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Talking With Talis: Introducing the Library 2.0 Gang

Back on the 31st of January I had the pleasure of taking part in a [Talis Talk on Library 2.0](#). The discussion included [Thomas Brevik](#), [Ken Chad](#), [Paul Miller](#), [Michael Stephens](#), [T. Scott Plutchak](#), and [Richard Wallis](#). We discussed a wide range of Library 2.0 ideas, including the relevancy of the term itself.

Talis describes it best:

In the few short months since it appeared, the term has also been settled upon by many others. Some of these see it as a rallying cry in moving library services in a new and increasingly user-focussed direction. Others suggest that the claims made for Library 2.0 by its proponents are, in fact, nothing new, and that it's all just 'librarianship'. A small minority appear to worry that Library 2.0 takes the sector in unwelcome directions.

Whichever of these viewpoints is closest to your own, the appearance of the term would certainly appear to have reinvigorated discussion of the ways in which we might wish library services to portray themselves in an increasingly complex and pervasive online environment, and that must surely be no bad thing.

It was a very good conversation and I encourage everyone to [take a listen](#).

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Library 2.0 (L2) 在經過一段時間的各自表述及透過部落格圈 (Blogosphere) 的交流後，我們大致可以看出有那些重點人物及其論點。Talis 在今年一月底邀集了幾位 L2 意見領袖來了一場 Introducing the Librar... [\[Read More\]](#)

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Hi Michael,

Great conversation! Lots of good thoughts all around from the panel. It is nice to finally hear, not just read, dialog about Library 2.0. There are so many ideas out there right now. It is obvious that there are a lot people who want to improve libraries and help us grow and change with our patrons. I really liked what Michael Stephens said about the flexibility of Librarian 2.0 and Thomas Brevik's comment that Library 2.0 is about communication and allowing the user to participate and add value to library services.

I was a little confused by what T. Scott Plutchak had to say. He hates the term (and several times he called it incoherent) and stated that he is "not really interested in building better libraries." Is he just talking about brick and mortar libraries? I get the impression that he thinks Library 2.0 is only about the physical library. You can look at discussion from John Blyberg, Michael Stephens, Casey Bisson, Sarah Houghton, and more to see that a lot of the Library 2.0 discussion is about reaching users both in and out of the physical library. He also said that Library 2.0 is not radical

enough, that it doesn't bring anything new. While some of the ideas are not new, a lot of the Library 2.0 talk is about using some older ideas and newer technology to make libraries (physical and virtual) better. I also don't understand why anyone would be against a discussion about improving the future of libraries just because they don't like the name of the discussion. I don't mean to pick on T. Scott here, as I know a few other people have voiced the same opinion.

Still, I think that everyone had a lot of good things to say. Great panel, great discussion. I'm looking forward to the next Talk!

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