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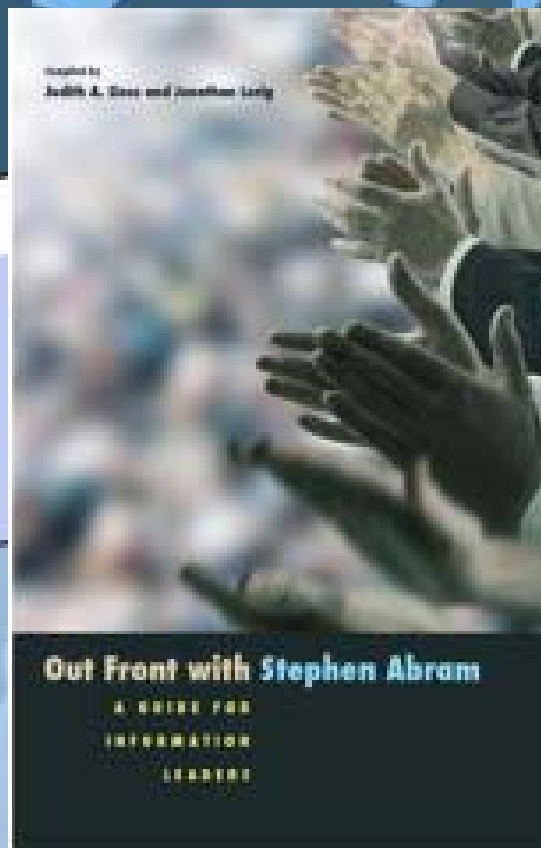
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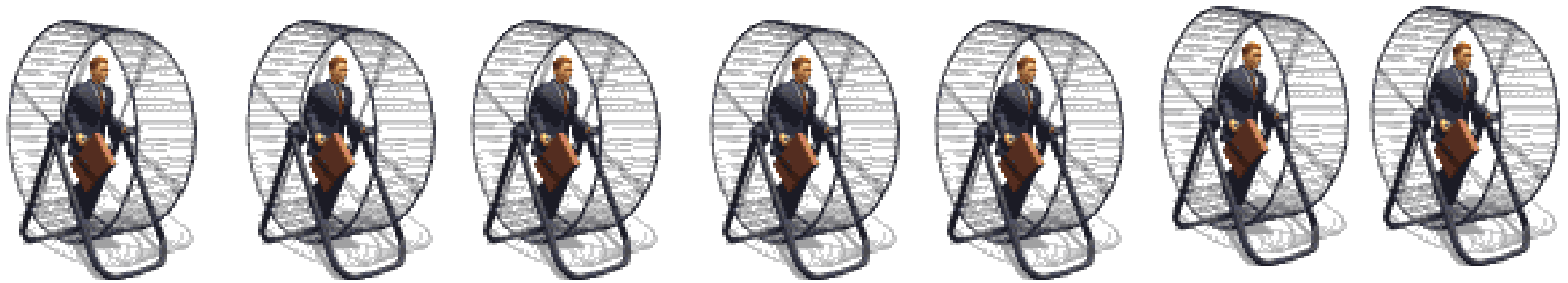
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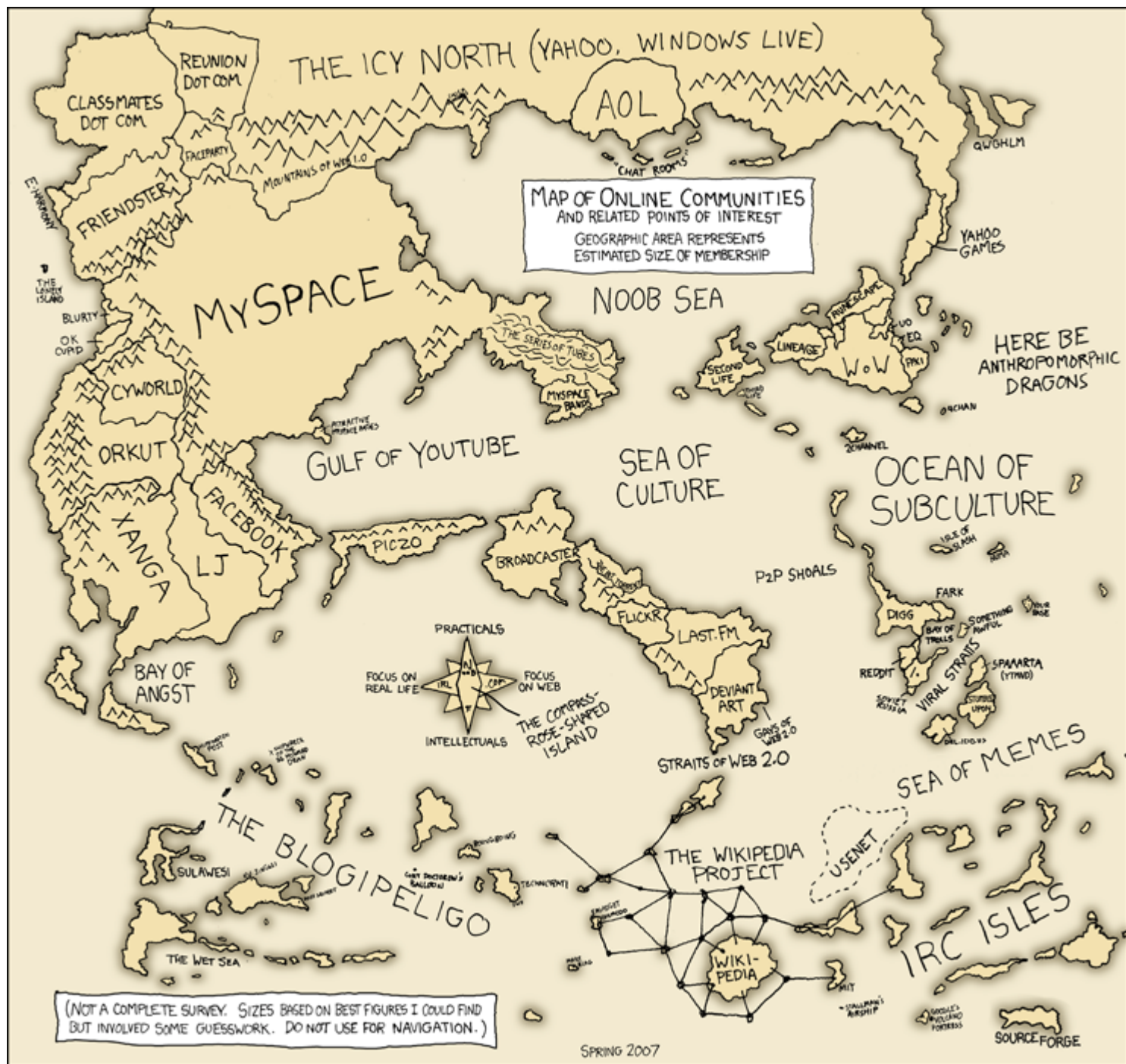
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## George Christian, Peter Chase, Barbara Bailey and Jan Nocek Win Paul Howard Award For Courage











