

# Perspectives from New Transportation Library Professionals

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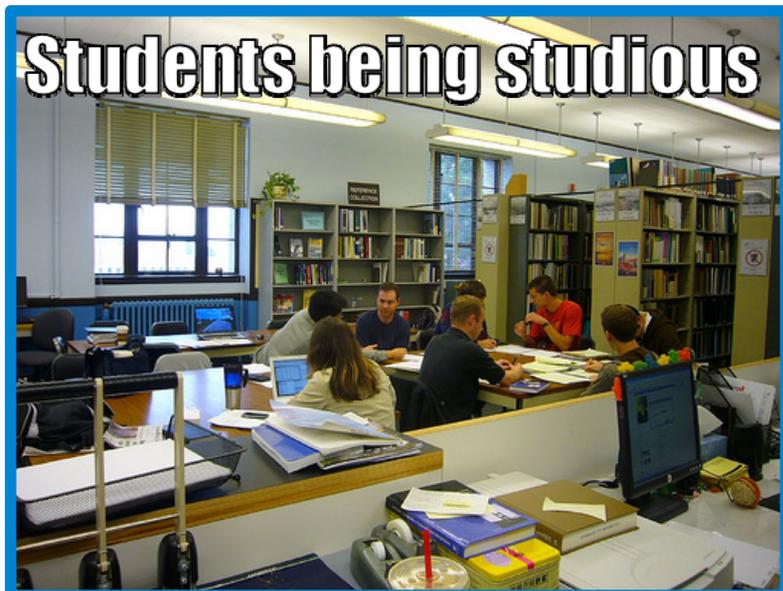
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# Institute of Transportation Studies Library



- Big and old
- Diverse collection
- Students and researchers
- Technology Transfer
- TRIS



...and me

- Dual MSLIS MSIS
- Website design
- Seamless access
- It's the users, stupid!
- Don't hate the systems

# What they're teaching us in Library School...

## Library Science

- Reference
- Cataloging
- Library management.
- Database design

## Information Systems

- Project management
- Financial management
- Systems design and technology
- HCI/IA
- Social informatics

## Distance Learning

- Collaboration
- Communication tools
- Online resources
- Social networking!



# Expectations for the transportation library community?



**First impression:** There's a library for everything!

**Before library school:**

- Strong sense of community
- Diverse group

**During library school:**

- No early adopters
- Myopic

**After library school:**

- Survival not value
- Fails to see challenges as opportunities
- Not engaged with larger library community
- Poor marketing



# Recommendations for the transportation library community...

- Don't sweat the small stuff
- Collaborate!
- Look at the big picture
- Information – not just in books
- Have fun
- Don't fear failure
- “Borrow” good ideas



# Pay attention and “cherry pick” from these communities...



- Other transportation libraries
- Directives from SLA, ALA, or other organizations
- Your organization (IT people)
- Squeaky wheels
- Info pros not in library land