Gree*t*ings fellow LIRTers! In our last issue, I men*t*oned how we are considering making LIRT News an online-only publica*t*on due to the substan*t*al savings we would get by not having to pay pr*int*ing and shipping costs. I also asked for your feedback on what you think of the idea.

I want to thank those of you who took th*e t*me to email me your feelings about it. Many of you have expressed a preference for online only, but there are others who have expressed a preference for a printed issue. In any event, all opinions raised good points and were well-reasoned.
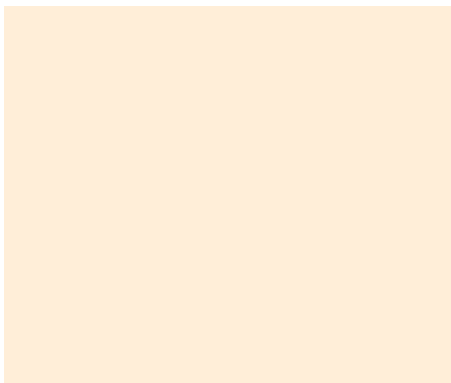
Nothing has been decided at this point, and most likely, nothing will be decided u*nt*l the Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. this summer. We are just interested in your thoughts for now, and in the mean*t*me, the Newsle*tt*er Commi*tt*ee is thinking about ways we could take the newsle*tt*er online but s*t*ll preserve readability and ease of use.

If any of you would s*t*ll like to let me know how you feel about this, please do! If you would like to see the newsle*tt*er go online only, how would you like to see it done? An email full of content and links like the American Libraries Direct emails from ALA? An email with a link to a PDF

Dear Tech Talk – With so much Web 2.0 technology available today, I believe that my library can use these tools to enhance collaboration in our work. However, others are not so convinced. How do I pursue this idea; what's available; what are others doing; where should I look? —Convincing Colleagues to Collaborate

Dear CCC – Integrating Web 2.0 collaboration tools into the work environment is a great idea. There are

Because most of these tools are hosted by third party vendors, many of the same issues associated with "cloud computing" apply when using these tools—issues such as:

- What can the third party vendor do with the content they host, particularly as it relates to privacy and sharing of content?

- Does the vendor provide any data back-up services?

- A few of these web-based tools have offline capabilities, but for the most part, access is dependent on an Internet connection.

- Most of these services—although available at no cost—require the establishment of an account and many times all members of the team must also have accounts.

- The free accounts may only provide a limited set of functions or they may have restrictions on file sizes and/or storage capacity.

Ultimately, the advantages seem to outweigh the disadvantages because libraries are using Web 2.0 collaboration tools to improve their productivity and efficiency. For example, at the Baylor University Libraries:

- Staff in the digitization unit use dotProject to manage digitization projects. Additionally, each project includes a link to a detailed Google Docs spreadsheet in which student workers record the time to complete steps in complex2T(a)]TJ /C2 i0 Td <0194>0 Tw 22.693 0 Td <019F>Tj /TT3 1 Tf -0.0166 Tc 0.0691 Tw 0.

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