All that matters is...

- **Code**
- **Learning**
- **Interaction**

**The user  
is not  
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**Karen Schneider**



Libraries core skill is not  
delivering *information*

Libraries improve the  
quality of the *question*  
*and the user experience*





We librarians must learn that when we study something to death, *Death was not our original goal.*

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**Just do it**



**Are You Ready?**  
**For the next five years?**



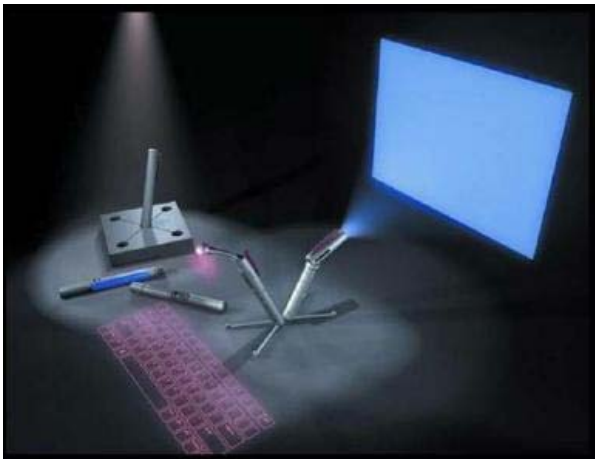
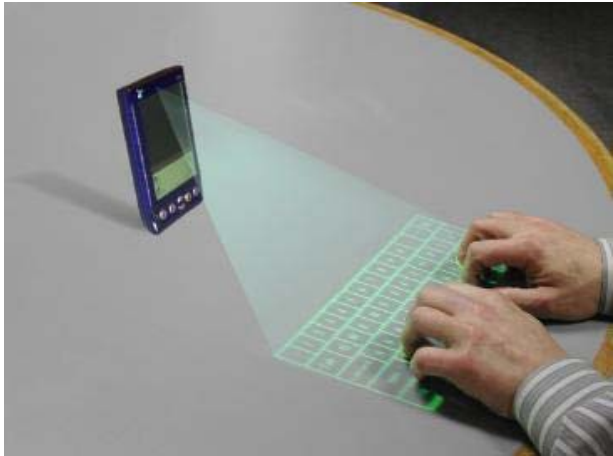
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- Google (Search, Ads, & Apps) Dominance?
- Global Change (China, India, EMEA)
- U.S. Debt Changes (\$1 trillion, Oil)
- Major Technology Shifts (PDA, broadband)
- Millennials and Learning
- Stock Market



