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Jessamyn West

Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference



public = who?

Libraries are for the public, mostly, but they are not run by the public, directly.

1957

THEORY OF
GAMES
AND ECONOMIC
BEHAVIOR

By JOHN VON NEUMANN, and
OSKAR MORGENSTERN

you work for me!

Oh sure the public hassles us about paying our salaries



thanks for the donations!

and they sure do donate enough books and computers to fill our basements and attics until the end of time [aside: firestarters]

<http://flickr.com/photos/kjarrett/34491499/>



what others see

At the end of the day, however, someone has the keys to the building and some people get paid and it's pretty tough not to see those people as IN CHARGE

**BOOKS
OF RECENT ACQUISITION**

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what's back there?

which means it's pretty hard not to see what's inside the library as THEIRS

No, You Can't Have a Pony



not yours? theirs? ours?

which is just another way of saying NOT YOURS [well not you all, but you get the idea...].



is it really just *who* you know?

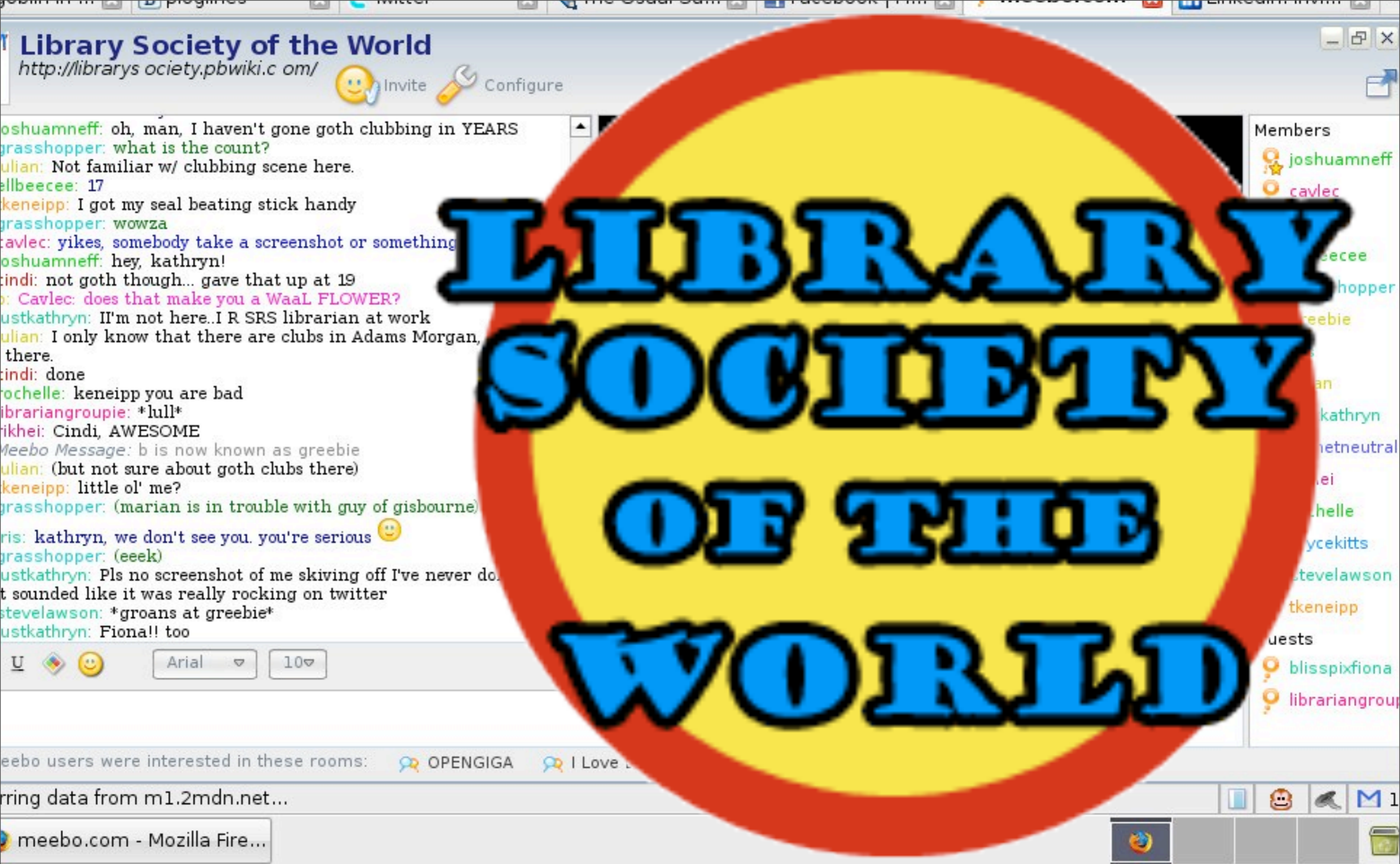
We've always known how to network, we're doing it right now. [sort of]

