Rethinking the library system

- Who says an elephant can't step dance!

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Making knowledge available

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Bill Gartner on Entrepreneurs

- Think outside the box
- Complicate yourself
- Fail forward
- Aspire higher

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Today's search behaviour

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The users

- Poor searching skills
- Impatience in searching
- Zero tolerance in waiting
- Browse and navigate behaviour

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R Dietz, Endavour and C Grant, VTLS

The Dis-Integrated world of Library Automation

working together librarians and vendors can solve the problems that hamper innovation.

Appeal for coop in Library Journal June 2005

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The LIVA project (2005-2007)

(Library Information Visualization and Analysis)

Coop between IR researchers and library companies in Sweden

- Automatic indexing
- Automatic classification and clustering
- Information visualization

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Coop between European Research Libraries

- Exchange platform for scanning TOCs
- Multilingual and semantic search engine
- Free search engine for scientific literature

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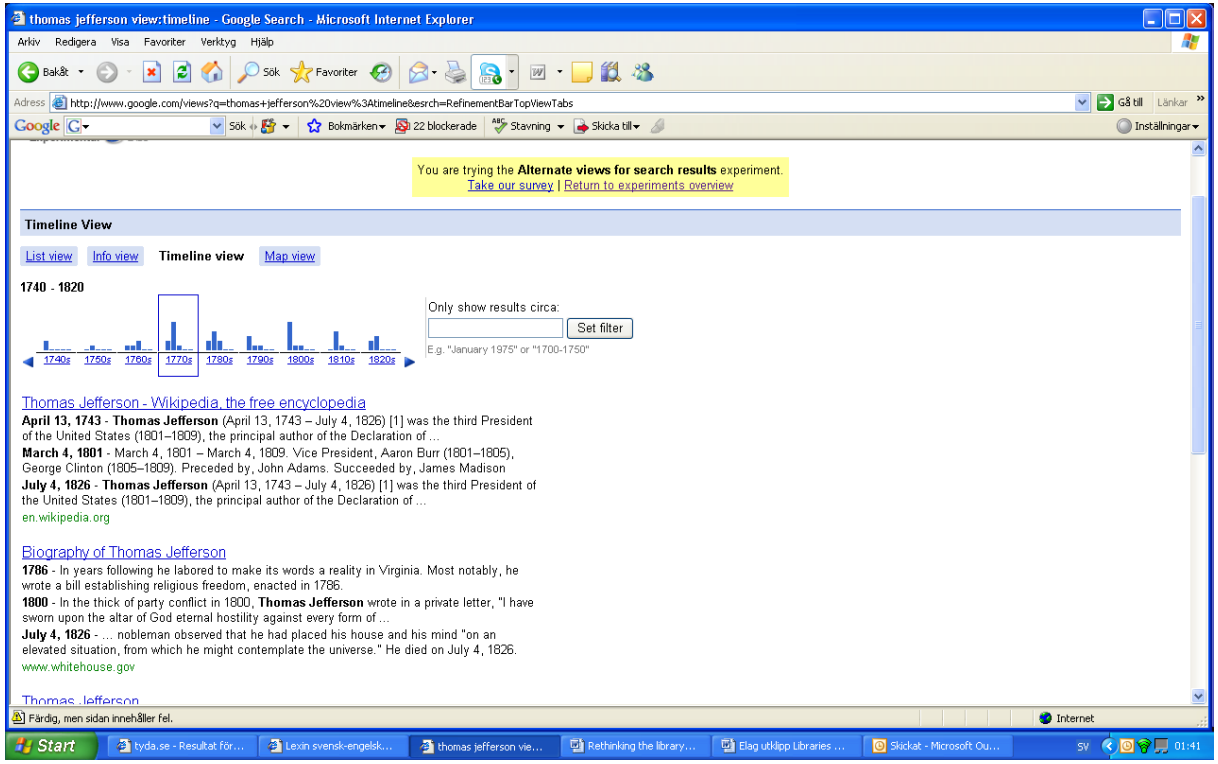

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The future scenario for libraries

Taiga Forum Provocative Statements 2006

No librarians as we know them in 5 years etc...

We also need a joint vision of a desired and positive future scenario for libraries!

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The role of the library as an extension of the mind V. Chachra, VTLS (2006)

Best of computers + best of people = the solution

- **Computers always remembers**
- **People forget but can associate, visualize**
- **How to build the man-machine dialogue?**

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Summing up:

Rethinking the library system is not to install a new better System X, but to cooperate, be user-oriented and think outside the box.

“No one can do everything, but everyone can do something”

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Who says an elephant can’t step dance!

Let’s have a go!

Thank you for listening!

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