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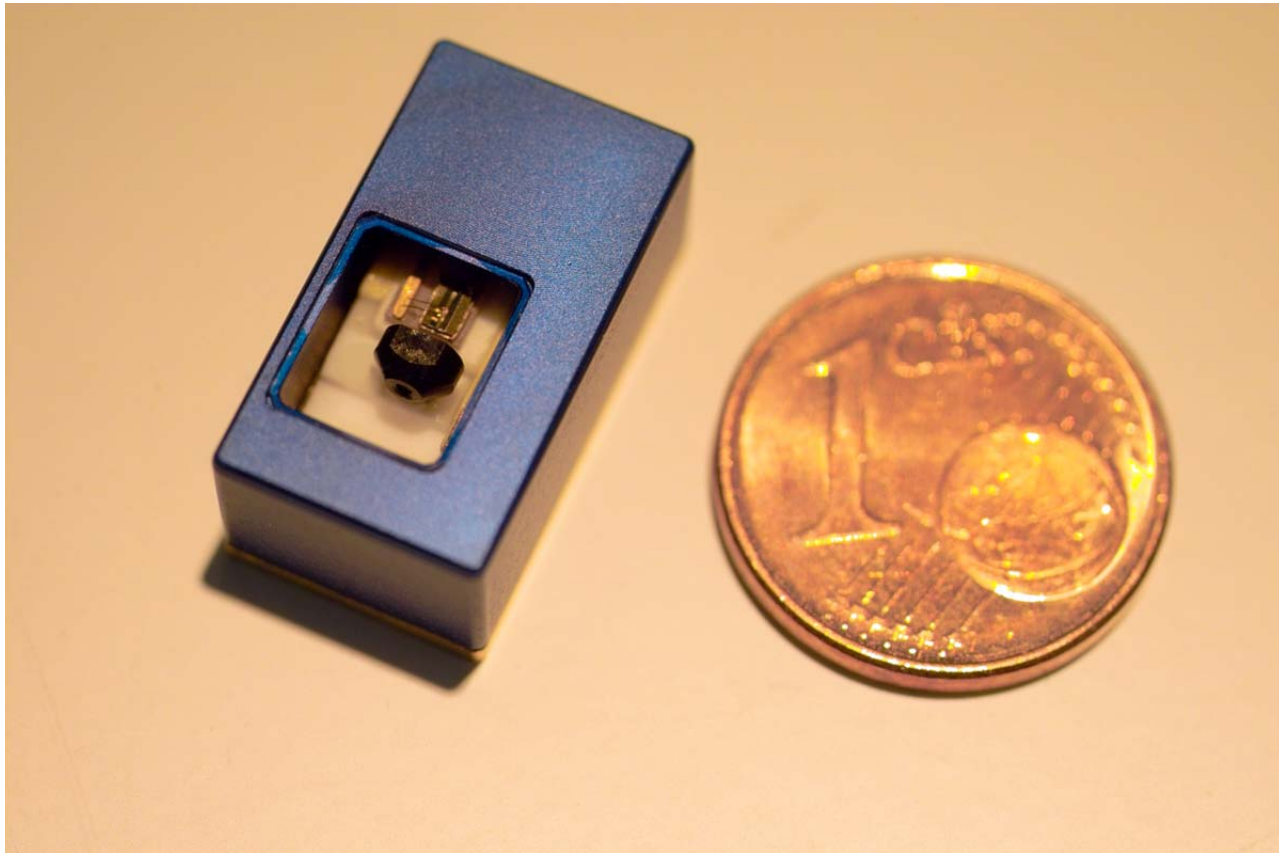
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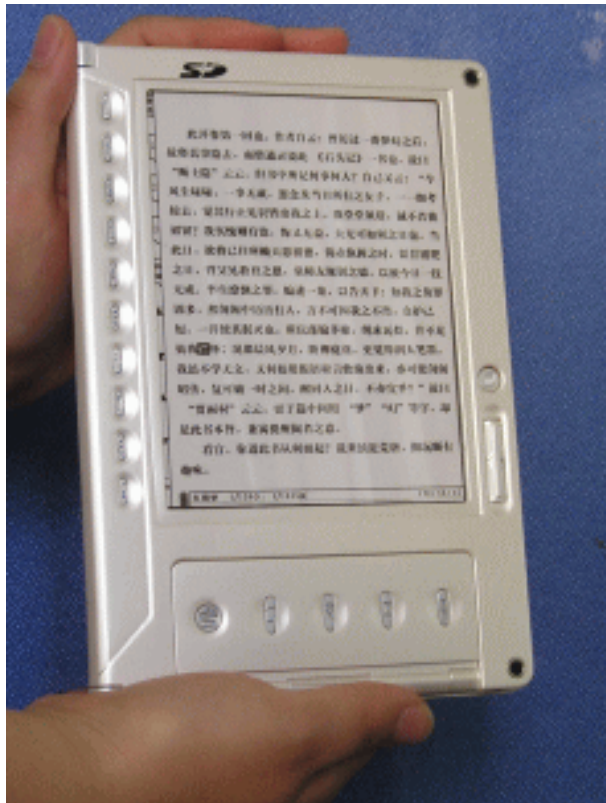






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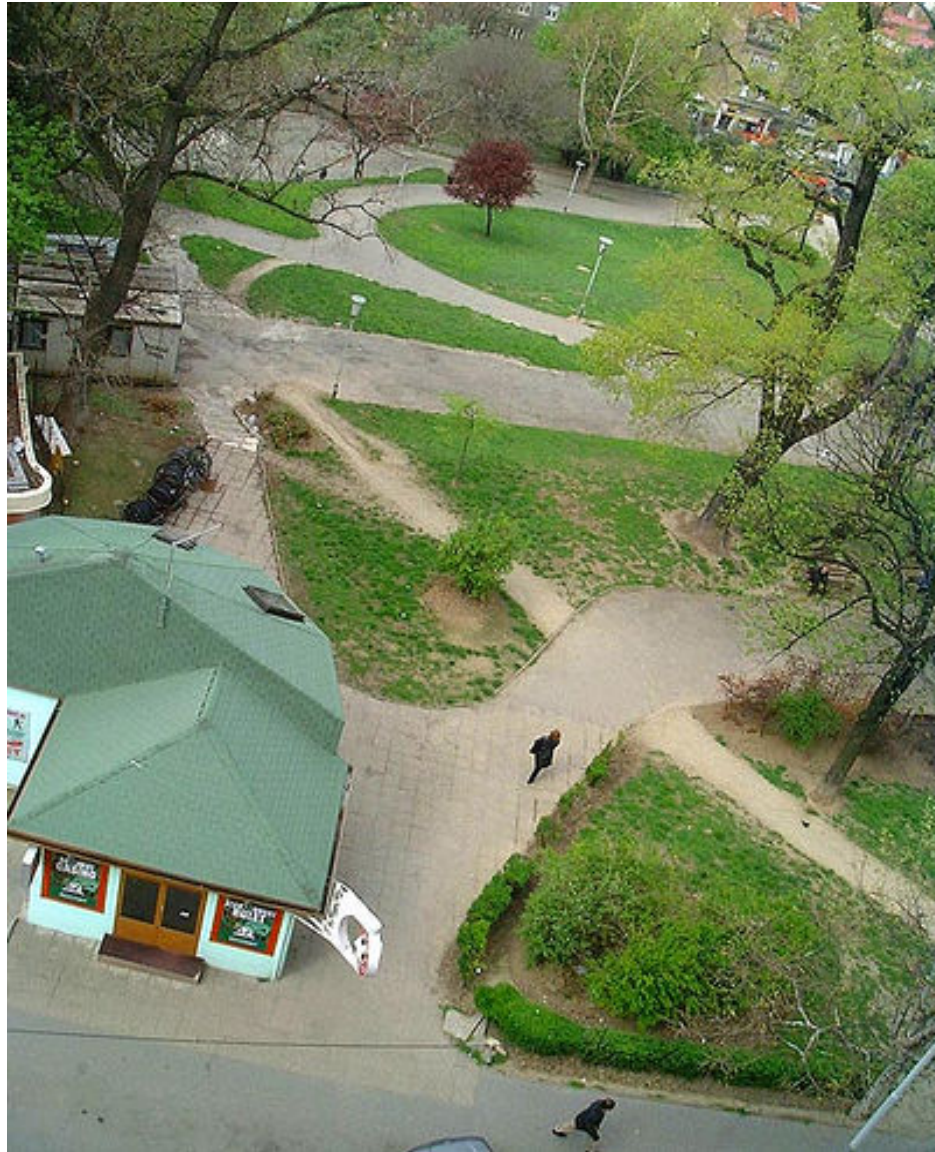


