

# ***Libraries in the Future***

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Time is scarce.

Information is everywhere.

You carry your work with you.

Learning and play are two sides of the same coin.

Collaboration can make you smarter.

Planning, decision-making, and communication take place in real time.

Innovation is everyone's job.

We only get one Earth, so we'd better take good care of it.

## **Public library roles now include:**

- Entry point
- Promoter and advocate
- Convener
- Partner/collaborator/facilitator
- Communicator
- Good example
- Laboratory
- Economic engine

## **Recommended reading:**

De Rosa, Cathy, et. al. *From Awareness to Funding; A Study of Library Support in America*. OCLC, 2008.

<http://www.oclc.org/reports/funding/default.htm>

Metropolitan Library System (Illinois). *Best Practices for the Customer-Focused Library*. August 2008.

[http://www.webjunction.org/c/document\\_library/get\\_file?folderId=8052623&name=DLFE-1830002.pdf](http://www.webjunction.org/c/document_library/get_file?folderId=8052623&name=DLFE-1830002.pdf)

Needham, George. *Library ROI: A Brief Webliography*. It's All Good [blog], February 20, 2009. <http://scanblog.blogspot.com/>

## ***Want to learn more?***

*Strategic Thinking* workshop – \$75, details at <http://infopeople.org>

- March 9, Sacramento
- March 10, Saratoga
- March 12, Fresno
- March 23, San Diego
- March 24, Buena Park
- March 25, Los Angeles
- March 27, San Francisco

**Podcasts** - <http://feeds.feedburner.com/InfoblogGeorgeAndJoan>

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