i'm in ur conference

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But the effects of network, capital N Network, The Internetwork, when you can do it online, all the time and not just at conferences, bi-yearly, is starting to change things rapidly.



not just people, your people

And it's not just the random hive-mind effects you hear about where everyone takes their pants off on the subway, it's people you know, in places you've heard of.

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Midwest earthquake

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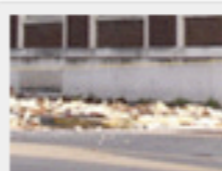
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When he heard about a shark attack at a nearby beach in La Jolla, California, Mitch Throwing grabbed his camera and iReported from the scene.

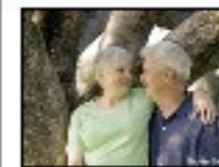


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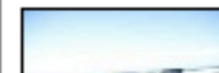
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what do you think?

You can interact with your information in ways you couldn't just five or ten years before, you can apply feedback directly to the system.



don't forget the stamp!

Didn't like a newspaper article in 1998? Write a letter to the editor, or maybe an email. Good luck with that. [aside: my town newspaper publishes nearly every letter they receive]

boingboing

A Directory of Wonderful Things



Bush no longer "miserable failure": Google tackles googlebombs

POSTED BY [XENI JARDIN](#), JANUARY 26, 2007 8:25 AM | [PERMALINK](#)

Search Engine Land's Danny Sullivan says,

After just over two years, Google has finally defused the "Google Bomb" that has returned US President George W. Bush at the top of its results in a search on [miserable failure](#). The move wasn't a post-State Of The Union Address gift for Bush. Instead, it's part of an overall algorithm change designed to stop such mass link pranks from working.

freedom of ... something?

Don't like a newspaper article in 2008? Comment directly on the blog, write a post for your own blog, heck Googlebomb them....

The Read-Write Web

Technology that Makes We the Media Possible

I still remember the moment I saw a big piece of the future. It was mid-1999, and Dave Winer, founder of UserLand Software, had called to say there was something I had to see.

He showed me a web page. I don't remember what the page contained except for one button. It said, "Edit This Page"—and, for me, nothing was ever the same again.

buzzy but important

The buzzy way to explain this is "the Read/Write web" and it's a fundamental part of this whole 2.0 thing we talk about. You get from the internet and now you can give to the internet.

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note colors, fonts

Web 2.0 was a marketing term designed by techies to sell a conference.

Library 2.0

**A GUIDE TO
Participatory Library Service**

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Library 2.0 was a term designed by librarians to try to explain how using technology in libraries can solve problems, create opportunities, create economies of scale and maybe teach everyone a few good jokes.



how does this play in Peoria?

So what do you do? What does it mean? How do you get this news-effect in your small town organization?



back at home...

Back where I live, this isn't any sort of "dream" we're living, or rather it's a different sort of dream.... People still write letters to the editor. People still get news from their neighbors and the people at the post office. This is sort of like what I learned in library school. This is the Roxbury library



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jobs here pay \$8/hr

I work sometimes at the local library which is a quarter mile from my house. This is the Kimball library in Randolph. It was in the news recently, the cops came and took our computers after a local crime had been committed. How does 2.0 stuff affect us?



warm your org

The general idea is....

- You trust people to contribute to your organization (volunteers, blog posts, book reviews, staffing the book sale).
- You're more transparent about how you do things (iceberg metaphor).
- You evaluate how things are working as you're doing them and let everyone be part of the process.
- You think about how it works and how it feels, not just what the numbers say.



