

# Really Cool Resources for Thinking about the Future

## MUST READ BOOKS

- *The Long Tail* – Chris Anderson
- *As the Future Catches You: How Genomics & Other Forces are Changing Your Life, Work, Health & Wealth* – Juan Enriquez
- *The World is Flat* – Thomas Friedman
- *Hesselbein on Leadership* – Frances Hesselbein
- *The Art of Innovation* – Tom Kelley
- *The Ten Faces of Innovation* – Tom Kelley
- *The Age of the Spiritual* – Ray Kurzweil
- *The Singularity is Near* – Ray Kurzweil
- *Strategic Foresight: the Power of Standing in the Future* – Nick Marsh, et al...
- *The Paradox of Choice: Why More is Less* – Barry Schwartz
- *The Art of the Longview* – Peter Schwartz

## MUST READ MAGAZINES

- Business 2.0
- Fast Company
- The Futurist
- Lucky
- Make
- Mental Floss
- Popular Science
- Psychology Today
- Technology Review
- Wired

## MUST VISIT WEBSITES

### [Ask a Ninja](http://www.askaninja.com)

www.askaninja.com

Web visitors email questions to the Nina and he answers them in a fun and intelligible way. His description of net neutrality has been cited by the U.S. Congress. Can online library reference/information be this cool?

### [Association of Professional Futurists](#)

[www.profuturists.org](http://www.profuturists.org)

Great website for finding futurists and information about futuring.

### [Creative Commons](#)

[creativecommons.org/learnmore](http://creativecommons.org/learnmore)

It is very important to understand the Creative Commons efforts to provide progressive methods for dealing with copyright issues in the digital age.

### [EPIC 2014](#)

[epic.makingithappen.co.uk](http://epic.makingithappen.co.uk)

Creative scenario about the future of news information, social networking, and GOOGLE. Great to use for group discussions about assumptions and implications of a singular/customized news and information world.

### [Gizoogole](#)

[www.gizoogole.com](http://www.gizoogole.com)

Discover the power of web linguistics as all of your searches are turned into Snoop Dog's lingo.

### [Gizmodo](#)

[www.gizmodo.com](http://www.gizmodo.com)

This website helps you to keep on top of the newest and latest technologies.

### [Hanson Robotics](#)

[hansonrobotics.com/project\\_pkd.php](http://hansonrobotics.com/project_pkd.php)

Keep up to date on the latest on the creation of one of the first synthetic robot based on the life of Philip K Dick.

### [IPodder.org](#)

[www.ipodder.org](http://www.ipodder.org)

Ipodder is a great index for finding Podcasts on any topic.

### [Kiva](#)

[www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org)

Experience the power of social networking and micro-loans.

### [Kurzweil AI](#)

[www.kurzweilai.net](http://www.kurzweilai.net)

Get the latest information and thoughts around technology, singularity, and artificial intelligence. Experience Ray Kurzweil's interactive avatar.

### Mixtape Project

[www.myspace.com/mixtapeproject](http://www.myspace.com/mixtapeproject)

This is an interesting example of a retro technology projects. What does it mean?  
Is there a niche for libraries?

### Numa Numa Dance

[www.newgrounds.com/portal/view/206373](http://www.newgrounds.com/portal/view/206373)

A young man, a computer, a camera, and Internet connectivity. One of the most downloaded videos on the Internet, and an example of the future of everyone creating and sharing content.

### Second Life

[www.secondlife.com](http://www.secondlife.com)

One of the most popular virtual worlds, where people create new personas, homes, businesses, and social networks. Companies and even the Australian Library are setting up virtual spaces for themselves to support their virtual and real communities.

### Ondisruption.com

[ondisruption.com](http://ondisruption.com)

What are the latest and upcoming disruptive technologies? Great site or keeping up with what's happening outside libraries with technology,

### Shifted Librarian

[www.theshiftedlibrarian.com](http://www.theshiftedlibrarian.com)

This is a great blog by XXXX, a librarian who is scouting the future and thinking about opportunities for libraries.

### World Future Society

[www.wfs.org](http://www.wfs.org)

Find information about forecasts, trends, and ideas about the future from the largest futuring organization.

### You Tube

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

Another website to visit to experience the effects of everyone creating content.

### Ze Frank

[www.zefrank.com](http://www.zefrank.com)

Need a creativity jolt. Check out Ze Frank's videos and blog commentary on life and society.

## **MUST GO TO CONFERENCES**

- **Annual Consumer Electronics Showcase**, Las Vegas Nevada  
Experience the latest and upcoming technologies.
- **NEXTFEST**, Location Changes  
Wired Magazines yearly event that introduces futuristic technologies that are here now, but not widely available yet.
- **Learning 2007**, Orlando Florida  
Elliot Masie's annual conference takes a holistic look at learning in constant change. New ideas, concepts, technologies, and best practices are shared. It is a great for identifying new methods and ideas for improving staff development.
- **O'Reilly Emerging Technology Conference**, San Diego California  
Experience new technologies and how developers are planning to develop and integrate new technologies into society.
- **POPTECH!** Camden Maine  
Mix and mingle with the greatest minds around topics that relate to the intersection of society and technology.