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

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## A Dangerous Book

[Karen G. Schneider](#) on [ALA TechSource](#) has an excellent review of David Weinberger's newest book, [Everything is Miscellaneous](#).

*Weinberger hits very close to home throughout the book, but nowhere closer than when he remarks, "We've only forced ideas into unambiguous categories through authority and discipline." On reading this, my mind roved uneasily toward the meetings currently being held by the Library of Congress Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control. What would Weinberger make of a group of librarians imagining they can control information? One hundred years from now—hell's bells, ten years from now—will we laugh at the idea that we even play a role in the third order? We have barely heeded our own canaries in the mine. When we start hearing from canaries in other mines, it is time to fly toward new theory or be buried by the weight of our anachronisms...*

*...This is, I repeat, a dangerous book. Ban it, burn it, or take it to heart. The most dangerous part of this book is not that Weinberger says these things, and so much more: the danger comes if we don't listen.*

I'm on my way to the [Dacula branch library](#) to pick up my hold copy today!

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