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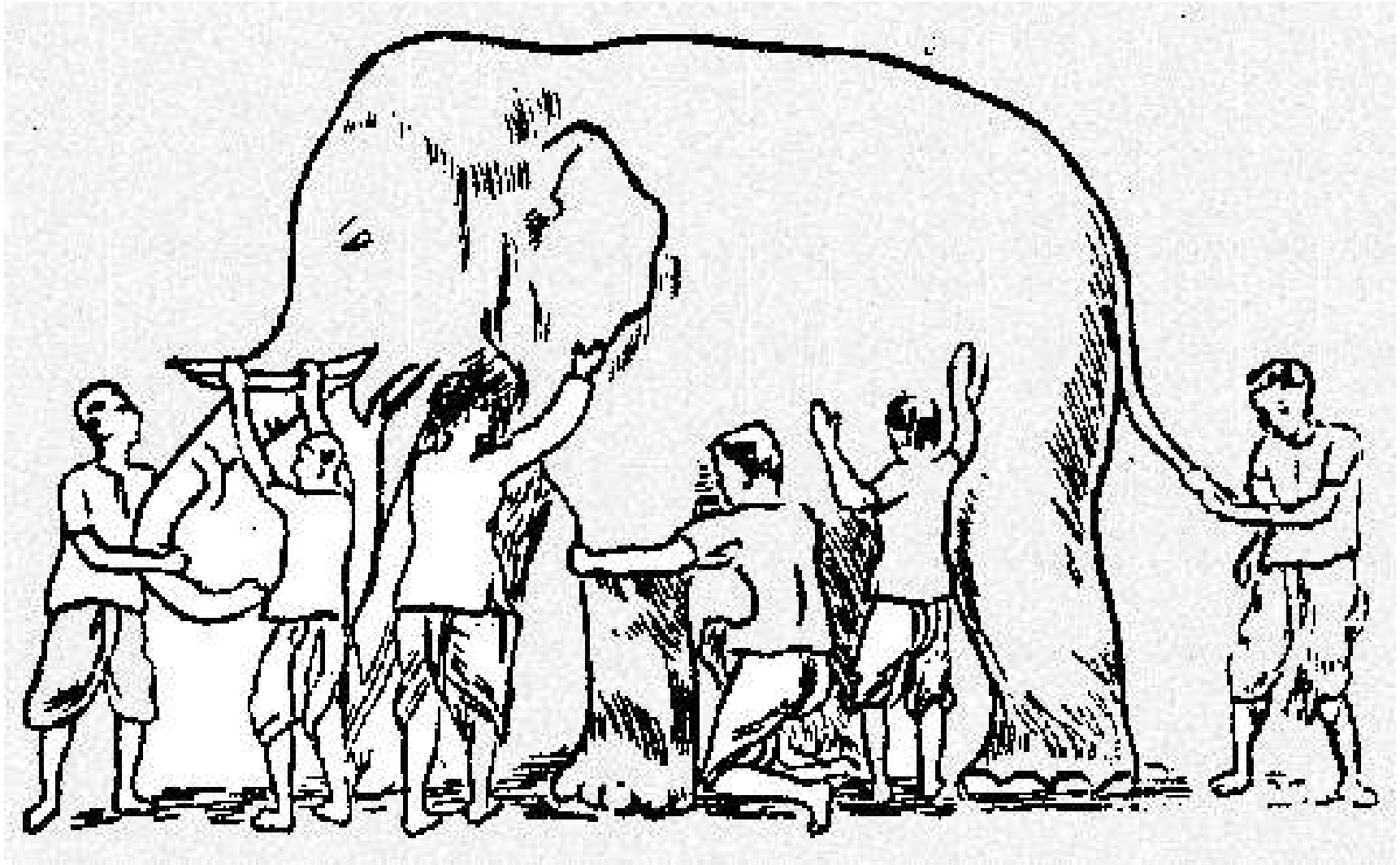