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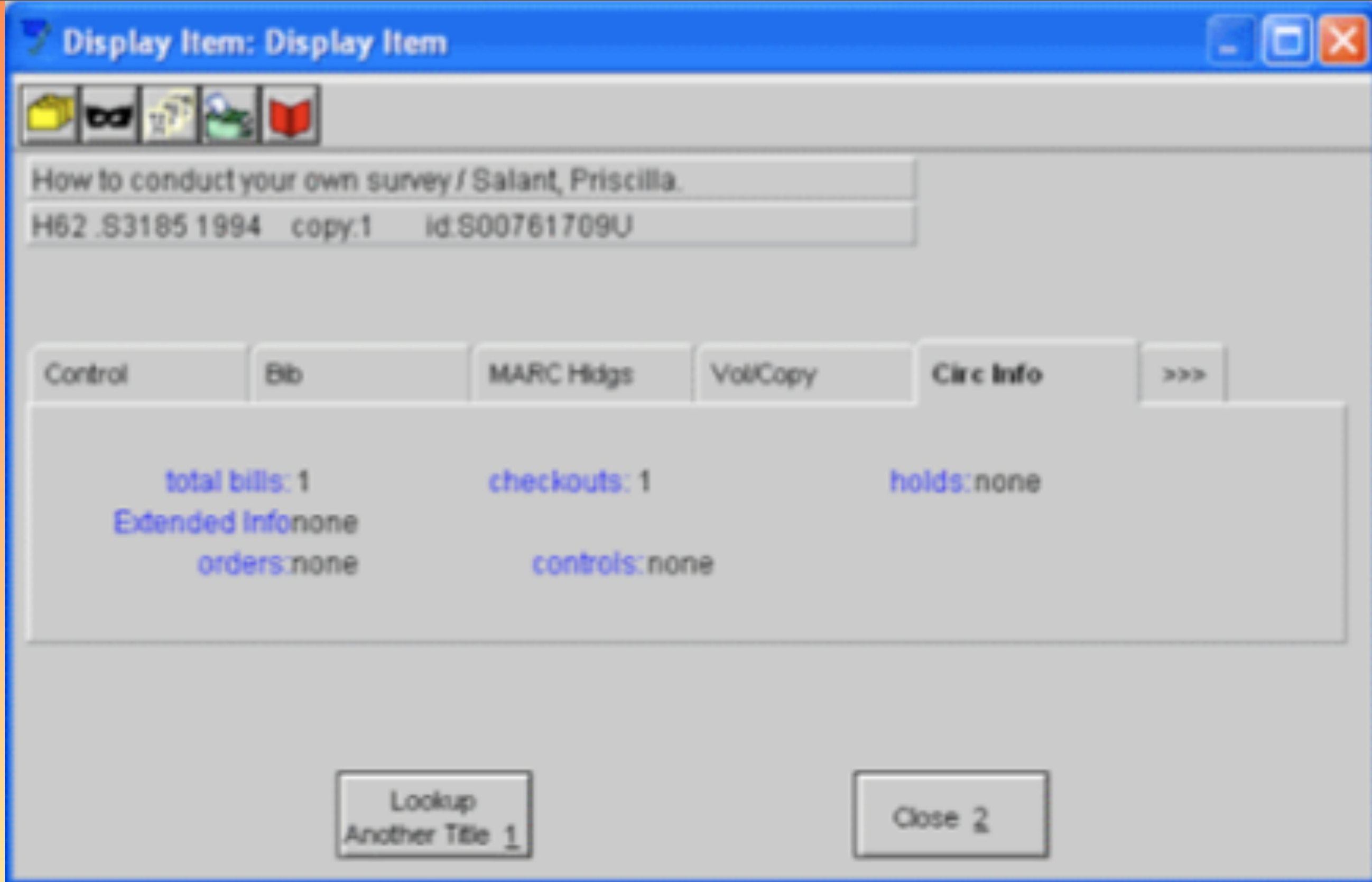
where is the time?

So, yay, we're all connected all the time, to everything, hurray! This fixes everything, right?
<http://www.shirky.com/herecomeseverybody/2008/04/looking-for-the-mouse.html> Here comes everybody



