Hacklab turned out to be a totally awesome choice and I'm glad I'm hanging out th
ere.

I ended up discontinuing my Hacklab membership in 2016 because of life with a newborn. It was fun using the laser cutter for fabric, although I didn't get around to trying out the 3D printer.

I tend to respond when people reach out to me, although I don't feel guilty about n
ot reaching out first.

I often ping other grown-ups to arrange playdates, so there's that.

I ended up shelving mobile apps, but illustration, sketchnoting, and writing look like
great ways to create engaging content.

I settled down on consulting, especially since life with A- still takes so much of my time and attention.

No progress on either Latin or Cantonese, although I've been learning Japanese ins
tead.

No progress on any languages (well, except programming ones), and no progress on stenography either. Oh well! Learning to accept my limits...

I've been having fun gardening.

We mostly focus on cherry tomatoes and bitter melon in our deck garden, with varying results. It's not profitable, but it's fun.

My finances are on track for my 5-year experiment; this might even be extended at l east a few more years.

Well, we're about 10 years into my 5-year experiment, so I'd say things are okay. The flexibility has turned out to be super handy for dealing with parenting and pandemics. I'm so glad I gave it a shot.

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a data plan,

Just recently switched from an unlimited data plan to one with 50GB of data per year, so let's see how that goes.

I draw more for myself than for events or presentations.

I still tend to focus more on untangling my thoughts rather than sketchnoting other people's books or videos. That's fine, I've got a lot to figure out.