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

Brooks on the Educational Divide

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From “[Demography Is King](#)“, by David Brooks in today’s NY Times:

...the country has simply drifted apart into different subcultures. There’s no great hostility between the cultures. Americans have a fuzzy sense of where the boundaries lie. But people in different niches have developed different unconscious maps of reality. They have developed different communal understandings of what constitutes a good leader, of what sort of world they live in. They have developed different communal definitions, which they can’t even articulate, of what they mean by liberty, security and virtue. Demographic groups have begun to function like tribes or cultures.

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Chris B. 04.30.08 at 12:32 pm 1

Hi Michael- New blog interface looks great. So if the great divide is educational, what is our responsibility as public library advocates? I think we’re in a great position to bridge the gap and always have been. Or at least keep the conversations going. We need to insure that library staff understand the perspectives that customers bring with them and at the same time avoid pigeonholing people in one category or another.

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