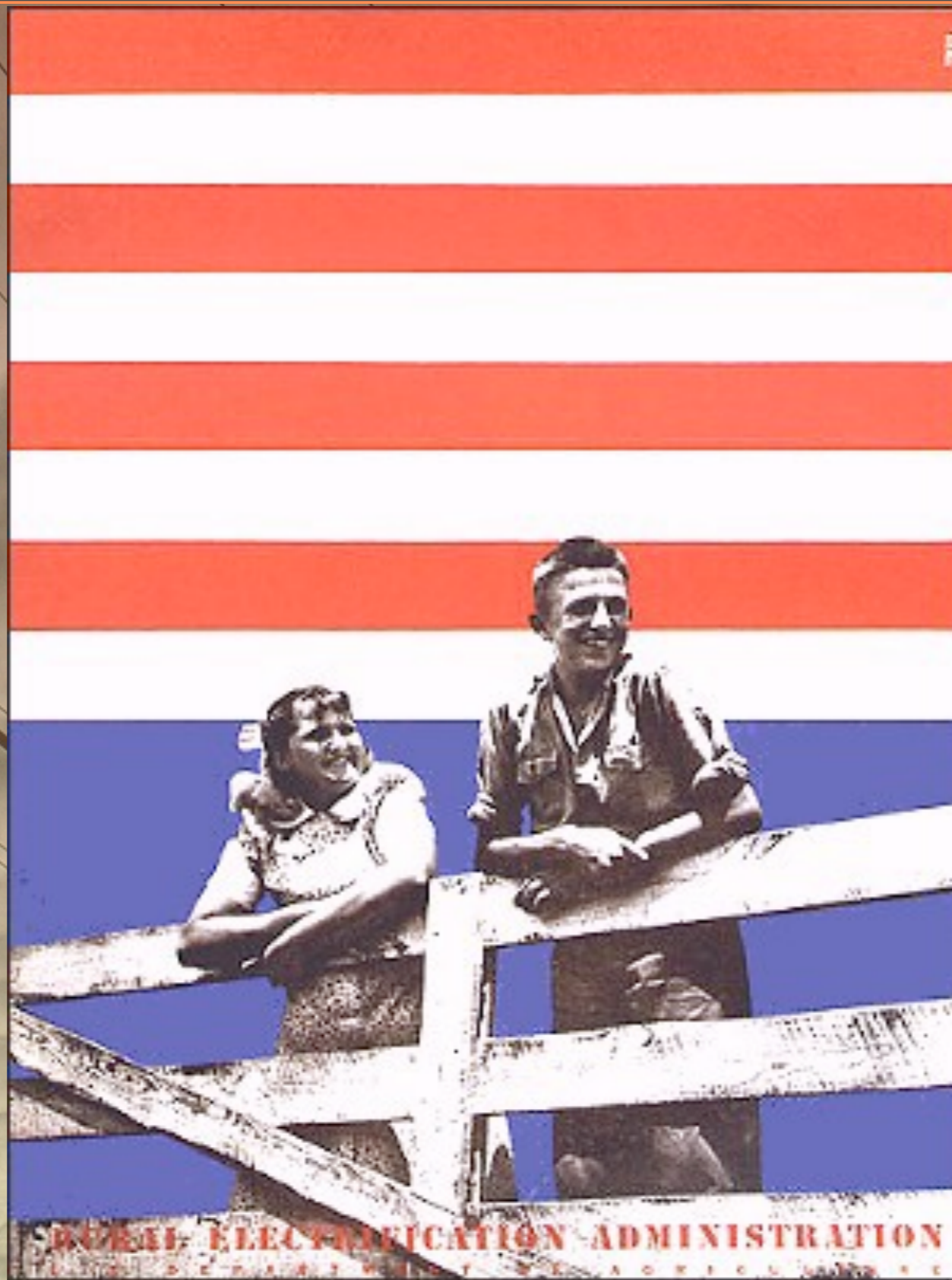
oh but wait...

Well... while information swarms all around us, we still have patrons who read the newspaper once a day and want it to be in the library for them. We still serve people who check their email a few times a week, if they even HAVE email.



in 2008, really?

We still use software that isn't gracious about emailing even if our patrons DID have email.



in 2008, really?

And I have a cell phone that only works when I'm on the road. There just aren't any towers where I live. Verizon -- our big telco -- responded to the requests for more infrastructure by selling ALL THEIR LINES in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine to a small telco that just sent me my first bill this month. I wish them luck.



perhaps overliteral

So, we're dealing with some hurdles.



connect

First, we need to connect people. In places like mine where libraries are THE wired place in town, libraries are leading rather than following in technological innovation. People get email accounts so they can get email from the library, the library doesn't start emailing in response to patron demand.

