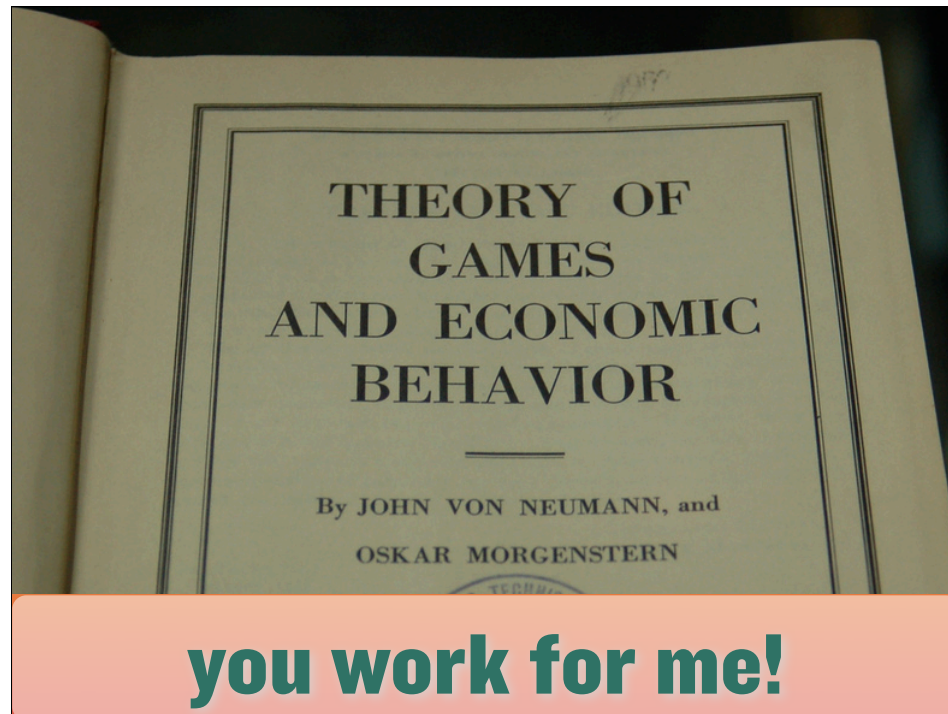




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Libraries are for the public, mostly, but they are not run by the public, directly.



you work for me!

Oh sure the public hassles us about paying our salaries



thanks for the donations!

and they sure do donate enough books and computers to fill our basements and attics until the end of time [aside: firestarters]

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what others see

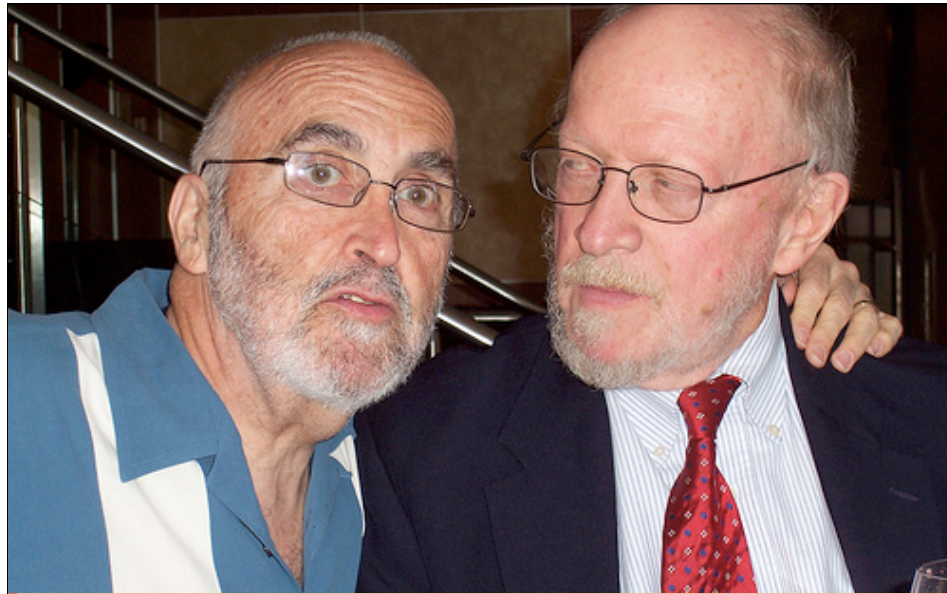
At the end of the day, however, someone has the keys and some people get paid and it's pretty tough not to see those people as IN CHARGE



