

Spill the Tea: Gossiping and Visiting as Sites of Resistance in Academic Libraries



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INTRODUCTIONS



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Instructions



Gossip - Mentimeter

Be heard, collaborate, and share ideas—make meetings and classes more engaging with real conversations.

 [menti.com](https://www.menti.com)

WHAT IS GOSSIPING?

An important tool for sense-making and information-sharing for marginalized communities (Adkins, 2017)

VISITING

Approach grounded in understandings of relationality

Cree-Métis Scholar Janice Gaudet (2019) writes: “My first teaching was that there is nothing lazy about visiting work. On the contrary, keeoukaywin is practical, social, political, and spiritual.” (p. 48)

Métis scholar Ana Anna Flaminio (2018) describes how visiting can resolve disputes, renew relationships, and foster safety.

WHY GOSIPPING AND VISITING?

Why are we linking these things together?


What draws us to this?

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PANEL DISCUSSION

- How has engaging in gossiping and visiting impacted your work in academic libraries?
- What advice would you give to those looking to create a library BIPOC affinity group in their areas?
- How do you draw the line between good gossip and bad gossip?
- How do you make space in your work for visiting?
- How supportive has your institution been in this kind work?
- How would you navigate a work culture or dynamic that does not understand the value of gossiping and visiting?



ANY QUESTIONS?

RESOURCES

https://www.zotero.org/groups/5996957/capal25_visitgossip





THANK YOU