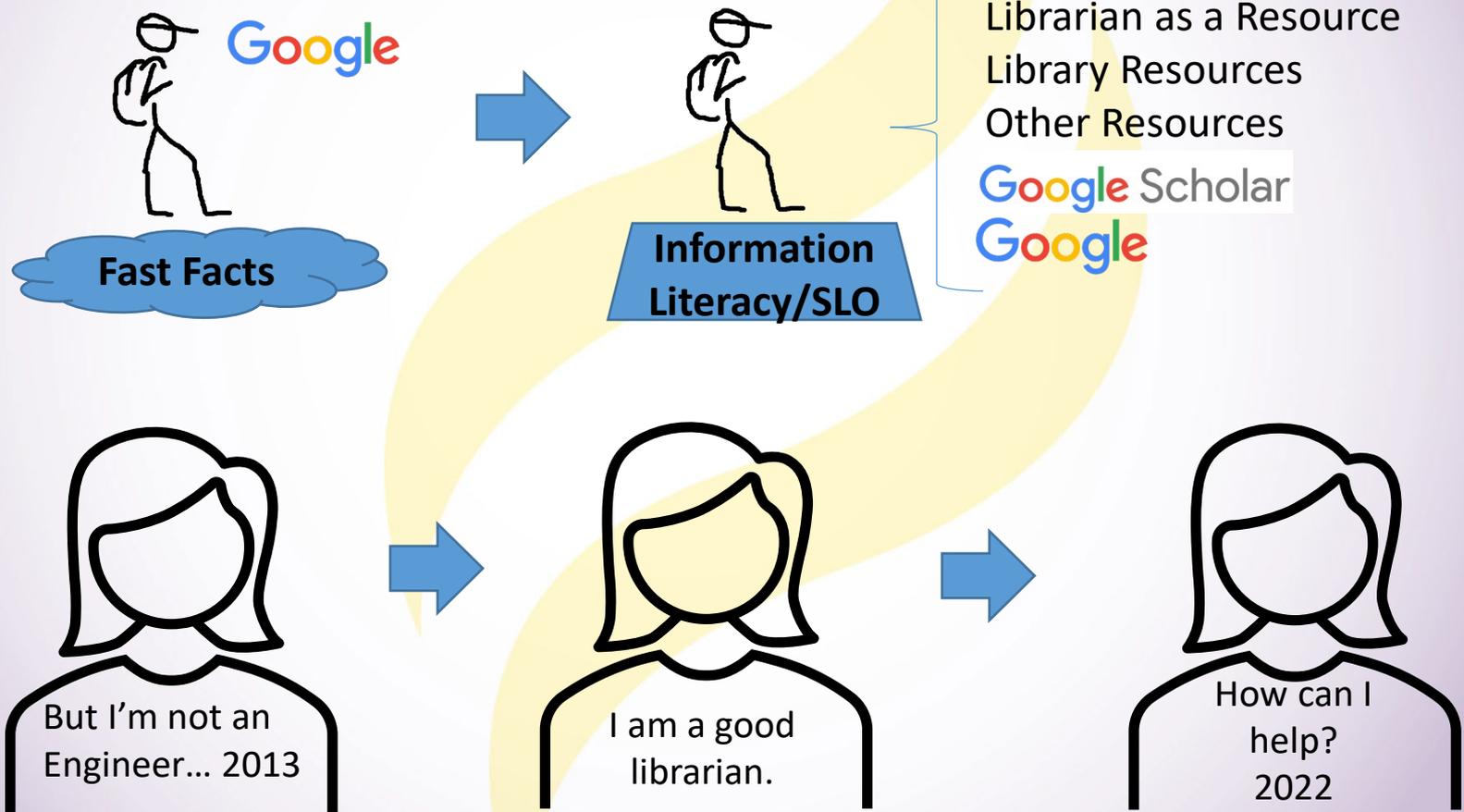
Working with faculty to impose a librarian on project teams increased engagement over the long term.

Hey Heidi! I am doing a new project and I need a copy of AS9100 and I cannot seem to find it! Is there any way you could help me to find this?