# Intention Paths











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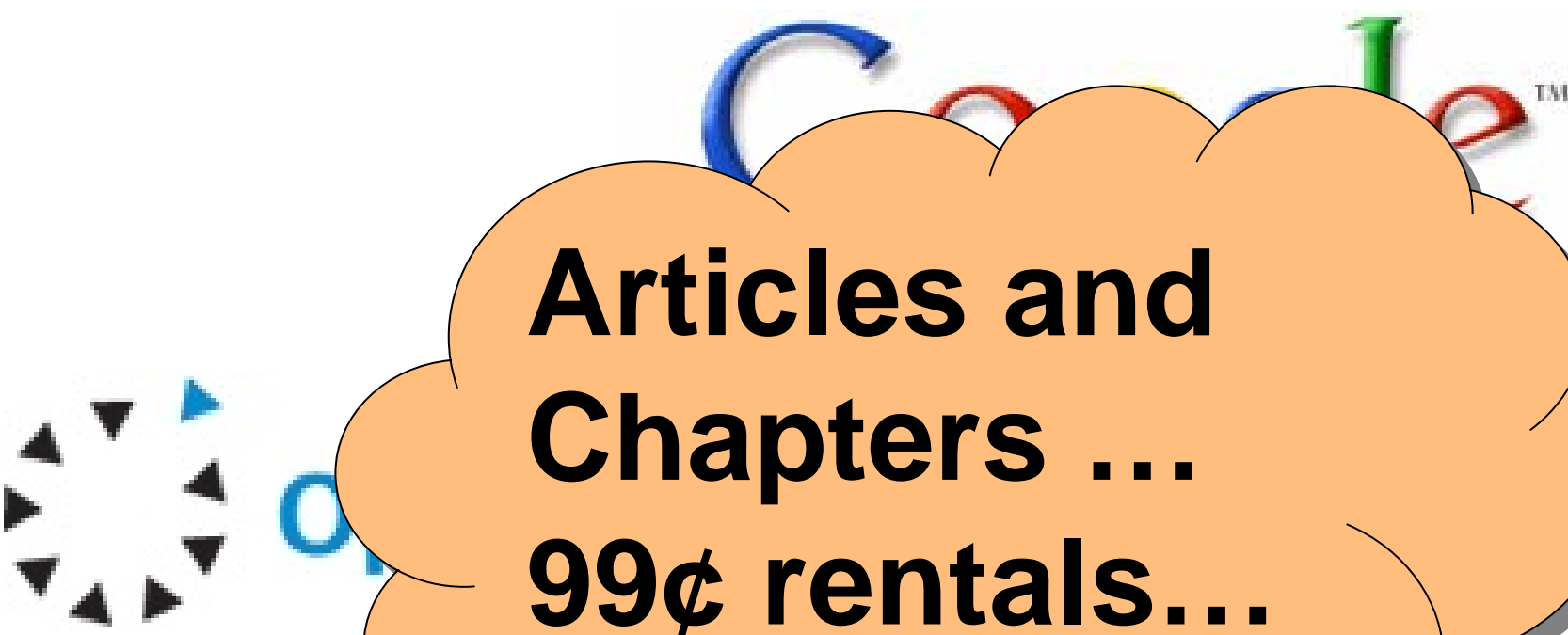
# Advice #2: Understand JSR168, Portlets and RSS



# Are You Ready?

For the next steps in search?



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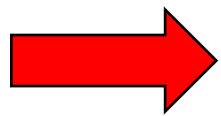


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# Advice #4: GPS & Broadband: Deal with It - Act Local



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OVERDRIVE



ELF - keeping tabs on your library material









# What is the Magic Sauce?

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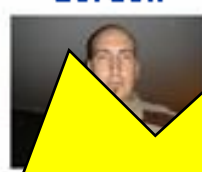


