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### Polish Academic Libraries – Challenges for the Age of Web 2.0

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### Plan of the presentation

What is Web 2.0?
Other trends that influence libraries
Implications and recommendations

## What is Web 2.0?

- Web 2.0 a phrase coined by O'Reilly Media in 2004, refers to a perceived second-generation of Web-based communities and hosted services [...] <u>that facilitate</u> <u>collaboration and sharing between users</u>.
- Though the term suggests a new version of the Web, it does not refer to an update to Internet or World Wide Web technical specifications, but to changes in the ways the platform is used.
- Some experts have questioned whether the term is meaningful, since many of the technology components of "Web 2.0" have been present since the creation of the World Wide Web.

wikipedia.org

### **Properties of Web 2.0 services**

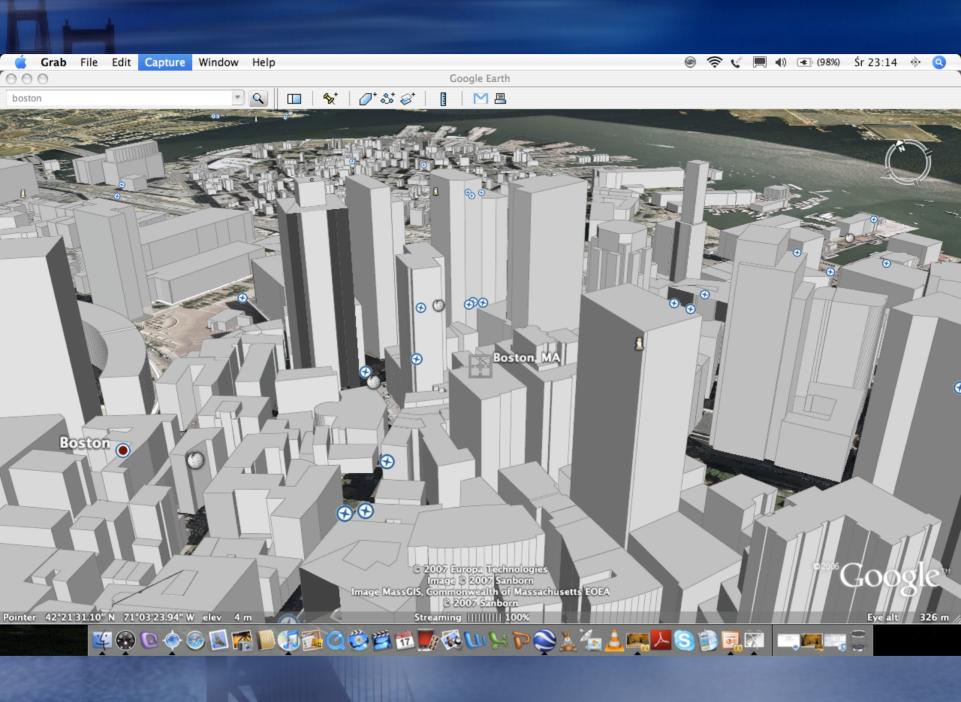
The Web as platform Harnessing collective intelligence Data is the next Intel Inside End of the software release cycle Lightweight programming models Software above the level of a single device

Tim O'Reilly, www.oreillynet.com



#### Wikis

- Blogs and blogging
- User-driven recommendations, comments, reviews, ratings
- Folksonomies, Tagging
- Personalization
- Podcasting and MP3 files
- Socially Driven Content
- Social Bookmarking



