I thought these reports were interesting and useful to discuss because, in my opinion, they say something to all types of libraries.

1. **Smart Libraries. March 2010.** Several short articles on mobile technology. Lead article by Marshall Breeding: “Smarter Libraries Through Technology”. The last three paragraphs are challenging. There is some interesting information on how *LibraryThing is delivering mobile to library catalogs*. Evidently, SirsiDynix, Summon (Serials Solution), Innovative, and Polaris offer mobile solutions.

2. **“The Future of the Internet IV. Experts and stakeholders discuss predictions about the future of the internet.” February 2010.** I only included the overview and the first page of each section for your information so you can actually see the tables of respondents. You can go to the site if you want to see the whole report. It makes for interesting reading from experts and stakeholders. I’m not sure where libraries fit into those two categories.

3. **“When Service Matters” by Charles London Library Journal January 2010.** I don’t know how many of you receive *Library Journal*, but this is an interesting outline of services that are being discontinued because of the economic downturn plus some services being implemented as opportunities present themselves.

4. **“Permanent Shift” by Norman Oder Library Journal January 2010.** This article is a report on LJ’s annual budget survey. The question is whether we are seeing a permanent realignment as we go through this particular recession. **I heard an interesting quote the other day. Instead of how do we do more with less, the question is how do we do different with different?**

5. **In Front of (E) Readers by Josh Hadro. Library Journal February 15, 2010.** This is a report on gadgets and technology at the recent Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas in early January. This includes a brief description of some new ereaders you may not have heard about.

6. **“The Future of Reading” by Josh Quittner Fortune March 1, 2010.** This is an article from Fortune and includes an interesting piece on ‘reading’ with some comments on how some “media and technology luminaries” think. No librarians included.

7. **Minitex Reference Notes. January 2010; December & November 2009 issues.** These are three recent issues of our publication and they contain brief pieces on mobile trends, economic trends, trends to watch for in the coming years, and some other useful articles with references to the full reports if you want to pursue further reading. Also included is a range of the instruction and training activities that Minitex conducts in this arena related to reference and use of databases. ELM workshops for students and teachers are highlighted as well as workshops for library staff. As we are sending these out to libraries throughout Minnesota, I hope they are being passed around to branch staff and used for staff development given that travel budgets are being cut back if not eliminated.