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**Status:** Single

**Zodiac Sign:** [Capricorn](#)

**Smoke / Drink:** No / No

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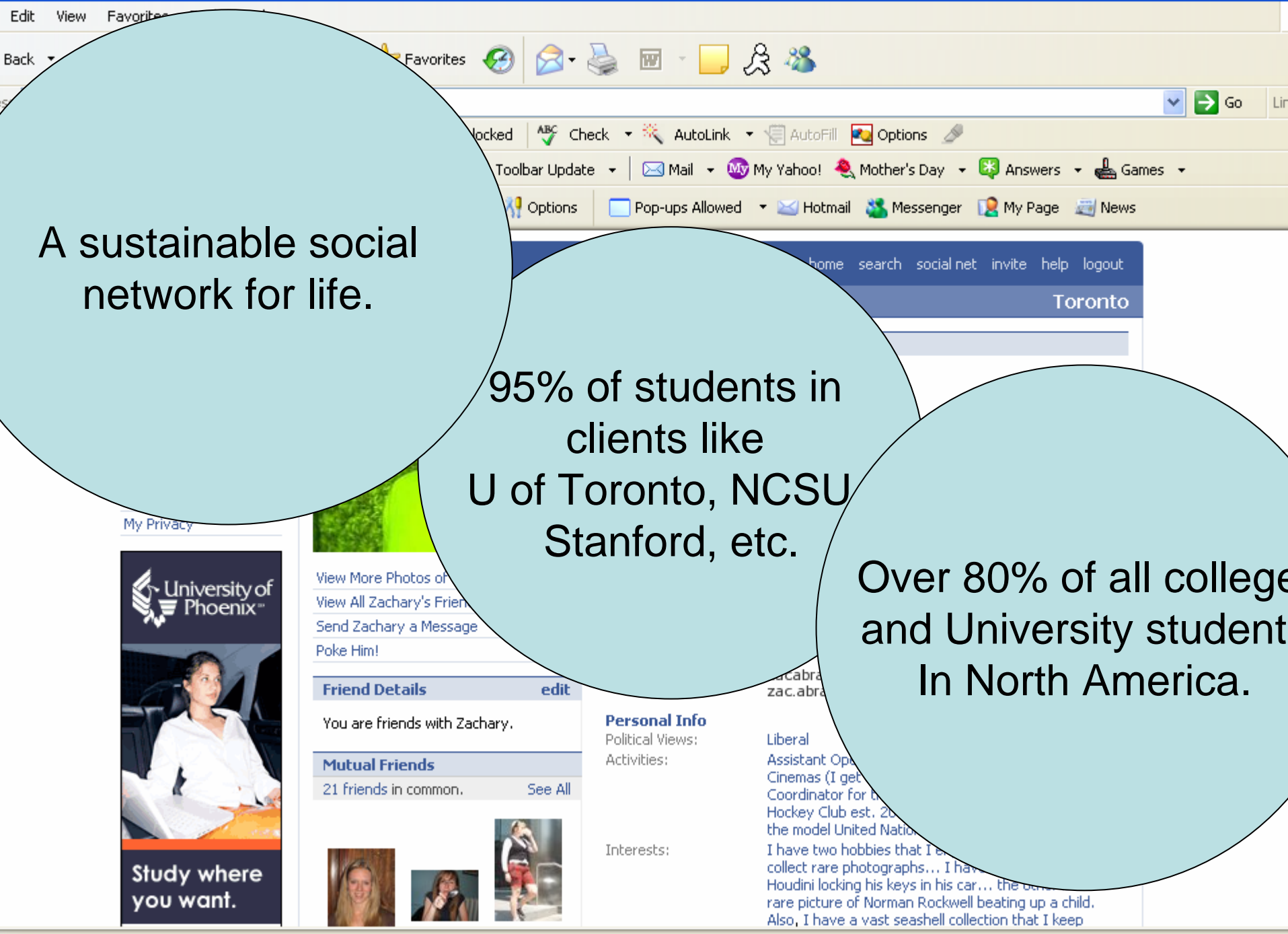
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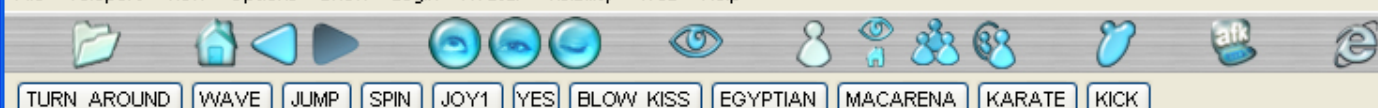
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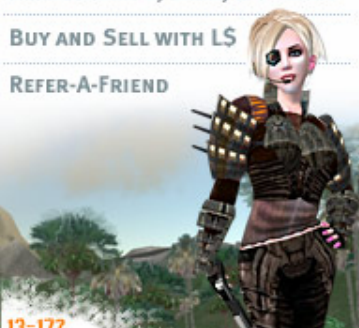
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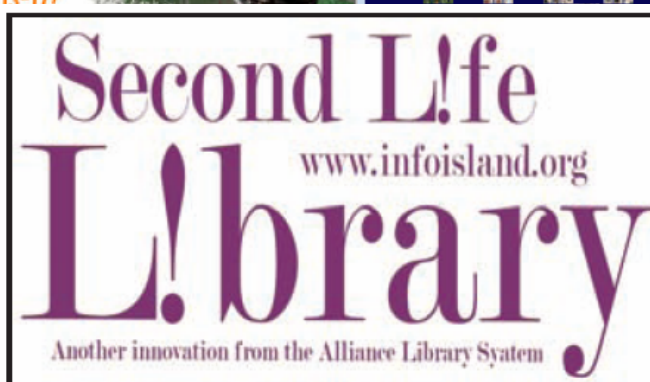


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**5,000 Library  
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**ZACK MORTAL HOSTED** A class titled "Introduction to Library Research" yesterday at the new Second Life Library 2.0. The class covered the fundamentals of using real-life online library resources. Mortal covered how to use library catalogs, subject headings to improve searches; use research databases to locate articles and more. - COURTESY PHOTO.

# Reading is virtually fundamental in SL

By KATT KONGO

Staff writer

While most Second Life residents are aware of the variety of ways in which SL is used, from educational classrooms to treatment of mental illnesses, most would be surprised to learn that SL is now being used by an institution most think of as conventional — a library.

To be more exact, the Alliance Library System (ALS) is currently providing select services to the residents of SL. Initial services have, so far, consisted of book discussions and programs, such as one held Friday on the topic of "Getting Along with IT staff for Librarians and Educators."

ALS, which is based in East Peoria, Ill., will team up with Online Programming for All Libraries (OPAL) and utilize the programs, currently offered online to librarians and libraries, within SL. The two entities eventually hope to offer a plethora of library services.

In a telephone interview, Kitty Pope, executive director for the ALS, said the goal of their programs within SL is to reach people who might not otherwise go to a library. In giving background information about the ALS, Pope said the organization

provides services to 286 libraries and is partially funded by the state of Illinois.

She added that ALS is one of the most innovative organizations, technologically speaking, and their philosophy is to mine new technologies to spread the gospel of library usage. "Innovation equals risk, innovation equals growth," she stated.

Lori Bell, the ALS's director of innovation, read about SL in the blog of a librarian who was already a resident. She created an account, logged on with her avatar, Lorelei Junot, and saw a population of almost 200,000.

She found that SL had a few libraries, such as Wandering Yaffle's \_blacklibrary, but thought that library services could be expanded. "Since there is web programming through OPAL, why not offer that in SL?" she said.

Librarians from all over the country are gathering in SL to assist in setting up the virtual library. In fact, Pope expected criticism from many library blogs, but instead has found those in the field to be immensely excited about the possibilities afforded by SL.

