

How Research Libraries Became E-knowledge Networks

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In this talk I will explore major issues in building e-repositories and their impact on research libraries. Major issues include the recent Google book search settlement with publishers, open access, and digital reservation. Those developments are changing the roles and operations of large research libraries in the U.S., and force them to adopt new strategies and approaches in collection building, inter-institutional cooperation, and information access.

However, the world of publishing (digital and print) and the concepts/attitudes on intellectual property are different in Asia/China and United States. Such differences offer an interesting contrast. I will explore some major differences, and discuss how libraries in such different environments can become e-knowledge networks.