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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.