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Overview of presentation

- Legacy of eLib for libraries
- New drivers for change: environment, students, research
- JISC and libraries: the future

Legacy of eLib for libraries

- Unprecedented collaboration
- Shared expertise led to shared services
- New project climate for innovations
- Skilled project workforce
- Competing now for other funds, not just JISC



Legacy of eLib for libraries

- Projects give space for trying things out
- Successes can be turned into services
- Teaching support – hybrid library
- Research support – union catalogues, electronic docdel

Archives – a place in the sun



Legacy of eLib for libraries

- eLib put HE libraries on the map
- Not just in the UK but internationally
- JISC too gained high reputation
- JANET network was always a winner
- eLib showed how network could be used collaboratively for new services

New drivers for change – the environment

- Ubiquitous use of the web
- “Simpler” search techniques (Google)
- “Information to go”
- Same data, different presentations
- Open access and new publishing models

New drivers for change – the environment

- Social, personal and work activities blurred
- Information users as information providers
- Interactive do-it-yourself capability of the web is at odds with highly-wrought library systems
- Technical/licensing/copyright issues
- A volatile landscape of rapid change

New drivers for change - students

- Integration of library with VLE
- Web 2 and social networking
- Amazon/supermarket profiling approach
- The digital native generation
- Students as paying customers

New drivers for change - research

- Access to deep web wanted
- Underlying data important for research
- Re-use of data is possible
- Deposit in institutional repositories
- Mass digitisation (Google, MS, JISC)

JISC and libraries: the future

- Usage/impact— needs better management data
- Identity management – connecting users to relevant content seamlessly
- Services - local or remote/outourced?
individual or shared?

JISC and libraries: the future

- Linking more library services to course and research management systems
- Digital preservation – the librarians will have to make the running
- Taking services into the user's space: a highly personalised networked world