Apply for Assistance

[Before You Apply](#)[How to Apply](#)[After You Apply](#)[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

What You Can Do If You're Having Trouble Getting Through

- [The Disaster Assistance Process](#)

First, if you have immediate emergency needs for food, clothing, shelter, or medical care contact one of the local offices of the American Red Cross. You can visit a local office or call their toll-free number at 1-877-725-0400 . Please understand that the Red Cross may be experiencing similar problems in answering all their calls.

If you can, register or check the status of your application online.

Registering online is one of the best methods to complete an application and avoid busy signals on the telephone. If information is gathered prior to starting the application, the process should take approximately 20 minutes.

If someone does not have access to a computer where they are currently sheltered or housed they can:

- Check the local library or disaster recovery center where computers or kiosks may be available.
- Or, they may call an out-of-state friend or relative and have that individual apply for assistance via the Internet on their behalf. FEMA can accept an application from any person but will only provide follow-up information to the individual needing assistance. Applicants should share personal information only with trusted individuals.

Please note: The Internet application expires after 30 minutes as a security precaution, and information entered will be lost if applicants do not complete the process within this time period. We strongly encourage you to have information you need to apply ready before starting the process.

my first website?

I'm totally fine with saying "oh hey you can go your whole life without learning to use a computer if you want" except [katrina][irs]



our friend the iceberg

Next, we need to find ways to make what we know into what they know. [iceberg]



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person to person



include everyone

This can be making ourselves and our activities more transparent -- how do we ILL, how do we order books, what DO our library workers do when they're not at the ref/circ desk, how can patrons help? -- as well as helping our patrons go beyond us, beyond our walls, beyond our network, beyond our expertise.



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show them something they don't know



go outside...

And to do that, we must be prepared to go outside, out into the open.....



and play...

The gaming in libraries thing hasn't really hit it off in my neighborhoods yet but when I went to Lansing Michigan i saw a basement full of teenagers, hanging out at the library!

what if libraries...



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Ten Dangerous Ideas

Here are the ten "dangerous ideas" we introduced at the PLA conference --

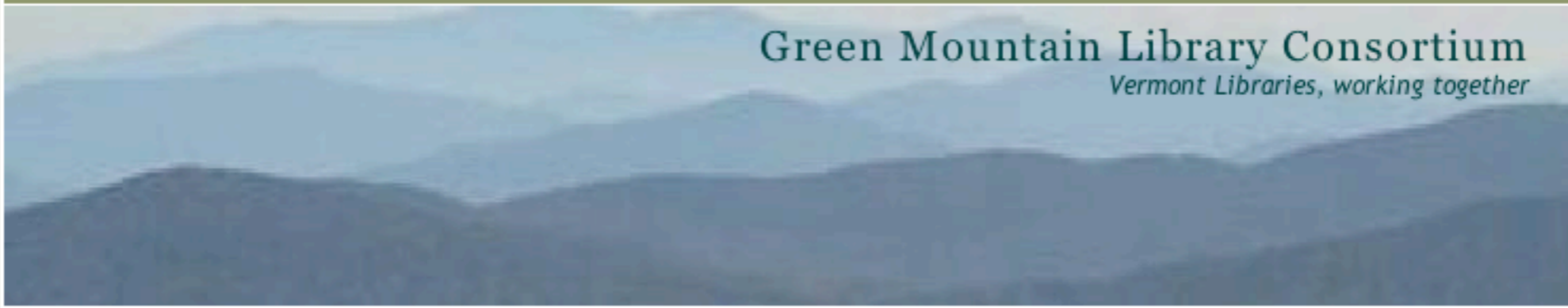
1. What if we stopped cataloging?
2. What if we participated fully with the FBI in all criminal investigations that involved the use of library resources?
3. What if librarians individually and as a profession promoted, used and helped to develop Wikipedia?
4. What if we accepted open source software as a way of being more in control of the customer experience?
5. What if we embraced our iner geek and created immersive games that prompted cults of library junkies?
6. What if we required all library staff to have expertise using technology?
7. What if mistakes were expected and embraced and all librarians became mistake masters?
8. What if we didn't make decisions based on fear or scarcity?
9. What if we stopped being passive/aggressive?
10. What if we didn't make our customers work so hard?

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explore and challenge...



Green Mountain Library Consortium

Vermont Libraries, working together

About

In late 2007, a group of approximately 15 libraries joined together to provide downloadable audio book service to the State of Vermont. The Green Mountain Library Consortium was born from these initial meetings, with the mission to provide Vermont's libraries access to goods and services otherwise unattainable, through the power of collective purchasing.