which means it's pretty hard not to see what's inside the library as
THEIRS



which is just another way of saying NOT YOURS [well not you all, but you get the idea...].

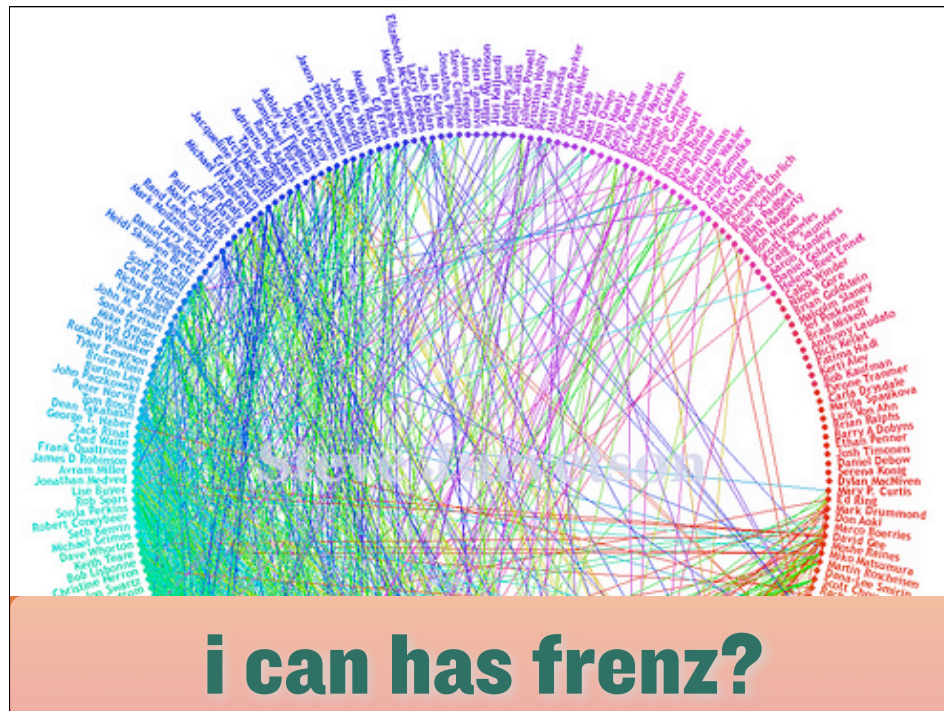


is it really just **who** you know?

We've always known how to network, we're doing it right now.
[sort of]



But the effects of network, The Network, The Internetwork, when you can do it online, all the time and not just at conferences, bi-yearly, is starting to change things rapidly.



Information goes more places, more quickly, than ever before.

The image shows a screenshot of a Meebo chat room titled "Library Society of the World". The chat log contains several messages from users like joshuamneff, jilian, keneipp, rsshopper, and others, discussing goth clubbing and library-related topics. A large, stylized graphic is overlaid on the chat, consisting of a yellow circle with a red border containing the text "LIBRARY SOCIETY OF THE WORLD" in blue, bold, outlined letters. Below the chat window, a red banner contains the text "not just people, your people" in a teal, sans-serif font.

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what do you think?

You can interact with your information in ways you couldn't just five or ten years before, you can apply feedback directly to the system.



don't forget the stamp!

Didn't like a newspaper article in 1999? Write a letter to the editor, or maybe an email. Good luck with that.

