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

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## The Right—Forever, and Always—to Read

I almost missed this excellent piece by Karen G. Schneider writing in [ALA TechSource](#):

*To paraphrase Andrew Abbott's point in *The System of Professions*, we are behaving like the train companies, who thought they were in the train business, not the transportation business, and like them, there are already signs that the "train business" we do is on artificial life support. We are not even close to being the first service of choice for information seekers; we are pretty much down there with asking one's mother. Libraries across the country are increasingly asked to justify their existence in order to receive continued funding, and some have been unable to do so.*

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