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Ten Major Trends in Research Libraries

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- 1. Powerful aggregation of information resources in the open web environment: integration and web-scale operations revolutionize access to information, e.g., mass digitization, Google Scholar, OCLC WorldCat Local.**
- 2. Library 2.0 in a web 2.0 environment: innovation and knowledge creation in widely distributed, peer-to-peer, collaborative and social networks: e.g., Wikipedia, the Human Genome Project, Facebook, MySpace, YouTube.**

- 3. Co-existence of print and digital collections in a hybrid library: developing in-depth print collections in tandem with large digital collections, and integrating them.**

- 4. Library as place in the digital age: maximizing physical and digital space, while enhancing library as the center of academic and campus community activities.**

- 5. The critical role of specialized collections in a networked environment: when the research library of the future brings together limitless cyberspace and specialized collections.**

- 6. The global nature of information access: networking and collaboration among libraries and with outside partners, such as vendors or search engines, to form a global digital library.**

- 7. Moving from an analog-based, facilities-dependent library to an any time, any place library with ubiquitous and distributed collections and services.**

- 8. Knowledge management cutting across functional boundaries and narrowly defined compartments: a call for hybrid and holistic librarianship and non-traditional skills; e.g., a combination of subject and IT expertise.**

- 9. Research libraries are taking ownership in the dissemination and distribution of scholarship through digital publishing and repositories.**

- 10. E-everything and digital preservation, the consolidation of collections and services: putting some old services out of business.**