Bush no longer "miserable failure": Google tackles googlebombs

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Search Engine Land's Danny Sullivan says,

After just over two years, Google has finally defused the "Google Bomb" that has returned US President George W. Bush at the top of its results in a search on [miserable failure](#). The move wasn't a post-State Of The Union Address gift for Bush. Instead, it's part of an overall algorithm change designed to stop such mass link pranks from working.

freedom of something...?

Don't like a newspaper article in 2008? Comment directly on the blog, write a post for your own blog, heck Googlebomb them....

The Read-Write Web

Technology that Makes We the Media Possible

I still remember the moment I saw a big piece of the future. It was mid-1999, and Dave Winer, founder of UserLand Software, had called to say there was something I had to see.

He showed me a web page. I don't remember what the page contained except for one button. It said, "Edit This Page"—and, for me, nothing was ever the same again.

buzzy but important

The buzzy way to explain this is "the Read/Write web" and it's a fundamental part of this whole 2.0 thing we talk about.

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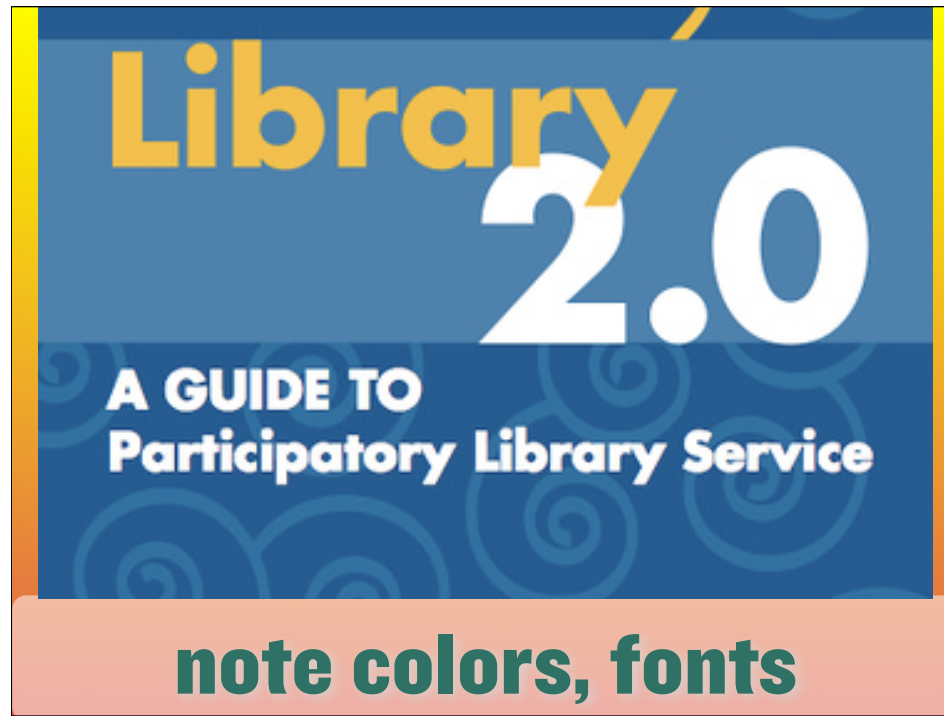
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note colors, fonts

Web 2.0 was a marketing term designed by techies to sell a conference.



Library 2.0 was a term designed by librarians to try to explain how using technology in libraries can solve problems, create opportunities, create economies of scale and maybe teach everyone a few good jokes.



So what do you do? What does it mean?



- You trust people to contribute to your organization (volunteers, blog posts, book reviews, staffing the book sale).
- You're more transparent about how you do things (iceberg metaphor).
- You evaluate how things are working as you're doing them and let everyone be part of the process.
- You think about how it works and how it feels, not just what the numbers say.



that's it.

That's it.



where is the time?

