

Environmental Scan Sites

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<http://www.wfs.org/futupmar04.htm>

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The 2003 OCLC *Environmental Scan: Pattern Recognition* report was produced for OCLC's worldwide membership to examine the significant issues and trends impacting OCLC, libraries, museums, archives and other allied organizations, both now and in the future. The scan provides a high-level view of the information landscape, intended both to inform and stimulate discussion about future strategic directions: <http://www.oclc.org/membership/escan/default.htm>

An example of an environmental scan, completed by Indiana State University Libraries:

<http://odin.indstate.edu/level1.dir/stratplan.dir/scan.pdf>

EnGauge is an online framework for 21st century skills. Designed for K-12 schools (but thought-provoking for anyone engaged in information literacy), the framework consists of six essential conditions and four skill areas, based on compiled background research on the skills students will need to survive and thrive in the 21st century: <http://www.ncrel.org/engage/skills/skills.htm>

The Partnership for 21st Century Skills' recent report *Learning for the 21st Century* articulates a collective vision for learning in the 21st century and allows K-12 schools (and others) to benchmark their progress against the *MILE Guide* and *NEW Mile Guide Online Assessment*:

<http://www.21stcenturyskills.org/>