The Board of Directors of the GMLC for 2008 are as follows:

- ✦ Lucinda Walker, secretary, Norwich Public Library
- ✦ Judah Hamer, treasurer, Rutland Free Library
- ✦ Stephanie Chase, president, Stowe Free Library

The GMLC is in the process of obtaining federal 501(c)3 status.

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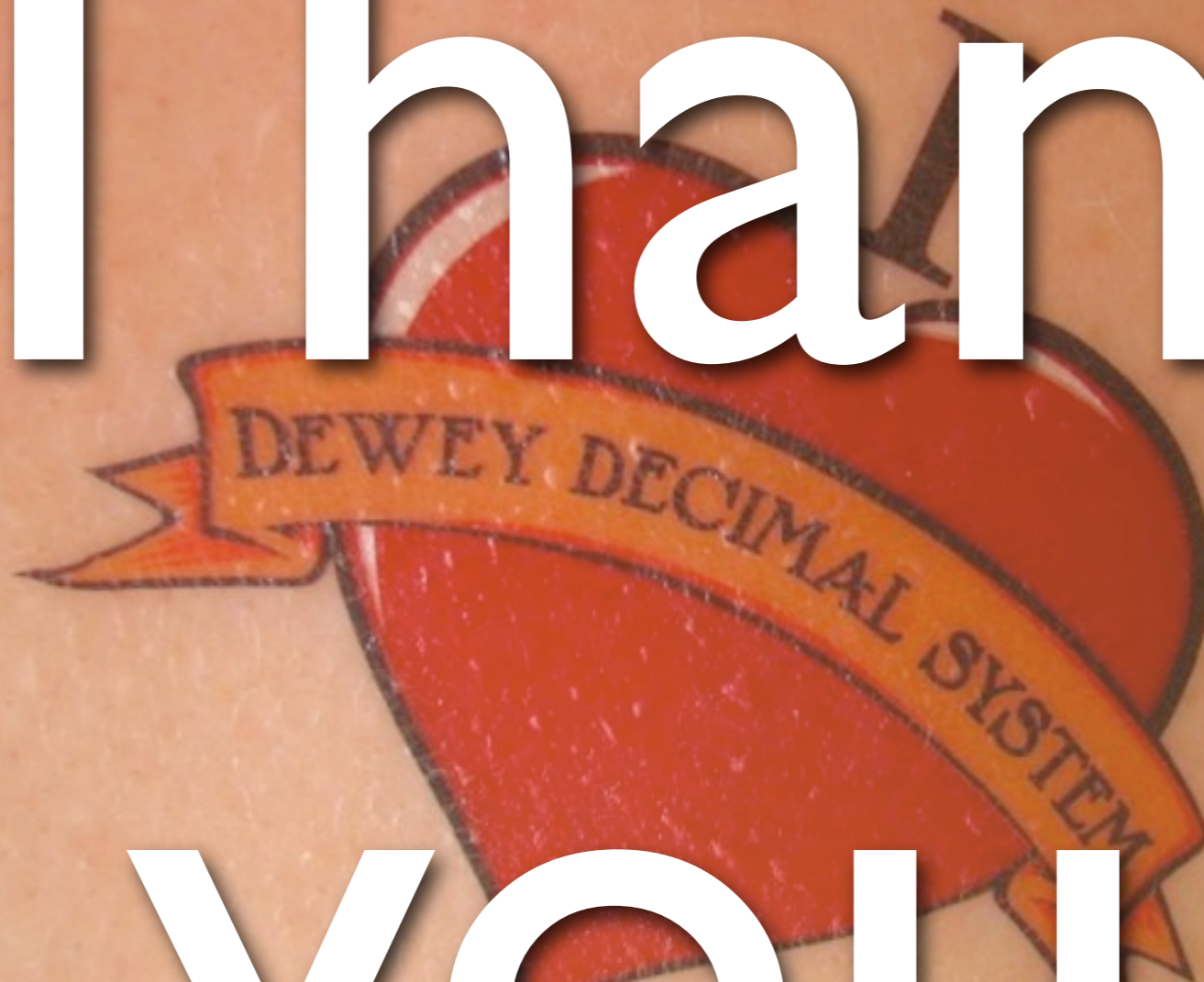


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and be remembered.

People use the library to help tell their stories, we just need to get our own stories into the mix.

Thank



you.