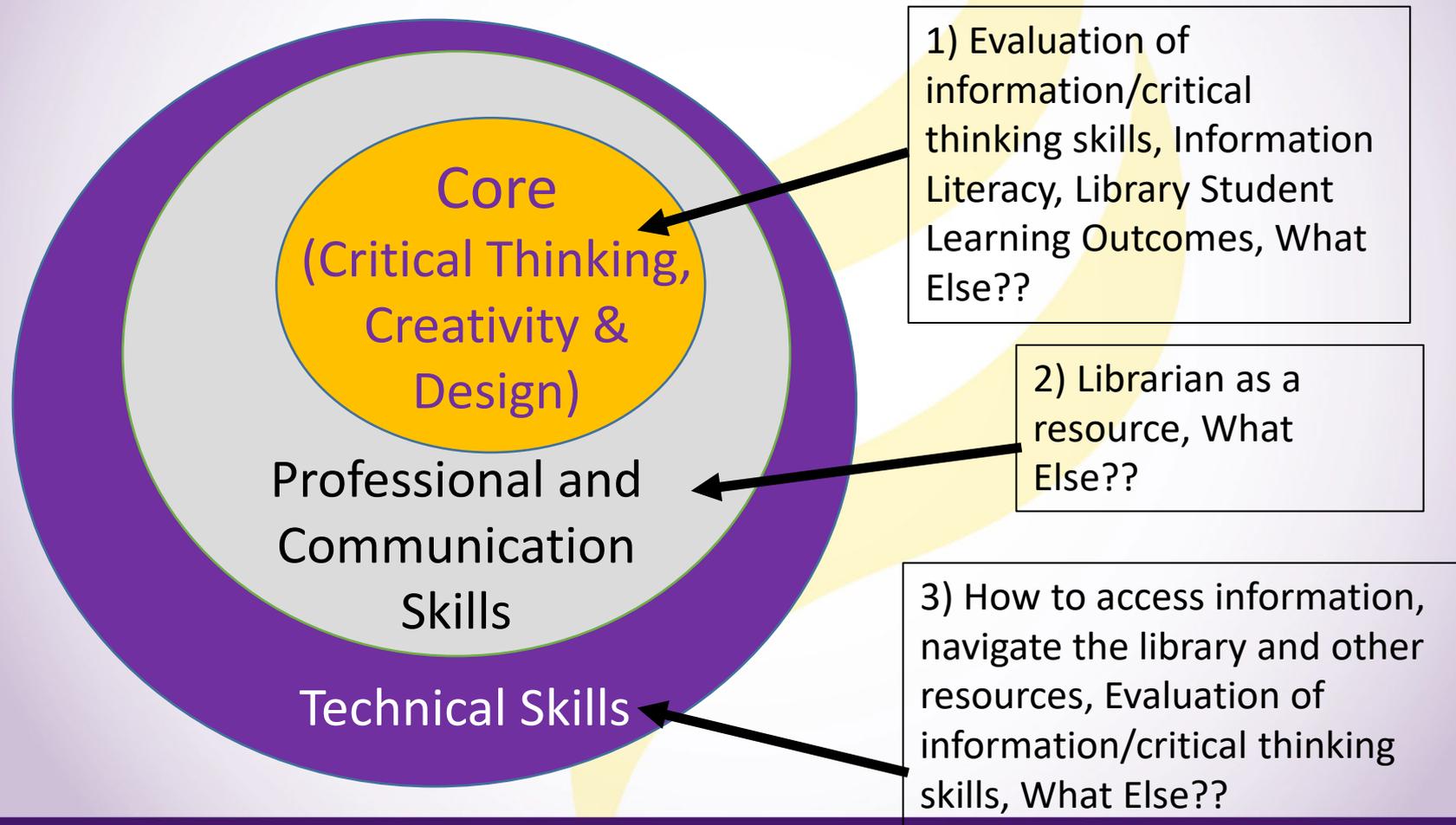
Hi Heidi! It was a pleasure meeting you yesterday. Can you help us find this: J. S. Allen and Bruno Rossi, MDDC 448.

Hi Heidi! First of all, I was so disappointed to find out that you are not coming here to TCE this fall! Bummer! I look forward to your visit in the Spring! I need help with our semester project. We found that there are ASTM standards for this, however, we don't wish to pay the \$60 dollars. Is there any way you can get these?

Everybody in the process grew because of the interactions.



We are engineering new opportunities for us to work collaboratively.



Thank you!

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