

Future of Libraries Black, Future of Librarians Bright

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Books?



“Researchers don’t readily recognize content on their desktop is provided through library”.

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Journals?



“Let me make my main point one more time. *We do not need any print versions of any journals.* These are an historic relic from a bygone era. **I am sorry to say that we have neither need, time, nor wish to visit the beautiful expanses of the library building.** This may be a shock to you, but it's reality”.

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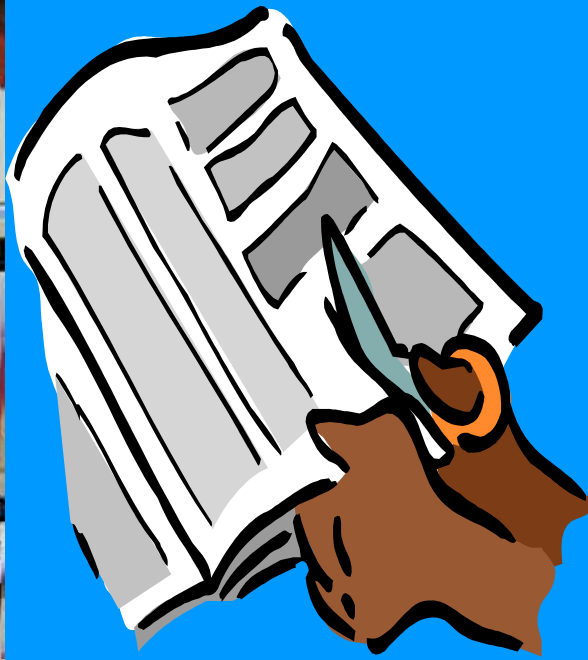


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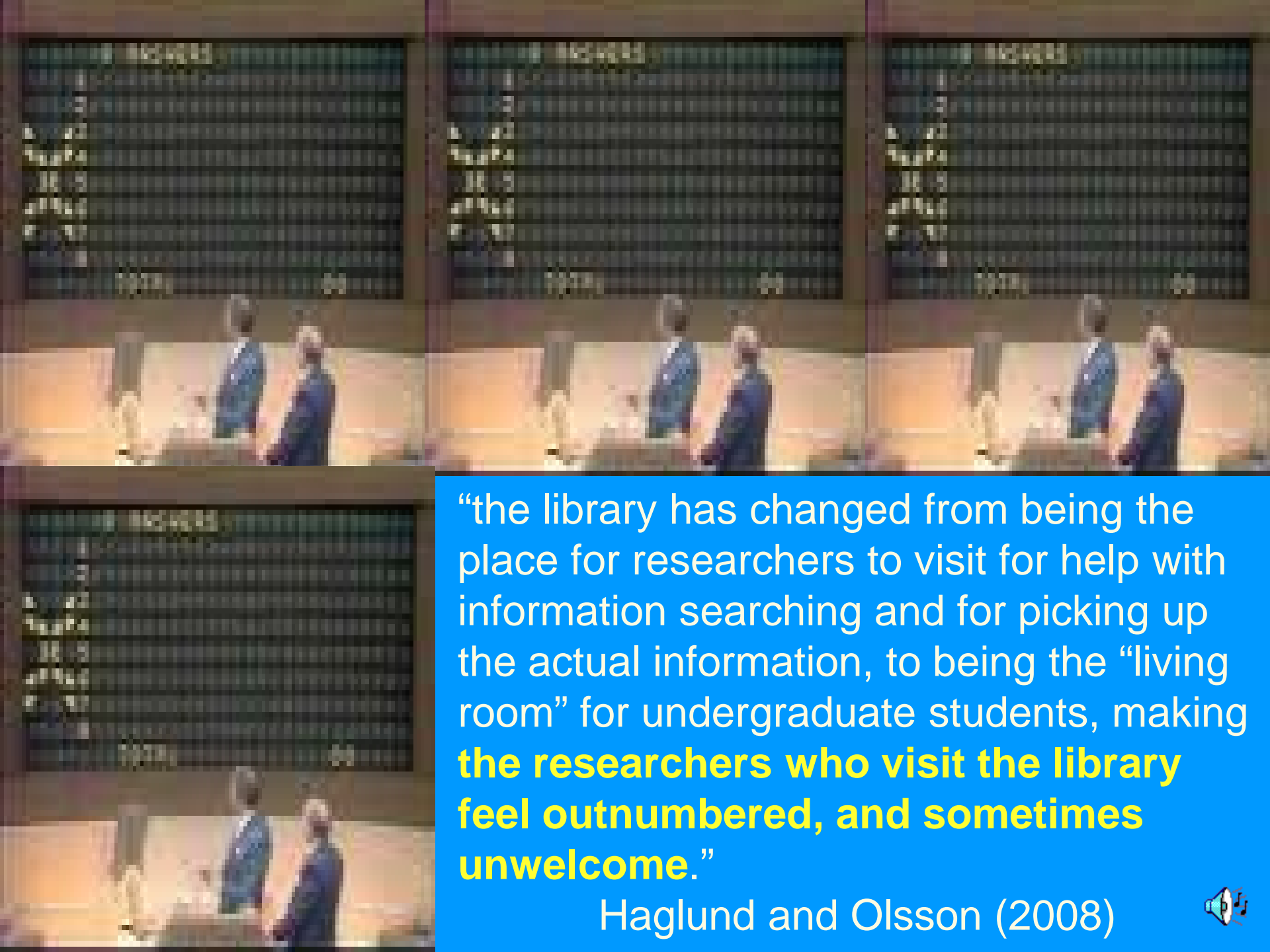


