Opening remarks

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welcome!

• Hic Rhodus hic saltus.
• In fact the relationship between librarians and open access is difficult.
• I got a lot of praise when I was recently asked to deliver a talk on the representing commercial publishers views on open access to a bunch of librarians.
truths

• The empirical evidence suggests that there is little, but strong, open access in LIS.
• One can argue that this is just the lazy status quo.
• Many people fear the transition from the old to the new librarian.
old librarian

- Is an information nanny.
- Works with the information seeker.
- Has low level of technical skills.
- Enjoys status from their position as intermediary.
- Has a love/hate relationship with the vendor.
new librarian

• Is an advertising agent.
• Works with the information provider.
• Has a high level of technical digital information skills.
• Has a love/hate relationship with archives and computers.
• May never come into existence.
today’s meeting

• This is the place of the collective jump.
• The “I wanna hold your hands”, “you are not alone” thing.
• We try to be as informal as possible, and encourage interaction.
• There is no webcam.