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Reflections and Directions

My Role at the Library of Congress and
My Aspirations for Ithaka S+R

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Anthony presented this opportunity

Reflect on your experience at the Library of Congress

»Big issues

»How did you address them? What changes did you make?

What do you expect to do at Ithaka S+R?

»What will you be working on?



Two Worlds

Library of Congress

- »53 divisions
- »2,000 employees
- »General & Special Collections
- »21 reading Rooms

Ithaka S+R

- »10 staff
- »No collections
- »Consulting & Research
- »Strategic directions for higher education, libraries, publishers



Two Worlds

Library of Congress

- »Management
- »Congressional relations
- »Union negotiations
- »National leadership
(bibliographic issues)

Ithaka S+R

- »Research and consulting
based on community interest
and need



LC Accomplishments

- » Combined acquisitions and cataloging
- » Combined reading rooms
- » Online reference
- » Digital talking books for the blind & physically handicapped
- » Traveling exhibitions
- » Preservation research
- » Strategic plan



LC Challenges

- »Bibliographic control
- »LC's role
- »Connection to broader community
- »Replacement for MARC
- »Budget and ties to Congress



LC Continuing Challenges

- » Digitization
 - Digital library
- » Digital preservation
- » Meeting users' expectations
- » Security of Capitol Hill



Areas of Expertise

- »Sustainability
- »Libraries
- »Publishing

- »Use/User Studies
- »Business Models
- »Needs of scholars



New areas

- »Interactive learning online
- »Publishing
- »Community building and convening
- »Leadership development and training



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- »Inter-connected
- »Complex
- »Transitional

Environment