Bell concurred, saying, "The response has been enthusiastic. People are volunteering and doing a

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# Advice #6: Get Social

## 2.0 Influencers

1. YouTube
2. Second Life
3. MySpace
4. Facebook
5. Wikipedia
6. Ning
7. Twitter
8. Mozes
9. NowPublic
10. MyBlogLog

**Top 10 Most Influential  
web tools for the  
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**How many are we  
already using?**



# Advice #7: Get Political

# Opportunities

- E-Learning
- SaaS or ASP – Hosted Solutions
- Information Commons
- Learning Commons
- Community Integration
- Reference Cowboys
- Virtual Operations and Branches
- Consortia mergers and leadership



# Advice #8: Reorganize



# Simple Collaboration



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# IM: Instant Messaging

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- SirsiDynix Docutek VRL*Plus* K-12 experience in New Zealand



# Advice #9: Get Conversational



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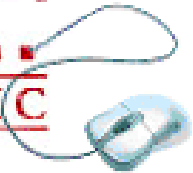


# Two Key Interventions



Expanding Minds, Empowering Individuals, Enriching the Community

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# Learning 2.0





# 23 Learning 2.0 Things

- *Week 1: Introduction* ( official start of week August 7th)
- *Week 2: Blogging*
- *Week 3: Photos & Images*
- *Week 4: RSS & Newsreaders*
- *Week 5: Play Week*
- *Week 6: Tagging, Folksonomies & Technorati*
- *Week 7: Wikis*
- *Week 8: Online Applications & Tools*
- *Week 9: Podcasts, Video & Downloadable audio*

# Build a Petting Zoo

- Real devices: iPods, MP3 players, video, smart phones, texters, etc.
- Special PC's: disability compliance, streaming media, IM groups, VR (both kinds)
- Gaming stations

## Henrik Edberg's discussion of 9 Mistakes That Can Kill Your Personal Growth

- Thinking you already know everything
- Being confused by the marketing hype
- Not taking action
- Giving up
- Worrying about/listening to what others think
- Dabbling with it
- Having unreasonable expectations
- Failing to/not wanting to (at least start to) understand yourself
- Not taking responsibility for yourself
- <http://www.positivityblog.com/index.php/2007/03/03/9-mistakes-that-can-kill-your-personal-growth/>



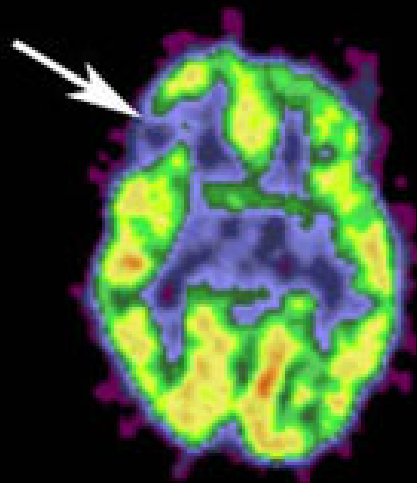




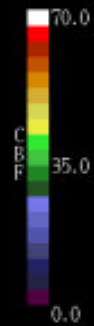
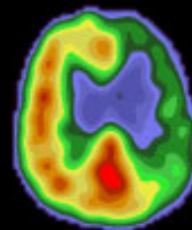
# Advice #10: Increase Your HR Capacity to Adapt



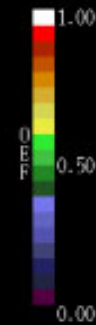
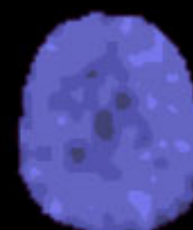
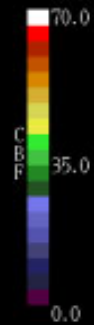
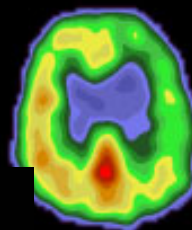
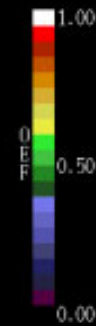
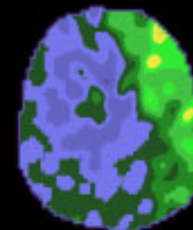
# Are You Ready? For the Millennials?



**CBF**



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STUDY: schoolrooms STIMULUS: schoolrooms FRAME: [http://test.schoolrooms.net/008/rooms/portal/page/US\\_History](http://test.schoolrooms.net/008/rooms/portal/page/US_History)  
NUMBER OF RECORDINGS: 45 HOTSPOT TYPE: Fixation Count MAX: 3 Fixations  
TIME SEGMENT: Include data from 0 ms to 91835 ms

## May 22, 2006

Tracking the Food



# SCHOOLROOMS

EXPLORE  
DISCOVER  
LEARN

A NEW LEARNING PORTAL FOR THE K-12 COMMUNITY

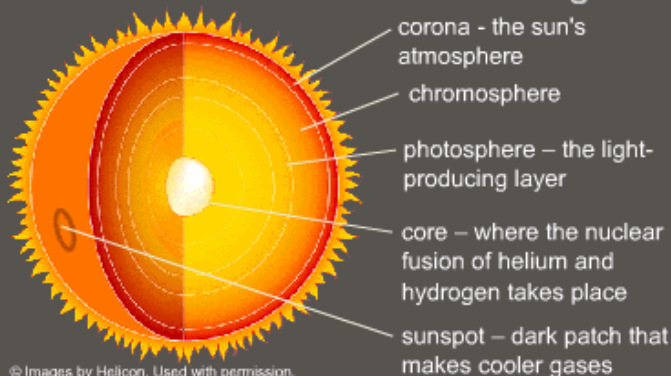
Explore Learn

## Discover More...

- What is SchoolRooms
- What's in SchoolRooms
- Who Uses SchoolRooms
- Why Students Like SchoolRooms
- How Does SchoolRooms Work
- Press & Events
- Home



## Earth Science Room: The Amazing Sun



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## Explore a new learning portal for the K12 community



SchoolRooms™ by SirsiDynix is a **new online portal** that encourages K-12 students to **explore, discover, and learn** **anywhere. anytime.**

**Designed to meet students' needs** and to be a tool **for parents** who play an integral role in helping their children continue learning outside the classroom.

