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There is an extensive literature on the application of networked services in the libraries, but only a few publications deal with the effects of the network on libraries, their functions and perspectives. It seems that the mere fact that libraries have become players on the network – either as providers or as consumers – has caused substantial changes. It is the purpose of this article is to analyse some of the consequences and to articulate their implications. The authors consider it critical to understand the nature of changes, since this is indispensable for planning the future of the library as an organisation. The article has the express intent to initiate a discussion about the consequences of the network on libraries – about the threats, risks, and opportunities alike. It appears evident that libraries have to reorganise and reposition themselves in order to play a constructive.

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The work of professors and researchers in academic institutions is often supported by a variety of online video sharing portals. Several portals satisfy the needs of a wider audience, while others serve for professional purposes, are used by a narrower group of researchers, and have been created based on their suggestions. Many professors show an aversion towards online video sharing repositories, in most of the cases without any grounds. The new habits of students and new trends in the

methods of education mean a challenge for traditional education, and online video sharing services fit well into the new educational-research environment. The first video repositories were born in Western Europe and now a modern, high-standard, professional video sharing portal called Videotorium is available in Hungary.

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Videotorium – developed and maintained by the Institute of National Infrastructure Development, NIIF – is a specialised video sharing portal aiming at the fields of education, research and public collections. Users and students of the relevant organisations produce a significant amount of educational and research-oriented audio-visual content. A special web service had not been available before for sharing, properly storing, managing and retrieving this type of content. Videotorium's features regarding content sharing, editing and metadata description were designed and implemented to meet the high standards set by the scientific community. The precise description of a recording and its content are supported by a special metadata model that allows the best possible retrieval as expected in the world of science. Besides simply sharing materials, users have an opportunity to attach presentations and synchronise them to recordings. Videotorium offers an integrated multimedia platform which ensures long time preservation and presentation of content produced by the education and research community in Hungary.