

## After the Internet and E-Books: The Future of the Information Society

### Agenda:

1. Can libraries keep up? Should libraries keep up? How?
2. Practical considerations
3. Computer hardware and software is not a toaster.
  - a. A quality purchase will still need to be replaced. Soon.
  - b. Lifespan is shortening.
  - c. Any purchase limits your options to connect with others.
4. What limits library's use of current and future technology.
  - a. The expense of research, early adoption, and testing
  - b. The reliance on key "evangelists"
  - c. The inability to give up successes from the past
5. How is the Internet evolving and devolving?
  - a. The creator distributes directly—the independent press online: the blog, wiki, and tweet capture and share facts and opinions.
  - b. Sovereignty versus open source.
  - c. There is more than one authority: The end of the age of the professional as we know it:
  - d. More choices, faster: Ecology starts with the mulch pile.
  - e. More and different people to connect with: The walls are coming down between people, applications, and hardware.
  - f. More uses for technology: Flexibility rules.
  - g. The rise of the interactive game over movies: Follow the money to know how influence is changing in culture
  - h. The power over the market moves to the customer: Customer driven strategic alliances replace surveys and focus groups.
6. Cool stuff worth checking out
7. Researching the future
  - a. Build teams; avoid the "one" guru.
  - b. Build connections outside of library land.
  - c. Multi-generational teams: avoid creating "youth ghettos."
8. Some resources