Using SchoolRooms, **students can search** (all at once!):



## Best of Web™

Results from high-quality, certified Web sites hand-picked by teachers and librarians. Search databases at the same time and find related articles. Learn more about BOW. [Explore More...](#)



## News & Events

Catch up on the [news](#) about SchoolRooms. Check out the next place you can [see SchoolRooms in action](#) and find out more about how SchoolRooms can provide your students with an unparalleled learning experience. [Discover More...](#)



## Case Study:

**Boston Public Library**  
Discover how **Boston**



# Boston Public Library

## SCHOOLROOMS

Explore. Discover. Learn

Username

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### Explore a Room

**Home**

- ▶ Elementary
- ▶ Middle School
- ▶ High School
- ▶ Parent Guide

### How Do I...

- ▶ Learn About the Solar System?
- ▶ Learn About Rocks?
- ▶ Study Geologic History?
- ▶ Help My Child With Homework?
- ▶ Learn About the Weather?
- ▶ Study the Earth's History?
- ▶ Learn About Special Needs?
- ▶ Use Topographic Maps?
- ▶ Teach My Child about Fitness?
- ▶ Help My Child with Research?

### Try This...



Elementary

Everything

Home [Browse History](#)

### Back to School? Discover SchoolRooms



It is that time again - BACK TO SCHOOL and that means back to homework, back to learning, and with the new SchoolRooms website BACK TO FUN! Learning about the moon, dinosaurs, Abraham Lincoln, or the Civil War? No problem - we've got you covered! Better yet - put in a search term and search books, magazine articles, websites and more with just one click!

- I am in Elementary
- I am in Middle School
- I am in High School

### Boston Public Library

**Select a Location**

Central Library

Phone: (617) 536-5400  
Email: [info@bpl.org](mailto:info@bpl.org)

Monday-Thursday 9-9  
Friday and Saturday 9-5  
(closed Sundays during the summer)

**Directions**

700 Boylston Street, Copley Square, Boston, MA. The Central Library is on the corner of Exeter and Boylston Streets.  
[Click Here for Directions.](#)

**Library Information**

Get a Library Card

What Is...



# Are You Ready?

## For Imagineering the Library?



**Are You Ready?  
To Change?**



# Looking too close



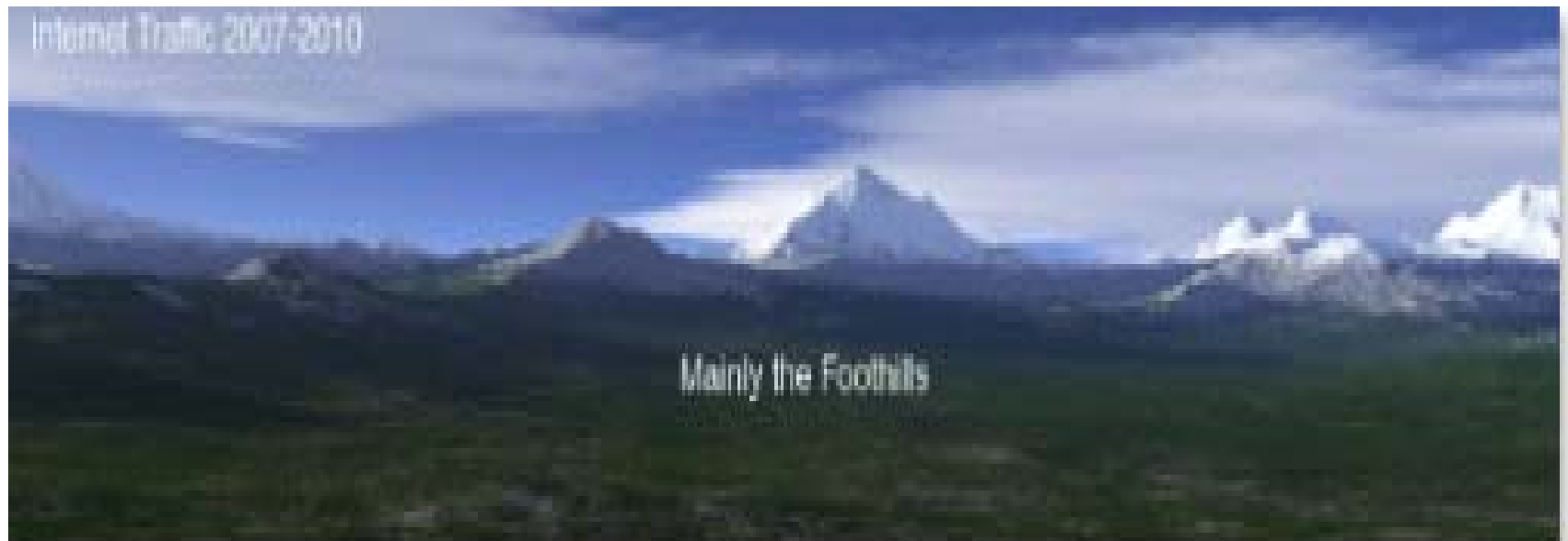


# The Landscape Today





# The Emerging Landscape





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