

The Future of Research Libraries— and What it Means for Cornell

What will Cornell's library look like in ten years—a glorified Starbucks, an enhanced web space, or essentially the same? Will we actually need miles of books on shelves or should we move the books offsite and repurpose the space? Should we raise or slash collection budgets in response to digital access? Do faculty across the disciplines share a common vision? And how can faculty engage in planning the future of Cornell Library?

Join us on **February 14 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in Milstein Hall for a faculty forum on "The Future of Research Libraries—and What it Means for Cornell."** After keynote presentations by Wendy Lougee, University Librarian and McKnight Presidential Professor, University of Minnesota, and Clifford Lynch, Executive Director, Coalition for Networked Information, Anne Kenney, Cornell's university librarian, will join us for an extended Q&A session. All are welcome to attend and join us for light refreshments and further discussion afterward.

Nerissa Russell, chair of the Faculty Library Advisory Board, will moderate the Q&A. She will also moderate a blog set up in advance of our forum to solicit and discuss your thoughts about these questions. The link is accessible here: <http://blogs.cornell.edu/futurelibrary/>
Password is: **LIB** (your Cornell ID will **NOT** work)

Below are some links to background material on the really salient issues:

Thirteen Ways of Looking at Libraries, Discovery, and the Catalog: Scale, Workflow, Attention by Lorcan Dempsey <http://www.educause.edu/ero/article/thirteen-ways-looking-libraries-discovery-and-catalog-scale-workflow-attention>

· Council on Library and Information Resources, **No Brief Candle**: Reconceiving Research Libraries for the 21st Century, www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub142/pub142.pdf · PDF file

Association of College and Research Libraries "[Futures Thinking for Academic Librarians: Scenarios for the Future of the Book](http://www.ala.org/acrl/sites/ala.org.acrl/files/content/issues/value/scenarios2012.pdf)", <http://www.ala.org/acrl/sites/ala.org.acrl/files/content/issues/value/scenarios2012.pdf>

I look forward to seeing you there.

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