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Sommario/riassunto	Librarians are experts at selecting, evaluating, and disseminating the best content in the most appropriate format to meet the needs of library users. And, new technologies can be invaluable tools in these efforts. Taking advantage of these technologies does not, however, change the fundamental mission of libraries everywhere. In this thought-provoking work, one of the library world's leading thinkers discusses the transformative effect communications technology has had on information delivery from past to present to future. By tracing the transformations, Gorman writes a roadmap for achieving balance between the tradition of library service and ever-changing technology.

Exploring both opportunities and perils, Gorman points the way to:  
Integrating technology into long- and short-term goals Rethinking  
reference work, to direct users to the highest quality sources available  
Revamping cataloging through technology to improve user access  
Reinvigorating the library's role in promoting literacy Relieving techno-  
stress to achieve peace of mind, harmony, and stability For those willing  
to accept the challenges and opportunities that present themselves to  
librarians all around the world, this manifesto will help you strike a  
balance between the ideas of technology dominance and the tradition  
preservation.

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