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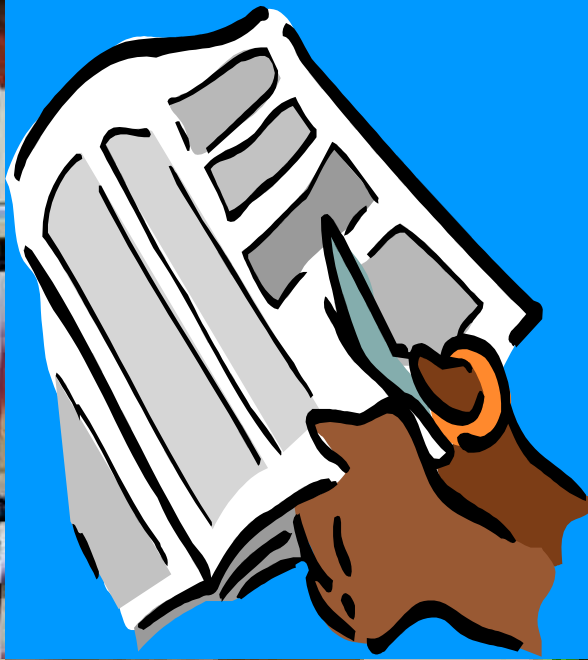
A Place for
Study/Research?



“the library has changed from being the place for researchers to visit for help with information searching and for picking up the actual information, to being the “living room” for undergraduate students, making **the researchers who visit the library feel outnumbered, and sometimes unwelcome.**”

Haglund and Olsson (2008)