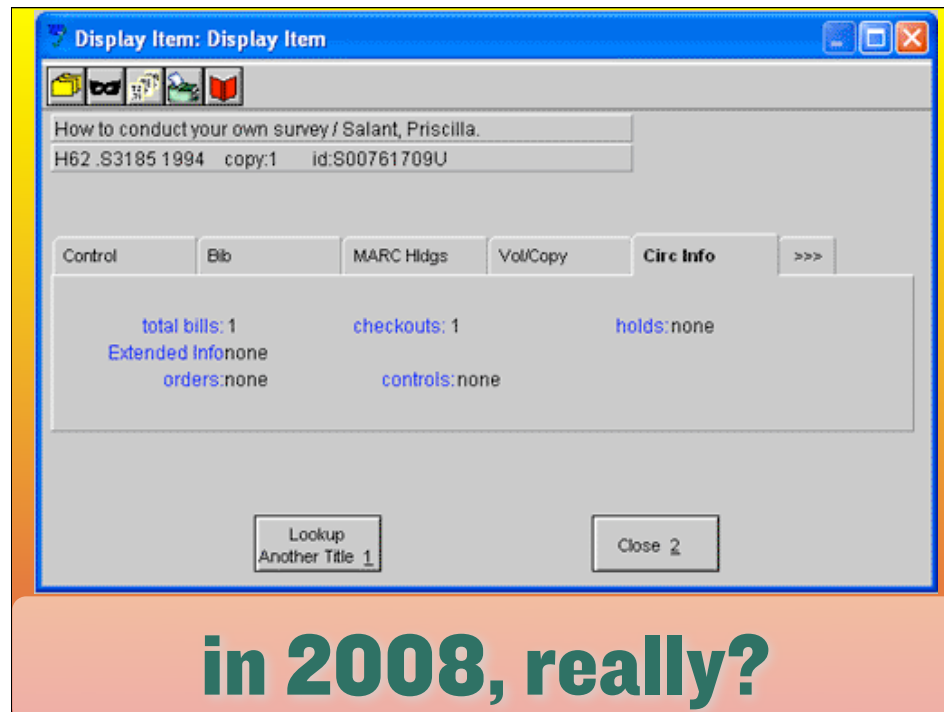
So, yay, we're all connected all the time, to everything, hurray!
This fixes everything, right?

<http://www.shirky.com/herecomeseverybody/2008/04/looking-for-the-mouse.html> Here comes everybody