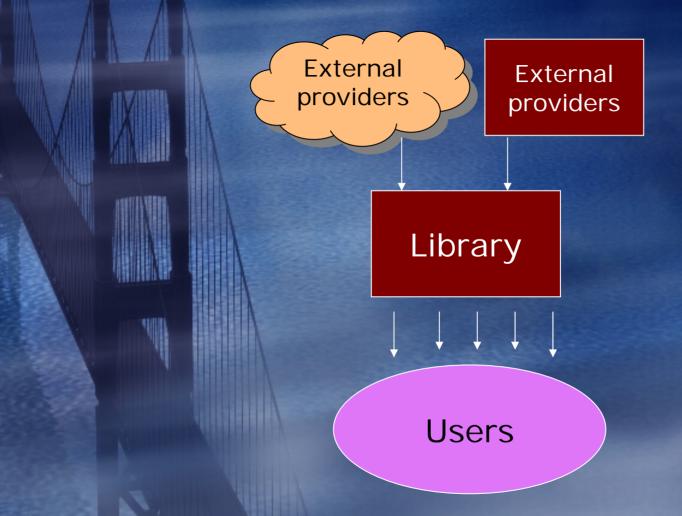


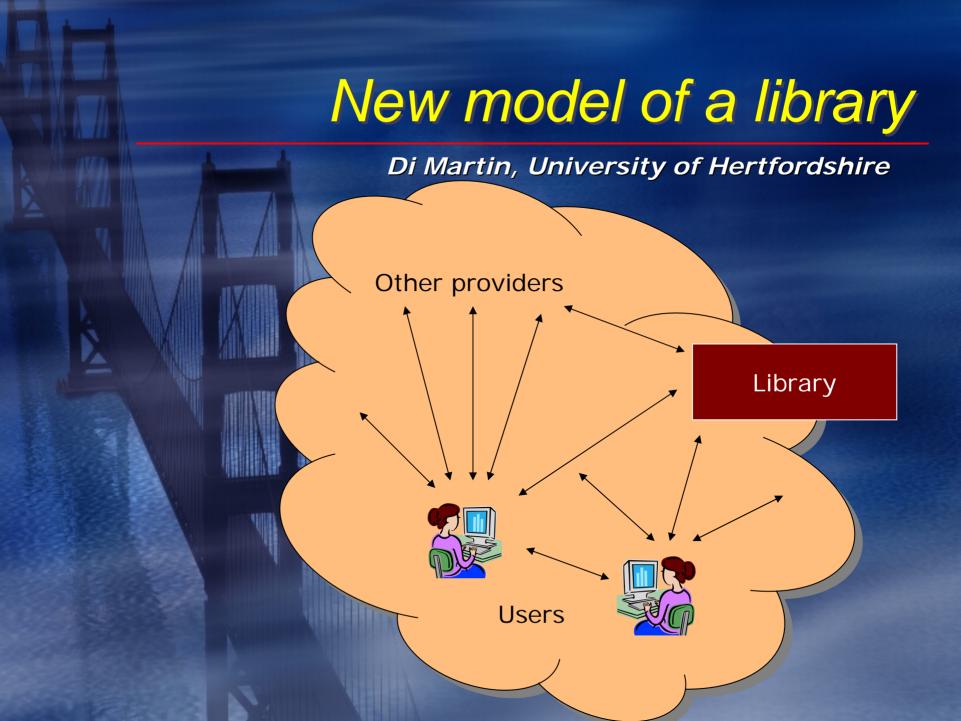


Are we prepared to provide service and interfaces, which would be: **Graphically attractive?** Easy to navigate? **Exploring visual capabilities of** user? • Personalized? Facilitating collaboration and sharing?

## Old model of a library

Di Martin, University of Hertfordshire





### Times, They Are A-Changin'

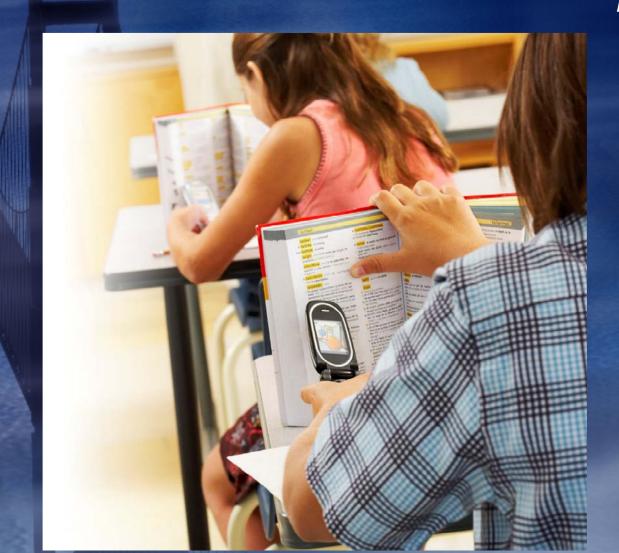
Bob Dylan

# Users show different behaviours, have different needs and expectations



### Times, They Are A-Changin'

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### The User





### Trends in communication

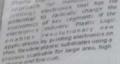
Current technologies:
Mobile devices
Wireless internet
Massive digitization
Electronic paper
Streaming audio-video media





#### • Are we ready to catalogue THIS?

### • Do we HAVE TO catalogue this?



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Edward J. Valauskas, Editor

 Digitization of books and journals is happening on a massive scale

- In the next ten years, at least three million books and journals in public domain will be available online
- Within twenty years, all 32 million known books will be accessible online

### New licensing models

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### New licensing models

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### Let's use imagination:

- Mobile devices
- Electronic paper
- Global digitization of resources
- Open access to knowledge
- Wireless networks

Library everywhere!

### General trends

Globalization
 Migration and mix of cultures

 Know technologies and follow the cuttingedge trends in information technology

- Provide device-independent services
- Provide remote services
- Be ready to convert data formats
- Make real and virtual space for customers' interaction
- Kow IP laws and have backup from lawyers
- Learn languages and cultures

 Library staff should know and accept (if not <u>understand</u>) needs of the <u>digital</u> citizen

 Staff should be ready to provide remote services. For this, they need to learn how to create/install and maintain web portals, chatrooms, internet communicators, RSS feeds, personal alerts etc.

 Libraries should be equipped with wireless access to the databases and Internet.

 Remote access should be possible from all type of devices and software platforms, therefore staff should test access from platforms and devices and able to solve possible problems.

 Staff should be constantly trained in IP laws and be aware of current trends in licensing (trainings in CC and Open Access)

 Staff should be able to communicate in several languages and serve multinational and multiculture customers.

### Staff should be more CUSTOMER than service oriented (focused)

## Thank you for your attention

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