Year of the Librarian: The Future is Ours for the Taking

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We are positioned to lead in the Knowledge Age. Following Current Trends and with Uniquely Cornell knowledge, and Buildings, we can say that we are positioned for success.

However, we won't get there without hard work.

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Emory University Libraries have already cut $200,000 (1.8%) from the current (2008–2009) collections budget, and FY2010 will bring additional collection cuts as the library struggles to adjust a reduced budget to inflationary pressures, which can range from five to ten percent, according to an April 2009 report from the library's Information for Social Scientists. Chuck Spornick, head of collection management for the General Libraries, estimates that almost $637,000 (6.0%) will need to be trimmed from the 2010 collections budget.
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But in Aggregate
Ordered
Topic Map: How Scientific Paradigms Relate
The United States of America
Opportunity Gap

“Knowing”

Academic Reward
An Example
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So This is the Answer
Fenske’s Question

• This does NOT Discount the Utility and Power of Place or Materials, it Simply puts them in the Proper Perspective of Tool

• Facilitating Knowledge Creation then Leads to the Answer for Arms’ Question...
Arms’ Thought Experiment

• What is the Fundamental and Recognizable Contribution of Library Science in the Academy

• Cohesive Set of Skills and Concepts, that through Action, Fuse the Intellectual Work of the Academy to Improve the University and Society
Now is the Time
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- Never Let a Crisis go to Waste
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- Become a CIO: Chief Integration Officer
- a chief integration officer that weaves together the myriad threads of research into a new fabric of understanding
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