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Service for the Next Generation Library: A Library 2.0 Perspective by Michael Casey

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## Management Versus Leadership

[Helene Blowers](#) touches upon a topic many in my own system have been discussing lately, leadership versus management. Many, myself included, argue that we have too many managers in today's library profession and not enough leaders. Helene looks at the issue with regard to libraries providing services and says:

*It's hard to select one over the other for you need both management (control of well managed processes) and leadership (guidance and the means to empower) to build and provide excellent library services. Therefore it's not a choice that needs to made, it's a balancing act. And as libraries continue to transform and evolve, the goal should not be to weight the scales evenly, but rather to ensure that we favor the side that empowers the user as much as we can - without falling over.*

Nicely said and [worth reading the whole post](#). Perhaps [balance](#) is the word of the week?

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