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Digitize, Democratize: Google, Libraries, and the Future of Books

Thursday, November 12, 2009
7:30 p.m.
175 Knight Law Center
1515 Agate St., UO Campus

Friday, November 13, 2009
5:30 p.m.
UO in Portland
White Stag Block, 70 N. W. Couch St.

The legal battles surrounding Google Book Search raise basic questions about the digital future facing all of us—not just authors and publishers, but ordinary readers and everyone concerned with access to information. Research libraries should have a say in shaping that future. Digitization gives them an opportunity to democratize knowledge by opening their collections to the outside world. But how can they share their intellectual wealth when commercial firms want to market it? What will be the place of printed books in a world where most works will be “born digital” and read in new ways by “digital natives”? Libraries are developing strategies to cope with these issues, which are vital to our country’s future and deserve widespread discussion.

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