

Most of the focus on digital libraries has been on the technicalities <?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" /> or how to build them. Much less thought has been given to the collection of development policies and practices of such libraries, to the role of libraries as agents in building communities of interest and practice and to the role of libraries in creating and preserving information rather than simply consuming it. The same is true of digital library services. All of these themes are explored in this presentation.