THE MACHINE IS US

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I have taken my title from the well-known movie "The machine is us(ing) us" on YouTube, by Mike Wesch. Where do we start when we think about how Web 2.0 will affect our work as librarians?
I think we start with US!

I don't believe in long handouts so this is intended to help you to find some of the best places to start exploring Web 2.0, and have some fun.

General

Library Instruction Wiki : Library 2.0 in 15 minutes a day. This is a really fantastic resource to help you.
http://instructionwiki.org/Library_2.0_in_15_minutes_a_day

Five weeks to a Social Library. A ground breaking course on the web which is now available to all from Meredith Farkas. http://www.sociallibraries.com/course/

Learning 2.0. An innovative programme by Helene Blowers, for public librarians in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.
http://www.plcmclearning.blogspot.com/

Blogs

You will need an aggregator to collect your RSS feeds from your chosen blogs. I suggest Bloglines. This is easy to set up and enables you to collect your feeds and read them each day.

As for the most useful ones to read …..

Phil Bradley's Weblog Full of great advice and keeps you up to date.
http://www.philbradley.typepad.com/

Librarian in Black Very useful up to date short posts.
http://librarianinblack.typepad.com/

Stephen's Lighthouse. Provocative and dynamic read from guru Stephen Abram of Sirsi Dynix. http://stephenslighthouse.sirsidynix.com

Use **Technorati** to search for information in blogs.

Wikis

Library Success : a best practices wiki. Good for sharing ideas**.**
http://www.libsuccess.org/index.php?title=Main_Page

Uncyclopedia, the content-free encyclopedia that anyone can edit. This is a spoof site and may amuse you. Perhaps we should show it to those who don't like wikipedia…
http://uncyclopedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

Tagging

PennTags. Look at University of Pennsylvania experiment. Its very interesting!
http://tags.library.upenn.edu/help/

Your own browser

I have just installed **PageFlakes**, which seems very attractive.

YouTube

There are some very entertaining and informative movies here. If you do think of making either podcasts or movies, from experience, it seems a good idea to involve students.

How to use the Library. An improvised guide with students.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WcoteeAQSU

Librarian. What many librarians may have dreamed of.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ne_WXP7IUWM

Exporting catalog records to RefWorks . Example of a tutorial.
http://txstateinfolit.blogspot.com/2007/04/another-youtube-tutorial.html

Collection of the best Library videos. See what you think.
http://libraryvideos.blogspot.com/

Finally,

 I am developing my own blog Information Literacy meets Web 2.0 at
http://infolitweb.blogspot.com/