Mass digitization in the Google Book Search program and its possible effects on scholarship

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This presentation might be entitled “One good turn deserves another; how the Google Book Search project is benefiting everyone.” It will include aspects of the status of the Google Book Search project. The benefits of mass digitization in the immediate and longer term will be described, especially with regard to possible new services and new potential for research. The caviling of certain critics of mass digitization will be addressed, as will the indirect benefits of such frivolities. All of this will reflect on the future of libraries, librarians, and library support agencies, such as OCLC.

Background information
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