Librarianship as Repair: Finding the Value in Fixing Stuff

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...subtle acts of care by which order and meaning in complex sociotechnical systems are maintained and transformed, human value is preserved and extended, and the complicated work of fitting to the varied circumstances of organizations, systems, and lives is accomplished. Repair in this connotation has a literal and material dimension, filled with immediate questions: Who fixes the devices and systems we “seamlessly” use? Who maintains the infrastructures within and against which our lives unfold? (Jackson, “Rethinking Repair,” 222-3)
Infrastructure

...a broad category referring to pervasive enabling resources in network form, and we argue that a theoretical understanding of infrastructure is crucial to its design, use, and maintenance.

(Bowker et al, “Toward Information Infrastructure Studies: Ways of Knowing in a Networked Environment,” 98)
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