

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.