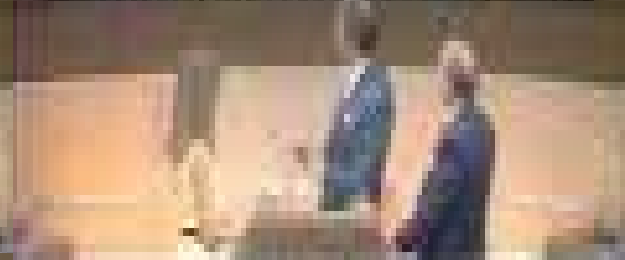
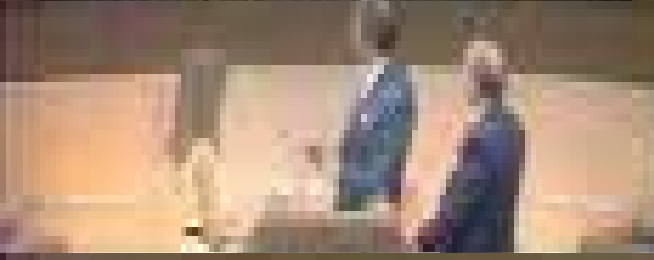
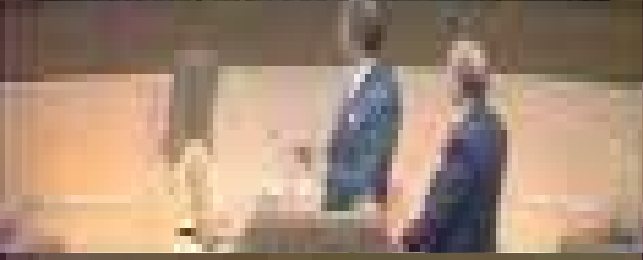


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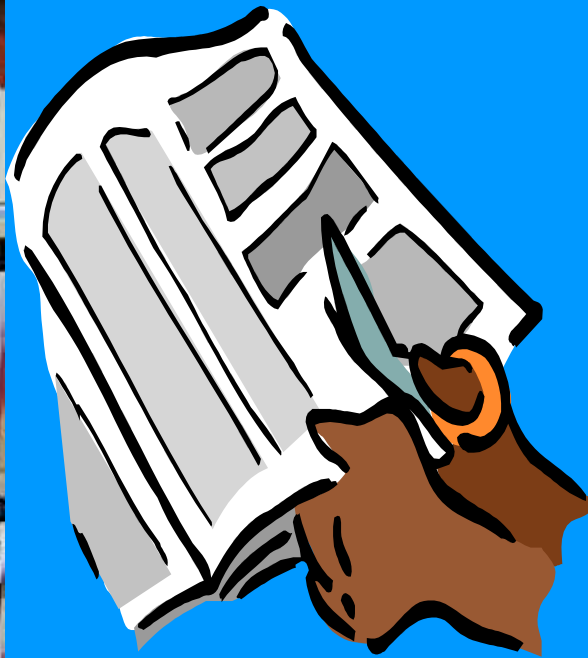
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Sleep?



“Were Rip Van Winkle to awaken today, and hope to find some comfort and updating from his long sleep in the library of a nearby research-extensive library, he would be stunned at the changes he encountered”.

Research Libraries in the Twenty-First Century
 YS Lincoln - Higher Education: Handbook of
 Theory and Research, 2010

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Rethinking the Library Web Site

- “Libraries spend huge amounts of time and money to work on the structure and content of the library Web page, while few researchers use it as a starting point for information searching. **Many researchers....used the Web of their own department as a starting point, and this is where the library should establish a presence with direct links targeted to that particular group**”.

Haglund and Olsson (2008).

- "information specialists who have received graduate training and practical experience that provides them with disciplinary background (both in medical or biological sciences) and in information sciences/informatics."

* NB. In Context, NOT in Library!

- **Clinical informationist/clinical librarian** – to work in health care delivery and clinical research
- **Research informationist** – to work in biomedical research, research administration, or scientific curation
- **Health Service Research informationist** – to work as member of systematic review team
- **Public health informationist** – to work in public health at the national, regional or local level
- **Consumer health informationist** – to work with the general public on health information issues
- **Genetic informationist** – to work with genetic scientists in linking the literature and genetic research

By turning the spotlight from libraries to librarians

- Ensure that the emphasis is on skills, training and professional recognition NOT bricks and mortar.
- I hate Libraries but I ♥ Librarians!!!

On the May 11, 2010 edition of the Tonight Show Jay Leno told the following joke:

- “People here in Los Angeles are upset about the mayor’s proposed plan to cut the budget of libraries. This could affect as many as nine people”.

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