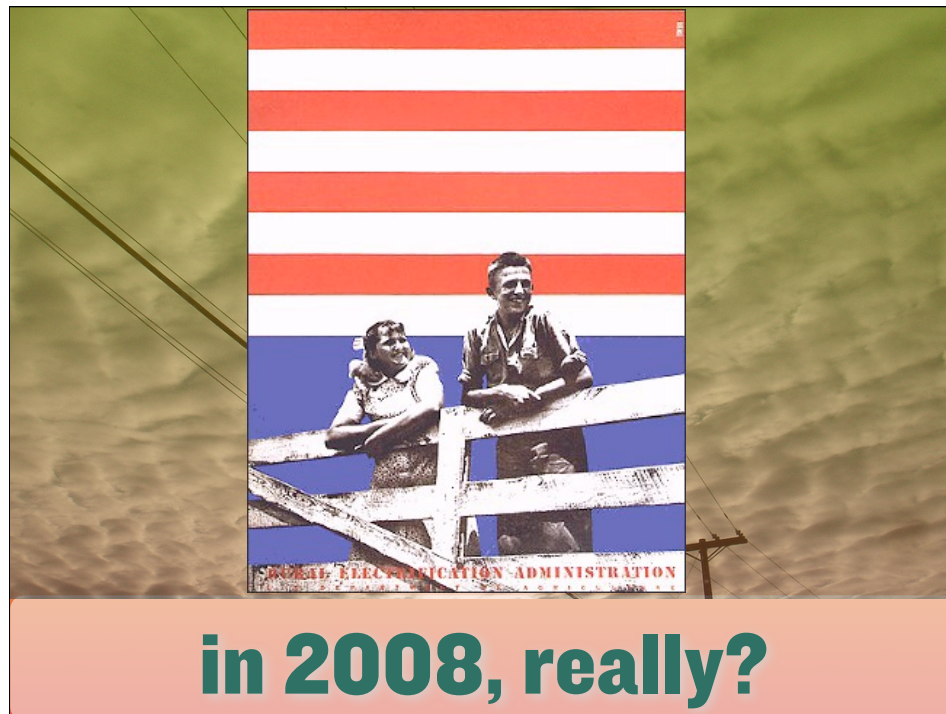


oh but wait...

Well... while information swarms all around us, we still have patrons who read the newspaper once a day and want it to be in the library for them. We still serve people who check their email a few times a week, if they even HAVE email.



We still use software that isn't gracious about emailing even if our patrons DID have email.



And I have a cell phone that only works when I'm on the road. There just aren't any towers where I live. Verizon -- our big telco -- responded to the requests for more infrastructure by selling ALL THEIR LINES in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine to a small telco that just sent me my first bill this month. I wish them luck.



So, we're dealing with some hurdles.



connect

First, we need to connect people. In places like mine where libraries are THE wired place in town, libraries are leading rather than following in technological innovation. People get email accounts so they can get email from the library, the library doesn't start emailing in response to patron demand.

The image shows a screenshot of the FEMA website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Contact Us', 'Site Map', 'Frequently Asked Questions', and 'Español'. Below this is a search bar with a 'Go' button. A secondary navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Disaster Information', 'Plan Ahead', 'Apply for Assistance', 'Recover & Rebuild', and 'About Us'. The main content area is titled 'What You Can Do If You're Having Trouble Getting Through' and includes a sidebar with links like 'Before You Apply', 'How to Apply', 'After You Apply', and 'Frequently Asked Questions'. A red circle highlights a list of options for people without computer access: 'Check the local library or disaster recovery center where computers or kiosks may be available.' and 'Or, they may call an out-of-state friend or relative and have that individual apply for assistance via the Internet on their behalf. FEMA can accept an application from any person but will only provide follow-up information to the individual needing assistance. Applicants should share personal information only with trusted individuals.'

my first website?

I'm totally fine with saying "oh hey you can go your whole life without learning to use a computer if you want" except [katrina] [irs]



our friend the iceberg

Next, we need to find ways to make what we know into what they know. [iceberg]



include everyone

This can be making ourselves and our activities more transparent -- how do we ILL, how do we order books, what DO our library workers do when they're not at the ref/circ desk, how can patrons help? -- as well as helping our patrons go beyond us, beyond our walls, beyond our network, beyond our expertise.



go outside...

And to do that, we must be prepared to go outside, out into the open.....



and play...

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Ten Dangerous Ideas

Here are the ten "dangerous ideas" we introduced at the PLA conference --

1. What if we stopped cataloging?
2. What if we participated fully with the FBI in all criminal investigations that involved the use of library resources?
3. What if librarians individually and as a profession promoted, used and helped to develop Wikipedia?
4. What if we accepted open source software as a way of being more in control of the customer experience?
5. What if we embraced our inner geek and created immersive games that prompted cults of library junkies?
6. What if we required all library staff to have expertise using technology?
7. What if mistakes were expected and embraced and all librarians became mistake masters?
8. What if we didn't make decisions based on fear or scarcity?
9. What if we stopped being passive/aggressive?
10. What if we didn't make our customers work so hard?

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About

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The Board of Directors of the GMLC for 2008 are as follows:

- ❖ Lucinda Walker, secretary, Norwich Public Library
- ❖ Judah Hamer, treasurer, Rutland Free Library
- ❖ Stephanie Chase, president, Stowe Free Library

The GMLC is in the process of obtaining federal 501(c)3 status.

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