

## Are Subject Librarians An Endangered Species?

2005 ANSS Anthropology & Sociology Section Program  
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(in descending chronological order)

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